

WATERLOO HIGH SCHOOL

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FROM: **Tim McDermott**
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DATE: October 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Waterloo High School Board Report

Building news:

- **Staff & Students of the Month:** Mrs. Amber Cruser is the October Staff Member of the Month. Maggie Blair and Trey Conrod are the October students of the month. Thank you to Dustin West for sponsoring this each month!
- **Students of Character:** WHS recognized 39 Students of Character for demonstrating a positive attitude throughout the month. These students were celebrated for their optimism and contributions to a positive school environment.
- **September Attendance Challenge:** Attendance remains a priority at WHS as we continue encouraging students to be present and engaged each day. Throughout September, classrooms earned an entry into a drawing for a popcorn party each day they achieved perfect attendance. We were excited to recognize five winning classrooms! A special thank you to RMC Cinema for generously donating the popcorn and helping us celebrate our students!
- **School Improvement:** Our staff continues to focus on instructional improvement through the development of Learning Walks and IPI scans. On Thursday, October 15, a group of teachers and administrators participated in Learning Walks at both the junior high and high school, providing opportunities to observe instructional practices and identify strategies to enhance student learning.
- **Bi-County Institute:** WHS hosted over 700 educators from Monroe and Randolph Counties for a day of professional learning and collaboration. WHS teachers both led and attended sessions, sharing their expertise, learning from fellow educators, and gaining new ideas and strategies to bring back to their classrooms.

Extra-Curricular:

- **Homecoming:** WHS celebrated an incredible Homecoming Week filled with school spirit! The week concluded with a successful Homecoming Dance attended by over 650 students! A huge thank you to Ashley Schneider and Student Council for their hard work in planning and organizing such a memorable week for our students.
- **Powderpuff:** WHS students brought incredible energy and school spirit to this year's Powderpuff Game! Students from all grade levels came together for a fun evening of friendly competition, with the junior class taking home the win. Thank you to Rhonda Major and Renaissance for their hard work.
- **Homecoming Assembly:** WHS students came together for an exciting Homecoming Assembly filled with Bulldog pride! The assembly highlighted the many ways our students are involved at WHS, recognizing our athletic teams, clubs, and organizations. A special thank you to Ms. Schneider, Mrs. Cruser, Renaissance, and Student Council for creating such a fun experience for our students!
- **Automotive Classes to WWTRW:** Mr Biffar took a group of 42 students to the NHRA event at WWTRW on October 2 to learn about opportunities in the automotive industry as well as learning about the NHRA.
- **Marching Band:** The Marching Bulldogs finished 2nd in both the Tiger Ambush (Edwardsville) and the Greater St. Louis (Belleville West) shows.

Upcoming dates:

Date: October 29/30

Event: Parent Teacher Conferences

Date: November 11

Event: No School - Veteran's Day



BULLDOG MOMENTS OF THE MONTH

