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Pilot Attendance System

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A new system of "self-serve," automated attendance has been implemented in some classes on a beta-testing basis, meaning that if it works, Wooster could see it go into effect schoolwide as soon as second semester. We interviewed one of the teachers who is "piloting" the system in their class already.

What is this new system of attendance?

"This new system of attendance is just a pilot right now. The school is seeing how it works. This new system would be getting students to log themselves in, so teachers aren't responsible for taking role."

When did this start?

This started recently, a little over a month ago.

Where did this start?

The new system was first placed in A-8. It will be next implemented into the science and social studies teachers' classrooms, and they will all be doing it in semester 2.

Why is this new system a thing?

"Attendance and tardiness are out of control at this school and kids are losing credits and dropping out or just not graduating."

Who is enforcing this system?

"The school."

How would this system work?

It would link to infinite campus. [Aside from using the system to sign in when they get to class], students would have to sign in and out to use the restroom, sign out anytime they leave class, and sign in again when they enter class. It would give the admin the ability to know where students are at all times. It would give admins live data.

A few other things to note about the new, automated attendance system are that teachers are still responsible for double-checking and that it currently does not stop students from checking other students in. The teacher still must look over their class and see if the students checked in are actually there, and, if they aren't, the person who checked them in would get in trouble.

The new system attempts to solve Wooster's tardiness and absence issue by having the administration know where kids are in case of them being marked absent or late due to skipping and/or ditching. However, from what we gathered, students simply forget to sign in sometimes (surprise, surprise) even after being reminded multiple times, making themselves absent.

Recently the school district has been enforcing something else new. If a student is late more than half the class, they don't get marked late but instead they get marked absent. This is because students show up almost 20 or less minutes before class ends and getting marked tardy and parents only see the "Tardy" but not the minutes late and they assume its 5 or 10 minutes late when it's much more.

In my opinion, this new attendance system is unnecessary and would have major flaws; kids will ditch and skip either way. This new tardy policy, however, is fair enough for two reasons: 1) If you miss half the class, you weren't really there anyways, and 2) for what it is trying to avoid, which is parents being confused.

What do you think?

Reno Tournament of Champions Wrestling

Ximena Ramirez Ramirez and Abi Miller



The Reno Tournament of Champions (RTOC) brings in some of the toughest high school and collegiate wrestlers in the country to compete for individual and team titles. High school wrestlers compete for a chance at High School All American status and collegiate wrestlers are looking for bragging rights.

The Reno Tournament of Champions and College Invitational was created by a group of wrestling enthusiasts who wanted to establish a tournament unlike any other during the summer of 1994.

This "Toughest Tournament in the USA" would bring together the best of the best to raise funds for youth sports programs.

The tournament founders, all former wrestlers, envisioned the event as a true state-by-state high school national championship along with a four-way college dual featuring the best programs in the country. This combined tournament would not only be a great event for competitive wrestling but promised to be exciting enough to build a whole new fan base for this great sport.

Our very own Wooster Wrestling Team has been running "the tables" at RTOC for the all thirty years it has been ongoing, providing help with all the logistical setup to help make what is now known as the best tournament in high school wrestling a success every year, featuring over 100 teams that travel from as far as Pennsylvania, Hawaii, and Alaska. Coach Bo Sellers and Ian Callahan prepare lists of matches for our athletes, who then work the tables so they can learn how the tournament works.

Having started at Wooster 30 years ago as a collaboration between Coach Joe "Mac" Sellers (Sr.), and RTOC Owner-President Jack Dolan the RTOC was held at the Reno Legacy this year, December 15-17.

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Hoofprints Reader Response Survey



Wooster Student/Teacher Views

Itzel Orellana and Delman Perez

Teachers

What is the philosophy you go by when teaching?

"The philosophy I go by when teaching is that I try to teach the material we are learning as best as I can and try to help my students out as much as I can. I also believe that it is important to learn about our culture as Hispanic people from the countries we come from and not just be able to speak Spanish and be fine with that." - Anonymous

What is the most stressful part of finals?

"The most stressful part is trying to catch everyone up. Like sometimes students need to retake tests or sometimes they are missing things. So, it's just kind of like playing catch up at the end. It makes it more difficult because I have to grade and then I have to make the test and then I have to do a bunch of stuff. So, it is just a lot, but we can do it." - Anonymous

Students

How will you prepare for your first upcoming finals?



"If we all just put in the time and the work and study, I feel like we can all pass, that's what I plan to do at least." - Dair Castillo, Freshman

Would you rather have icicles for hair or a carrot for as a nose?



"I would rather have icicles for hair because if I had a carrot nose it would get in the way of things." - Alexandra Balcha, Freshman

What advice would you give to Freshmen who are nervous for their first finals?



"Don't procrastinate because that's going to affect you a lot. And study because it's going to help you, like, you know, take time out of your day to work on, like, you know, the finals or whatever you need, and talk to your teachers if you need help." - Alex Rincon, Sophomore

Would you rather wear a snowsuit at school or do your schoolwork with mittens?



"I'd rather do my schoolwork with mittens because you must look your best at school and... You got to look decent, you know for style." - Dayana Jacobo, Sophomore

Do you agree that junior year is the most challenging high school year?



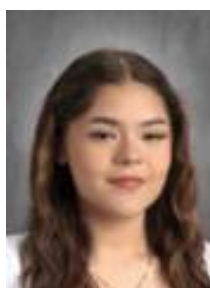
"I think it is just because you take a lot more tests and you get a lot more classes put in your schedule. But your senior year can be hard as well just because you are applying for a lot of colleges; not also colleges, but for a lot of scholarships. So, I think junior and senior year can both be hard in their own ways." - Nicole Ramirez, Junior

Would you rather only eat ice cream every day for breakfast or hot cocoa with marshmallows for dinner?



"I would rather have hot chocolate because it sounds more appetizing...ice cream would probably make me puke." - Soraya Dominguez, Junior

Do you feel less or more motivated to keep up with your studies now that you are about to graduate?



"Honestly, I feel less motivated just because I have all my credits, so I'm not like worrying about graduating or anything and I feel like Senioritis is really getting to me." - Yuliana Felipe, Senior

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Ballin' Out with Wooster Boys' Basketball

Ximena Ramirez Ramirez and Abi Miller



Waylon Graves, Sophomore

What are your goals for this season?

“To make it to the championship because we have a really solid team this year.”
What quality do you look for as a team?

“A quality that every team needs is just trust in your teammate in order to be able to complete a pass, shot, or even a play.”

What is the meaning behind your jersey number?

“I’m number 22 because my friend Jose. We lost the game that would have taken us to the playoffs, and he told me that when he graduates, he wants me to take his number and his locker so that’s what I did.”



Jared “JC” Marquicias, Senior

What is the meaning behind your jersey number?

“It doesn't really have a meaning; it just looks cool. Or maybe I wear number one cause I'm the one for you.”



Malik Vaden, Sophomore

What do you think makes a good player?

“Making sure that they have a good heart and hustling and having good team motivation, ‘cause if you have all those things, and it's not really too hard to play basketball, you just are a good team player.”

Who inspired you to play basketball?

“My dad because he was a coach before, so seeing him coach kind of made me want to play basketball.”



Kimanthi “Monty” Kilonzo

What school you are I'm excited to go against?
“Hug High school because I used to go there, and they [aren't very good], so going against them will be fun.”
What gets you excited for a game?
“Dropping 20's that's it.”



Elden Ring: One Game of the Year Worthy of the Award

Jacob Newland

Hey gamers! Ever wanted to roam around the world on your trusty steed, fighting monsters, dragons, demigods, and unknown deities thought impossible to defeat?

Well, you can if you try out the game that won the game of the year award in 2022. Elden Ring is an expansive fantasy Action-RPG game made by FromSoftware and published by Bandai Namco Entertainment that cost \$60 USD.

In the world of Elden Ring, across the fog, in the lands between, Queen Marika the Eternal disappeared into the Erdtree after shattering the Elden Ring due to her eldest son Godwyn the Golden having been assassinated by a group called the Black Knives. Heartbroken, she thought that shattering the Elden Ring would fix the land's problem with death, but it made it worse. When she shattered her Golden Order, despite her godhood, since she was a vessel for the Elden Ring which was made by this powerful deity called The Greater Will, she was imprisoned in the Erdtree by The Greater Will and left looking like she was crucified.

Once the word got out the Elden Ring was shattered, Queen Marika's children, the Demigods, went to go claim a fragment of the Elden Ring which gave them powerful blessing. Once each of them claimed a shard they started the deadliest war that shall be known as The Shattering.

One of the great battles to happen during The Shattering took place in the realm of the strongest demigod to ever live, Starscourge Radahn, between Malenia the blade of Miquella, the second strongest demigod that had never lost a duel until she and her army faced-off against Radahn's army. Malenia's armies were losing quickly, and many lives were lost during the battle. While Radahn and Malenia were dueling for victory, she did something Radahn would think dishonorable: she used her special blessing to destroy Radan's realm with scarlet rot, a poison that's incurable and left Radahn's mind broken.

Thousands of years after The Shattering ended in a stalemate, the Tarnished, warriors that lost grace in the Erdtree, would return due to a prophecy saying one tarnished would claim the title of Elden Lord. To play the game, you need whatever weapon you choose, like swords, clubs, axes or special weapons you claim for defeating legends or demigods and the same goes for spells and incantations.

In terms of game play, you want to defeat the bosses in the small arena room in which they wait for you to show up and fight and defeat them. You have to roll around to avoid their hits and if you have low health or run out of mana, you need to drink from flasks that restore your health and mana. The game can be played solo or with online players and you can summon other players to help if you think the boss is too hard for you to fight alone. Also, there are all manner of secrets and Easter eggs scattered throughout the game, so keep an eye out for them.

When you reach the end of the game, you have three choices for the ending: to claim the title of Elden Lord, marry the demigod, Lunar Princess Ranni, or set the world aflame and let chaos take the world.

So, Tarnished, what do you think of a grand adventure across the lands between fighting monsters, dragons, demigods and ancient entities beyond the universe and gaining the power to slay them and claim your title as Elden Lord? Will you take up the fight?

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