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IB Class of 2022 graduates' achievements honored

By Esdras Mora

Fifty-five International Baccalaureate students from Wooster's Class of 2022 were honored for their achievements on Dec. 17 in the Hart Theater. The IB graduation ceremony is held in December each year since the IB results aren't posted until July which is after students' regular June graduation. Thirteen students were awarded their IB Diploma along with seven students receiving their Career-Related Certificate. More than 50 students received IB course certificates and may have received multiple certificates for all the exams that were passed. This is the 23rd year for Wooster's diploma program and seventh for the career-related program.

"The International Baccalaureate program is challenging at the best of times," said IB diploma coordinator Jennifer Lienau. "Add on the stress of the pandemic and the combinations of shutdowns, hybrid and distance learning, social distancing, masks and quarantine, only to come out the other side and be struck by the mental and emotional toll of it all, and you have lived, studied and survived a very daunting experience." Students earning the diploma must earn a minimum total of 30 points on their IB exams and meet the additional requirements



Members of the IB graduating class of 2022, flanked by school district officials and school administrators, received their diplomas and certificates in a ceremony held on Dec. 17 in the Hart Theater.

of the Extended Essay, Community Action and Service and Theory of Knowledge requirements.

The highest point totals for Wooster graduates were Nicholas Bruk with a 33, Emily Jones with a 31 and Bryant Barrera Carmona with a 30

The highest exam score is a seven and it is extremely difficult for students to earn a score of six or seven on IB exams, Lienau said. Overall fewer than eight percent of students worldwide score a seven and fewer than 18

percent score a six. These scores decrease even further on higher level exams, Lienau added.

The following students received 6s or 7s on a subject exam:

- Victoria Gomez Meza - 7 in SL Spanish
- Osoa Irujo - 7 in SL Spanish
- Maria Martinez Garcia - 7 in SL Spanish
- Bryant Barrera Carmona - 6s in HL Spanish and SL Biology
- Lily Burkin - 6s in HL History and SL Psychology
- Mosies Aguilar Becerra - 6 in SL Spanish

- Fabiola Aguirre Escobar - 6 in SL Spanish
- Nicholas Bruk 6 in SL Chemistry
- Miguel Dela Rosa - 6 in SL Math
- Zi Feng - 6 in SL Biology
- Emily Jones - 6 in SL Math
- Avery Kittrell - 6 in SL Math
- Mariana Leon-Cabrera - 6 in SL Spanish
- Jordan Sanchez - 6 in SL Spanish
- Jose de Jesus Soto - 6 in SL Math
- Hunter Spencer - 6 in SL Math
- Akira Starr - 6 in SL Psychology

In Math SL and Theater SL and HL, Wooster students scored above the world average. Math SL: Wooster 4.7, world 4.39. Theater SL: Wooster 5.0, world 4.65. Theater HL: Wooster 5.0, world 4.97.

IB Teachers, counselors and parents gathered to celebrate these great achievements for all IB graduates.

After the ceremony there was a reception in the Wrestling trophy room, where students conversed with old friends, classmates and teachers about their life after high school and new life in college.

School board selects Woodley to replace Taylor

By Bill Amhearst

Alex Woodley was selected to replace exiting Board President Angie Taylor at its Dec. 6 special school board meeting.

Woodley will serve as the District E trustee and will serve out the remainder of Taylor's term which ends Jan. 5, 2025.

Taylor resigned her position on the board after being elected to the Nevada State Assembly in the November election.

District E encompasses Lemon and Panther Valleys as well as the northwest section of Reno.

Woodley was favored by the six voting members of the board and was also supported by business

and community associations including the Washoe Education Association, the union that represents local teachers.

Woodley was the former president of the Education Alliance of Washoe County and he is currently employed by the City of Reno as its parking and code enforcement director.

Woodley was chosen over two other candidates, Meghan Beyer and Kellie Crosby-Sturtz.

Woodley sees the biggest challenge facing the school district is its current shortage and substitutes.

In addition, large classroom sizes are also an issue. Woodley would like to see sizes around



Woodley

18 students, but realizes 20-22 students is more realistic.

Woodley said his experience from working in the City of Reno will help him as a school board trustee.

"I can bring my decades of

experience of working, collaborating within the community, with different groups, during the job I do regulating and creating ordinances," Woodley said. "It requires me to coordinate and cooperate and make compromises and try to find common ground."

Woodley said that with any new position, there is a learning curve and once he is established in his new position, he hopes to provide valuable insight on the challenges facing the board.

"I am only one of seven, so the best thing I can do is to make sure I cooperate and collaborate with all of the trustees," he said.

Tardies reach ridiculous levels

By Ariel Claus

Wooster high has approximately 700 tardies throughout the school day.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was an attendance policy change within Nevada's school law where tardies were basically not enforced and there was a suspension of the 90 percent attendance requirement for students to pass a class and eventually graduate.

This caused tardies to explode during the pandemic.

Although tardies have improved post Covid, there is still a lingering effect of the pandemic on student tardies. Wooster's administration is still trying to eliminate tardies to the best of its abilities.

Tardies aren't necessarily important to most Wooster students due to lack of consequences or incentive to improve.

Beginning with the start of the second semester, Wooster is implementing a new and improved plan to end tardies.

Wooster's MTSS team has put together a new plan to be implemented on the first day back from winter break for the second semester. Each department has made their own in class progressive discipline plan that they will share on the first day back from winter break.

Wooster will also be implementing consequences for students who have reached a certain amount of tardies such as phone calls home or if a student is in junior or senior grade they can have their off campus privileges revoked due to tardies.

This is especially because Wooster has the most tardies after lunch.

"During seminar on January 10, students will hear how

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Cadets help needy

By Ariel Claus

Wooster High School Colts Battalion put on an annual food drive every November.

They use the donated foods for families in need of food for Thanksgiving or food in general. This annual food drive is considered very important to the community because of it's helpfulness.

Students are asked to bring in food items that have a long shelf life, are non perishable, and are not expired such has lots of canned and dry foods.

Cadets hold the food drive every year has a part of their service learning efforts.

Once the food drive has ended, the battalion donates these foods items to the Reno Elks Lodge, where they proceed and organize the contributions to the needy.

This year Wooster's JROTC program had 55 food donations. This is less than the average amount of donations the program typically receives every year.

The lack of donations this year is believed to be because of the rising costs of food due to inflation and rising food costs.

But this year's food drive was still considered another successful community involvement for the cadets.

School district receives Native American grant

By Darcy Lo

The Washoe County School District was recently granted \$3.7 million by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Indian Education to support Native American students pursue a higher education.

This grant will be divided over five years, preparing nearly 1,000 students for careers in vocational training and the teaching profession.

Currently, the district supports 920 students who are enrolled members of a local tribe. The grant will more than double the support, allowing the district to hire more student graduation advocates.

Presently, the district has two full-time and one part-time stu-

dent graduation advocates who work with indigenous students to help them navigate their college or career goals.

The grant will allow the district to hire four new student graduation advocates and a data analysis to keep track of the program's progress.

The funding will also go to scheduled tours of colleges and universities such as The University of Nevada, Reno, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and tribal colleges.

The district, in addition, will partner with the Dean's Future Scholar's Program at UNR, which mentors low-income and first generation students.

Students tour state capitol

By Belleteny Manzo and Mapui'ana Talumi

Leadership students joined Wooster's JAG class for a field trip on Dec. 1, to the state capitol in Carson City.

The group first went for a tour around the Nevada state Capital building and later moved on for a tour of the Nevada State Museum.

Wooster's leadership teacher Sylvia Averill helped to chaperone the trip.

"The trip was to give students an opportunity to visit the capitol and get to know more about Carson City's history," Averill said.

She said the field trip did help the students to learn something new and even she, being a history teacher, was able to learn more and let the tour guide in on some fun facts.

It's now rare for high school student's to go on field trip's

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Homeless receive help

By Makayla Ondelacy

The Interact Club is being kind and helpful this holiday season and are helping the homeless around Reno.

President Frankie Galaviz has planned the program wit the help of Arin Morris.

Treasurer Sarai Reyes purchased 35-40 supply packs that

contain socks, feminine products, wipes deodorant, a tooth brush and tooth paste, beanies, chapsticks, snacks and eatable uncooked foods.

"I'm still looking for more to put into these supply packs," Sarai said.

Club members plan to pass the pack out to the needy.

Cyber Monday scores large numbers despite consumer worries over inflation

By Destanee Butler

Despite increasing inflation sales increased 20 percent on Cyber Monday 2022 compared to \$9.42 billion in 2019.

For the five-day period, sales increased 23.8 percent compared to \$28.5 billion in 2019. A compound annual growth rate of 7.4 percent.

Cities that had the largest volume of sales were New York and Brooklyn, London, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago

and Toronto.

Employees over the world worked 3.8 million hours and there were 260,000-plus employees worked over the weekend.

The average hours worked by employees was 14 hours and there also was a 21 percent average discount.

There were 245,000 physical and eGift cards purchased.

Cyber Monday online sales reached \$11.3 billion, the most

ever for that day. A 5.3 percent increase over last year.

"The difference between Black Friday and Cyber Monday is that Black Friday sales can be found online and in physical stores, Cyber Monday is purely dedicated to online discounts," said a financial spokesperson.

The year that had the biggest Cyber Monday sales was 2014, raking in over \$2 billion in sales.

Santa's hot Christmas gift list

By Dania Mayorquin

As the year comes to an end, the holiday festivities and the desire for the hottest items grows.

Whether it's a gift for you or a loved one we're all in search for the most popular Christmas gift.

Even though the economy has been unpredictable this year, people are still shopping for what they want no matter what.

This years hottest gifts are technology. One of the most desired items on anyone's Christmas gift is the 2022 Apple iPad Air, which comes in a variety of colors and ranges from \$589-

\$600. The Apple headphones: the AirPods Max, is another hot ticket item costing about the same as the iPad.

As for those who aren't looking forward to the new Apple products, there is an increase in the desire for Lego sets. One of the most famous ones being for art fans, The Vincent Van Gogh Starry Night Lego set.

Here are some additional items that are trending according to retail websites:

- Rechargeable Hand Warmers
- Mini Pocket Projectors

- Self Heating Mug
- Cloud Slides
- Echo Dot
- Car Cleaning Gel
- Shape Shifting Box
- Magnetic Knife Block
- Build You Own Play Fort
- Backpack Cooler Chair
- Mini Waffle Maker
- Compact Air Fryer

Other hot items right now that are trending would be Uggs and Nike dunks. This year the 'Panda' Nike dunks were one of he most sold sneakers and will continue to be as everyone goes shopping this Christmas.

Pacheco accepted at Northwestern

By Darcy Lo

Wooster Senior Helen Pacheco recently accepted to Northwestern University on a full ride scholarship through the QuestBridge Match Scholarship.

Pacheco is part of a college-preparatory organization called Upward Bound with the University of Nevada, where they offer guidance and opportunities to low-income or first-generation students.

Through this program, Pacheco was able to follow through with applying to the scholarship's lengthy process.

The scholarship opens in late summer and is due in September, meaning students applying must complete college applications much earlier them most.

Students are then selected to become finalists in October and given instructions to complete any additional requirements for colleges they apply to through QuestBridge Match Scholarship.

This includes financial information, letters of recommendation, extra essay supplementals for each school.

"This is the most dreadful part of the application process as it is

very demanding in such a short amount of time as you'll have to complete all these requirements within approximately two weeks," Pacheco said.

When or if accepted to the highest school on their ranking, students will be admitted early to a top school with a full-ride scholarship.

Pacheco plans on majoring in Biomedical Engineering and possibly going pre-med.



Pacheco

After graduating from Northwestern, Pacheco intends to attend medical school and eventually becoming a pathologist.

"It feels extremely surreal to me as I no longer have to worry about paying for college through this scholarship," she said.

"Coming from a background with financial hardship, as well as the first in my family to go to college, I am nothing more than grateful for opportunity and honor this virtue to the hard work I have put in the past four years. I'm Looking forward to the next four years at Northwestern University."



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Mural class beautifying the school

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz
The mural art has progressed from what it started out as at the beginning of the semester to students painting murals throughout the school.

While the progress of the murals was impeded by art teacher Reena Spansail being out of town, it has fully returned to normal progress with murals being painted on teachers doors and walls such as Mr. Blomquist, Mr. Harren, and Mrs. D'Arcangelo.

The process of starting a mural begins with picking teams and then visualizing a design to see if it will fit the space being painted.

While this is the process for students, teachers have to go through their own process of sending specific documents to Spansail and then being put on a wait list.

While this is the process of this semester, next semester students will be allowed to pick their own teams as well as the spaces that they want to paint giving them



Pietrina Spencer, Rose Aucoin and Peyton Wilson, left to right, working on murals in Mrs. Spansail's class.

more freedom creatively.

Finally, Spansail said to people who want to support mural art to please not mess with the murals being painted as many of her students have suffered with their murals being tampered with whether that be wet paint being

touched or it being tagged they end up having to redo things which prolongs the process of painting the mural.

"I hope they understand its an ongoing process and that they can do their part to protect the artwork," she said.

Holiday Lane supports community

By Dania Mayorquin
The Wooster Spanish Club sponsored their Annual Holiday Lane on Dec. 13.

This event is hosted by Wooster teachers Marco Real Zepeda and Carmen Hernandez. This event is all about giving.

The Spanish Club encourages other clubs and seminars to come and join them decorate Christmas trees and at the end they donate these trees to Wooster families in need.

The club as been doing this for about eight years.

"The favorite part of this event is being able to interact with the students, being able to converse with them and make decisions about how they want to decorate the trees," Real Zepeda said. "And finally being able to give these trees to the families in need."

Real said that more clubs used to join the event in the past.

Around 12-15 clubs would participate, but after the COVID pandemic, the numbers declined and



IB Council members with their Holiday Lane tree. Back row (l to r): Bansari Patel, Olivia Schreinert, Merryn Anderson, Ian Perry, Tyler Bevell, Kayla Jo Vass, Kanela Furuta, Kentro Furuta, Caroline Perry, Jenny Rodriguez Reynoso. Front row (l to): Jeferson Cordova Solares, Justin Wang, Atticus Reyher and Bella Peoples.

now only around 5-6 clubs join.

This could also be due to the lack of clubs that are now at Wooster, he said.

"The origin of the Holiday Lane event came from giving the

Wooster's staff.

Students who have a minimal amount of tardies will receive treats such as different items of food. Teachers are working on their own tardies plan has well. This includes class competitions to decrease tardies or even department competitions between staff.

Olsen said there will be

students an activity to do, as well as the desire to help and find ways to help the community during this season, especially those who can't buy a Christmas tree," Real said.

incentives for students who get zero tardies every two weeks and will also receive an incentive every nine-week period.

The school administration knows that this new and improved plan will be successful. The data will be shared with the school when classes resume on Jan. 10, Olsen said.

Learning Chinese: difficult, but challenging

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz
Chinese is one of many world languages offered at Wooster and unlike French and Spanish, which are related Romance Languages, it has no relation to Western European roots.

Zhiran Collins who teaches the class said Chinese is a difficult language for many reasons.

"It has its own alphabet known as the pinyin system which unlike other languages is characterized with its own symbols," she said.

Due to this, its not strange to wonder how hard the language is

especially for high school students who have not grown up with the language, Do they learn anything?

The answer is "yes and no."

The class is going to teach students, but Collin says most students only learn basic questions unless they have a Chinese background.

Despite this she says that students who want to learn, even if they struggle, can improve and learn.

It's a difficult language something that Collins admits, but if students are interested sincerely in learning the language, they will improve and do well.

New teachers at Wooster

Editor's note: This is the fourth installment introducing new teachers and staff at Wooster.

By Emma Kennedy

Over the summer Wooster gained a variety of new teachers for quite a few different subjects.

Gaining new teachers is always interesting, not only for teachers but for the students to get to know them as well.

Georgia Mathers, doesn't have a teaching degree, but instead a masters in education.

She has been teaching for about two years. Mathers came to Wooster to teach CLS classes.

What she enjoys most about the school is that everyone is kind and shares their knowledge.

She is originally from Texas and Louisiana, has two sons as well as two dogs. She was once quoted in Wall Street about a bear she watches online in a remote part of Alaska and watches old movies or reads in her free time.



Mathers

Along with Mathers, Wooster gained social studies teacher Jarret Wright.



Wright

Wright has been teaching for five years and has a bachelors degree in Spanish from the University of Nevada, Reno as well

as a masters in secondary and elementary education from Sierra Nevada College.

Jarret came to Wooster because he wanted to teach high school students. He likes Wooster's diverse community of students and the excellent staff. Jarret grew up in Reno and is married with one child. He also has a Chiweenie named Bob.

In his free time Wright likes golfing and traveling as much as he can. A goal of his is to travel to every country where Spanish is the national language, so far he's gone to eight out of 20.

Wright also served as the boys tennis coach in the fall sports season.

Winterfest in January

By Belleteny Manzo

Wooster's Winterfest celebration will take place the week of Jan. 23-28 culminating with the Winterfest dance in Wooster's big gym on Jan. 28.

Last year, the celebration for Winterfest was held at a ice rink and approximately 200 students attended.

This year there will be a dance at Wooster and leadership teacher Sylvia Averill expects 200 to 500 students will be attending this year's celebration.

Averill said students will be no-

tified about the dance by school's social media including Instagram: woostercolts and morning announcements.

The details for spirit week have not been planned yet, but leadership is trying to incorporate a theme of "winter" adding some white, red, warm and cozy feeling.

Averill said students from other schools will not be allowed to attend the dance due a special type of approval from the school.

Advance tickets are \$10, \$15 when purchased day of the dance.

Tardies

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tardies will escalate to the student services office for consequences as well as how tardies and attendance will effect students' ability to leave campus for lunch," assistant principal Trina Olsen said in an e-mail to

At the Flicks

By Kianna Magno

Let's begin with the upcoming movies for the start of the new year in January.

"The Old Way" premiers on January 6 and stars Nicholas Cage as a former gunslinger who believes he has left his past behind, but returns to his old way when a gang of outlaws murder his family. Rated R.

The second movie is titled, "The Subtle art of not giving a #@%!. " This movie is based on the Best seller book by Mark Manson. This documentary movie aims for you to not take life so seriously through reality check stories. This movie is rated R, and will be releasing on Jan. 10.

The third movie is titled, "M3GAN." This movie will be releasing on January 13, which is on a Friday. Friday the 13th, perfect for this horror film. This movie is about a lifelike doll that is programmed to be a child's best friend and a parent's greatest enemy. The doll can listen, watch, learn and play with children. This movie is rated PG-13.

"The Devil Conspiracy" opens on January 13 and is a thriller when a biotech company launches a breakthrough technology allowing them to clone history's most influential people with just a few fragments of DNA.

The fifth movie is titled, "A Man Called Otto." A comedy film starring Tom Hanks. This movie is about a grumpy widower, and a lively young family that moves next door.

Otto Anderson and a pregnant woman named Marisol lead to an unexpected friendship that turns Otto's world upside down. This movie will be releasing Jan.13 and is rated PG-13.

The sixth movie is called, "Missing." This movie stars Storm Reid. This movie is about a teen girl whose mother disappears on vacation in Colombia with her new boyfriend and uses various technology to find her. This is a good mystery thriller releasing on Jan. 20. It is rated PG-13.

Number seven also opens on January 20 and is "The Son." It stars Hugh Jackman, Anthony Hopkins Christophe Spadone, Vanessa Kirby and Emile Sherman.

The story follows the challenges faced by Peter and his new partner Emma who must deal with Peter's troubled teenage son. The film is rated PG-13.

The last movie is titled, "Dis-

Question of the Month

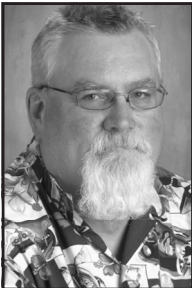
By Makayla Ondelacy

If you could have anything for Christmas, what would it be and why?

Staff:

"A trip to Hawaii to lay on the beach."

- Ashley Leblach

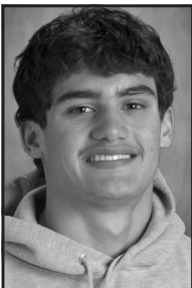


"A 2023 Challenger Hellcat."
- David Mills

Seniors:

"Money because I need to pay for gas and I have no job."

- Isabella Caviglia

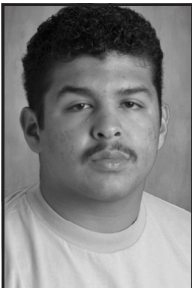


"What I would like for Christmas is more Star Wars logos to build a bigger collection."
- Ivan Strunk

Juniors:

"I want a season pass so I can ski at Rose."

- Jessica Cortez

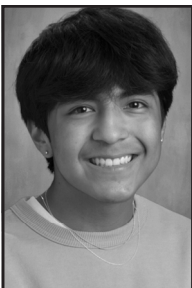


anything."
- Esteban Jacinto Penuelas

Sophomores:

"I would want money because, I mean, who doesn't like money."

- Bianca Delgado



"I would want to pass English class."
- Daymian Katenay

Freshmen:

"To pass the year."

- Madeline Fisher



"Money because you can use it to get anything and you can't fall out of love for money."
- Cooper Fuss

tant." This movie is about an Asteroid miner who crash-lands on an alien planet. He must make his way out of the harsh terrain while running out of oxygen and being hunted down by the strange creatures on the planet.

A good sci-fi comedy that will be

released on Jan. 27. It is rated PG-13.

That's all the movies on the list. All these movies can be premiered on the big screen in theaters.

Grab a popcorn, snacks and your favorite drink. Have a good time, *At the Flicks.*

January Calendar

Compiled by staff

- 01 Christmas Break through January 8
- 09 Town Hall, 10 - 10:30 a.m., Large Gym
Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
IB Theater Solo rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
- 10 Town Hall, 10 - 10:30 a.m., Large Gym
Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
IB Theater Solo rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
Wooster Boosters Meeting, 5 - 6 p.m., Career Center
- 11 Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
- 12 Town Hall, 10 - 10:30 a.m., Large Gym
Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
IB Theater Solo rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
Table Top Gamers Meeting, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
- 13 Town Hall, 10 - 10:30 a.m., Large Gym
Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Programming Club Meeting, Lunch, A19
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
IB Theater Solo rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
Table Top Gamers Meeting, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
- 14 Speech and Debate Tournament, 3 - 10 p.m., Damonte Ranch
Speech and Debate Tournament, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Damonte Ranch
IB Theater Solo rehearsal, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Hart Theater
- 16 Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King - **NO SCHOOL**
- 17 Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
IB Theater Solo rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
- 18 Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
IB Theater Solo rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
- 19 Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
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Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
IB Theater Solo rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
IB Theater Solo performance, 7 - 9 p.m., Hart Theater
- 20 Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Programming Club Meeting, Lunch, A19
Table Top Gamers Meeting, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
- 23 Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Auditions for Spring play, 2:35 - 6 p.m., Hart Theater
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
Startalk, 3 - 4 p.m., A16
- 24 Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
- 25 Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
IB Viva Voce, 6 - 7:30 p.m., A Hall
- 26 Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Table Top Gamers Meeting, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
- 27 Programming Club Meeting, Lunch, A19
Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Table Top Gamers Meeting, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
- 28 Winterfest Dance, TBD, 7 - 10 p.m.
- 30 Switch Club Meeting, Lunch. A19
Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room
Startalk, 3 - 4 p.m., A16
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Track and Field Pre-season training, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
After school tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wrestling, 2:45 - 5 p.m., Wrestling room

Colt ballers reload team for 2022-23 season

By Keith Marie Tamayo

The Wooster Colts varsity boys basketball team opened the season with a re-tooled line up that many consider may be a force in the 3A league.

The Colts are currently 1-2 in early season play with a win over Dayton 48-30 and losses to Carson and Sage Ridge.

The Colts return only Jose Vazquez Silva and Rafael Liquidano Cortes from last year's team. Players moving up from last year's JV squad include Angel Artiga Reyes, Brandon Rodriguez Reynoso, Andrew Martinez-Gil, Dominick Espinosa, Jarenz Romero and Christopher Jules.

Newcomers include Jared Marquicias, Kurt Ubod, Jamal Gator, Jaylen Logan and Damian Gonzalez.

Senior Jose Vazquez said he enjoys playing power forward. He always looks at it as a lesson and move on to the next step when they lose a big game.

"You try as hard as you can to be a great basketball player," he said. Vazquez said that the biggest challenge for him as a basketball player is keeping motivation because a lot of people struggle with it.

He said he manages pressure during the game by just taking a deep breath whenever he step on the court.

Girls open the season with varsity, JV squads

By Belleteny Manzo

Girl's basketball tryouts were held in mid November.

Eleven girls made the varsity team and 11 made the junior varsity team. Wooster will not field a freshman girls team this season.

The girl's opened the season finishing second in their first tournament. The Colts varsity season record is three wins and four losses.

Varsity coach Sheryl Hicks said there is no freshmen team this year because although the interest was there, the girls didn't understand that there was a process where players have to get cleared in order to play.

Hicks also said that the reason the girls team may not have cheerleaders support is because the cheerleaders can't make it some games due to scheduling conflicts.

"Basketball is a very challenging sport because you must have the skill level and you are out



Senior Jose Vazquez Silva leads the Colts boys basketball team.

"Having a good mind-set is one of the best skills to be a successful basketball player," Vazquez said.

Varsity head coach Jose Parra said "having the ability to make an impact on a student's life is one of the greatest strengths of being a basketball coach."

Parra is not an on-campus coach. He only comes to school for practice.

"The best part of coaching is watching kids get better as basketball players and people," he said.

Parra was voted 3A North West League Coach of the Year last year.

there with five on one team and five on another team and you constantly interacting, you are constantly changing, and constantly moving," Hicks said.

Hicks said the 3A West league is challenging.

"The other teams like Truckee and South Tahoe are going to be strong too and challenging, but we must step up and play our game or else they are going to beat us."

Returning player Taimane Talamoni said this year her goal is to work more on her defense and become lighter on her feet.

"I think we just need more chemistry and need to get use to playing with each other," Talamoni said.

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where in the past it was standard education practice.

"I think there is this misguided belief that high schoolers do not

Wrestling team grows exponentially

By Mapui'ana Talumi

Wooster wrestling team has experienced a tremendous growth in numbers and is slowly building itself into a top 3A team in Northern Nevada.

With hard conditioning and great commitment Wooster wrestlers are slowly aiming at fill all weight classes.

Led by coaches Jake Sellers, Ian Callahan and Josh Newman, the Colts have more than 30 wrestlers active in the program with five of them being girls. This is a huge step up from previous years.

"Wrestling for girls is only different when it comes to matches and they have an all girls bracket sometimes, but most of the time they wrestle the boys," Callahan said.

Some of the pros for wrestling is the sport can make students tougher and they can teach the athletes a lot about strength and nutrition, Callahan said.

The cons, he added, are it's really hard, not everyone can do it, and it can be very time consuming.

The Colts wrestle in the 3A division, but despite this, the team has gone up against some 5A schools and beat them which



Wooster's 2022-23 wrestling team.

makes the coaches and the team pretty confident in winning.

Callahan said the team focuses on a few simple goals.

"Be ready to work harder than ever, keeping grades up and being able to take a loss," he said.

As good as the team is, the coaches mainly look for commitment to the sport from their athletes.

"Wrestling is a tough sport one of the toughest sport we have.

With this comes hard condition like running, push-ups, sit-ups, and wrestling for practice," Callahan said.

The Colts return Rogelio

Anguiano Santiago, Eli Baker, Cesar Benavides Monroy, Danny Gallegos-Mendez, Esteban Jacinto Penuelas, Carlos Lopez Garibaldo, John Lucchesi, Aidan McEleveney, Matthew O'Brien, Yash Sharma, Austin Smith and seniors Luc Koch and Isieli Masi. Ten new members join the team.

For students thinking about doing wrestling in the future it's very important to get in shape first, and to eat healthy, to be able to get into some wrestling clinics. The sport is fun and it is nice to get into shape and build strength as an outcome.

Colts marksmen hit the rifle range

By Isis Garcia Cruz

The JROTC rifle team is loading up for the 2022-23 season.

In the rifle matches teams of four marksmen compete in accuracy matches against other schools.

The Colts have fired four matches so far this season, two in person and two virtual.

The Colts are coached by Army Instructor Col. Kenneth Stynen.

"Our new shooters have had the best results this year," Stynen said. "At the Incline match Mia Bernal and Melanie Contreras took second and third in the new shooter match. At Reed, Bernal took third place."

The Colts JV team placed third in the latest virtual match and Stynen is looking for them to move up to first place.

The Colts are lead by Bernal, Contreras, Zack Kuhns, a returner, Autumn Miller and LisaAnne Nowicki.

The students use air/pellet rifles on the range and the competition is judged from three different shooting positions: standing,

behave," she said.

She also said how it is not easy to find places to take students who are nice, but at the same time educational.

A total of 19 students that attended the trip and all 19



Wooster's 2022-23 rifle team.

kneeling and prone.

There are currently 19 members, with the best shooter so far being Mia Bernal.

What it takes to be on the rifle team is a calm demeanor, precision, participation, and practice. Practice lasts for an hour and a half and competitions six to eight hours.

Shooters fire 20 targets in each position with a maximum of 600 points for in-person matches and

students returned to class at the conclusion of the trip.

"All students behaved well and it was nice to go with students who don't portray inappropriate behavior," Averill said.

10 targets in each in a virtual match for a total of 300 points.

The season consists of a total of eight matches, four in person and four virtual.

Returners for the Colts this season include Axel Bernabe, Samantha Blake, Nikolas Gersh, Zackery Kuhns and Joseph Lopez.

Every Washoe County School District high school as a rifle team with Carson and Douglas High Schools rounding out the league.

Stynen said Reed and Spanish Springs are the top teams in the league with McQueen's doing well.

"The Wooster JV team will be very competitive next month at state championships," Stynen said.

Korean Club touts culture, language

By Belleteny Manzo

The Korean Club started last year and meets every day during lunch except Wednesday in C-13. Teacher Ashley Gardner started the Korean Club in hopes to teach others about her culture and language.

Gardner is half Korean living in Reno, but in 2016 she decided to move to Korea for a teaching opportunity and started learning Korean in order to survive.

Later, she saw that people around her were getting interested in the culture, especially with

k-pop groups coming out.

Gardner said her goal is to have conversations with her student's in Korean.

Unfortunately, the club only has 30 minutes each day.

"I don't think we meet often enough to do that," she said. "I think that if the student's take what we talk about in the class,



Gardner

as far as language goes, and practice a little bit outside of the class, then yes."

Each student has enough time to learn the language.

Gardner said when she went to South Korea the people and the culture were fascinating and fun.

For her it was also amazing to see how different the culture between Korea and the U.S. was.

One piece of advice Gardner would give to those who are learning Korean or any other language is, "Practice and don't feel afraid to mess up."

December town halls change format

By Mapuui'ana Talumi and Belleteny Manzo

December's Townhall changed its format with Juniors, the Class of 2024, combining with the freshman Class of 2026.

The focus of the meeting was schools rules and how students need to follow established guidelines.

The townhall started off with some questions from Coach Bo Sellers and Dean of Students Jandra Pond.

The first question was, "What happens when rules aren't put in place?"

One student responded with "rules help us prepare for adulthood". The second question was, "What are some rules we need to enforce at school?"

One student said "the fact that the bathrooms are constantly packed during passing" and another said that "schools should prepare better lunches."

Town halls are a forum for

communication between students and staff and brings up important issues that both groups deal with. Fun and games are also a part of the process.

At the end of the, discussion students took a moment of silence for the two students who have lost their lives, one from McQueen High School and one from Reed High School.

Winter concert enchants audience

By Emma Kennedy

The start of the holiday season means the start of holiday celebrations and Wooster's music department staged it's holiday celebration with the Winter Concert.

The performance took place on Dec. 13 in the Hart Theater and featured five different groups performing a wide variety of selections. performed at the concert.

The choir, band, beginning orchestra, concert orchestra, and symphonic orchestra enchanted the audience with their selections including "Jingle Bells," "Mary had a Little Lamb" and "Song for Christine" by the beginning orchestra.

The choir performed selections including "A Winter Day," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," and "Getting in the Mood for Christmas."

The concert and symphonic orchestra play a rousing "Dragon Slayer," "Impulse," "A Beethoven Lullaby," and "Burst."

The symphonic orchestra entertained the audience with "Mythos," and "Fantasia on a Spanish Carol."

The band rounded out the evening's entertainment with "Jingle Bells," "Holiday Sampler," "Joy to the World" and "Greensleeves,"

There was a total of 53 performers. Choir had 23 performers, band had 11, beginning orchestra had seven, concert orchestra had six, and symphonic orchestra also had



Above: The Orchestra, conducted by Wooster orchestra teacher Joel Munc, performs at the Winter Concert. Below: Band and choir teacher Sarah leads the Wooster choir through its musical numbers.



six performers.

The band and choir was conducted by Sarah Bartrum and the orchestra by Joel Munc.

Munc said all Wooster music

programs are in a rebuilding process due to the problems created by the pandemic, hybrid and distance learning programs which hurt student music participation.

Gamer's Corner

By Esdras Mora

One Piece Odyssey is set to release Jan. 12, 2023. It is a Japanese anime based game off of the long lasting series "One Piece" that has over 1,000 episodes in its series and has no signs of stopping.

Published by Namco Bandai games and powered by Unreal Engine 4, One Piece Odyssey will be an open world/RPG style game.

Therefore the playable character will be able to roam freely around the map and explore the vast islands and environments of the pirate world.

However when conflict occurs, the fighting mechanics are that of an RPG(ROLE PLAYING GAME), turned based fights. Which means the player will use an attack or skill every other turn while the enemy attacks on their turn following your turn.

This means no sudden dodges or extra attacks, unless you prepared for it on the prior turn.

This sequence goes on until either you or the enemy is defeated. This allows for fights to be more about preparation and leveling up your fighters rather than button smashing combos and controller skill.

The plot of the game revolves around the pirate captain Luffy and his crew who washed up on the shore of a mysterious island, they venture out to find treasure and get back out to sea.

The developers have not released much substance on the main plot of the game, due to most of the targeted player de-

mographic are already fans of the anime series and know the plot of the series.

Therefore the plot of the game can also include the over arching plot of the show which is finding clues and arising conflicts revolving the One Piece treasure that is rumored to have unimaginable value and power.

Players can play as Luffy the main protagonist or other crew members such as Zoro, Sanji, Brook, and others.

The game will be available for PS5, PS4, Xbox One and any newer series Xbox and PC and starting at a price point of \$59.99 upon release.

Kicking off the new year of video games, fans are excited for more open world games in this new era of video games with the release of Unreal Engine 5.

In other news, "Elden Ring" won the game of the year award for 2022, as well as best RPG of the year.

God of War: Ragnarok won numerous other awards and fell to second place for game of the year, but still earned Best Action/Adventure game, Best Performance (Voice acting/ Motion Capture visuals), and Best Music Score.

In third place was an Indie game called Stray, which allows players to control a cat in a post apocalyptic world with sentient robots, sentient computer viruses and other cats, its mellow gameplay, beautiful visuals and interactive gameplay and perspective of a stray cat earned it Best Indie game of the year.

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