

District Insider

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 1 H.S. Girls VB with Paw Paw—Here—6:30 pm
Speech Team Information Mtg.—Mrs. Sullivan's room—7:30-7:50 am
- September 2 J.H. Girls SB with Fieldcrest East—Here—4:15 pm
J.H. Boys BB with Fieldcrest East—Here—4:15 pm
H.S. Golf with Princeville—Here—4:00 pm
H.S. Girls VB with Leland—Here—6:00 pm
- September 3 H.S. Golf with Roanoke-Benson—Here—4:00 pm
H.S. Varsity Football with West Central—There—7:00 pm
- September 6 NO SCHOOL—Labor Day
- September 7 H.S. Golf with Henry—Here—4:00 pm
Beich Fundraiser Kick-Off
- September 8 J.H. Girls SB Regionals
J.H. Boys BB with St. Mary's—Here—4:15 pm
- September 9 J.H. Boys BB with Germantown Hills—There—4:15 pm
H.S. Golf with Marquette—Here—4:00 pm
H.S. Girls VB with Henry—There—6:00 pm
- September 10 H.S. Football with Alexis United—There—7:00 pm
- September 11 H.S. Girls VB—Woodland Tournament
- September 13 H.S. Golf with Farmington—There—4:00 pm
JV Football with Midland
- September 14 J.H. Boys BB Regionals
H.S. Girls VB with DePue—There—6:00 pm
- September 16 H.S. Golf with Roanoke-Benson—Here—4:00 pm
H.S. Girls VB with Midland—Here—6:00 pm
- September 17 H.S. Varsity Football with Princeville at Midland—6:00 pm
- September 18 H.S. Girls VB—Aledo Tournament
- September 20 H.S. Golf with Fieldcrest—There—4:00 pm
H.S. Girls VB with El Paso—There—6:00 pm
JV Football with Princeville H.S.
Board of Education Meeting—7:00 pm
Open House—Instrument Display in Band Room—4:30-6:00 pm
Josten's class rings—2:40 pm

- September 21 Beich Candy Fundraiser Ends (money is due)
- September 23 H.S. Girls VB with Marquette—There—6:00 pm
- September 24 H.S. Golf with Roanoke-Benson— There—4:00 pm
H.S. Football with Mid-County—There—7:00 pm
Josten's class ring orders due
- September 27 H.S. Golf with El Paso/Gridley—There—4:00 pm
H.S. Girls VB with LaMoille—Here—6:00 pm
JV Football with Mid-County Co-op
- September 30 H.S. Golf—Tri-County Conference
H.S. Girls VB with Putnam County—Here—6:00 pm

A **BIG** thank you to all parents who helped
in any way with BINGO. It was greatly
appreciated.

Music News

**Do you want your child to score high on tests?
Do you want your child to get a high paying job after they graduate?**

It has been proven through research and tests that students taking core subjects in music like band and chorus score an average of 30 points higher on ACT and SAT scores. They tend to be better workers in the work field and many become the top paying professionals like doctors, lawyers and computer analysts.

WHY?

Music develops multiple sections of the brain at the same time leading to better cognitive skills. The better and more developed the brain is the smarter the person is and the higher they score on tests. It is similar to a tourist location. The higher the number of roadways leading to it the more popular it becomes. Music students develop discipline and persistence. With practice achievement is gained. Musicians follow directions better. The above mentioned assets are important both at school and later on in the work field.

That sounds great and I would like for my child to be in band, but I can't afford it. The initial renting of an instrument is fairly inexpensive. You do not need to have a new horn to be in band. We have several types of instruments here at school. If we don't have the instrument there are several other options. See Miss Sunken for details. Give your child the opportunity to do their very best.

If my child is in band this year what will they do next year?

Hopefully your child will continue in band. Music is a learning process and requires practice and time. Just like athletes we need to practice. Each year we build more on the skills that we had the previous year and eventually we could become professionals.

Can my child switch instruments the second year?

In most cases I could not advise this. If I see a particular instrument is not good for a student I may see about having them switch, but again it is like sports. You do not see an athlete playing one sport one year and a totally different one the next year. Michael Jordan tried it, but he was far better at basketball than baseball.

Currently our fifth and sixth grade students are reviewing the instruments and their families. On Monday, September 20th we will have an Open House in the Band Room from 4:30-6:00 pm. Parents may bring their student and we will meet with Tony from the Music Shoppe to discuss instrument rental. If you have questions before that please contact Miss Sunken at 309-248-7087 during the school day or 815-257-2791 after school. She will be more than happy to talk with you about questions.

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Notices to Parents Required by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

The Lowpoint- Washburn Elementary School (Grades k-6) is a school that receives Federal Title I money. Parents may make a written request for information regarding the professional qualifications of their student(s) teachers and any paraprofessionals that provide services to their student(s). The District will provide the following information if requested: 1) Whether the teacher(s) meet state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade level and subjects taught. 2) Whether the teacher(s) is teaching under emergency or other provisional status. 3) The teacher(s) baccalaureate degree major and any other graduate certifications or degrees. 4) Whether paraprofessionals provide services to the student and, if so, their qualifications.

The Board of Education has adopted policies and continues to use policies regarding student privacy and parental access to information (copies of those policies are available upon written request.

District #21 has a parental involvement policy that provides opportunities for all parents to provide input and discuss school issues with appropriate staff or administration.

Feedback from parents is encouraged. An annual meeting is held with Title I parents to go over the program its effectiveness and gain feedback. The K-6 elementary school has a school improvement team, which includes parent and community representatives that meets at least twice a year to work toward improving the academic quality of the school including ways for parents, school staff and students to share the responsibility for improvement of academic achievement. Parent/Teacher conferences are held twice a year to help parents understand the school/parent compact as it relates to student achievement. Opportunities are also available for parents to volunteer and participate in their child's class, and observation of classroom activities.

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Input to the Board of Education

The District seeks to enhance its communication with those persons wishing to address the school board. Accordingly, the school board designates a segment during each board meeting to recognize visitors and to provide them an opportunity to address the Board. In general, the Board will listen to the presenter and if necessary, ask the administration to review the information presented and report to the Board at a future meeting, if further discussion is needed.

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