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WJHS May 2026 Board Report

Staff Member of the Month

We are pleased to recognize 7th & 8th grade social studies teacher **Jim Prather** as our May Staff Member of the Month. He has been a great addition to the WJHS team this year. We appreciate his flexibility, positive attitude, and ability to make meaningful connections with our students.

Students of Character

Congrats to the following students for being named 4th quarter students of character: Cate Calloway, Ryleigh Farmer, Graycen Howard, Abbey Morgan, Grace Powers, Cecelia Simek, Preston Smith, Aiden Steibel, and Esme Steining.

Sports Update

- Track- The boys' track team finished first in the conference meet. During the season, they set three school records and qualified 12 athletes for the state meet which will be held May 9 in Carterville. The girls' track team was a close 2nd in the conference meet. They also set two school records and qualified nine athletes to the SIJHSAA state track meet.
- Golf- The Golf team qualified three athletes to the state tournament which will be held on May 11 and 12 in Marion.

Music Update

- The band had their final performance of the year on May 7. The growth they have shown throughout the year is truly remarkable.
- We look forward to our final chorus concert of the year on May 14.

Just for Fun

- Our 4th quarter incentive and final dance of the year is scheduled for Thursday, May 21.
- Our annual Talent show will take place during the afternoon of May 22. Kudos to Amber Crusier and Hunter Beattie for making this happen.

5th grade Tour

5th graders visited WJHS on May 6 and 7. Our student council led the tours and did a wonderful job highlighting the junior high experience and answering questions from our soon to be 6th graders.