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WJHS February 2025 Board Report

Sports

- 8th grade boys' basketball defeated Belleville West Jr. High for the regional championship. The team will be playing in the SIJHSAA State Tournament beginning Saturday, Feb. 15 against Centralia.
- 8th grade girls' basketball won the regional championship over Belleville West Jr. High. The team advanced to the SIJHSAA State Tournament where they lost to the eventual champion Salem.
- Volleyball is underway. The 8th grade is off to a great start. They recently defeated rival Columbia in two games.

Staff Member of the Month

Congrats to Jen Walthes for being named the WJHS staff member of the Month for February. Jen teaches 7th grade literature and language. In addition to her teaching duties, Jen is the sponsor for the WJHS Yearbook. One thing that really impresses me about her classes is how her students are always engaged and enjoying diving into novels.

Behavior Incentives

- Second Quarter- Students had a blast navigating a large inflatable obstacle course and playing Human Foosball, bags, and board games. We did this on our Jan. 17 half day in the morning. It worked out very well!
- Third Quarter- Students who earn the behavior incentive will have the opportunity to play in our annual student Trivia Night on the evening of March 7. This is always a very popular event.

Openings

- We are hoping to hire two PE teachers at the February board meeting. One of these positions was created by Mr. Vogel's retirement. The other position opened up with the resignation of Mrs. Schaefer.

Relationships/Connections

- We are planning on taking some time in the afternoon of our Feb. 14 half day to take a look at rosters to ensure that every student has at least one adult that has a strong connection with them.