

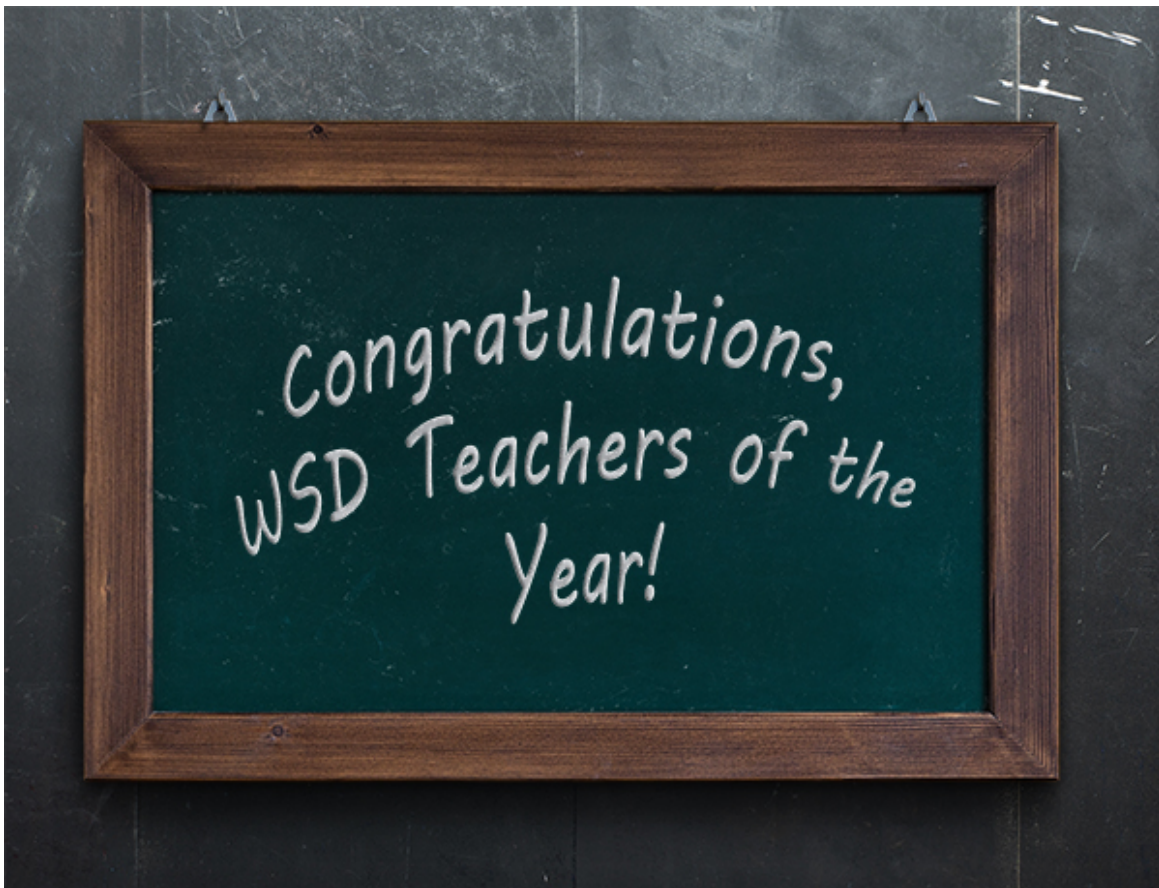
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## WSD Announces Teachers of the Year

Each year during American Education Week, WSD schools announce their Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to each of these exceptional educators on their well-deserved recognition!

**Barfield EC SPED Center:** Jonica Weiler (Speech Language Pathologist)

**Boone Trail:** Sarah Pruemer (4th Grade Teacher)

**Crossroads:** Miranda Warden (1st Grade Teacher)

**Discovery Ridge:** Lauren Maher (Speech Language Pathologist)

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**Lakeview:** Sarah Adams (Kindergarten Teacher)

**Peine Ridge:** Jill Sutton (5th Grade Teacher)

**Prairie View:** Lauren Bradley (1st Grade Teacher)

**Stone Creek:** Susan Howell (Speech Language Pathologist)



**Wabash:** Rachel Pape (Art Teacher)

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**Wentzville MS:** Carli Doering (Math Teacher)

**Holt HS:** Samantha Babor (Special Education Teacher)

**Liberty HS:** Constance Hallemeier (Math Teacher)

**Timberland HS:** Mike Kaiman (History Teacher)

**Pearce Hall:** Joseph Radi (Middle School Intervention Program Teacher)

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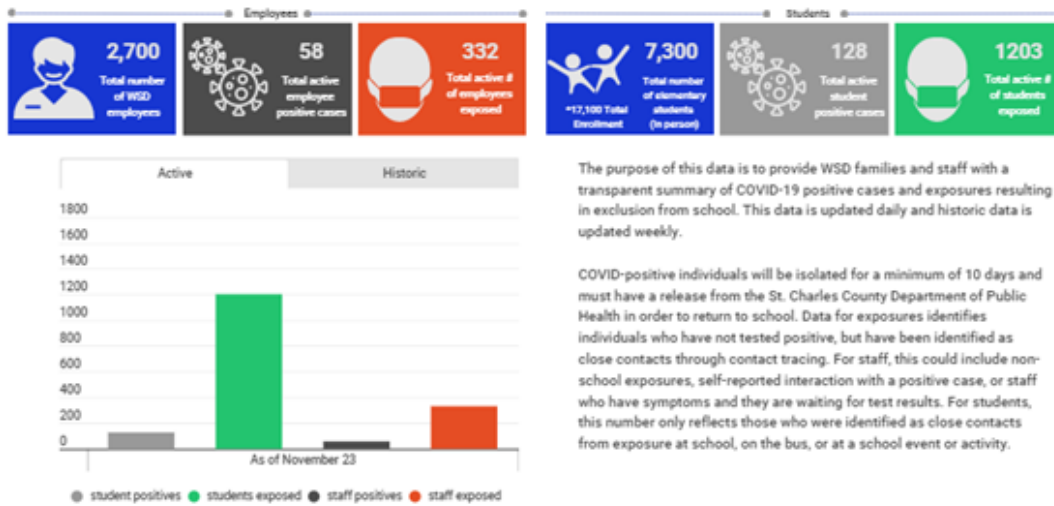
## COVID-19 Updates

The WSD is committed to the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. The [COVID UPDATES page](#) on the WSD website has information related to the pandemic in our District and our community and it is updated regularly. Please note the number of staff quarantines include non-school exposures, but the number of student quarantines are only those who were exposed at school.

Today, the St. Charles County Department of Public Health released updated guidelines for modified quarantines in schools. [Here is the](#)

[message](#) that was sent to all WSD families.

### COVID Dashboard - Conditions in the WSD



DAILY COVID DASHBOARD



### WSD Providing Free Meals with Covid Funds

The District continues to provide free meals for all students through December 31, or until available federal funding runs out. The meals are being provided regardless of eligibility as a result of the extension of waivers by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) related to the Seamless Summer Option program. This includes children ages 1-18

who reside in the Wentzville School District boundaries but are not enrolled in a WSD school.

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### WSD Educators Receive Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award

Two WSD educators have received a 2020 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award, joining an elite group of teachers from across the St. Louis region. Rene Wilson, second grade teacher at Journey Elementary and Lauren Farrelly, French teacher at Liberty High School, have been recognized for their outstanding and innovative work in the classroom on behalf of students, their passion for teaching, and their impact on student learning.

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### WSD Tech Director Wins MBU Alum Award

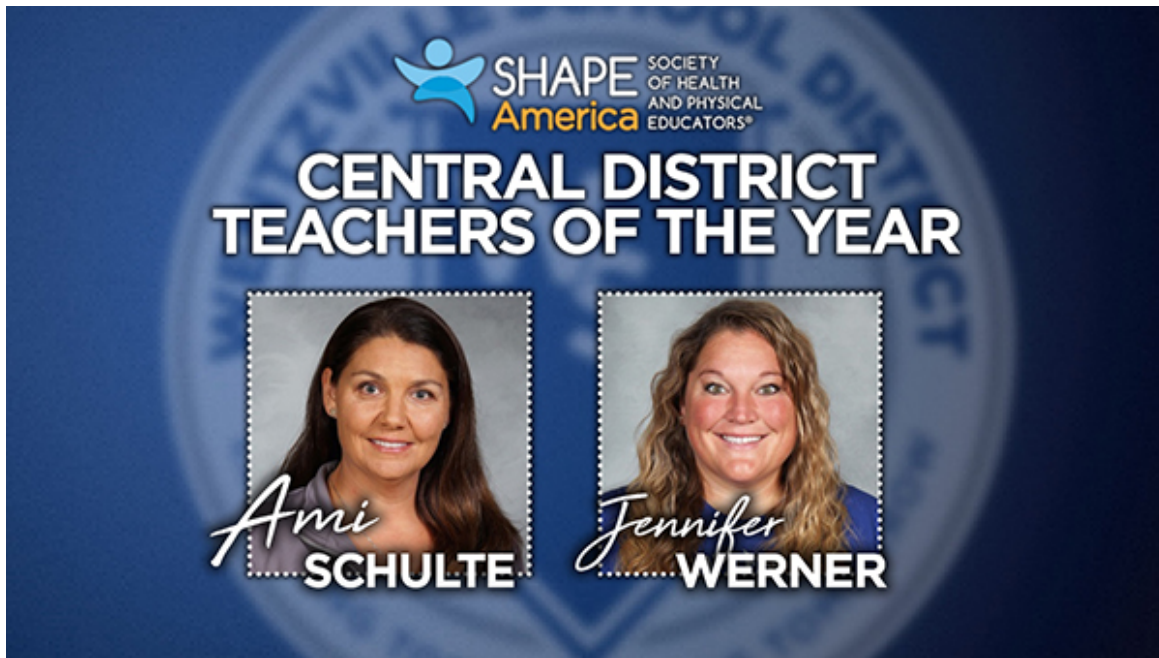
Greg Lawrence, Director of Technology for the Wentzville School District, has received the 2020 Vocational Excellence Award from Missouri Baptist University. The award recognizes an alum who is showing excellence and achievement in their field and who demonstrates promise of further distinction.

Lawrence graduated from MBU in 2003 with a degree in music education and also holds a Masters in Informational Technology in Education. He has worked for the WSD since 2003, first as a computer and music teacher, then as a district technology coach, and since 2016, he has served as the district's Director of Technology. Lawrence is a Google Cloud Certified Administrator, Google for Education Certified Innovator, and a co-leader for the Google Educator Group of Eastern Missouri.

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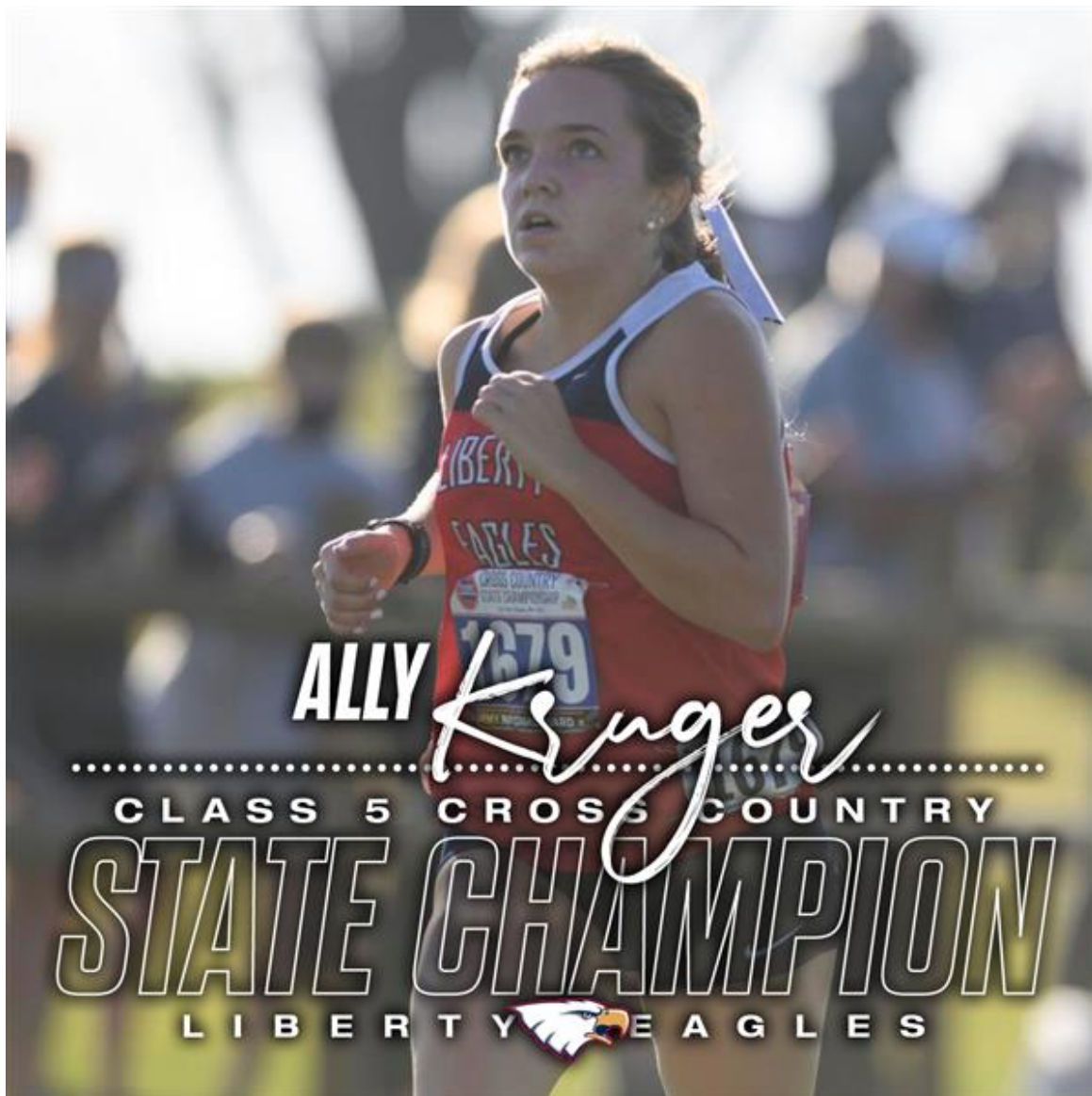


## Two Teachers Named Regional PE Teachers of the Year

Two Wentzville School District physical education teachers, Ami Schulte of Timberland High School and Jennifer Werner of Wentzville Middle School, have been named SHAPE America Central District Physical Education Teacher of the Year for their respective grade levels by the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America. Schulte and Werner were both selected among state teachers of the year to represent the Central District which includes nine states: Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. They are both now eligible for SHAPE America National Physical Education Teacher of the Year at their grade level.

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### Liberty High School Junior Earns First Place at Missouri Cross Country Championships

The Wentzville School District is proud to announce that Liberty High School junior Ally Kruger took first place at the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Cross Country Championships in the Girls Class 5 race held Saturday, November 7, at Gans Creek Cross Country Course in Columbia, MO. Timberland High School senior Trevor Peimann took second place in the Boys Class 5 race.

Kruger's winning time of 18:03.1 broke the previous record for Gans Creek of 18:08.6 set in 2019. With this win, she also became the first-ever State Champion in cross country running for Liberty High School and the first female to place first at state for cross country in the Wentzville School District. Kruger has been running competitively since she was eight years old, but began working with her coach, Toby Glavin, back in the eighth grade. "Ally has been a stud runner from the day she joined our team," Glavin reported. "As a freshman, she finished in 8th place at the state meet – the fastest freshman that day in any

class. This year, she was very process-focused, so unbelievably relaxed and in the best shape she has ever been!" Dr. Edgar Nelson, Principal of Liberty High School shared, "Ally is the definition of a scholar-athlete, a young woman of character and a tremendous competitor. We are incredibly proud that Ally will be known as the first female Cross Country Champion for the Wentzville School District."

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## WSD Celebrates Veterans Day

The WSD takes pride in hosting special celebrations across the District each year on Veterans Day to honor our veterans' service and sacrifice. In lieu of large scale celebrations this year, students and staff came up with new ways to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served our country. Peine Ridge Elementary honored community veterans with a Veterans Day Drive-thru Parade. Each veteran that passed through received a warm greeting from the students, a cup of coffee, a cookie, and a handmade goodie bag containing a letter from a student thanking them for their service. At Lakeview Elementary, student Jacob Markezich made a remarkable suggestion to set up a White Table display outside the school cafeteria, a tradition that honors veterans' sacrifice - especially those missing in action or held as prisoners of war. Across the District, other schools created and shared videos showcasing their beloved veterans, made cards and wrote letters to express their gratitude. We wrapped up Veterans Day 2020 with a [video shoutout](#) to our employees and their families who are currently serving, or who have served, in the U.S. armed forces. Thank you for your service!





## WSD Students Recognized as Athletes of the Month

The WSD/Lou Fusz Student-Athlete of the Month aims to recognize varsity student-athletes for their achievements in the classroom, commitment, sportsmanship, and teamwork. These student-athletes were honored for their performances during November 2020. For the full write-ups on these students, visit the [WSD Marketing Webpage](#).



## No Hunger Holiday in the WSD

WSD students held turkey drives this week to benefit No Hunger Holiday and local families in need. For the tenth consecutive year, Holt students collected the most frozen birds in the District in what has become a friendly competition between local high schools. Wentzville Middle families assisted Holt and in the end, the Indians collected 424 turkeys. Liberty students collected 90 turkeys, and Timberland



students, assisted by Boone Trail students who held a penny drive and raised \$625 to purchase turkeys, collected 200 birds in the effort. District-wide, a total of 714 turkeys was collected.

The turkeys went to No Hunger Holiday, a non-profit program that works to put food on the tables of families in need. The program was started in 1990 for St. Charles County families and has expanded to include Lincoln, Warren, Montgomery and St. Louis County families as well. Ten years ago, No Hunger Holiday started promoting the competition among area high schools to encourage young people to get involved in the effort. On November 18, 2,400 turkeys were collected by students at local high schools. For more information about No Hunger Holiday, visit their [website](#) or search and like them on [Facebook](#).



### Liberty Assistant Principal Helps Save a Man's Life

Liberty High School is one of two schools that served as polling places in the WSD on election day and the quick action of one of our own may have helped save the life of a voter. Liberty Assistant Principal Dr. Matt Kiesel was checking to ensure election officials had everything they needed to accommodate voters before the doors opened early that morning when someone came running in asking if there was a

defibrillator in the school because someone had collapsed outside. Dr. Kiesel quickly secured the AED device located near the nurse's office and ran to help. According to Lake Saint Louis resident Kenny Nowling, he was speaking with a man in line when he suddenly collapsed. Nowling shared that an off-duty Lake Saint Louis police officer and his wife, who is a nurse, quickly jumped in and performed CPR on the gentleman while another person went in search of the defibrillator. Dr. Kiesel arrived and assisted with administering the AED and the man regained a pulse as paramedics arrived to step in. According to Kiesel and Nowling, the gentleman was alert and talking with paramedics as they closed the doors. "Thank you to the Lake Saint Louis police officer, his nurse and angel of a wife and Dr. Kiesel for acting so calmly and methodically and saving this man's life!" shared Nowling on social media. "You all are real life SUPER HEROS! What a perfect time for all of us to remember that, regardless of our political affiliations, we are all human beings living in the greatest country in the world."

## 100 Days of Hope



September 22 marked 100 days left in 2020, so we kicked off "100 Days of Hope" and invited staff, students, families and our community to join us in our #hopehandoff as we spread hope, positivity, gratitude, inspiration and more to our #WSDfamily. What will you do to spread hope?

## Friendly Reminders

### **November 25 -27**

No Classes - Thanksgiving Break

### **December 17**

Board of Education Meeting







## WSD Connectivity Update

Your students and our teachers rely on the internet and many additional online resources to support teaching and learning in the WSD every day. We understand now more than ever, the importance of that need, as we are teaching in an ever-changing environment. When the internet becomes unavailable, everything stops in our classrooms and the learning is immediately disrupted.

This school year, we have experienced network connectivity issues beyond our control, system performance issues, and inaccessible online services, and because of these obstacles, we know that you have experienced frustration and technology fatigue. While it may only be two minutes, we know the interruption it causes in your teaching and the learning of your students is much greater.

To help students navigate when issues like this occur, we recommend you discuss with your child the following:

- Set an expectation that when there is a glitch, students should remain online and wait for the teacher to return. Additionally, if the students encounter a glitch on their end, they should log back in as soon as it has been resolved and re-join their class.
- Set an expectation that when students are unable to connect, that they send an email to their teacher(s) indicating what happened and seek out information about what needs to be completed since class was missed.

- Communicate that at any time in the 80-90 minute period of class time, students should expect to be online. If a connectivity issue occurs that lasts longer than a few minutes, students should expect that teachers will call them back to class through an email.

We can't guarantee there will never be an interruption in the future - no one can - it's technology. But we want you to know the WSD Tech team is incredibly dedicated and passionate and it is our joy to ensure that you and your students have the best technology experience in the Wentzville School District.



### Local Wellness Committee

The Wentzville School District's Local Wellness Committee will conduct their first meeting of 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact: Gwen Doyle, 636-327-3858 ext. 21321 [gwendoyle@wsdr4.org](mailto:gwendoyle@wsdr4.org)



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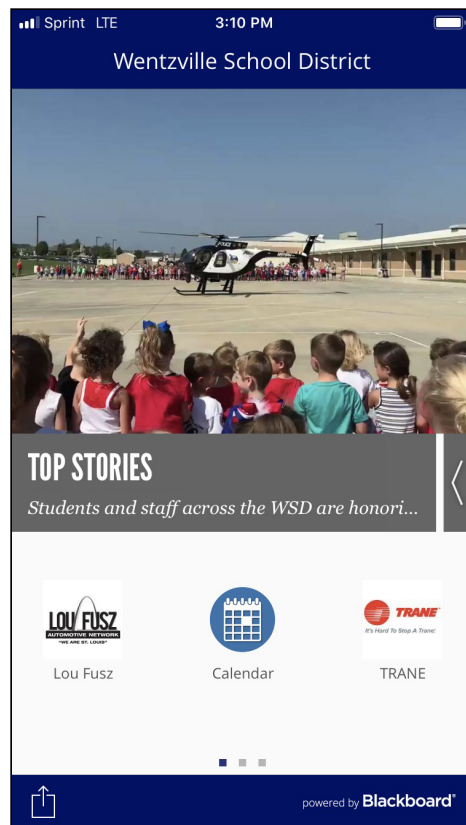




## Have You Downloaded the WSD App?

Are you new to the WSD? Be sure to download the app to have important information right at your fingertips. The app is available for both android devices and iPhones. On the app, you can:

- View news stories
- View calendar info
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