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Message from WSD Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain



WSD Superintendent Dr. Curtis Cain updates the WSD community on the status of the District, some proud moments of how people are overcoming the pandemic together, and plans for moving forward. [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube. #WeAreWentzville

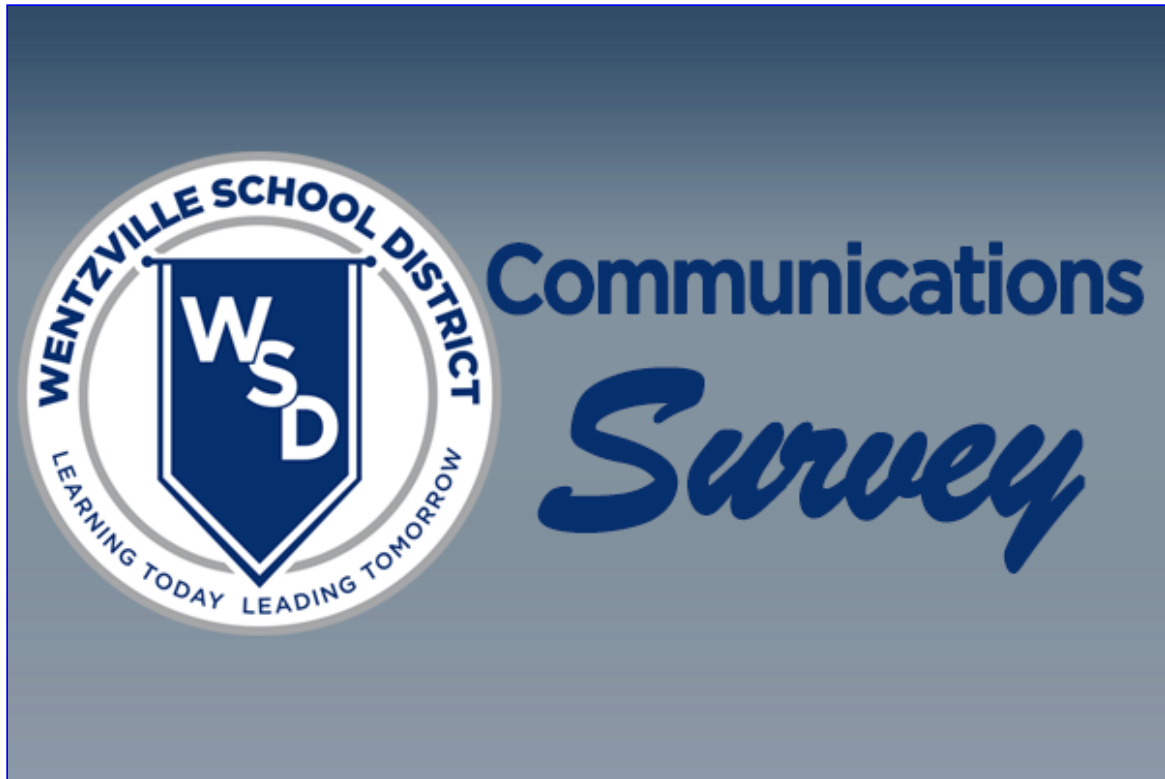
WSD Support Staff of the Year Slideshow



The WSD is proud to recognize all of the hard-working support staff employees who go above and beyond for our students and our District. It is the support staff employees who drive our buses, prepare our meals, clean our schools, and do scores of other jobs that help support the educational efforts of the WSD. Our support staff employees often labor behind the scenes, but their dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed. Every year, each building in the District selects

their own “[Support Staff Employee of the Year](#),” and the building winners are eligible for the District Support Staff Employee of the Year Award, which is typically announced during the annual District Awards Banquet held in May. Watch for a virtual tribute and reveal of the District winner next month. Congratulations to all our 2020 winners! #TeamWSD

WSD Communications Survey



It is the vision of the Wentzville School District to be a model of excellence that sets the standard and maximizes the potential of every student. In order to continuously improve on our commitment to provide a quality educational experience for your child(ren), we ask that you take the time to [complete this short survey](#) regarding school and District communications. If you have students at more than one school, you may fill out the survey separately for each school if you wish to provide more specific feedback, but you will need to do that on different devices.

Thank you for your feedback and assistance!

2020 U.S. News & World Report Best High School Rankings



The 2020 U.S. News & World Report Best High School Rankings have been released, and all three District high schools were named to the prestigious list of the Best High Schools in Missouri. Liberty was named the 28th best high school in the state, Timberland was ranked #42 and Holt was ranked #61 of all high schools in Missouri. The rankings evaluate more than 500 public high schools in Missouri and more than 20,000 nationwide and schools are ranked based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college. <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/missouri>

2020 WSD Film Festival Continues Through May 6



The show must go on! Due to the extended closure we will be hosting the 4th Annual Film Festival online via a Four-Night Film Premiere using Facebook Live that began on April 15. The first three nights respectively featured the winners of the categories of Animation and Sports, Information and Music, and Instructional and PSA videos. Please tune into the [WSD's Facebook](#) page at 7:00 p.m. on May

6 for the final category, Story and News. You can watch past episodes on WSD Facebook by clicking the links below. Please join us in celebrating the work of our amazing students, including the students who are working hard on each show's presentation.

Film Festival Premiere Dates and Categories:

[April 15 - Animation and Sports](#)




[April 22 - Informational and Music](#)

[April 29 - Instructional and PSA](#)

May 6 - Story and News

You can find out more information at www.wentzvillefilmfestival.com.

Submissions are **NOW CLOSED**, but you can start planning for next year with these creator tools:

-  Check out the website for [rules](#), [categories](#), and [resources](#), such as tutorials.
-  Email [wsdfilmfestival@wsdr4.org](mailto:w sdfilmfestival@wsdr4.org) for any questions.
-  Follow the festival on Twitter [@wsdfilmfestival](https://twitter.com/w sdfilmfestival)

Timberland Teacher Named Economic Educator of the Year by St. Louis Fed



Michael Kaiman, a social studies teacher at Timberland High, is the recipient of the 2020 Economic Educator Advisory Board Educator of the Year Award from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. The award is given annually to recognize a board member for his or her commitment to economic and financial education. Kaiman, who has taught in the WSD since 2002, has served on the St. Louis Fed's Educator Advisory Board for six years. The board is composed of local teachers who review curriculum, attend meetings, present at events and contribute in other ways to the success of the St. Louis Fed economic education program, Econ Ed at the Fed.

"Mike was selected for this award because he is an advocate for economic education," said Mary Suiter, an assistant vice president, and economic education officer at the St. Louis Fed. "He secured the opportunity for us to provide professional development for Wentzville School District teachers. In addition, he provided valuable feedback on new curriculum materials; he developed lessons

for AP U.S. History teachers that incorporate FRED data and FRASER primary source documents, and he has helped us with improvements to our Econ Lowdown website.” For more information, including educational resources, visit stlouisfed.org.

Timberland Student Earns Award for High Score on National German Exam



Joshua Talluto, a sophomore at Timberland, has been awarded the Gold Medal and special recognition on the Presidential Honor Roll for outstanding performance on the 2020 National German Exam for High School Students.

Talluto received this award after scoring in the 97th percentile on the Level 3 2020 National German Exam sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG). He is a student in Advanced German 3 at Timberland and his German teacher is Christin Whitehead. Because he scored above the 90th percentile, he was eligible to compete for a summer study trip to

Germany. Following interviews with two college German professors at St. Louis University and Webster University, he was selected out of six candidates to represent the Missouri chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German to compete for 39 summer study trips out of 59 chapters. Unfortunately, he received word last month that the trip for this summer has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Over 18,600 students took the exam this year, which included Talluto and 10 others at Timberland. Additional Timberland students who were also recognized on the Presidential Honor Roll for their performance on the exam include:

Michael Mischkot, Silver Medal, 86th percentile (German 3)
Jacob Herrold, Bronze Medal, 75th percentile (German 3)
Eric Hampson, Bronze Medal, 73rd percentile (German 3)
Daniel Larkin, Bronze Medal, 89th percentile (German 2)
Gavin White, Bronze Medal, 77th percentile (German 2)

Missouri Scholars Academy



Congratulations to the six WSD high school sophomores who have been selected to participate in the 2020 Missouri Scholars Academy (MSA), a three-week residential program designed to help gifted students achieve their full potential. Nathan Hoenig and Aidan Reed from Holt; Dagon Williams and Jaden Zelidon from Liberty; and Joseph Hess and Ronan Townes from Timberland are among 330 high school sophomores from across Missouri selected for the program.

MSA was scheduled to begin on June 7 at Mizzou, but like so many other events it has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "We are, of course, gutted that for the first time since we began in 1985, we will not be able to operate a full, three-week Academy," said organizers in a message to this year's selected students. "The faculty and staff are committed to trying to do something for and with the 2020 class at a later date. We're not exactly sure what that will look like or even if a later event will be possible; we're still exploring our options."

Every public and private high school in the state is allowed to nominate at least one student for the Academy. Academically, students represent the top one-half of 1% of their class in the state of Missouri. More than 11,000 Missouri high school students and teachers have participated in MSA since its inception.

2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarships



The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Unity event took place at Holt High once again on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a program to celebrate the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As part of the celebration, the WSD offers a scholarship competition and awards a minimum \$500 scholarship to high school seniors who keep Dr. King's legacy alive through their actions. This year's winners are Holt senior Jamal Rice and early 2020 Holt graduate Aidan McCarthy.

Jahmal Rice was named the winner of the Ceclia Lockett-Crumes Scholarship sponsored by North Star Insurance Advisors. Lockett-Crumes was the mother of Barbara Love, the community member responsible for starting the WSD MLK walk and the Unity Ceremony over 15 years ago. Rice has long been participating in CUSA (Culturally United Student Association), the student-run organization that seeks to educate the school community and community at-large about minority culture, as well as to open a dialogue over what may divide cultures in a community—and how to bridge those divides. Events that Rice has organized or helped organize, such as a well-attended Soul Food Night at Holt, have sought to spread awareness and helped to form bonds between students of all cultures.

Aidan McCarthy, an early graduate of Holt this year, was named the winner of the scholarship sponsored by the Wentzville School District Foundation. McCarthy, who completed the Missouri A+ Mentoring/Tutoring Program, has dedicated more than 150 hours to service in the community at various places, including the Salvation Army, several area churches, and the Wentzville School District.

WSD Students Selected for Boys State



Congratulations to the fourteen high school juniors from the Wentzville School District who have been selected to attend the American Legion Boys State of Missouri. The American Legion Boys State of Missouri is an eight-day, hands-on experience in the operation and fundamentals of government, and draws together the best and brightest high school juniors to help lead them down the path in individual success and leadership. Since its inception in 1938, Missouri Boys State has provided over 40,000 high school students with the privilege of attending this practical laboratory in citizenship and leadership training.

Those selected to attend from Holt High School are Heath Bana, Ethan Dunsworth, Gerald Osakwe, Dylan Powers-Cody, and Joshua Sample. Those selected from Liberty High School include Wyatt Haynes, Brennen Kohlman, Patrick Lynch and Bret Stuerman. Those selected from Timberland High School include Mutahir Ahmed, Sagan Borengasser, Patrick Habiger, Clayton Herbst, and Patrick Kissel.

The 81st session of Missouri Boys State is scheduled to be held on the campus of the University of Central Missouri (UCM) June 13-20. According to the Missouri Boys State website, Boys State is still scheduled as of now, but organizers are making contingency plans should that become necessary. Local sponsors include American Legion Post 323, the Wentzville Community Club, the Wentzville Rotary Club, and the Timberland All-Sports Boosters Club.

WSD Students Selected for Girls State



Congratulations to the seventeen high school juniors from the Wentzville School District who have been selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State of Missouri. Missouri Girls State delegates are selected based on their leadership abilities, interest in government, service to others and academics. Those selected from Holt High School include Olivia Harmann, Ruth Ann King, Annalise Le, Chloe Sample, Chloe Sullivan, Kaitlyn Waple, and Emily Williams. Those attending from Liberty High School include Meghan Coyle, Anna Decker, Molly Morris, and Sophia Whalley. Those selected from Timberland High School include Michelle Angel, Lucy Felber, Haley Matheny, Abigail McCallum, Abigail Peters, and Lindsey Schmidt.

The 79th session of Missouri Girls State was scheduled to be held on the campus of the University of Central Missouri (UCM) in Warrensburg June 21-27, however it has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program was founded in 1940 at William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri. The program is designed to change lives by bringing together dynamic young women for an intense week developing leadership skills, patriotism and a sense of community.

Four WSD Students Named to Missouri Scholars 100



Four WSD students were selected for this year’s Missouri Scholars 100. Timberland High School seniors Logan Brenningmeyer and Josh Gary, as well as Holt High School seniors Rodney "Gavin" Jenkins and Amaya Kopp, were all named to the distinguished list. The statewide program, now in its 26th year, honors 100 of Missouri’s top academic students in each year’s graduating class. The 2020 recipients were scheduled to be honored at a luncheon in Columbia, Missouri, on April 26; but the event was cancelled due to social gathering restrictions. [Read about these outstanding students](#) on the full article on the WSD Website.



WSD Celebrates 20/30-Year Employees



Each year in May, we look forward to paying special tribute to our employees at the District Awards Banquet. For the first time since its inception, the event has been canceled - like so many other special, end-of-the-school-year celebrations - due to the pandemic. We will be featuring different groups of employees over the coming weeks through video tributes to honor them and their work.

One of the many reasons the WSD is a sought-after school district is because of the dedication and commitment of our employees. Many have found their home in the WSD, offering two and three decades of service to our students and our community. Congratulations and thank you to the following staff members who are celebrating their 20th and 30th anniversaries with the District. [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube. The soundtrack is provided by the Wentzville Middle School Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Christy Wilson Smith. #WeAreWentzville

Selfie Request - WSD Alumni Working in Healthcare



WSD parents and grandparents! We are looking for WSD alumni who are working in healthcare to pay tribute to them. Please have them take a selfie and send to marylapak@wsdr4.org. Be sure to include their profession, location, year and high school they graduated from. Be sure to thank them for all of us too!

Dr. Jason Theodorakos New AP at THS



Congratulations to Dr. Jason Theodorakos, social studies teacher at Timberland High School, for having been named a new Assistant Principal at Timberland beginning July 1, 2020. He replaces Dan DeClue, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

Dr. Theodorakos has taught for the WSD since 2012. During that time, he served as the head baseball coach, participated in the We-LEAD program for aspiring administrators, served as an Equity Cohort member, and has represented Timberland on the District Professional Development Committee and the Faculty Advisory Committee. This past year, he was selected as a St. Louis Aspiring School Leader. Prior to joining the District, Dr. Theodorakos was the Director of Sophomore Students for the Barat Academy from 2008-2012 and served in the Teach for America program from 2006-2008. He earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Southeast Missouri State University, a Masters of Educational Administration from Missouri Baptist University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Missouri Baptist University in 2014.

Amazing Shake Video



The Amazing Shake is a competition that places an emphasis on teaching students respectful manners and professional conduct - the kind of life skills everyone should hone as early as possible. Before competing, students learn the intricacies of human interaction, such as how to give a proper handshake, how to “work a room,” and how to give a successful job interview. Hosting these competitions at Peine Ridge and Stone Creek Elementary gives students a chance to succeed in real-world situations. The winner and runner-up from each school’s individual competition are awarded with an opportunity to travel to Atlanta, Georgia to compete at the Ron Clark Academy Global Amazing Shake competition; but due to the pandemic, this year’s winners will compete virtually on May 18-22. The winners from Peine Ridge were sixth graders Ana Schroeder and Ciara Stinson, and fifth graders Jeremiah Mozee and Pacey Roth. For Stone Creek, sixth graders Kyla Humphrey and Alisyn Maupin, and fifth graders Ethan Mountain and Trevor Maupin (Alisyn’s brother) were the winners. [Watch the video](#) on WSD YouTube. #WSDproud

WSD Providing Food for Families in Need

As a service for our students and families during the Extended District Closure, we are utilizing a drive-through model at 14 sites across the WSD to distribute meals for students at no cost on Mondays and Thursdays. All Wentzville School District students are eligible, so if you are in need please [fill out this form](#) by the end of the day each Wednesday for pick up the FOLLOWING WEEK (Monday and Thursday). If your family receives weekend food through Operation Backpack during the school year, we ask that you also fill out the form and choose a site to pick up your weekend food on Thursdays. [More details about the District's meal distribution](#) during the closure can be found on the District website. Any questions can be emailed to info@WSDr4.org.



Information about Propositions C&S



COVID-19 UPDATE: Missouri Governor Mike Parson signed an executive order on March 18 moving the date of local government elections from April 7 to June 2.

The WSD Board of Education voted unanimously to place two propositions on the ballot to accommodate the continued growth of the District, as well as the need for additional staff and wage increases to help close the gap between the WSD and neighboring districts.

PROPOSITION C is a \$105 million no-tax-increase bond issue to build a new middle school on the same site where the District is currently building a fourth high school, to expand and renovate the District's three existing middle schools, to address maintenance issues at existing buildings and purchase items related to school safety.

PROPOSITION S is a \$0.49 tax levy to address staffing and provide needed support across the District, improve salaries to address widening wage gaps between the WSD and neighboring school districts, and to update and add safety features across the District.

The WSD continues to be the fastest growing school district in Missouri, adding

on average nearly 600 new students each year since 2001. This past year, enrollment increased from 16,789 students to 17,335 – an increase of 546 students. According to projections in a demographic study released last May by MGT Consulting, there is no end in sight to the District's continued growth; in fact, the WSD could add more than 5,000 students in the next decade.

[For more information](#), visit the WSD Website Props C&S page.

WSD Board of Education Candidates for June 2020 Election



COVID-19 UPDATE: Missouri Governor Mike Parson signed an executive order on March 18 moving the date of local government elections from April 7 to June 2.

The biographies that have been submitted from this year's Board of Education candidates have been [posted on the WSD website](#). The bios are posted exactly as they are received from the candidates as an opportunity for stakeholders to learn more about who is running for the Board of Education. Seven candidates will be on the ballot for three open seats in the June 2, 2020 election. The open seats are currently held by Betsy Bates, Barbara Fine, and Heather Reiter, and each open seat is for a three-year term. After clicking the link above, simply click

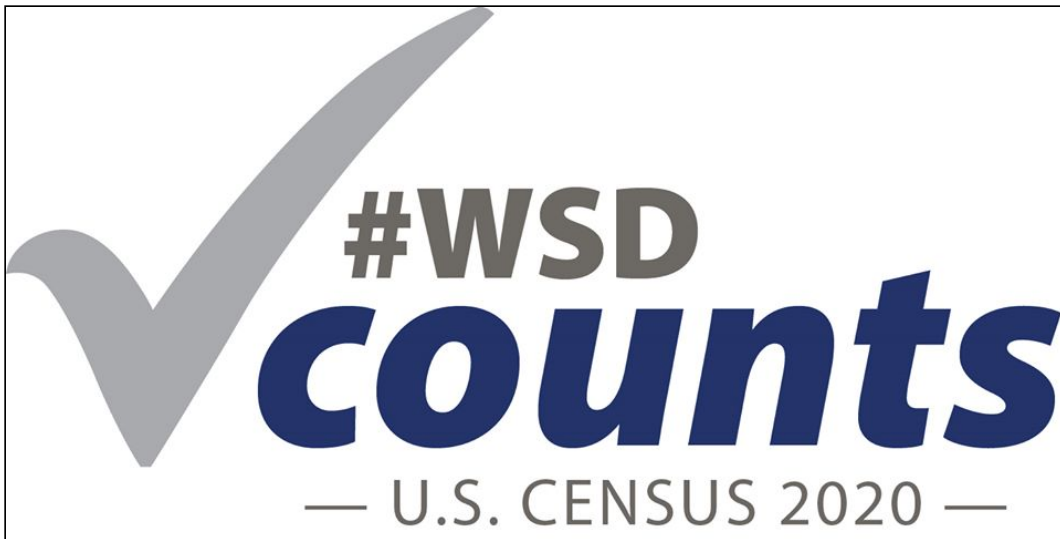
on the candidate's name under their photo to view their submitted biography.
#GrowingTogether

WSD Internet Resources for Families in Need



There are a number of internet providers currently offering free service or special offers for families and educators during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you know someone who doesn't have internet access, please share [this important information](#) with them.

2020 Census



Every 10 years, the Constitution requires that all who reside in the United States on April 1 be counted. The 2020 Census counts the population in the United States and five U.S. territories and it is particularly important for school districts. The 2020 Census will inform funding for educational programs that benefit our children, such as special education, after-school activities and school meal programs. Each home has received an invitation over the last few weeks to respond to a short questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. The information you receive has a special Census ID number you will use to respond. All responses to Census Bureau surveys and censuses are confidential and protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Under this law, the Census Bureau is required to keep

respondent information confidential. Be sure to take the time to fill out the questionnaire - so everyone in the WSD counts! For more information or to fill out your questionnaire, visit 2020census.gov.

New Boundaries Approved for the WSD



The WSD Board of Education has approved new boundaries for all elementary, middle and high schools in the District to accommodate continued growth and a new elementary school and new high school under construction. The new schools were part of Proposition E, a \$125 million no-tax-increase bond issue passed by voters in April 2018. The [new elementary boundaries](#) will go into effect for the 2020-2021 school year when the new

elementary school being built on Interstate Drive in Wentzville is scheduled to open. The [new middle school](#) and [high school boundaries](#) will go into effect beginning in the 2021-2022 school year when the new high school being built near West Meyer Road and North Point Prairie Road in Wentzville is scheduled to open.

[Visit the WSD website](#) to view the new school attendance areas.



Dates to Remember

May 6, 7:00 p.m.

WSD Film Festival Premiere Night 4

[Tune into WSD Facebook](#)

May 21, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting

May 22

Last Day of School Year

June 18, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting



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STEP 4: SET GROUND RULES AND ENFORCE CONSEQUENCES

DISCUSS
and sign a family safety
agreement

RESTRICT
where and when devices can be
used

REMOVE
tech privileges when rules are
broken

Family Online Safety Institute
Learn more at fosi.org/parenting

Tech Tip from WSD Technology Department – Tips for Good Digital Parenting (STEP 4)

In [Episode 2](#) of the 7 Steps to Good Digital Parenting video series, viewers watch a family discuss **Steps 3** (Use Parental Controls) **and 4** (Set Ground Rules and Enforce Consequences). By setting family rules and enabling parental controls, family members gain clarity on tech privileges and how to use devices and services safely.

- Set content and time limits on your kids' devices
- Routinely check privacy settings on social media
- Monitor your kids' use and their screen time

Stay tuned for all seven tips to good digital parenting from the Family Online Safety Institute.



2020 St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar Athletes of the Year

Three WSD seniors have been chosen to represent their schools as a 2020 St. Louis Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete of the Year: Claudia Adam (Holt), Ben Adelsberger (Liberty), and Zoe Schulte (Timberland). The Scholar Athlete program, now in its 54th year, honors a senior from every area high school who's made their mark not only on the field but also in the classroom. The Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete event honoring all the selected athletes is planned to be held during a Cardinals game this season, but the date is to be determined due to current event restrictions. Congratulations Claudia, Ben and Zoe!



Cuivre River Electric Youth Tour Essay Contest

Congratulations to the six WSD high school juniors who have been selected as Youth Tour finalists in this year's Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, Inc. Youth Tour Essay Contest, "My Favorite Cooperative Principle." All six WSD students attend Liberty High School: Olivia Guffey, Kailey Cain, Erin Hughey, Matthew Long, Jonah Tate, and Meghan Coyle. Cuivre River Electric Cooperative chooses 12 finalists each year; these students had the top scoring essays out of more than 60 submitted for this year's competition. Each of the essays were read anonymously by three preliminary judges. Normally, a finals banquet and competition is held each year where finalists present their essays orally. However, due to the coronavirus situation, Cuivre River Electric Cooperative will have three finals judges read each of the essays remotely. The scores from the preliminary and finals competition will be combined to determine whether the finalists are named Youth Tour delegates or scholarship recipients.

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Ashlynn is a senior at Liberty High School who is currently battling Leukemia. She enjoys fishing, hiking, camping, and hanging out with her friends. With a beautiful personality, she always knows how to put a smile on her friends' faces.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Students of the Year Campaign

Liberty High School senior Abbigael Woods (pictured) is competing in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Students of the Year Campaign. Woods is going for that title in the St. Louis area, raising money in honor of a fellow Liberty senior Ashlynn Wilson, who bravely battles Leukemia. "I am extremely passionate about healthcare and helping others," Abbigael said, "but the main reason I chose to take on this challenge and run for Student of the Year, is to honor a friend and classmate of mine who is currently battling Leukemia. I have seen how Leukemia

has drastically changed Ashlynn's life, and I would love to help future cancer patients who will go through the same things." A program seeking to develop leadership and philanthropy, high school students can participate in this fundraising competition benefitting LLS and its mission to cure blood cancers. One dollar means one vote, and the candidates who raise the most by week seven earn the title of Student of the Year.

Abbigael's campaign has already raised \$19,446 for the program—despite having COVID-19 preventing fundraising events. In fact, due to the crisis, L&L Society has allowed fundraising to continue past the previously set deadline of April 3, so you can still help this cause reach \$20,000. All donations are tax deductible, and not only support LLS-funded research but will help provide critical information and support for patients, and support advocacy for laws to ensure patients can access the care and treatments they need. You can help [by donating at this link](#).



District T-Shirts to Benefit Child Nutrition

Show your District spirit and help support the effort to feed WSD students during the District closure. The cost of each t-shirt is \$15.75 and \$10 from each order will go to the Child Nutrition Department to support the effort to feed WSD students at no cost through the end of the school year. Visit [this link on the WSD Website](#) for more information and to place your order. #WeAreWentzville



Timberland Student's Artwork on Display in the State Capitol

Congratulations to Timberland junior Charlotte Davis, whose artwork was chosen to be on display in the State Capitol in Jefferson City. Her work was chosen for the 2020 Senate Art Exhibit by Senator Bob Onder. Each senator chooses a piece of art from their District to be displayed as part of the Exhibit beginning in February through the end of the year. Chosen pieces are also showcased on the [Missouri Art Education Association \(MAEA\) website](#) and in the Show Me Arts Magazine.

Charlotte was going to be recognized at an awards ceremony in Jefferson City on March 16, but that reception, like so many other events, was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. She will receive a resolution from Senator Onder. Established in 2014, the Senate Art Exhibit showcases fine arts programs in all 34 Senate Districts and is sponsored by Senator David Pearce, the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education and the MAEA. The Exhibit is located in the Senate hallway and can be viewed during Capitol business hours once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.



Students from four WSD schools also had artwork exhibited in March at the State Capitol. Each March, the Missouri Art Education Association (MAEA) chooses student artwork for an annual exhibit in the Capitol Rotunda to showcase the talent of Missouri's youngest artists. The following students' artwork was chosen for the exhibit: Lucas Huisman (second grade), Liam Denton and Payton Lindsay (fourth grade), and Addy Hale (sixth grade) from Crossroads Elementary; McKinley Bruening (third grade), Lucy Chancellor (fourth grade), and Ava Hamilton (sixth grade) from Duello Elementary; Makenna Baker and Savannah Ehrke (fourth grade), Luca Kainady (fifth grade), and Ava Feasel (sixth grade) from Green Tree; and Olivia Kerr (kindergarten), Miles Gutleber and Ashlyn Silva (first grade), Sophia Adams and Cora Singer (fourth grade), Delaney Brewer and

Abigail Hachting (fifth grade), and Libby Wallace (sixth grade) from Stone Creek. Students, teachers and parents were invited to a recognition ceremony on March 16 at the close of the exhibit, but that ceremony - like many other events - was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Watch [this virtual glimpse](#) at the artwork.



WSD Student Athletes Named to St. Louis High School Sports All-Decade Teams

Congratulations to Holt senior Marissa Peek for having been named to the St. Louis High School Sports All-Decade Softball First Team! The reigning first team All-Metro catcher and University of Iowa signee, Peek ended her prep career by hitting .477 with 10 doubles, nine home runs and 42 RBI as Holt reached the sectional round and finished 27-3. Peek helped Holt to a 100-18 record in four years. Outstanding and best wishes Marissa! Read the [Post-Dispatch article](#) for more information.

Andrew Sansoucie (Timberland Class of 2013) was named to the All-Decade First

Team. He was a four-time individual state champion and two-time All-Metro swimmer of the year in 2011 and 2012. He won the 100-yard butterfly and 50 freestyle both his junior and senior years after top-four finishes in both events as a sophomore. Sansoucie still owns the state record in the 100 fly and has the two fastest times in state history in the event. He went on to the University of Missouri, where he became a 14-time All-American and still holds the Tigers' school record in the event, dropping more than three seconds off his high school record time.



Noah Scheuermann (Holt Class of 2019) was named to the All-Decade Second Team. Scheuermann had a standout state meet as a senior, capturing the 200-yard freestyle championship and finishing second in the 100 butterfly. He finished third in the 500 free and sixth in the 200 Individual Medley as a junior and was eighth in the 100 fly as a sophomore. His time of 1:39.29 was the area's fastest 200 free time during the decade and is the second-fastest in the last 20 years. Scheuermann also holds the decade's fourth-best mark in the 100 fly. He recently completed his freshman campaign at Arizona State University.



Emily Greisenauer (Holt Class of 2018) was named to the All-Decade Third Team. She is a four-time all-state finisher who improved each season of her career, wrapping up with a career-best fifth-place state finish as a senior in 2017 with a career-best state time of 18:57.19. Griesenauer also was 14th as a junior, 18th as a sophomore and 24th as a freshman at the state meet. She earned All-Metro honors three seasons — first team in 2017, second team in 2016 and third in 2015. Greisenauer now runs for Missouri S&T and was an NCAA Division II regional qualifier in 2018.



Holt Student Earns DECA Scholarship

Holt High senior Kelby Robinson earned a \$1000 scholarship for her efforts in DECA, the international club that develops marketing and entrepreneurship in students. The Bud Hartley Scholarship, in memory of past Missouri DECA Board President, is designed to support students enrolled in an internship, and only the highest recommended student can earn it. Robinson, who has had an internship at The Hitting Zone in O'Fallon for two years, had to get three letters of recommendation, as well as describe her current awards and honors. She explained, "After that, I wrote an essay describing how the internship program through DECA changed my life." The scholarship is designed to award community leaders who demonstrate in-depth knowledge of DECA and their internship. Robinson won first place this year at the DECA competition in the Entrepreneurship Independent Business Plan category and shared first place with



fellow Holt senior Grace Howery in Project Management Community Giving. Holt's DECA advisor Emily Ward said, "I have had the privilege of knowing Kelby for the past two and a half years. She is a joy to have in class and is a leader inside and outside of the classroom, and her presentation skills are second to none. She is a very charismatic communicator, and she is an outstanding citizen at Holt and in the community." Well done, Kelby!



St. Louis Post-Dispatch Teacher of the Month Contest

[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-aged 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.

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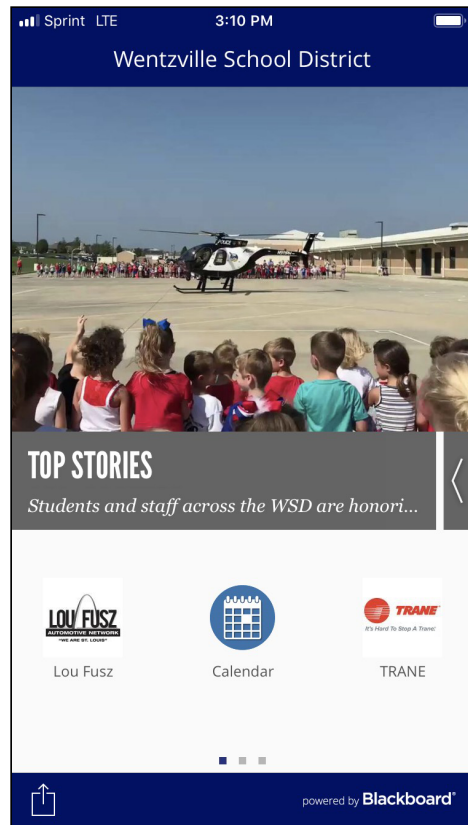
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- View calendar info
- View lunch menus
- Access school and staff info
- Receive important alerts
- View sports scores
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