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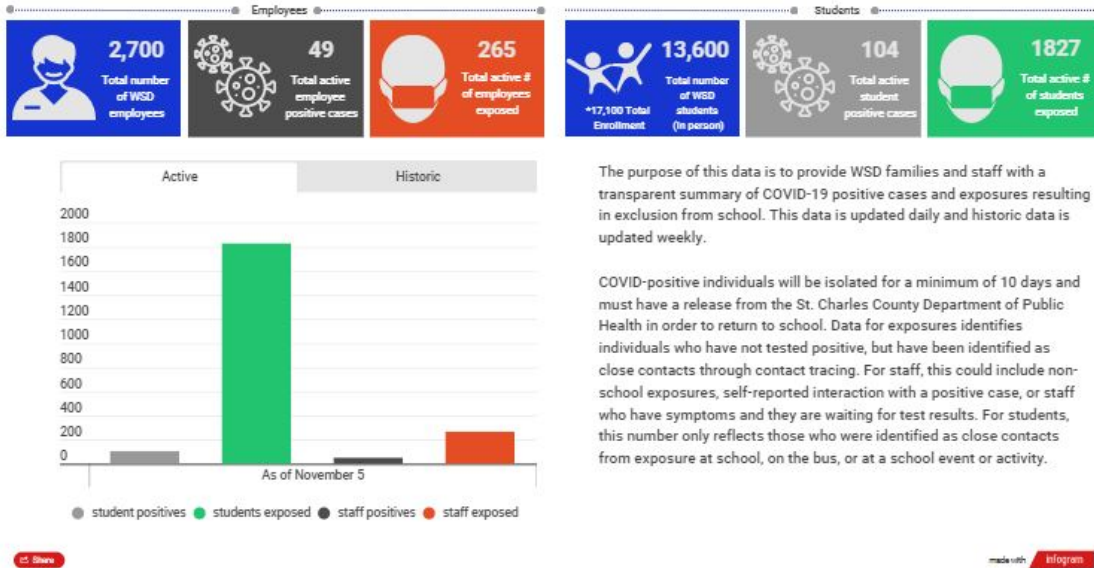


### COVID-19 Updates

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.

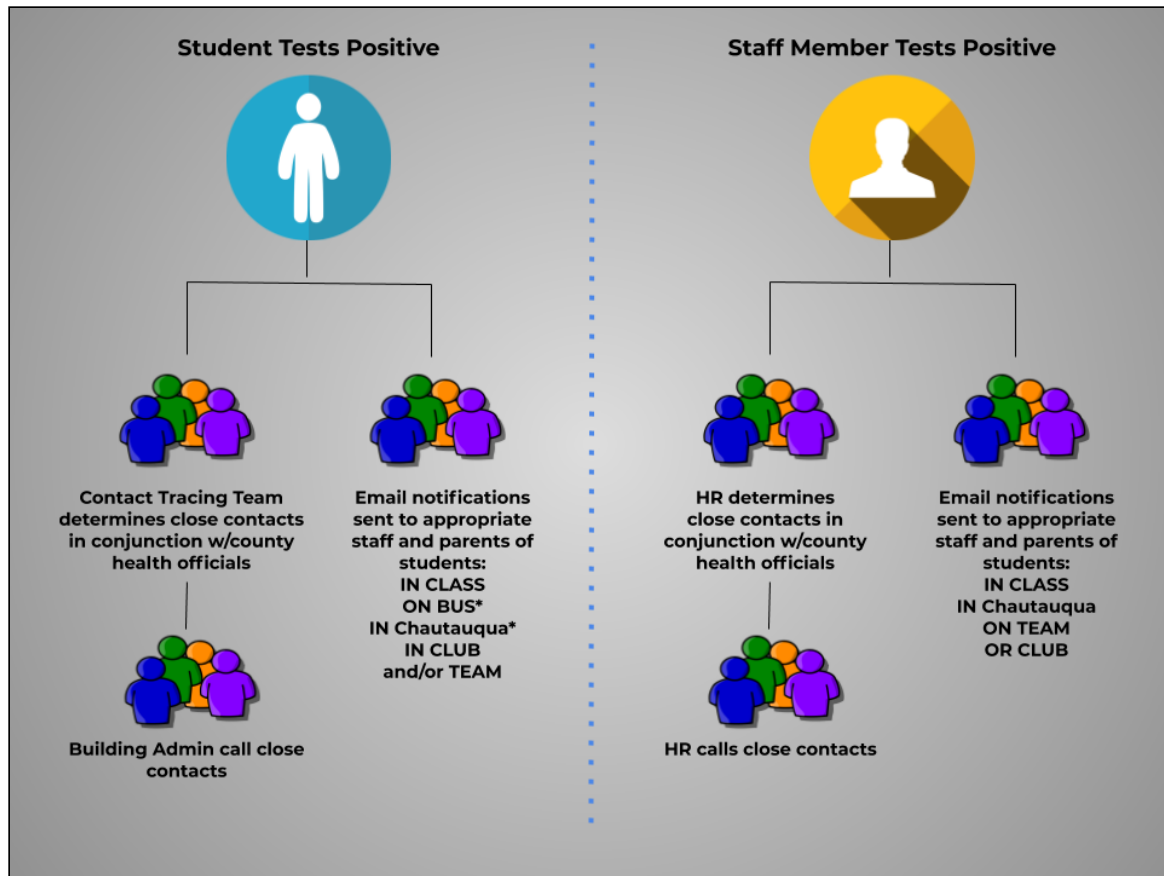
### COVID Dashboard - Conditions in the WSD



The purpose of this data is to provide WSD families and staff with a transparent summary of COVID-19 positive cases and exposures resulting in exclusion from school. This data is updated daily and historic data is updated weekly.

COVID-positive individuals will be isolated for a minimum of 10 days and must have a release from the St. Charles County Department of Public Health in order to return to school. Data for exposures identifies individuals who have not tested positive, but have been identified as close contacts through contact tracing. For staff, this could include non-school exposures, self-reported interaction with a positive case, or staff who have symptoms and they are waiting for test results. For students, this number only reflects those who were identified as close contacts from exposure at school, on the bus, or at a school event or activity.

As outlined in the [Roadmap to Reopening Plan](#), when the District is notified of a positive test with a staff member or student, we initiate an investigation and [contact tracing](#) in conjunction with the St. Charles County Department of Public Health. Anyone determined to be a close contact\* with the COVID-positive staff member or student **is called** and instructed to self-isolate and contact their physician. We also notify them that we have shared their contact information with the St. Charles County Department of Public Health and that they will be hearing from County Health with further instructions (typically between 24-48 hours). Parents of students in the class, on the bus, and on the team or in the club/activity (if applicable) who are **not** close contacts receive an email notification that there was a positive case in their child's class (or on their child's bus/team) and they should watch for symptoms. Our school buildings are cleaned nightly and deep cleaned and sanitized weekly. When there is a student or staff positive case identified, a team of custodians is dispatched to that building to deep clean that day.



COVID-19 is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge everyone to take the following preventive measures:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Maintain at least six feet away from those who do not live with you or wear a face covering.

The WSD will continue to work with the St. Charles County Department of Public Health to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and families. If parents have any questions about the protocols related to positive cases in our schools, please contact your school nurse or the Director of Health Services, Laurie Castiaux.

\*A *close contact*, [as defined by the CDC](#), is someone who has been within six feet of the positive person while they were infectious for 15 cumulative minutes or more, even if one or both people were wearing face coverings. COVID-19 positive individuals are considered infectious from 48 hours before their symptoms began (or 48 hours before they were tested for COVID if they never had symptoms).



## WSD Providing Free Meals with COVID Funds

The WSD has announced that it will provide free meals for all students in the District through December 31, 2020, 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. For more information, [read the full article](#) on the WSD website.



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A banner celebrating four National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists from Wentzville School District. The banner features four individual student portraits arranged in a 2x2 grid. In the center, there is the circular logo for Wentzville School District (WSD) with the text "WENTZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT" and "LEARNING TODAY LEADING TOMORROW". Below the WSD logo is the logo for the National Merit Scholarship Program, which consists of a stylized "N" and "M" and the text "NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM". At the bottom of the banner, the text "National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists" is written in a large, blue, serif font. The background of the banner is a light blue with a subtle pattern of vertical lines.

## Four WSD Students Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

The WSD is proud to announce that Ethan Dunsworth from Holt High School, Maddison Foster and Abby Manner from Timberland High School, and Andrew Sante from Liberty High School have all been selected as Semifinalists in the 65th Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. In addition, Ruth-Ann King from Holt High School was named to the list of National Merit Commended Students.

The semifinalists are among 16,000 academically talented U.S. high school seniors (less than 1% of all high school seniors) who now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for over 7,500 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$31 million, that will be awarded next spring. Designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. "We are exceptionally proud of these students who have been named Semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program," said Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain. "Their accomplishments will certainly broaden their opportunities, and I commend them for their hard work as well as our outstanding educators who have supported them along their educational journeys toward success." Read the full story on the [WSD website](#).



## Ten Students Honored with Glory of Missouri Awards

Ten WSD students have been named recipients of the 2020 Glory of Missouri Award by State Representatives Bryan Spencer and Justin Hill. The Glory of Missouri Awards were created to recognize students who display virtuous qualities both as students and as citizens. Each student honored represents one of the virtues of good government engraved on the walls of the House Chamber.



The virtues include knowledge, liberty, equality, law, justice, fraternity, education, progress, honor, truth, virtue, temperance, enterprise and charity.

Josh Sample, Holt High School (Honor)  
 Alison Robison, Holt High School (Temperance)  
 Ashton Winingear, Holt High School (Liberty)  
 Talan Chandler, Liberty High School (Knowledge)  
 Gavin Baker, South Middle School (Truth)  
 CJ Ficklen, South Middle School (Charity)  
 Jude Menne, Wentzville Middle School (Temperance)  
 Logan Coleman, Wentzville Middle School (Charity)  
 Charlotte Davis, Timberland High School (Progress)  
 Kelsey McDonald, Timberland High School (Virtue)



## Operation Warm 2020

Firefighters from the Wentzville Fire Protection District partnered with Operation Warm and the WSD for the eighth consecutive year to supply nearly 300 brand new coats to elementary students identified by school district counselors. The coats are usually distributed to the students at an event at Fire Station #1, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the coats will be delivered by school counselors directly to students this year. "Even in the midst of a pandemic, our community partners continue to demonstrate support for our students and families," said WSD Chief Communications Officer Mary LaPak. "Wentzville firefighters found a way, without their traditional large-scale fundraising event, to raise the funds to

purchase new coats for students who need them most. We cannot thank them enough for their continued partnership and support to ensure the basic needs of our students are met." Over the past eight years, the WFPD has supplied almost 4,500 coats for WSD students through Operation Warm. #WSDCommunity

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## Friendly Reminders

This is a friendly reminder about upcoming days where there will be late start days and days with no classes.

### November 10

Special Board of Education Meeting

### November 16

Late Start

### November 19

Board of Education Meeting

### November 25-27

No Classes - Thanksgiving Break

### December 14

Late Start



## Late Start Information

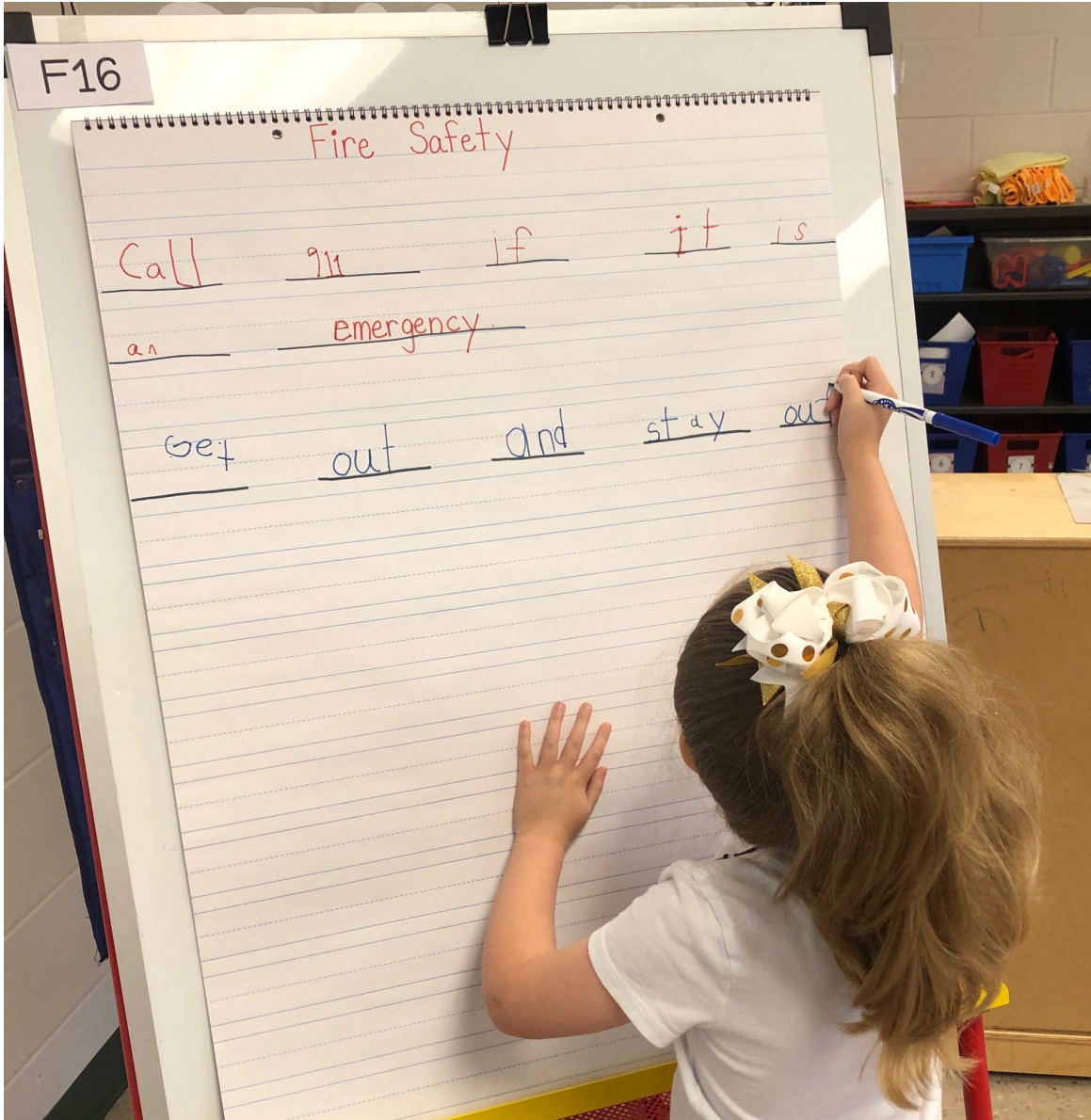


The first Late Start of the school year is scheduled for Monday, **November 16**. The supervision for students in Grades K-6 is \$10 per child for each late start day. This is separate from our Before Care

Program through Chautauqua, and only for students NOT already enrolled in the Chautauqua Before School Program.

Late starts provide valuable collaboration time for our teachers across the District and yet we understand these days can be a challenge for working parents especially. The supervision option was established to assist those parents who need it. Additional information about late start supervision for students in Grades K-6, as well as the link to pay via PayPal can be found on the [District website](#).





## National Fire Prevention Month

For decades, during the month of October, the Wentzville Fire Protection District has paid a visit with a fire truck to WSD elementary schools to teach and engage students in conversations about fire prevention in honor of Fire Prevention Month. In lieu of their typical visit this year, in light of the pandemic, Chief Michael Scott personally delivered the fire safety materials for kindergarten, first and second grade students. This year, those fire safety lessons were given by teachers and students participated in activities and discussions with their classmates. The WFPD shared valuable fire prevention tips for the home and fire safety videos for families all month long via their social media channels. Thank you Wentzville Fire Protection District for your dedication to keeping our community safe and prepared for the unexpected! #WeAreWentzville





## Red Ribbon Week

Students across the WSD participated in Red Ribbon Week activities in October. The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week each year. The campaign helps citizens come together to keep children, families and communities safe, healthy and drug-free. Many schools observed Red Ribbon Week with a spirit week and daily lessons from teachers, counselors, EMTs and other advocates in our community. #NotEvenOnce

## Join the WSD Finance Committee

Would you like to learn more about District finances? For instance, where does District revenue come from? How is the tax rate calculated? What is the largest District expenditure?

These are just a few of the items the Finance Committee will analyze. The committee will also work to answer any questions you may have about school finance. There will be three meetings throughout the school year. If you are

interested in being involved, please contact [Pat Jolley](#) in the WSD Finance Department



## 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?









### WSD is Holding Open Interviews

Do you know someone who is looking for work? The WSD will be holding open interviews on Thursday, November 12, and Friday, November 13 for the following positions:

- Bus drivers
- Bus aides
- Before & After-care facilitators & aides
- Cashiers/Servers
- Custodians

The District offers outstanding benefits! Full-time, part-time, and substitute opportunities are available.

To schedule your interview, please call the Human Resources Office at (636) 327-3800 ext 20375.

### Nominate Your Favorite Teacher




Teachers make lasting impressions on their students daily. These dedicated professionals go above and beyond what is required to make sure their students receive the best education possible.

Show YOUR appreciation for the tireless leadership and guidance teachers provide in and out of their classrooms every day. [Nominate a current elementary through high school teacher](#) to show your appreciation!

Winning submissions will receive a \$250 gift card and be featured monthly in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and on STLtoday.com.

## Kokomo Joe's Sensory Day



**KOKOMO JOE'S**  
FAMILY FUN CENTER

Where Families Play  
& Friends Socialize!

## HOW IT WORKS

- Doors open at 8AM and the facility will be reserved for families with special needs only. Kokomo Joe's will open to the public at 10AM
- Calming room available during your visit
- Every person attending is required to pay admission
- Tickets available for purchase in advance to reserve your spot

[www.KJFUN.com](http://www.KJFUN.com)  
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4105 N. Cloverleaf Dr.,  
St. Peters, MO  
Ask about our Escape Rooms!

# Sensory Day

## AT KOKOMO JOE'S

FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES ONLY

The first Saturday of every Month  
8AM - 10AM

### \$10 Admission

per person, required

Includes your choice of:

Bounce Beach & a \$5 Game Card

2 Hour Trampoline Time

or

\$10 Game Card

Value on card can be used for arcade,  
activities, food & drink.

All other activities will open at 9:30AM  
Additional fees apply

Go Karts • Laser Tag  
Bumper Cars • Laser Maze  
Mini Bowling • Sunset Cafe

## PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE IN ADVANCE!

Face masks encouraged, not required  
Limited spots available  
[kjfun.com/sensoryday](http://kjfun.com/sensoryday)





Connect with the WSD

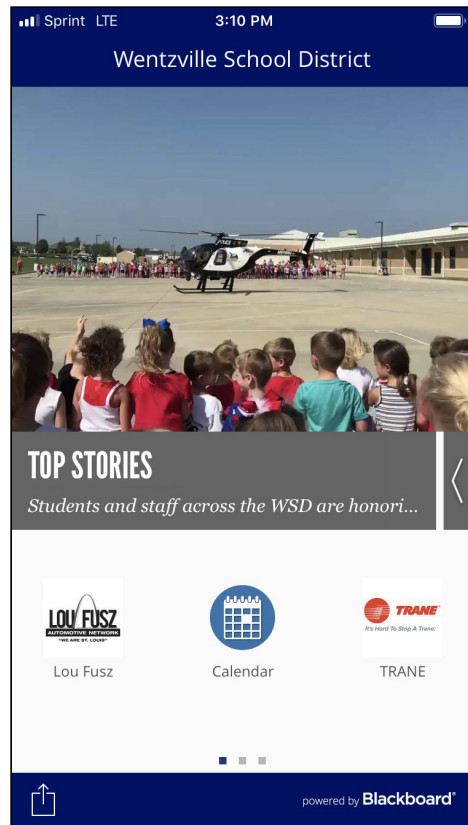




### Have You Downloaded the WSD App?

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
- View lunch menus
- Access school and staff info
- Receive important alerts
- View sports scores
- Locate Directory Information



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