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WJHS November 2025 Board Report

Growth Mindset

In November, we are focusing on “Embracing Challenges” and encouraging students to get outside their comfort zones. Students watched a brief video in study hall and completed a challenge that asked them to identify one aspect of their life in which they have become too comfortable and needed improvement. Then we asked them to create a plan to leave their comfort zone in this particular area. Students are being reminded that “If it doesn’t challenge you, it won’t change you.”

Staff Member of the Month

Our November Staff member of the Month is 6th & 7th grade language teacher Matt Beck. Mr. Beck has been the language department chair for several years. Additionally, he has served as a mentor to many of our new teachers over the years. He has also built some very successful bowling teams at the high school level and helps with junior high bowling when he can.

Sports/Extracurricular Activities

- Basketball and cheerleading are in full swing.
- School Bowl will be starting matches soon.
- Gamers Club meets every Thursday after school. We typically have 25-35 students that stick around and play board games, Mario Kart, or just hang out with friends.
- Stories and Slices has met and zoomed with two authors so far this year. They are usually about 20-25 students who participate each month with this.
- Best Buddies is going well. We have about thirty students joining our group consistently on Monday late start mornings. Some of the activities are: crafting, playing board games, karaoke, dancing, coloring, and hanging out.

1st Quarter Students of Character

- **6th grade-** Randy Brand, Lincoln Reams, Keenan Yaekel
- **7th grade-** Lily Buettner, Carter Crossin, Easton Long
- **8th grade-** Evie Kleinschmidt, Grayson Ludwig, Lily Luther

Behavior Incentives

- Our Halloween Dance/Game Night on October 29 was very well attended.
- Our 2nd quarter behavior incentive will involve inflatable games (obstacle course and human foosball) and indoor games (bags, etc.) on the morning of our January SIP Day.