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DATE: January 21, 2026

SUBJECT: Waterloo High School Board Report

Building news:

- Dan Rose is the January Staff Member of the Month. Brice Ahrens and Iris Adkins are the January students of the month.
- WHS Students of Character were recognized this month for exemplifying Generosity. A total of 40 students were honored for consistently showing generosity. We are proud of these students for setting a strong example and contributing to WHS's positive, supportive culture!
- There were 79% of students exempt from all exams for their good attendance, grades, and behavior. Congratulations to the students who achieved this goal!
- We have formed a SIP Leadership Team made up of administrators and staff to reflect on our current practices and identify goals to focus on and advance in the future. The team has begun reviewing the state survey and discussing areas for growth at WHS.
- On Friday, January 15, WHS participated in intruder response training led by the Waterloo Police Department. Along with several staff members, the training included a review of the 4 E's - Educate, Escape, Evade, and Engage. This session provided staff with valuable skills and preparedness strategies in the event of an intruder. Thank you, Officer Hartin, for organizing and leading the training.
- Thank you to the Waterloo Optimist Club for donating the latest edition of *Veterans of Monroe County, Illinois* to our school library.
- The Guidance Department has finalized the proposed course catalog and shared it with students to help them prepare for registration for the 2026-2027 school year. Counselors have begun meeting with juniors to plan their senior-year schedules and will continue with students in grades 8-10 in the upcoming weeks.

Extra-Curricular:

- Student Council's leadership team met with administration at their monthly meeting to go over plans for a winter spirit week, a volleyball tournament, a movie night, and a dance. There is excitement around the building for these upcoming events!
- The speech team continues to excel and proudly finished their season undefeated! Congratulations.
- Mr. Smith and Thomas Toolen were chosen to perform in the Rose Bowl Parade and did an outstanding job representing WHS!
- A big thank you to our band and choir for filling the building with Christmas carols and songs and sending our students into Winter Break with holiday cheer!
- Congratulations to Kaleigh Halleran and Gracie Stechmesser for being recipients of the 2025 SAE Grant through National FFA.

Upcoming dates:

Date: 1/26-1/30
Date: 1/31
Date: 2/9
Date: 2/21-2/28
Date: 2/22

Event: Winter Spirit Week
Event: Snowball Dance
Event: FAFSA Completion Night
Event: FFA Week
Event: FFA Porkchop Dinner