

WCSD Positive Happenings Learning in Action January



BWMS:

Several 5th -8th Grade Beaty students participated in the Fall Noetic Math Competition, a highly challenging contest where every problem solved represents a true accomplishment! This fall, 33,223 students from 619 schools nationwide participated. Among them, 3,552 students earned National Honor Roll recognition (top 10% nationally), and 13,841 students earned National Honorable Mention (top 50% nationally).

Thank you, Bucket Brigade Pizza Co.! We appreciate you speaking to the Computer 8 students about entrepreneurship and the food truck business. Your insights and experiences inspired our students.

We are proud to recognize our December Students of the Month- each selected for consistently meeting our F.I.R.E. expectations: Fierceness, Integrity, Responsibility, and Excellence. Congratulations to Lydia, Grace, James, and Bradley.



EES: The annual Kiwanis Christmas Party was a tremendous success, bringing joy and support to our school community. Through this initiative, five complete Christmas dinners were provided to families in need.

On December 16, students in Grades 2 and 4, along with the Elementary Choir (Grades 4 and 5), presented a festive holiday concert. Each group performed two seasonal selections, culminating in a grand finale featuring all participating students singing together.

Continuing the holiday celebrations, the Eisenhower Middle High School Orchestra and Fantasia groups performed holiday music for the school on December 17 as part of their annual Holiday Music Tour. The event concluded with a school-wide Christmas sing-along, highlighted by special visits from Eisenhower High School Spanish students, who shared carols in Spanish, as well as Santa and Mrs. Claus, who delighted students with stories and warm holiday greetings.



EMHS:

Music News



The Eisenhower Middle High School Choral program presented a holiday concert on December 11. The middle level choir, senior choir, Fantasia, and select soloists all performed. Also included was a poem read in tribute to Mrs. Livingston, who passed away this past fall.

Members of Senior Choir and Band performed Holiday music at the Lander Community Church as part of the Lander Christmas Walk.

The Eisenhower High School Orchestra and Fantasia toured the county, spreading Christmas cheer throughout the county. They performed at 9 different venues including EES, Don Mills, the State Hospital, the Warren YMCA, Jefferson Defrees, the Rouse Suites, YES, and even sang *Carol of the Bells* at Bob Evans as a thank you to the cooks and servers!

Sports News

The Eisenhower Knights winter athletic programs continue to demonstrate outstanding success and perseverance. The boys' basketball team captured the Iroquois Tournament championship with a commanding victory over Erie First in the title game. Following tournament play, Austin Hansen also reached an impressive career milestone, scoring his 1,000th point in a game at Meadville.



The Lady Knight basketball team had a strong showing at the Lakeview Tournament, earning wins in both contests with victories over Slippery Rock and Cochranton.

Eisenhower wrestling competed in the Patrick J. Morales Memorial Tournament, where freshman Collin Havers earned a hard-fought second place finish at 165 pounds. Bryceton Wilkins was awarded the Gregg Munksgard Award and Wyatt Neall finished sixth.



SAEMS:

iReady Math – Sheffield Elementary students using manipulatives to solve problems. From money to shapes, students get excited to use the different manipulatives.



School Spirit for the Holiday Season – You are never too little to dress for spirit week. Great job middle school.



Spelling Bee – Our students were nervous but did a great job preparing for the Sheffield Spelling Bee.



VIRTUAL:

As we wrap up the first semester, Virtual Academy Services continues to support students and districts through a period of transition. January has brought a natural flow in enrollment, with some students returning to their home school buildings and others newly enrolling in our virtual program. Our team has been working closely with families and districts to ensure each transition—whether in or out—is smooth, supportive, and academically sound.

This month also included valuable professional development for our virtual teaching staff. We hosted a training session that introduced new Zoom features to enhance virtual instruction and classroom management. Teachers also engaged in a discussion around the evolving role of AI in education and how it may support instruction and workflow in a virtual environment. Additionally, we implemented a course setting update across our LMS requiring students to spend a minimum amount of time within their lessons before accessing assessments. This change is designed to reinforce engagement with core content and maintain instructional integrity.

WAEC:

The WAEC school community sparkled with joy this holiday season, from festive events to new team additions!

Holiday Festivities! December brought cheer with our Holiday Bucker Filler Assembly, a special NED (Never give up, encourage others, and do your best) assembly, and visit from Santa. Santa's visit delighted everyone with gifts of free books for every student (thanks PTO!) We also held a hilarious Pie-in-the-Teacher's-Face contest during the bucket filler assembly, raising spirits and laughs!



Thanks to Our PTO! The PTO also made it all possible to support another year of “Holiday Shop” organizing volunteers, decorations, snacks, and fundraising for students to go shopping for their friends and families for the Holidays. We are so thankful for their support!

Noetic Competitions! Mrs. Downey's 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade math enrichment students participated in the national Noetic Math Contest in November. There were over 60,000 participants nationwide in this contest! Students who scored in the top 50% or higher nationwide in their grade level received the Honorable Mention Award and Ribbon. The first place winners at each grade level in each building received a Team Winner certificate and Medal. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners at each grade level received a certificate. Each participant received a participation certificate. We are so proud of these students and their achievements.



Welcoming New Hires! We have added talented staff: dedicated custodians keeping everything spotless, helpful paraprofessionals supporting classrooms, and Mrs. Alex, our experienced new first-grade teacher, bringing fresh energy to the first-grade team!

WAHS:

Warren Area High School Holiday Concert 2025



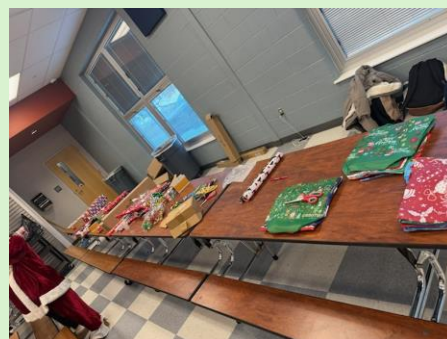
The WAHS Music Department put on their Holiday Concert for the 2025 school year under the direction of Ms. Joy McMonigal and Mr. Chris Wise. The concert included all ensembles of the music department, with the Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Concert Choir, A Capella Choir, and Madrigals performing. Thank you to Ms. McMonigal, Mr. Wise, and the students for putting on an incredible performance to send students and the audience into the holiday season.

Winter Carnival

WAHS Student Council put on the third annual Winter Carnival, in conjunction with the Schoolwide Positive Behavior and Supports team, to provide students with an opportunity to explore games and activities put on by the different clubs at WAHS. Multiple clubs had stations to allow students to explore different aspects of each club, culminating with raffle drawings for students using points that they have acquired for meeting behavior expectations in the classrooms and within the school using the PBIS rewards system.

All-County HEAL Club Community Event

The HEAL Club held a community event at WAHS, gift-wrapping items for families prior to the holiday season. The HEAL club consists of students from across the school district and meets monthly at the schools, helping to create activities and events that promote inclusivity and trauma-informed approaches within the school.



WCCC:

BCO

Students from the Building Construction Occupations program are currently involved in the construction of two (2) restrooms to be located at Super Tire. Students are constructing all aspects of the restroom which will be hooked up to plumbing and electrical on-site.

Protective Services



Services had two students (Kaitlyn Zuzzio and Josh McLean) participate in an EMS continuing education with Michael Valine, UPMC EMS Outreach. They learned about the medications used at the BLS level of EMS. This also included a practical demonstration of Check-and-Inject for anaphylaxis emergencies. The orange was used as the practice muscle for injection. They trained alongside EMS and Fire service professionals.

Location: Warren Fire Department

Date: Dec 9, 2025

Course Name: BLS Medication Review

Medications covered:

Nebulized Albuterol

Injected Solu-Medrol

Injected Epinephrine

Oral Glucose

Oral Nitroglycerin

Welding:

Students from welding once again selected names from the Santa Tree at WAEC.

The students selected sixteen different families and provided gifts at Christmas.

This was completely student led.

YEMS:

WJET-TV visited YEMS on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, to present Hannah Watson with the WJET-TV/ Penn West Edinboro, Golden Apple Award! We were able to keep the surprise a secret right up until the news team walked into her classroom.

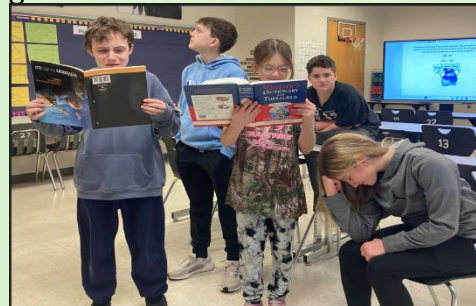
Mr. Weber joined us for the presentation, making the moment even more special.

The recorded segment aired on Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00 PM on WJET-TV.

Congratulations to Hannah on this well-deserved honor! We are incredibly proud of her dedication and the positive impact she makes every day.



At the end of December, nearly 200 students participated in grade level spelling bees at Youngsville Elementary Middle School! Out of those two hundred students, twenty-four students in grades fifth through eighth qualified to participate in the school spelling bee. It was an intense spelling bee, going back and forth at the end, between 8th grader Lilly Tarr and 5th grader Kaylin Sheets. In the end, Kaylin Sheets prevailed by spelling the championship word, *repugnant* correctly. Kaylin, Lilly, and third place finisher Spencer Oakes will now go on to represent Youngsville at the Warren County Spelling Bee at the end of January. Declan Almendinger and Ian Lewis will go as alternates.



Under the direction of Ms. Cecelia Peterson, Youngsville Elementary School's students in grades 3 through 5 presented their holiday program, Jingle Bell Jukebox - The Flipside on the evening of December 11th. The program consisted of a collection of holiday songs set to rock style backgrounds with a 1950's feel. Main narration was presented by Ruby (played by Natalie Rockey). Students have been working on their show in their music classes since early October. The audience was also treated to performances by the after-school vocal choir and handbell choir students.



GIFTED: Below is a link to a newsletter our gifted students put together as part of a gifted enrichment class on their gifted enrichment days! This newsletter was shared with all of the gifted support families prior to Christmas break!

https://www.canva.com/design/DAGz5nyKV9g/SQQarTQWHY3JSjRldHCErQ/view?utm_content=DAGz5nyKV9g&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniqueLinks&utm_id=he99225c8c3