

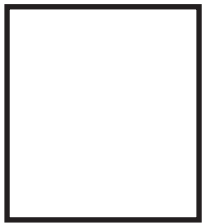
West Carrollton City Schools

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ACADEMICS

INVOLVEMENT

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

STUDENT SERVICES

ATHLETICS

THE ARTS



The rumors are true!

Pride is spreading
in *your* schools

Local Postal Customer



1 Early
Childhood
Center
Serving Preschool,
Kindergarten and
1st Grade Students

3,575 Students Served

2-3

**Harold Schnell
School**

Serving 2nd and 3rd
Grade Students



4 Harry
Russell
School
Serving 4th
Grade Students

5-6

**Intermediate
School**

Serving 5th and 6th
Grade Students

58 Students Attended the
**Miami Valley Career
Technology Center**



7-8

**West Carrollton
Middle School**

Serving 7th and 8th
Grade Students



9-10-11-12

West Carrollton High School

Serving 9th through 12th Grade Students



24/7 PIRATE PRIDE



Your West Carrollton School Board

Being on the School Board takes a lot of commitment, but it doesn't compare to the commitment required to be a parent or guardian of a child. My decision to be part of the School Board was rooted in my commitment to my own two children. I wanted to

be actively involved in their lives and their education.

Both have now graduated, but my commitment, along with that of my fellow board members, continues. We all want to provide the best education possible for every child in the

school district. We want every child to be successful and have the tools to navigate whatever path they choose after graduation.

I encourage you to be involved in your child's education by reading the communication sent to you each week from your child's school. Attend open houses and parent teacher conferences.

If you don't have children in the school district, you can still be part of the PIRATE PRIDE. Attend an athletic event, a play or concert. There are a lot of events to choose from and you can find them under District Events on our website.

I hope you will join us in being committed to our students and the entire Pirate community!

— Jon Lewallen
School Board President



WC School
Board

Pictured above, left to right, are:

Joe Cox
Term Expires
12/31/23
937-603-1442

Leslie Miller
Vice President
Term Expires
12/31/25
937-268-6091

Jon Lewallen
President
Term Expires
12/31/25
937-623-5440

Autumn Harvey
Term Expires
12/31/23
937-267-4561

Nate Mundy
Term Expires
12/31/25
937-694-0906

Your Superintendent



The Pirates worked hard during the 2022-23 school year and earned high achievements in academics, athletics and the arts! Our Annual Points of Pride gives you a glimpse into some of those stories including a first in West Carrollton — *Both the Valedictorian and Salutatorian earned over a 5.0 GPA*. You will find out more about them as well as other students throughout this publication.

Two schools opened in 2022-23. Preschool through first grade students attended the new Early Childhood Center and fifth and sixth grade students attended the new Intermediate School. This was Phase I of a two-part construction plan. Phase II is construction of an elementary

school that will house second through fourth grade students and a campus that will house Middle School and High School students. You will begin to see activity in the area beside the Early Childhood Center and behind the High School as Phase II gets underway.

Setting goals. Planning. Achieving. It works for students and also our staff. Staff members meet throughout the year to strategize and formulate plans for achievement for all students. I appreciate our staff and I appreciate our families who are engaged in their child's education.

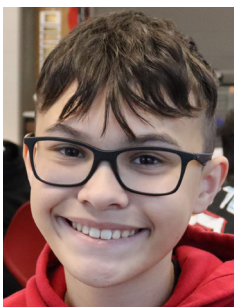
I'm excited to see how our school community shows Pirate Pride this school year!

— Dr. Andrea Townsend
Superintendent

YOUR SCHOOLS

The West Carrollton School District serves students in three communities — *Miami Township, Moraine and West Carrollton.*

Education begins at the Early Childhood Center. Morning and afternoon preschool classes and all-day kindergarten classes at the Early Childhood Center introduce each child to the beginning of their educational journey. Opportunities for every child to succeed happen at every grade level! Using the camera feature on your smart-phone, scan any of the QR codes to find out more!



Early Childhood Center

510 E. Pease Avenue
West Carrollton, OH 45449
937-859-5121, ext. 6

Principal: David Conger
dconger@wcsd.k12.oh.us



*Preschool
through Grade 1*

Harold Schnell School

5995 Student Street
West Carrollton, OH 45449
937-859-5121, ext. 5

Principal: Rebecca Yerman
ryerman@wcsd.k12.oh.us



Grades 2 and 3

Harry Russell School

123 Elementary Drive
West Carrollton, OH 45449
937-859-5121, ext. 4

Principal: Brad Thobe
bthobe@wcsd.k12.oh.us



Grade 4

Intermediate School

4100 S. Dixie Drive
Dayton, OH 45439
937-859-5121, ext. 3

Principal: Dr. Monica Woods
mwoods@wcsd.k12.oh.us



Grades 5 and 6

Middle School

424 E. Main Street
West Carrollton, OH 45449
937-859-5121, ext. 2

Principal: Eric Krissek
ekrissek@wcsd.k12.oh.us



Grades 7 and 8

High School

5833 Student Street
West Carrollton, OH 45449
937-859-5121, ext. 1

Principal: David White
dwhite@wcsd.k12.oh.us



*Grades 9, 10,
11 and 12*



Building Info

- Phone Number
- Address
- Hours



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West Carrollton History!

2023 was the first time in West Carrollton history that both the Valedictorian and Salutatorian graduated with over a 5.0 GPA. Ayah El-Hardan and Ashley Williams were able to achieve that through their outstanding academics as well as taking College Credit Plus courses.



Ayah El-Hardan

Valedictorian — 5.147 GPA

Ayah El-Hardan, achieved a 5.147 GPA. She received a full scholarship from Cornell University where she will major in biology and business. Her goal is to continue her education in dental school and open her own practice.



Ashley Williams

Salutatorian — 5.025 GPA

Ashley Williams, achieved a 5.025 GPA. She is attending the University of Dayton and majoring in biology. The College Credit Plus courses along with scholarships will cover approximately 90% of the cost of her continued education.

Over 900 College Credit Plus hours were taken by the Class of 2023



Getting an Associate of Science degree before graduating from High School was my goal.

— A'Niyah Johnson

A'Niyah Johnson graduated twice in 2023. Her 19 College Credit Plus courses earned her an Associate of Science degree from Sinclair Community College (pictured) prior to receiving her High School diploma. A'Niyah now has a new goal. She plans to earn two new degrees in mechanical engineering and has received a full scholarship from Indiana Tech to cover the costs of a Bachelor of Science and Master's degree.

West Carrollton provides every student the opportunity to excel in academics. Whatever a student chooses to pursue following graduation — college, trade school, military or the work force — school counselors are available to help students navigate a path to their goal.

Class of 2023
227 Graduates

10 graduates plan to join the military



Seth Bernal enlisted in the Air Force and plans to serve in the National Guard. He will use benefits provided from the Air Force to continue his education and earn a business degree. His goal is to work in real estate.

16 graduates received an ERA award every year since 6th grade

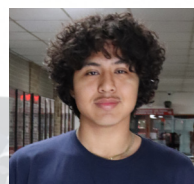


The Education Recognition Association recognizes academic achievement for students in sixth grade through High School. Kailey Humerick received her seven year award. She was a member of the Competition Cheerleading team that went to the state competition. She is attending the University of Kentucky to study biology.

30 graduates received an Honors Diploma



Mikaylah Reisenger (left) and Madelyn Schoenberger (right) were two of the thirty graduates who received an Honors Diploma. Both will be attending Wright State University. Mikaylah plans to major in elementary education and deaf studies. Madelyn plans to major in psychology with a minor in forensics.



Christopher Castro Orellana received an Honors Diploma. He will be attending Wright State

University and focusing on the nursing program.

14 graduates achieved a 4.0 or higher GPA



Hannah Schueller was one of the students who had a 4.0 or higher. She also received the Franklin B. Walter scholarship at a celebration attended by (left to right) school Counselor, Sara Opperman; Teacher of Influence, Laura Bukosky; Hannah Schueller; Principal Candice Haffner; and Superintendent, Dr. Andrea Townsend.

25 graduates attended the Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC)

One of those graduates was Nolan Batterton who participated in the Aviation Maintenance Technician program. During his senior year, he was one of two students who signed on with PSA to become a Mechanic through the Maintenance Student Pathway Program. The opportunity gave him a \$2,500 signing bonus and the possibility of a job offer following graduation that starts at over \$25 an hour plus an additional \$2,500.

The PSA program was interesting because it was a really good opportunity to have a job already set up when we leave high school. I plan to go to work at PSA and stay there to gain experience.
— Nolan Batterton



21 graduates achieved a 3.5 or higher GPA

28 graduates received

scholarships totaling \$108,500 from the Dayton-Montgomery County Scholarship program. *Recipients included Mikaylah, Madelyn, Hannah and Michaela!*

8 graduates received

scholarships totaling \$10,050 from the ERA. Nathan Lewallen plans to use the \$500 he received for expenses at Liberty University where he will major in Government: Politics, Policy.



14 graduates were members of the National Honor Society



Michaela Salinas was a member of the National Honor Society, received a seven-year ERA award and earned an Honors Diploma. She served on Student Council and was the head of the Pep Rally Committee. Michaela will be attending Wright State University to focus on pre-med with a goal of becoming a doctor.

Tyler Knott was a member of NHS, received his seven year ERA award,



received an Honors Diploma and had over a 4.0 GPA. He received a \$2,300 scholarship from the ERA which he will use at Sinclair.

What is the difference between a bond issue and an operating levy?

Building Bond Issue

The money generated from a building bond issue is used for new construction, renovation, upgrades to a facility, or related site improvements. *A Building Bond Issue was passed in November, 2019.*

Operating Levy

The money generated from an operating levy is used for the day to day operating costs of the district. Examples would be textbooks, technology, utilities, custodial services, transportation, facility maintenance, supplies and personnel costs. *An Operating Levy was passed in 2016 and an Operating Levy Renewal was passed in 2020. The Renewal did not increase taxes.*

Permanent Improvement Levy

The money generated from a permanent improvement levy is used for large maintenance or equipment costs. Examples would be a building roof, a new school bus, building security systems or parking lot pavement projects.

An Operating Levy was passed in 2016 and an Operating Levy Renewal was passed in 2020. The Renewal did not increase taxes.

Want to know more about school levies? Scan to connect to this publication from the Ohio School Boards Association.



Why build new schools?

An independent study by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission of each school in the district determined that the cost of maintenance and updates needed outweighed the cost of constructing new buildings.

Passage of the Building Bond Issue locked in the commitment from the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) to pay for 81% of the co-funded cost of construction for four new district schools with the community portion being 19%. A two phase construction plan began immediately after the Building Bond Issue was passed in November, 2019.

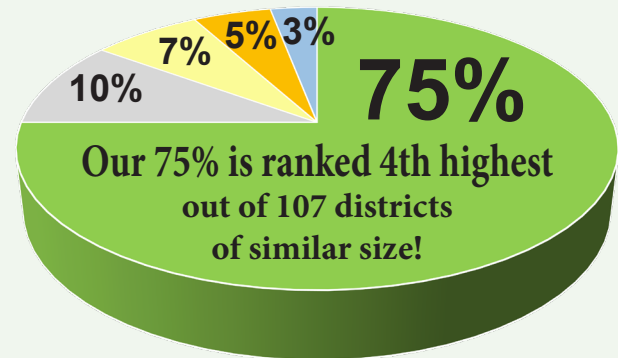
Phase I was the construction of an Early Childhood Center and Intermediate School. Both opened for the 2022-23 school year.

Phase II is construction of an elementary school for grades two through four and a campus to house Middle School and High School students. Ground breaking for Phase II is scheduled for the Fall of 2023.

Our 76¢ is ranked 4th highest out of 107 districts of similar size!

How a Dollar is Spent

.75 Classroom Instruction
.10 Support and Administration
.07 Operations and Maintenance
.05 Transportation
.03 Food Service
\$1.00

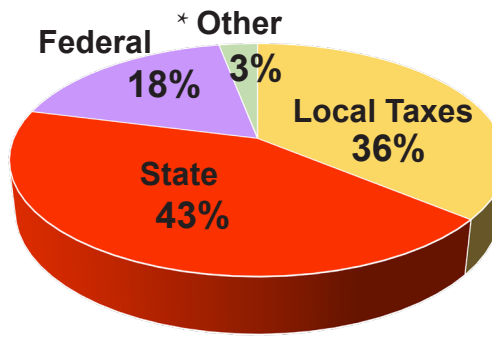


FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

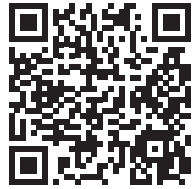
Revenue

State	43%
Local Taxes	36%
Federal	18%
* Other	3%
TOTAL	100%

* Sources of "Other Revenue" include pay to participate fees, tuition from other school districts for court placed students and interest income.



Scan to meet the treasurer, check out the five-year forecast and more!



Ohio Auditor of State Award —

The citizens you represent are well served by your effective and accountable financial practices.

Grants

Local Grants	27,952
State Grants	354,679
Federal Grants	7,528,883
TOTAL	\$ 7,911,514



Employees from local company, Domtar, donated backpacks and school supplies to students at the beginning of the school year. They later returned with a check for \$6,400 that was divided between Pirate Robotics and the West Carrollton High School Mural Club. Donated funds are received and processed by the treasurer's office.



Grants received included over \$7,000 from the West Carrollton Education Foundation that goes directly into classrooms.

75¢ of each dollar

is returned to students!

This includes teachers, classroom supplies and equipment as well as support services including nurses, psychologists and media centers.

10¢

pays for support and administration including human resources, curriculum, staff development, principals (including new High School principal, David White).

7¢

pays for building maintenance and custodial services as well as utilities. Maintenance worker, Dan LaForce, is a WC grad!

5¢

pays for transportation costs, including fuel, drivers and training. Each bus is thoroughly cleaned inside and out every summer.

3¢

pays for food service costs. Although the food service department is completely self funded, the treasurer's office receives and processes the revenue and expenditures.



Preschool Receives 5 Star Step Up to Quality Award



Step Up to Quality (SUTQ) is administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ promotes learning and development for the preschool classes at the Early Childhood Center and recognizes programs that meet quality standards.

One thing that happens every day in preschool is reading. Pictured is a teacher using a puppet to help bring to life a story from a book she is reading to a student. Reading is a foundation for every child's education!



Energizing the body helps to energize the mind! A free breakfast is available to every student to start the day. Lunches meet government guidelines that include a fruit, vegetable, grain, protein, milk and low sodium count.



Preschool to Graduation

Many of our Pirates begin their education journey in the preschool at the Early Childhood Center. That includes the 2023 Valedictorian, Ayah El-Hardan, who graduated with a 5.147 grade point average. Ayah received a full scholarship to attend Cornell University.



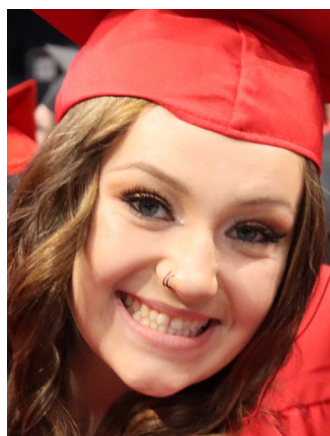
Be Safe • Be Respectful • Be Responsible

Students are urged to make good choices by determining if their actions are safe, respectful and responsible. The staff encourages this at every grade level!

School bus drivers are often the first and last school employee a student sees during the day! Every driver receives ongoing training to provide safe transportation. Some drivers further test their driving by participating in the Ohio School Bus Driver Safety Road-E-O.

2022-23 Enrollment — 3,351 students
Our focus is on every child!
from the Early Childhood Center to graduation!

Keeping students safe and healthy is a priority for every staff member, and especially a priority for school nurses.



Every school has a nurse to provide services to students including dispensing medications, monitoring dietary needs, reviewing vaccination records, recording allergies and, of course, putting on an occasional bandage! Nurses also provide care to employees if an injury occurs which helps reduce health insurance and workers' compensation costs.

STUDENT SERVICES

Number of Teachers 259

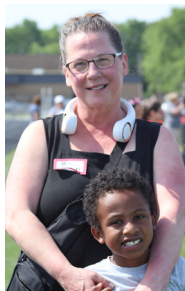
Average Years of
Classroom
Experience 16

Number of Teachers
Who Have a
Master's Degree..... 199

Kindergarten teacher, Hallie Addington, is one of 199 teachers who have a Master's Degree. She began teaching in 1998 and has 25 years of experience that she brings to her students. *Did you know she is a West Carrollton graduate?*



100% of Education Support Professionals who work directly with students have a para-professional endorsement and educational aide permit from the State of Ohio including Lisa Martin who is an Attendant at Harry Russell.



Mrs. Martin works with individuals and small groups of students to provide support throughout the day.

Gifted
Students Served 151

Disabled
Students Served 714

English as a
Second Language
Students Served 305

Preschool
Students Served 168

Be a Pirate • Be Kind

Kind hearts and kind conversations can be the beginning of new friendships. Students at Harry Russell created hearts that contained kind phrases. This is one of many PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) activities that students participate in throughout the year.



Coping Skills

Students at the Middle School learned different coping skills to deal with stress. Pictured are students interacting with one of the visiting therapy dogs. Other coping skill activities included art projects and a craft project to make dog toys out of old t-shirts.



Looking Into the Future

Eighth grade students learned more about career opportunities including broadcasting, theater, music production, health fields, trades, engineering, athletic training, teaching and interior design. Career professionals came in to give students more information about jobs in these areas, answer questions and even provide some hands-on opportunities. Pictured is a student who tried out a camera during a session presented by the Miami Valley Communications Council.



A group of of High School juniors and seniors traveled to the Ohio Operating Engineers Training Center where students were able to explore various career and apprenticeship programs available through the Construction Career Expo. While attending the Expo, students were able to learn about the educational requirements, skills, salary and benefits the various career fields offer along with Apprenticeship programs that students can take advantage of to become an experienced journeyman in that field. A highlight for most students was the ability to participate in hands-on activities that included carpentry demo and the use of screw guns, snips and drills, mixing and pouring plaster molds, bending, framing and building tool box trays out of sheet metal, welding/iron work and operating heavy equipment.

College? Trade school? Military? Workplace?

These questions are faced by all of our students! The High School had a Career Fair and invited businesses, colleges, military representatives and trade schools to attend. Students were given the opportunity to meet a variety of individuals and ask questions.





Business Professionals of America (BPA) advisor, Emily Earl, took a selfie with her students when they volunteered for the annual Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. The students assisted the athletes, cheered for them then awarded ribbons at the end of the tournament. The West Carrollton BPA is an extra-curricular club, and this is just one of the community projects the club does throughout the year!



Kassidy Carter placed third in the state BPA competition in the Entrepreneurship category. She went on to compete in the National competition!



Madelyn Schoenberger earned her way to the National competition in Health Administration Procedures. She is now attending Wright State University.



◀ West Carrollton Fire Chief, Chris Barnett, helped serve lunch at the Early Childhood Center, then sat down to talk with students. West Carrollton and Moraine firefighters are active in schools throughout the year promoting safety. *Did you know Chief Barnett is a West Carrollton graduate?*



◀ Students in Mrs. Sanders' first grade class learned about giving and the number 100. They made 100 cards, counted out 100 sweet snacks and counted out 100 bags of chips. The items were donated to residents at the Laurels of West Carrollton and they were 100% satisfied with the kind donation!

Pirates give back to the community.
The community gives back to the Pirates!



Did you know that a student who donates blood in High School is more likely to become a life-long blood donor? Henry Sparks donated at the



annual blood drive at the High School. He was one of 82 students, along with Adaijah Pigman and

Jake Curry who registered to donate to the Community Blood Center. The blood drive promotes Unity in the Community and a friendly rivalry with Miamisburg High School. Each year the traditional rivals host fall blood drives and alternate choosing a charity to receive the \$1,000 Unity Award sponsored by Universal 1. The Pirates donated the award to Pirate Packs.



The Community Blood Center donated 4,737 food items and a check for \$2,500 that went to Pirate Packs. Pirate Packs provides food for the weekend to students in need. Visit piratepacks.org to find out more about Pirate Packs.



The band brought music to residents of the Kennedy Way Community Living Center at the Dayton VA for Veterans Day. The weather was warm, so the concert was held at the historic band stand.



Early Childhood Center students made special cards that were delivered to veterans at the Dayton VA for Veterans Day.



Early Childhood Center students used their coloring skills to make holiday cards that were delivered to local nursing home residents.



Dr. Townsend was ready to meet families at National Night Out in Moraine. She was joined by school principals who were ready to answer questions and meet students.

Students have the opportunity to be involved in many different after-school activities including the Drone Club at the Intermediate School. Teacher, Dawn Kincer, received a grant to purchase drones. Students learned how to program and fly the drones through a series of obstacles and challenges for competition.



Homecoming is a community event!

Pirates ride in floats and cars. The band plays. Teams march through the streets. The best part is when the community arrives to line the sidewalks to watch the Homecoming parade and support the Pirates! The fun continues the following evening when the Homecoming King and Queen are crowned prior to the beginning of the football game.



Oscar Garcia met with representatives from VFW Post #3438

when he received a \$3,000 scholarship from the Post and the Ladies Auxiliary. Oscar will be able to use the scholarship at Wright State University where he will be majoring in anthropology. His long term goal is to be working in a museum as a forensic anthropologist. He attended West Carrollton Schools since preschool and was involved in Business Professionals of America, orchestra and the National Honor Society. Oscar was one of 30 graduates from the Class of 2023 who received an Honors Diploma.



Miami Valley League (MVL) Recognizes PIRATE Athletes

Cheerleading

The Competition Cheer Team won the Miami Valley League Division Trophy and earned their way to the state competition!

Victoria Babb (junior) and **Sienna Payton-Bell** were named **1st Team**. **Kenzie Bauman** (senior) and **Abby Hall** (senior) were named **2nd Team**.



Boys' Bowling

Jordan Banning (senior) won the MVL bowling championship tournament by rolling a 206, 278 and 238 for an incredible 722 series, beating out his closest opponent by 76 pins. He was named **1st Team** by the MVL. Jordan is continuing his education at Sinclair focusing on aviation studies, then plans to transfer to a four-year university to pursue an engineering degree. He wants to build and wire rockets and dreams of eventually working for SpaceX.



Football

Antonio Robinson (junior) was named **2nd Team**. **Logan Cloyd** and **Jake Curry** (seniors) received an **Honorable Mention**.

Logan Cloyd played football and basketball and was recognized by the MVL in football. He is going to attend Hocking College where he will major in business and continue to play football. When asked where he sees himself in 10 years, he said, "Rich and famous, or at least rich, and still playing football."



Volleyball

Dai'jha Barnes (senior) and **Tayla Martin** (sophomore) received an **Honorable Mention**.

Wrestling

Vincent Jensvold (junior) received an **Honorable Mention**.

Softball

Carsen Oda (junior) and **Lilly Parker** (sophomore) were named **2nd Team**.

Girls' Basketball

Selena Frost (junior) and **Ashyia Maddickes** (senior) were named **1st Team**. **China Marzette** (senior) and **Ti'yah Parker** (sophomore) received an **Honorable Mention**.

Boys' Basketball

The Boys' High School Basketball team finished first in their division of the Miami Valley League.

Chylan Ingram (sophomore) was named **1st Team**; **Javen Vaughn** (junior) was named **2nd Team**; and **Remi Gilmore** (senior) received an **Honorable Mention**.

The Boys' 7th Grade Basketball team were MVL Regular and Postseason Champions.



Boys' Track & Field

Aret Kadiri (senior) was named **1st Team in 110 Meter High Hurdles**. **Richard Stark** (senior) received an **Honorable Mention in Pole Vault**.

Girls' Soccer

Rheann Rosfeld (junior) was named **2nd Team**. **Brooklyn Williamson** (junior) received an **Honorable Mention**.

Boys' Soccer

Aiden Bayless (sophomore) was named **2nd Team**. **Dominick Haynes** (senior) received an **Honorable Mention**.

Girls' Tennis

Autumn Brewer and **Payten Agee** (juniors) were named **2nd Team in Doubles**. **Deja Glover** (freshman) received an **Honorable Mention in Singles**.

Boys' Tennis

Ben Carpenter and **Tommy Haught** (seniors) were named **2nd Team in Doubles**.



Ben Carpenter participated in football, tennis and the academic challenge and was recognized by the MVL for Tennis Doubles. He is

attending Sinclair to major in sports marketing.

Tommy Haught

enjoyed playing tennis and was recognized by the MVL for Tennis Doubles.

He is attending Bowling Green State University to study digital arts and business management.



Girls' Track & Field

The Girls' Track & Field Team Brought Home the Miami Valley League Division Trophy!

Serenity Foster, **Brooklyn Williamson**, **China Marzette** and **Ashyia Maddickes** were named **1st Team for the 1600 Meter Relay**. **Ashyia Maddickes** was named **1st Team for the Long Jump** and **2nd Team for the 400 Meter Dash**. **Serenity Foster** was named **2nd Team for the 200 Meter Dash**. **China Marzette** was named **2nd Team for the High Jump**.



Ashyia Maddickes, has been breaking records in Track & Field since Middle School. She holds the Middle School record in the Long Jump at 15'8" and finished ninth in the state. She holds the High School record in the Long Jump at 16'10" and the Triple Jump at 34'1".

Basketball was another sport where Ashyia excelled. Her High School records in basketball were earning the most points in a game when she scored 31 against Fairborn and first in career rebounds with 772. Her 11.6 rebounds per game tied her for first in the Miami Valley League.

Ashyia attended the pre-nursing program at Miami Valley Career Technology Center and is now attending Berea College to major in nursing with plans of becoming a pediatric nurse.



Baseball

Cameron Ekberg (senior) and **Xavier Jones** (junior) were named **2nd Team**. **Ben Martin** (sophomore) received an **Honorable Mention**.

Cameron Ekberg, has been a life-long baseball fan. He has played different positions while learning the game, but being a left-handed pitcher is where he shines. Ekberg was pitching at 72 mph a few years ago when he met former Dayton Dragons player, Andrew McDonald. With McDonald's help, he increased his speed to 80 mph. He continued to work with coaches, including West Carrollton Head Baseball Coach, Marc Hill, and is now pitching at 88 mph.

That hard work, along with his academics, paid off. He was joined by High School staff when he signed to play baseball and continue his education at Heidelberg University. He plans to major in sports management and is considering doing a double major to include business. Continuing to play baseball is important to Ekberg and his future goals. He would love to eventually be a pitcher for his favorite team, the Cincinnati Reds. Long term, he wants to have his own baseball facility and summer team as well as be a leader in the sport and give back to others.





Pictured above are students that were excited to point out their artwork at the first ever Intermediate School Art Show.

The Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) held a solo and ensemble adjudicated event the weekend of January 27. West Carrollton students from the band, choir and orchestra performed resulting in a combined **14 Superior** ratings; **17 Excellent** ratings; and **10 Good** ratings.

Superior

5 — Band
5 — Choir
4 — Orchestra

Excellent

2 — Band
9 — Choir
6 — Orchestra

Good

3 — Band
2 — Choir
5 — Orchestra

The ratings represent all of the hard work students and music teachers do to prepare for concerts, competitions and performances and reflect similar results at other adjudicated music events.

Pictured below is instrumental teacher, Laura Bukosky, leading the marching band onto the football field for the annual Pink-Out game. The marching band is joined by the color guard and Pirettes for pre-game and half-time shows. All of the groups begin practicing in the summer to prepare for performances.



Students learned a variety of methods to produce artwork and the show was attended by family and friends.



High School students displayed their artwork at a special Multicultural Social Justice Project exhibit at the City of West Carrollton. The artwork was later displayed at the K12 Tejas Gallery in downtown Dayton.

Creativity begins at the Early Childhood Center!





Orchestra, band and vocal music teachers, along with their students, visit elementary schools to perform and introduce younger students to music programs available beginning in sixth grade. Pictured above is instrumental teacher, Marissa Ericson, speaking with Schnell students about orchestra.

Ashley Williams

said, "Mrs. Ericson was a positive factor in my life." Ashley earned the title of violin concertmaster in orchestra.



Diego Leal played Lurch in the Spring Musical. He is pictured at the far right in the ensemble photo. How did he get so tall? He wore stilts for the entire performance!



He wasn't recognized with a Miami Valley High School Theatre Award, but Diego has bigger goals. When asked where he saw himself in 10 years, he said, "I'll be taking over Mr. Coleman's job."

Mr. Coleman is the vocal music teacher at the Middle School and High School and spends countless hours on the Spring Musical every year. Diego has had him as a teacher since sixth grade and said, "He gave me the confidence to pursue music and told me I could make something of it."

Diego is attending Bowling Green State University and majoring in music education.



Lucy Byrd performed in the Fall Play and the Spring Musical. She received an Outstanding Actress in a Play award for her performance as Winnie and Pamela in *Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play*. Lucy is active in many school activities including vocal music.

Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards

The Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards recognizes performances of students on the stage as well as their work behind the scenes. There are 26 participating schools who join together for a Showcase to highlight student achievements during the school year.

West Carrollton students presented Fall Play, *Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play* and the Spring Musical, *The Addams Family*. Both productions garnered performance awards.

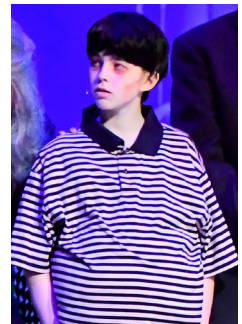


The Addams Family - A New Family Comedy



Merit Award
Lead Actor in a Musical
Nathan Lewallen
as Uncle Fester

Merit Award
Supporting Actress in a Musical
Alahna Ramby
as Pugsley Addams



Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play

Merit Award
Ensemble in a Play
Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play

Merit Award
Lead Actress in a Play
Kassidy Carter
as Ellen / Announcer

Merit Award
Supporting Actor in a Play
Mason Aydelott
as Robert / Mr. Memory

Outstanding
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Play
Lucy Byrd
as Winnie / Pamela