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TO: Brian Charron, Superintendent
Board of Education

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DATE: November 17, 2025

SUBJECT: Waterloo High School Board Report

Building news:

- Mrs. Wirth is the November Staff Member of the Month. Charli Major and Owen Niebruegge are the November students of the month.
- The WHS October Students of Character were recognized for exemplifying *Accountability*. A total of 45 students were honored for consistently demonstrating responsibility, follow-through, and positive decision-making in and out of the classroom. We are proud of these students for setting a strong example and contributing to the positive culture at WHS!
- On October 28, we welcomed 28 parents to Waterloo High School for a discussion focused on strengthening connections between families and the school. It was a valuable conversation, and we look forward to hosting additional sessions in the future.
- Thank you to our Choir and Renaissance for partnering with the City of Waterloo and Gibault's choir to host the Veterans Day program on Monday, November 10. Veterans were honored, heard from a guest speaker, and enjoyed a social gathering afterward. A special thank-you to our high school cafeteria staff for providing desserts and refreshments following the program!
- The WHS Guidance Department has begun preparations for next school year, including our annual meetings to review potential course offerings and enrollment requirements.
- High schoolers still love showing their Halloween spirit, and this year was no exception. Students and staff went all out with creative, standout costumes for our school-wide costume contest.

Extra-Curricular:

- Student Council hosted another movie night to give students a fun way to get involved at WHS. *Remember the Titans* was shown in the auditorium on November 12, and *Home Alone* is planned for December.
- Eight Waterloo FFA members joined more than 70,000 students from across the country at the National FFA Convention. Waterloo FFA was recognized as a National 3-Star Chapter, the organization's highest rating, and celebrated three students earning their American FFA Degree. Members also participated in an industry tour, heard motivational speakers, explored a large career fair, and enjoyed some fun along the way.
- Señora Koenaman challenged her classes to a food drive to support families in need, and her students stepped up in a big way. They will be donating food and money to the HNS Food Pantry.
- Spanish Club hosted a trivia night for student groups on Monday, November 10, and they had a great turnout and a fun evening for students. To participate, groups donated a basket of food or money to support the local food pantry. Thank you to Señora Koenaman, Ms. Gerontes, Mrs. Boyce, and Ms. Schneider for all their hard work in making the event a success!
- Best Buddies had the opportunity to experience *The Polar Express* in St. Louis on opening night, thanks to the national Best Buddies organization. Students in the transition program, along with several of their Best Buddies friends, enjoyed a memorable and fun evening together.
- Thanks to Mr. Demijan, Ms. Schneider, and Mrs. Major for organizing a student tailgate for the playoff football game we hosted. Students enjoyed pizza, hanging out, and a spikeball tournament!

As we enter November and the season of gratitude, we want to express our sincere appreciation for our incredible teachers and staff. We are extremely thankful for their commitment, compassion, and the countless ways they support and inspire our students every day. We are also grateful for the continued support of our WCUSD5 School Board, whose dedication helps make WHS a place where both students and staff can thrive.