



WINNEBAGO HIGH SCHOOL

The Winnebago High School community is committed to developing skills, knowledge, PRIDE, and responsibility for all students that will prepare them to be positive contributors to society.



How 21-22 ended and 22-23 began

- Return to a traditional graduation ceremony
 - New Smart Boards installed in all classrooms
 - Additional SPED Teacher hired for 22-23
 - PLC Conference in July with two other WHS staff members
 - Transition to a modified block schedule
 - Updated building policies in regards to homework and assessments
 - Major changes to student handbook
 - Additional Dual Credit offerings
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Big Future Winner



- The “Big Future” is a scholarship awarded through the College Board
 - Students are entered into the running for a variety of monetary scholarships simply by filling out their future plans information online and doing some college and career research
 - Current senior Will Speltz was awarded one of the \$40,000 scholarships in May
 - Will may use these funds at whatever institution he chooses
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Mobile Welding Exhibit

- Students in manufacturing and construction attended a mobile welding exhibit at Madison College
 - Students had the opportunity to win scholarships and other prizes
 - Students learned about the many opportunities within the welding industry when it comes to careers
 - Over 84,000 welding professionals will be needed in 2023
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Gold Star Mission



- The Gold Star Mission is a nonprofit organization that Honors and Supports Gold Star Families by preserving the memory of our Fallen Heroes through service to others in need
 - They spread their message through a variety of events like runs, golf outings, and bike rides
 - In September the organization came through Winnebago and used the Park District as one of their stops
 - Several students volunteered to go out and assist with the set up and clean-up for this event on incredibly short notice
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Salute to Service



- With help from the Illinois National Guard, WHS hosted a “Salute to Service” night at the September 23 football game
 - Dozens of local Veterans attended the game and were recognized at various points throughout the event
 - Sergeant Williams gave a wonderful speech prior to the National Anthem being played
 - The WHS football team was provided with special camo uniforms that were worn during the game
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Homecoming 2022

- Held a outdoor Class Games and Powderpuff event.
 - Homecoming Court and crowned a King and Queen
 - Parade
 - Students and staff participated in traditional Homecoming dress up or “spirit” days
 - Traditional dance back in the gym. Over 300 students attended
 - A lot of time and effort from students and staff to make all of these events happen
 - Week officially capped off with a Class of 1972 building tour
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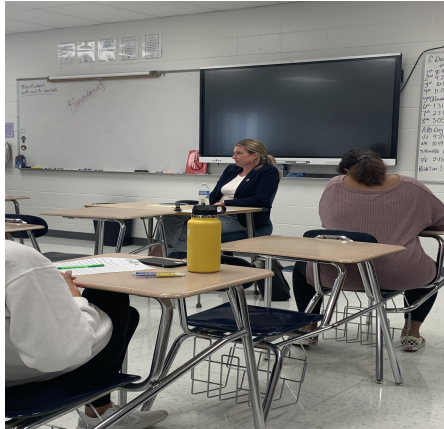
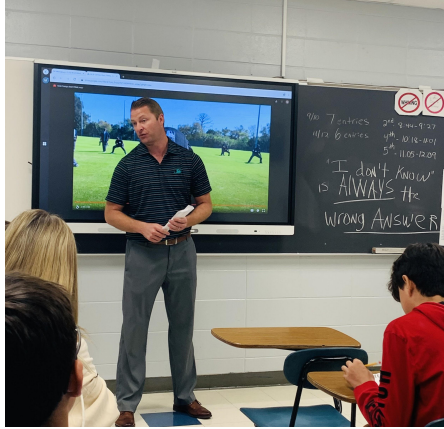




FHN Visit

- 30 WHS students attended a career fair at Memorial Hospital in Freeport
- Colleges and Universities were on hand to speak to students about various careers in the healthcare industry and where these programs are offered
- This was an opportunity for students to gather information and explore the possibilities of education and careers in healthcare
- Professionals who are currently working in the field of nursing, physical occupational and speech therapy, imaging, laboratory, pharmacy, behavioral health, medical assisting, information technology, and respiratory therapy were on hand to speak with students as well





Career Day 2022

- Organized by our CTE Director Ali Behn
 - Included all students in grades 8-12
 - 27 different occupations
 - Students attended multiple 30 minute sessions throughout the day
 - Keynote Speaker Jalen Ponder kicked off the event
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Merida, Mexico - June 2024

- The Spanish department wishes to take students that have completed Spanish 1 or higher to Merida, Mexico on an 8 day homestay trip. In groups of 2 or 3, the students will stay with host families for an immersive language learning experience.
 - Each day the students will gather and go on excursions to experience Merida's culture and learn about historical sites.
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- This trip is through the same company and is the same itinerary as the trip that we took 13 students on back in 2018. We had also planned an approved trip to Costa Rica in 2020 and had students signed up, but it was cancelled due to Covid concerns.
 - We hope that the school board sees this trip as a significant learning opportunity for our students and approves it at the next meeting.
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Moving Forward

- Identifying essential standards in all curriculums
 - Aligning Tier I instruction to the PLC model
 - Comprehensive review of our current intervention program and aligning to the PLC model for Tier II and III
 - Continued focus on Mental Health wellness for both students and staff
 - Greater attention to our Freshmen on-track rate
 - Better use of PSAT and SAT data to drive instruction
 - Focus on opportunities for students after WHS
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Thank you.
