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## Six elected to student leadership positions

**By Ed Murrow**

Six students have been elected to fill leadership positions for the 2022-23 school year.

Senior Monserrath Ramirez was elected student body president and was motivated to run for the office to “end the school year right.”

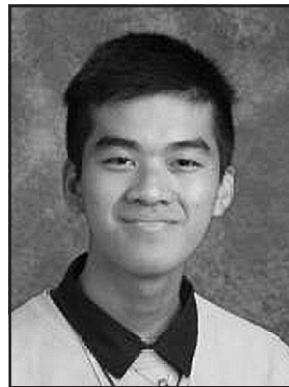
“I felt I was a good candidate because even before becoming president, I was very involved in school with sports, clubs and volunteering,” she said.

Ramirez Ramirez said she wants to bring back sports tournaments throughout the school year, create class competitions for prizes that will create more spirit and get students involved and initiate lunch fund-raisers to be used for school activities and to help fund school athletics.

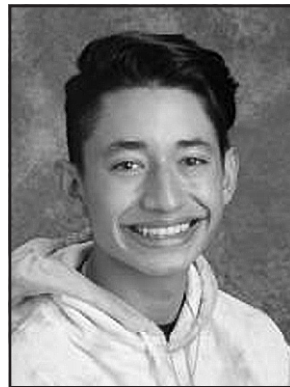
She also wants to work on the senior trip and a Hispanic dance. “Can wait to make this season one to remember,” she said.



Ramirez Ramirez



Santos



Cordova Solares

Junior Jaairo Santos was elected as student body vice president and said his motivation to run for the office was “to use my reputation to benefit the school and to use my skills of emotional intelligence to support other council members.”

His focus is to increase school spirit.

His plans include commercializing the tennis courts, fund-raising through class competitions, incorporating music into school and advocating for everyone’s concerns.

Jeferson Cordova Solares won the post of senior class president. His goal is to lead the senior class into enjoying

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Ramirez



Kamal



McCarthy

## Student loan forgiveness and its future impact

**By Bill Amhearst**

The Biden administration’s recently initiated plan for a wide-scale student loan forgiveness has sparked a controversial debate throughout the halls of education and the back rooms of Congress.

The new initiative stipulates millions of student loan borrowers will be eligible for \$10,000 in standard loan forgiveness, or up to \$20,000 in Pell Grants. In order to qualify, individuals must earn under \$125,000 in annual income if single or \$250,000 if married.

The controversial plan poses many unanswered questions for future college students and for those individuals who have successfully paid off their student-incurred debt.

“I haven’t had any kids come in and ask about the forgiveness legislation,” said Wooster lead counselor Erin Danielsen. “I have had kids ask a lot about how they can pay for college without loans.”

The concept behind federal financial aid for students can be very confusing.

“Some (students) don’t even

understand the concept of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) until they apply,” Danielsen said. “We do our best their senior year to go over it, but some still don’t grasp it. That means some may question the legislation, but no one is talking about it to me or Mr. McCann.”

The forgiveness application will be available in early October and can be accessed online via the Education Department’s [StudentAid.gov](http://StudentAid.gov) website.

A wide range of nearly all government-held loans including undergraduate loans, graduate loans and Parent PLUS loans can qualify. Government-held loans include all federal direct student loans as well as some FFEL-program loans and Perkins loans held by the government. Defaulted federal student loans also qualify.

Danielsen knows first hand the impact of student loans.

“I am grateful for the loan forgiveness loophole since Biden,” she said. “Because of that loophole, I was able to pay off my never-ending student loans. I didn’t think I would ever finish

paying my loans off, and I did, because of the program.”

One of the objections to the program is it fair to those students who paid off their student loans on their own.

“Anyone who paid off their loan prior to the loophole should feel a sting and I can’t say I wouldn’t either,” Danielsen said. “They didn’t get anything waived or paid off and to see others benefit is harsh.

“However, the reality is that anyway you spin it, their loans, my loans, are done and that’s where the energy should be placed.”

The education Department will use a “waterfall” method when applying either the \$10,000 or \$20,000 student loan forgiveness for borrowers who have larger balances. The forgiveness will be prioritized in the following order:

- Defaulted Department of Education held loans;
- Defaulted commercial FFEL Program loans;
- Non-defaulted Direct Loan Program loans and FFEL Program loans held by the department;

- Perkins Loans held by the department

For borrowers with multiple loans in a specific type of program, forgiveness will be applied in the following order:

- Loans with highest interest rate will get first priority.
  - If interest rates are the same, student loan forgiveness will be applied to unsubsidized loans prior to subsidized loans.
  - If the interest and subsidy status are identical, the forgiveness will be applied to the most recent loan.
- Students with remaining balances after the forgiveness amount has been applied will have their balanced re-amortized which should reduce the monthly payment amount.

This reduction of monthly loan repayment could result in a potential reduction of hundreds of dollars per month.

The unanswered question remains what impact will this program have on college students of the future who apply for students loans and are obligated to repay them.

## Stricter policy on headphones, earbuds

**By Kianna Magno**

This year, the school’s administration has enforced a stricter policy where headphones or earbuds are not allowed in class.

Headphones and earbuds may only be allowed during passing periods; but only one earbud is allowed in while passing period.

Many students from last year have acknowledged this policy and noticed that compared to last year this year’s policy is more strict.

“This year’s policy is more strict due to an Emergency Announcement and Issue,” said Wooster dean of students, Jandaya Pond. “In case of an emergency announcement, students should be able to hear the announcement. An example is a code red.

“How are students supposed to learn when listening to music,” Pond asked. “Even with it in, students cannot focus. There’s brain research showing that students cannot focus. And besides, students are here for their education.”

Wooster dean of students Tina Rosa agreed regarding the new policy.

“This year’s earbud policy is more strict for campus safety and how earbuds interfere with instruction,” said Rosa.

Rosa also said teachers sent feedback saying that there’s missed instruction and how students can’t hear announcements for safety policy.

Who is enforcing this policy? “It’s enforced by Wooster Principal Leah Keuscher, but deans talk with other deans. They collect information from staff, students and community members,” Rosa said.

There are consequences for violating the new policy.

“We’ll have a conversation with one earbud in. But if it’s a repetitive problem, we have to call them into student services office and talk to the parents,” Rosa said.

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## Mural class designs on beautifying the school

**By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz**  
Mural art is making a comeback at Wooster this year with Mrs. Spansail bringing it back as a seminar class.

But with mural art not being an elective for so long what exactly can students expect from her and her class and what exactly is her class involve?

Mural art is a class where students are given the ability to paint pictures outside of sketch-books and instead at places like building and walls.

“The purpose of the class is to beautify the school and to add a lasting aesthetic, legacy to the school,” Spansail said.

The class works by splitting students into groups where they are then assigned to teachers who reached out to Spansail about the mural and work together to create a design or theme that the students then use to come up with the what will be drawn/painted on the teacher’s classroom door.

This is only the beginning of the semester and the class is still developing and changing as it goes, Spansail said.

While Spansail is more than happy to teach the class it wasn’t

something she had planned for.

When Mrs.Laramore retired in 2019, Spansail was asked to take on the position as a ceramics teacher because without her the class wouldn’t exist anymore.

She took on the position and a year later and she was asked to teach mural class. But due to the beginning of the pandemic, she refused until recently where she accepted it and made it a seminar class. This change was made due to their being no other time that mural art would fit into the schedule.

The mural art as a class isn’t about the purpose or schedule, but about the painting and where those painting will go beyond just classroom doors.

While she doesn’t have all of murals planned, she does have some of them already ready and planned. These include the basements of the gym, the library specifically the knowledge center and a new IB mural.

Spansail hopes with all of these projects, the class encourages other students to pursue mural making and to make murals of their own.

She encourages others who want murals painted to reach out to her as the class is still open to ideas.

## Smoke cancels JROTC field day, car wash

**By Isis Garcia Cruz**  
The Wooster Battalion Field Day was cancelled due to smoke and is rescheduled for September 23.

The JROTC field day is an event originally scheduled to take place on September 16. Cadets participate in team building activities and exercises. The purpose of this event is to strengthen company and team bonds as well as to test physical endurance.

The activities include push ups, sit ups, pull ups, leg stretches, 50 yard dash, mile run, mile relay, tug of war, rope bridge, and raider obstacle course.

The four-hour event starts at 8 a.m, Cadets are excused from the classes they miss and are required to get any missing work.

The battalion car wash fund-raiser was also cancelled due to smoke and was rescheduled for September 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The JROTC car wash supports JROTC program and its also a way for cadets to contribute to their community.

Each cadet required to sell at least five tickets and can ask for more. The money raised is used for events, tools, uniforms and souvenirs.

## FAFSA meeting Oct. 12

**From staff reports**  
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid night will be held at Wooster in the Career Center on Oct. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m.

“We will have a lot of people there to help parents and students fill out the forms and complete the

process,” said Wooster College and Career Facilitator Kimber Grange.

Grange said she and members of her staff will be visiting senior classes on Oct. 10 and 11 with more information.

FAFSA assists students with college tuition fees.

## School waiting on graduation rate

**By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz**  
With Wooster’s senior Class of 2023 returning to a more normal school year, many are curious about the Class of 2022’s graduation rate.

Wooster’s lead counselor Erin Danielsen sheds some light on the graduates of 2022 as well as how things like the pandemic and hybrid classes affected the graduation rates and what she

expects for the future.

Danielsen said that while the graduation rates for 2022 aren’t available until October, she does expect them to be higher than previous years.

“Last year we graduated more kids than ever before.

She also said more about COVID and how she does believe that it not only had an affect on previous classes, but

will continue to have an affect for quite some time.

But despite this students persevered and saw the value of a earning a diploma. Finally, she said regarding this year’s graduation rate she doesn’t really have an idea what it will be as it’s always hard too say, but at the end of the day those who work hard and are determined will graduate.

## Pandemic negatively impacts IB

**By Emma Kennedy**  
The International Baccalaureate program is a well-known magnet program at Wooster.

The program focuses on challenging students with harder classes and more material to learn with an emphasis on global knowledge and issues. Wooster is the only school in Reno to offer the program.

Since the start of the pandemic, the number of students graduating

from the IB program has dropped.

“I would imagine there are many different reasons as there are students who quit the program,” said diploma coordinator Jennifer Lienau. “If I had to guess, I would say school closures and virtual school during the pandemic made it extremely challenging to complete a program as rigorous as IB.”

Lienau said the 2022 IB graduation ceremony will be held at Wooster on

Saturday, Dec. 17 at 11 am.

In 2021, 15 IB students graduated with a diploma. The Class of 2022 will feature 13 graduating with one. Nationally 86 percent of IB students are passing with a diploma. The Wooster average grade for diploma candidates 4.42, while nationally it is 5.12.

Additional IB statistical data will be released in October.

## News Briefs

### Physics classes combine

**By Darcy Lo**  
Due to low numbers of students taking honors and IB physics Wooster’s administration has decided to combine the two classes in order to give students the opportunity to take a higher level of physics.

Yucui Liu who teaches the class of 12 students teaches the IB Physics material and gives her honors and IB students a separate test after each unit.

“For me as a teacher it’s not difficult to teach class since I’m only teaching the IB material,” she said. “My students have a very high level of understanding and

the students who are left after the first week are doing very well in the class.”

### Debaters place

**From staff reports**  
The Wooster debate competed in its first tournament over the weekend of September 16 at McQueen High School.

Junior Daniel Goldenberg placed fifth in Congress Debate and sophomore Ari Langer placed sixth in Congress Debate.

Wooster debate team will host the next tournament at Wooster on the weekend of October 15.

Contact Mr. Donald Speth if you are interested in being a debate tournament judge.



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## Elections

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school and bringing back the fun before COVID 19 struck.

“I want to encourage more students to participate in spirit days and wear red on Fridays,” Cordova Solares said. “I would also like to add a suggestion box where students can comments to help improve the school.”

Sophomore Zaara Kamal will lead the Class of 2025 as its newly-elected president.

“After doing leadership my freshman year, I learned I enjoyed working on school events and activities,” Kamal said. “Running for office meant I would get to work more behind the scenes helping a greater group of people overall.”

Kamal said school spirit is a priority as well as open communications with the school’s student body. Funding athletics is also one her agenda along with supporting the sophomore class with its MYP projects and academics.

The freshman class elected Monique McCarthy as it’s new president. She wnts to listen to freshmen voices and help her fellow classmates.

“One plan I have is to create boxes called ‘problem solvers’ where students can voice their concerns and say what they want fixed - kind of like secret witness,” McCarthy said. “We will listen and see if we can fix the problem.”

Dominick Ramirez was elected as the junior class president.

Wooster Players present

## “Everybody” Opens Nov. 3

By Christine Reid

Premiering on November 3 and running through November 6, the Wooster Players will be presenting their rendition of “Everybody.”

“Everybody” is a morality play which delves into the question of what it truly means to be “somebody.”

It’s unique in the fact that rather than playing characters, the actors are essentially playing concepts such as Love, Evil, Time, etc.

The plot goes as follows: God, displeased with humanity’s moral blindness, summons death to call Everybody to account for how they’ve lived their life.

Everybody freaks out when death comes calling and begs to be allowed to bring along a companion on the journey to the great beyond.

The audience is introduced

the characters of Friendship, Kinship, Cousin, Stuff, who all rebuff Everybody’s pleas.

Eventually, Love arrives and agrees to accompany Everybody on the journey.

As Love and Everybody approach the grave, Beauty, Senses, and Mind desert them. Setting the scene for Everybody’s final, poignant confrontation with the raw fact of morality.

“It is different,” said Wooster theater teacher Kimberly Gibbons. “It contains a lot of commentary on the world that is relevant to the struggles we still face to this day. It’s also a good way to challenge students, as each person’s role rotates every performance.”

“It’s essentially like we are performing a completely different show every night,” she said.

Tickets will be sold at the box office by the cafeteria.

## Combined psychology class is more challenging

By Emma Kennedy

IB psychology is already a difficult class, no matter if students are in standard level, SL, or higher level, HL.

The class requires lots of attention and understanding.

The difficult class just got a little bit harder. Instead of having two separate classes for SL and HL, the classes have been combined into one class period.

The two class levels are physically separated in the classroom. SL learns on one side of the class while HL works on the other.

For many students, the combined class makes it difficult to learn.

“There are too many people and it’s too crowded. It also feels like one group can’t work because

another interrupts,”

said senior Makayla Ondelacy.

“The noise level is very high in the class because it is so full and some of the HL students are very loud when Mr. Mills is trying to talk to the SL students,” said SL student Cheyanne Horton.

The combination of the two classes was necessary according to Wooster Principal Leah Keuscher. She said because HL and SL are such small classes on their own, giving them their own class period would disrupt the balance of all the classes.

Keuscher also said that because the material in both classes are similar. Two different levels in one class shouldn’t make learning harder for either parties.

## Disc Golf wants you

By Darcy Lo

Wooster’s disc golf club is looking for new members to join. The club accepts all levels of players and students are now encouraged to join as many of it’s members are still in their beginning stages.

The club’s goal is to help grow the sport at Wooster as well as setting up nine portable baskets to host tournaments and get other schools in the district together to play.

“A reason to join here at Wooster would be to get involved in something if you’re

not involved in something other than showing up to your classes, said club adviser Derek Vaughan. “It’s a good opportunity to meet new people and learn the sport that is the fastest growing sport in American right now.”

The disc golf club meets every Tuesday during lunch in B3 but can be found in the quad if the weather is nice.

For further questions about the club talk to the club’s president Jenny Rodriguez or vice president Tania Luna.

Hoofprints Survey

## Longer lunch for longer school day?

By Destanee Butler

Wooster High School students receive 35-minutes of lunch. How would students feel with an extra 15-minutes of lunch and expand the school day for 15 minutes?

Hoofprints surveyed senior, junior and sophomore seminar students to determine their opinions.

Out of the 75 students responding, only 17 students chose a longer lunch and a longer school day.

The overwhelming majority, 58

students said “no.”

“I think it would be a good idea to extend lunch an extra 15-minutes,” said senior Dylan Riggan.

“It would be nice to have an extra 15-minutes of lunch again. But the bad side is that there is more time for students to get into trouble,” said science teacher Ray Swigart.

Wooster principal Leah Keuscher was not in favor of an extended lunch.

“We are not looking to extend our lunch period,” she said. “We have found that adding time to lunch does nothing to eliminate tardiness. Behavior issues begin to occur at the 30-minute time period.”

Another factor in possibility extending the school day to accommodate a longer lunch involves adapting bus transportation schedules which is not even considered a possibility.

## New greenhouse for horticulture

By Esdras Mora

During the 2022 summer, local non-profit Root-Ed gifted and installed the new modular greenhouse, north of IA building, right in between the football and baseball fields.

Root-Ed’s local mission is to empower communities to implement greenhouses in local K-12 schools.

Wooster and Pine Middle School are the only two schools in the Washoe County school District with a Root-Ed greenhouse.

The Career Technical Education horticulture/landscaping class will continuously upgrade the new greenhouse with electrical work for lighting and water pipelines that will connect to the greenhouse from the schools sprinkler system.

Students will help in connecting the watering system, however the electrical work will not be carried out by students due to high risks in the operation.

“The greenhouse will provide year-round produce,” landscaping and horticulture teacher Joe Mac Sellers said.

Tomatoes, a warmer weather crop are planted during spring and summer, but as the school year enters autumn and winter, cold weather crops such as spinach kale and carrots are planted instead.

Once harvesting time arrives, the students will collect the produce and sell it to our school faculty, students and student families.

The funds raised through the harvest will go straight back into the horticulture/landscaping CTE program. To accommodate for future students and their materials and resources.

“Our main goal is to teach students the responsibility of growing something from scratch with the art of nurturing living specimens,” Sellers said, “as well as learning about the foods they eat for a healthier diet.”



Above: Horticulture and landscaping teacher Joe Mac Sellers stands in front for Wooster new greenhouse. Below: Some of the plants currently growing in the greenhouse.

Both Joe Mac Sellers and Bo Sellers teach CTE classes, but it was Bo Sellers who recruited Joe for the horticulture program due to his experience in the field.

During Joe Mac Sellers’s time as a student at Wooster, he would mow the baseball field for coach Malcolm and take care of other plant life around the school.

As the school year progresses, the organic and domestic



produce will be more readily available for students and staff all year long.

## Stricter policy

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She also said she tries her best to enforce this policy since last year there was around 1,500 students and only one dean.

Rosa understands the use of earbuds. “I’m not opposed to the earbuds being in, I actually love music.”

She did say that she feels bad for the many students that have lost their AirPods or Earbuds. She appreciates anyone who turns in lost AirPods or Earbuds.

Students have their own opinions on the stricter earbud policy. “There’s no way to stop stu-

dents from doing it,” said senior Kylee Vega. “It doesn’t disrupt the environment, and some people need it to learn.”

“I don’t care, but I think music helps people focus,” said junior Jose Murillo.

“These teachers need us to use our headphones because they’re mean,” said freshman Quincy Dressler.

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**See Mr. Baer in Room C7.**

## At the Flicks

By Zayden Tittensor

Let's start off with the upcoming movies for October. First film for the month is "Halloween Ends."

After four years since the last film in the series release, "Halloween Kills," Laurie (Jamie Lee Curtis) decides to embrace life rather than the fear of Micheal controlling her.

But when a young man, Corey Cunningham, is accused of killing a boy, it forces Laurie to confront the evil she can't control.

The "final" Halloween film is in theaters as well on Peacock on Oct. 14.

The second major film release is "Black Adam" starring Dwayne Johnson as Black Adam himself.

This is the latest release from the DC universe and finally hits the big screen after almost six years of retooling and changes due to the pandemic and other production issues.

After being imprisoned for nearly 5,000 year as well being bestowed the powers of the Egyptian gods, Black Adam seeks to unleash his unique form of justice on the modern world.

Black Adam is portrayed as the film's dark hero/villain.

The film also features members of the DC Justice League who confront Black Adam in his quest for justice.

The movie opens in theaters on Oct. 21.

The interesting fact about "Halloween Ends" is it also coming out on Peacock which is NBC's streaming service.

In today's media world, more people are watching shows, movies on streaming services at home more then ever before.

Hence, why most movies come out with the movie on a premium streaming service a month after the movie's theater release and multiple streaming apps.

Due to this, movies are only costing up to \$3 to stream across the whole U.S., so they can pull in fewer people to spend at the movies since they have to pay for food, to clean up the place and more importantly less work for their employees.

This is evident by Cineworld's filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in September. The British-owned organization is the second largest cinema chain operator in the world with more than 5,000 screens across 10 countries with 28,000 employees.

## Question of the Month

By Makayla Ondelacy

Now that the pandemic is over, do you feel like school is back to normal?

**Staff:**

"Yes. I feel like it is almost back to normal, and it is so nice to see everyone's smiling faces. I think it's also great to be back to more normal and diverse classroom activities."



– Ashley Lebalch



"In a lot of ways, yes and I think it's mostly in the students energy and attitudes improvement, but I think it's still not over yet."

– Griffin Peralta

**Seniors:**

"I do feel like school is somewhat back to normal, except for certain activies we don't get to have because of the pandemic."



– Sarai Reyes



"I do feel like school had turned back to normal since class seems to be back to normal and most people in my class don't really wear masks or social distance."

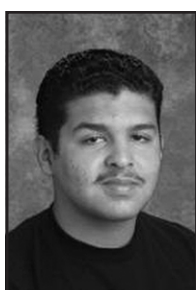
– Ivan Strunk

**Juniors:**

"I feel like it is norml to be back, but it's a lot easier and there isn't as much pressure as before Covid."



– Chesney Sampson



"No. It still feels like I'm getting back into things even after a year of trying to get into them. I feel like they're trying to force and rush rules and all these disrict on us instead of slowly trying to implement things again."

– Esteban Jacinto

**Sophomores:**

"Honestly I don't even know what normal looks like anymore. I'm sure high school was way better before all of this."



– Soraya Dominguez



"Yea, I think that it's back to normal."

– Xandro Chavez

**Freshman:**

"I feel like school is the same, but certain things are different and weird."

– Rihanna Godoy



"Yes, I think it is back to normal."

– Alejandro Guerrero

## October Calendar

Compiled By Staff Reports

- 01 Cross Country Meet -Rattle Snake Mountain, 9 a.m.
- Girls Soccer vs. Hug, 11:45 a.m.
- 03 After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- 04 After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Girls Basketball, Large Gym, 6 p.m.
- 05 Volleyball @ Truckee: JV 5 p.m.; Varsity 6 p.m.
- 06 After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Girls Soccer @ Truckee, 3:45 p.m.
- Football vs. Truckee: JV 4:30 p.m.; Varsity 7 p.m.
- Girls Basketball, Large Gym, 6 p.m.
- 07 After School Tutoring, College and Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- 08 Italian Festival, Downtown Reno, 8 a.m.
- Boys Soccer @ Hug: JV 9 a.m.; Varsity 10:45 a.m.
- 10 Girls Golf Regionals, TBA, 9 a.m.
- Freshman Townhall, Big Gym, 10 a.m.
- Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, C13; lunch After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- 11 Sophomore Townhall Meeting, Big Gym, 10 a.m.
- After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Wooster Booster Meeting, College and Career Center, 5 p.m.
- Girls Basketball, Large Gym, 6 p.m.
- 12 Volleyball @ North Valleys: JV 5 p.m.; Varsity 6 p.m.
- Boys Soccer vs. Reed: JV 3:30 p.m.; Varsity 5:15 p.m.
- FAFSA Night, College and Career Center, 6 p.m.
- 13 Junior Townhall, Big Gym, 10 a.m.
- After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Girls Soccer @ North Valleys, 3:45 p.m.
- Girls Basketball, Large Gym, 6 p.m.
- 14 Senior Townhall, Big Gym, 10 a.m.
- Speech and Debate Tournament, Wooster Campus, Noon
- Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, C13; lunch After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Cross Country Meet, North Valleys High School, 3 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Sparks: JV 5 p.m.; Varsity 6 p.m.
- 15 Speech and Debate Tournament, Wooster Campus, 8 a.m.
- Boys Soccer vs. North Valleys: JV 9 a.m.; Varsity 10:45 a.m.
- Football @ North Valleys: JV 10 a.m.; Varsity 1 p.m.
- 17 Sugar Skulls Gram Sales, 8 a.m.
- Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, C13; lunch After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- 18 Sugar Skulls Gram Sales, 8 a.m.
- Girls Golf State Tournament, TBA, Noon
- Cross Country Meet, Golden Valley Park, 9 a.m.
- After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Girls Basketball, Large Gym, 6 p.m.
- 19 Sugar Skulls Gram Sales, 8 a.m.
- Boys Soccer @ Carson: JV 5 p.m.; Varsity 6:45 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. South Tahoe: JV 5 p.m.; Varsity 6 p.m.
- IB 101 Meeting, College and Career Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Sugar Skulls Gram Sales, 8 a.m.
- After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Girls Soccer @ North Valleys, 3:45 p.m.
- Girls Basketball, Large Gym, 6 p.m.
- 21 Sugar Skulls Gram Sales, 8 a.m.
- After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, C13; lunch Cross Country Meet, Sierra Lutheran, 3 p.m.
- Football @ Hug: JV 4:30 p.m.; Varsity 7 p.m.
- Volleyball @ Hug: JV 5 p.m.; Varsity 6 p.m.
- 22 Saturday School, Wooster, 8 a.m.
- Boys Soccer @ Damonte Ranch: JV 11:45 a.m.; Varsity 1:30 p.m.
- Girls Soccer @ Hug: Varsity 11:45 a.m.
- Leadership Trunk or Treat, West Parking Lot, 3 p.m.
- 24 Sugar Skulls Gram Sales, 8 a.m.
- After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, C13; lunch Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Sparks: 3:45 p.m.
- 25 Sugar Skulls Gram Sales, 8 a.m.
- After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Girls Basketball, Large Gym, 6 p.m.
- 26 Sugar Skulls Gram Sales, 8 a.m.
- Boys Soccer @ Spanish Springs: JV 5 p.m.; Varsity 6:45 p.m.
- 8th Grade IB Information Night, College and Career Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 27 Sugar Skulls Gram Sales, 8 a.m.
- After School Tutoring, College, Career Center, 2:30 p.m.
- Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, C13; lunch Girls Soccer @ Truckee: Varsity 3:45 p.m.
- Volleyball vs. Truckee: JV 5 p.m.; Varsity 6 p.m.
- Girls Basketball, Large Gym, 6 p.m.
- 28 NEVADA DAY celebrated - NO SCHOOL
- 29 Cross Country Regionals, Shadow Mountain, 9 a.m.
- Boys Soccer @ Sparks: JV 9 a.m.; Varsity 10:45 a.m.
- 31 Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, C13; lunch

## Francis shows she can be rough and tumble

By Aniya Morgan

Sophomore Shalanda Francis has been playing flag football for five to six years in the Bahamas before joining the Colts JV football team.

For her it was a natural transition. She enjoys being on the field and the coaches love her on the field as well.

"I feel normal at practice," Francis said. "The other players help me and everyone goes full on in hitting drills. I'm having a lot of fun."

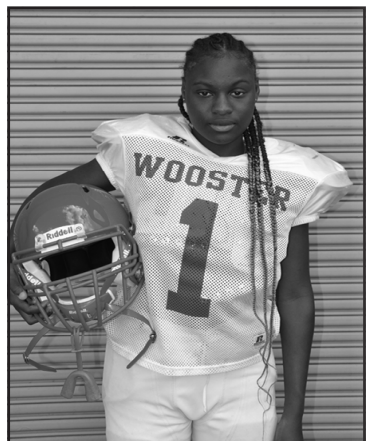
Francis is treated like any other player on the team.

"She does everything everybody else does," said head JV coach David Tietjen. "If she get knocked down, she get right back up again."

Head varsity football coach Bo Sellers said there are benefits for the JV team.

"It cuts down the immature stuff and behaviors of the boys when she's around," said Sellers. "She is fast and shows up everyday more than boys. Francis and the JV coaches said the boys still respect her as a female," Sellers said.

Her first game went well. They



Francis

are trying to put her on the field more and there are no difficulties with having a girl on the team. However, Francis felt a bit awkward at first, but now her fellow teammates are helping her when she does something wrong and when she does something right they hype her up and celebrate her.

"Having a girl play football gets the boys use to this new wave that might be the new thing and for her to get better and it opens up more sports that girls can play," Sellers said. "There isn't any rule that says girls cant play football team," Sellers said.

## The few, the proud, Colts cross country

By Mapuiana Fanga Talumi

The Colts crosscountry team has very few athletes on the team this season.

The cross country team that is led by Coach Davis, who is also the track and field coach.

The small team numbers has not impacted the performance of the team.

The team's first meet was Sept. 1 at the University of Nevada, Reno's Twilight Invitational which was held at the Rancho San Rafael Park.

The boys JV race was a hit as

*Athlete of the Month*

sophomore Atticus Reyher had finished second over with his time of 16:31, his race placed Colts in 11th place in a field of 23 other schools.

Callie Cronick is a second year cross country runner and said there aren't any seniors running cross country this year as all graduated last year.

So far this month, the team has only had one meet and they have been working really hard since then to improve their endurance and times.

since she was three years old. "I've been playing competitively since seventh grade," she said.

With two girls on the team, "I feel like we have a



Montoya

## Montoya's golf smarts make her the player to beat on the links

By Makayla Ondelacy

*Hoofprints'* athlete of the month for September is junior Rya Montoya. She nominated by golf coach Michael McKemy.

McKemy said Montoya has great ability and work ethic towards golf.

"She has the ability to play the course, not the opponents," he said. Montoya has been playing golf

## Bringing on the spirit isn't cheap

By Mapuiana Fanga Talumi

Cheer is controversial for it being known as either a sport or not.

Cheer leading at Wooster can be fun, but expensive. The fee ranges from \$700-\$790.

Due to these very high costs, cheer is not a sport every girl or boy would pay to do.

The cheer leading fee covers both football and basketball seasons and is one of the reasons this year-round sport can be pricey.

Our cheerleaders have not had their uniforms for this season yet. They are wearing white jerseys that say "WHS Cheer" on it in red glitter font.

Yasmin Miranda is a second

year varsity cheerleader at Wooster. and offered her opinion of the activity.

"The pricing for cheer leading is reasonable," she said.

"Our names are on everything, the bows, the jackets, and even coaches help us out."

School spirit is a concern for the cheer squad.

"Our cheer team has spirit, but I just think that the team can bring more and the school needs to get us more hyped," Miranda said.

She also said the basketball games can get more hyped than football games.

"The basketball games can get really packed and the crowd

would get just as hyped as the cheerleaders which causes more hype," she said.

Miranda will be the captain for varsity cheer leading this basketball season.

"I'm a natural-born leader and I'll be a great captain."

Miranda said cheer has changed for the better.

"The cheer team has gotten better this year due to less drama than last year."

There are four cheer coaches, coach Foster, coach Cat, coach Trel and Coach McDonnell.

They all help contribute to making the cheer team bring out its school spirit.

## Football teams showing resurgence

By Dylan Riggan

The Wooster football teams are beginning to play at the level of past with a resurgence that is noticed throughout the league.

The varsity team is currently 3-2 with wins over Dayton, Fernley and Sparks.

The Colts will face South Tahoe in a home game on Sept. 30.

The Colts junior varsity is 5-1 with it latest victory a 35-0 shut-out of the South Tahoe Vikings.

The season did not start promising for the Colts with an opening lost to Galena High School followed by a loss to Lowry High School.

"The season started off slow

losing our first two games, but we worked hard and beat Fernley for the first time in 20 years," Sellers said.

Sellers said the players are improving on a daily basis, not only on the field but in the classroom as well.

The Colts first western division win was against Sparks 32-23 on Sept. 23.

"Only the top two teams are guaranteed a spot in the playoffs and we are hoping to be number one," Sellers said.

A weakness the Colts are working hard to overcome is game inexperience, but Sellers said

they working hard to improve.

"For the first time in three years we had a full six month offseason," Sellers said, "and we had a good participation in summer weights, and weights in class.

Seniors Jaylen Logan and Morgan Johns said the team will do great as long as they stay disciplined and work hard.

"Our biggest strength is working together as a team," Logan said. Both Johns and Logan said the biggest weakness is their discipline, "but with hard work, our football team could do great this year."

## Bike Club offers outdoor experience

By Destanee Butler

Wooster science teacher Dylan Mucklow and the Wooster Mountain Bike Club is looking to expand its membership.

Currently there is one Wooster student in the club, sophomore Matthew O'Brien.

The club races in Hidden Valley, North Tahoe, Sierra Vista, Yerington and Mammoth Mountain.

"The bike club is going good so far, but I only go once a month

because I am also playing tennis and wrestling," O'Brien said. "My mom is the one who takes me to the races."

O'Brien practices twice a week and sometimes practice with the Spanish Springs and AACT teams.

Mucklow said he will lend students a bike if they don't have one at the moment.

The club is going good so far," Mucklow said. "We've had two

races, one in Yerington Mammoth and the other in North Tahoe. The only issue would be transportation."

Any students interested in signing up can talk to Mr. Mucklow and he will help them get started. Students will need a mountain bike, but it doesn't need to be expensive.

Mucklow hopes more students sign up.

The mountain bike club stops in the spring and then meets back up in May.

Wooster and more people to play golf with, but I wouldn't trade my two man team for the world."

Montoya plans to possibly play golf in the future.

"Yes, I definitely want to play golf in college, hopefully for a school in the east coast like North Carolina," she said.

"I would want to play professionally, but it's just really hard

to make it professionally so it's just a dream of mine."

With her right hand teammate, Kayla Jo Vass, both help each other through matches.

"Kayla Jo has been on the team with me since my freshman year and she has been by my side through it all."

Montoya would also like to  
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## Opinion

### Colts need to rev up school spirit

By Ariel Claus and Belle Manzo

Wooster High school spirit has died due to the COVID-19 pandemic and here's how students can revive it

Based on all the information we have gathered, the best way students can improve school spirit is by going to a game, whether it be football, soccer, volleyball, or whatever sport is going on during the season.

Participate in spirit weeks or whatever the theme is for the football games.

Get excited at the assembly's. Wooster doesn't have assembly's just so students can sit down and be quiet. Wooster has assembly's so students can have fun and be loud.

Follow the Wooster Instagram page to look for up and coming events and news Wooster Instagram @woostercolts, or Wooster website @woostercolts.com. and support Homecoming activities.

During 2020 when the Covid-19 pandemic hit, schools had to find creative ways to educate their students without spreading the virus.

Wooster achieved this by giving students one of two options that year.

One being students could do online school, and two being students could do hybrid school. Doing online school meant students could stay home all day and do teams meetings.

### Assembly's cancellation revealed

By Christine Reid

One question that most students have been asking since the beginning of the year has been, "Why was the welcome back assembly cancelled?"

Rumors have been flying around including it was due to the amount of fights the school experienced from the day it opened, but that is not the case.

The reason the assembly was cancelled was due to many factors, none of which related to student behavior.

Sylvia Averill, the leadership teacher, said, it was simply a mash up of poor planning, sched-

### Senior yearbook deadlines

From staff reports

The following are yearbook deadlines for the Class of 2023.

- November 14 - Senior baby pictures
- November 25 - Senior ads due
- December 2 - Senior quotes due

Most students chose online school and went completely online. This caused a huge lack in social interaction between students.

When we were able to go back to normal school in 2021 with the exception of a mask, nothing was the same anymore. There was this weird feeling of not being able to connect behind the mask but the masks were mandatory along with social distancing.

Many school activities were cancelled for the last two years, so students don't really know what school spirit looks and sounds like because of COVID.

So how would students know how to react to school spirit? How would they know what to do if they've never had the chances to see school spirit?

Students should react with excitement to cheer on Wooster whether that being the sport teams or just the school itself in general.

The only class at Wooster this year that has seen school spirit are seniors.

We definitely know they feel the same about school spirit this year. There is hope although, because this year lots of the norm is coming back, but students are a bit clueless on how they're supposed to react to it.

For example, some of the norms coming back are things such as voting in student body and class officer elections, starting up more

clubs, and more events. This is definitely improving Wooster's school spirit a lot.

We interviewed Sylvia Avrill, the leadership teacher at Wooster and asked her opinion on the school spirit and if she thinks school spirit is dead.

Avrill told us that she doesn't think school spirit is dead, but it's just not as prevalent as it used to be.

She said this is because three classes of students this year didn't get to experience school the way they should have been able to due to the pandemic.

Wooster used to be able to install a love for the school in the students and a sense of school spirit from the beginning, but staff didn't really get a chance to do it these last two years due to COVID.

Avrill asks students to recognize that Wooster staff goes out of their way to make school more enjoyable for students because their students are important to them and they are trying a lot harder than it may seem to some.

To sum up, school spirit isn't as dead as we thought it was, but it still is dying. We personally believe that school spirit will make a comeback this year.

It's just all about whether students are willing to make school spirit come back better than ever. Let's make it loud and proud to say, "Go Colts."

## Gamer's Corner

By Esdras Mora

OverWatch 2, a Blizzard game, releases Oct. 4, 2022, six years after Overwatch's initial release.

OverWatch 2 will be available for PC, Nintendo Switch, Xbox One/Series X, PlayStation 4 and the PlayStation 5.

The new game features the built in capability of Cross-Platform multiplayer lobby's.

OverWatch 2 will include a battle pass interface with opportunities to earn new characters unlike in the original Overwatch which used a video game currency system to buy new characters.

Blizzard has redirected its focus to more teamwork gameplay instead of isolated strategic gameplay. The new version also features an increase in character movement speed with new vast maps to accommodate the players speed.

The sequel to Overwatch 1 will greet new and old players to a similar yet new experience.

Blizzard announced Overwatch 2 was in the works back in 2019 at Blizzcon and the fans were ecstatic. Overwatch 2 is a highlight of the 2022 gaming year with its free to play access and in game purchases available October 4.

### Farrow is new social media coordinator

By Kianna Magno

Many students have wondered, who is running the Wooster social media platforms?

The school's new social media coordinator is athletic director Brian Farrow. He has served in the Washoe County School District for 28 years.

These media platforms include Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Previously, former Wooster teacher Morgan Bishop was running all media. He has since moved on to another school.

"I have taught technology classes previously, otherwise Mrs. Keuscher asked me to," Farrow said


Farrow explained he handles the athletic part of the Wooster website.

"I also handle Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube. We have yet to post on Youtube though," Farrow said.


Outside of Farrow's school life, he says he does a lot of outside activities, "Well I play sports. I primarily play golf. But at home I do a lot of yard work and landscaping."

Farrow would also like to add that he wants students to follow up with the updates on all social media platforms.

"I would really like students to follow the social media platforms to keep up on updates. I would also like students to join sports too."



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thank her coaches.

"My coaches have been so supportive and they are just the best coaches I could ever ask for, I owe a lot of my success to them."