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**TO:** Brian Charron, Superintendent  
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**SUBJECT:** Waterloo High School Board Report

### Building news:

- Mrs. Meyers is the December Staff Member of the Month. Kamryn Zavorka and Griffin Stork are the December students of the month.
- The WHS December Students of Character are Andrew Alger, Ryleigh Baker, Jensyn Collmeyer, Liliana Conley, MacKenzie Crump, Lynden Dougherty, Abe Fitch, Rebecca Hargrave, Megan Huebner, Layla Lambert, Bo McCoy, Ashtyn Miller, Corwin Pherson, Chase Polk, Lorna Schaus, Sunshine Sharp, Morgan Springer, Gibson Stern, Lacey Thomas, and Henry Wright, They were recognized for the word "Courage".
- Student Council coordinated a winter school spirit week to encourage students to finish the semester strong. Alongside the dress up days, they also decorated the building.
- WHS students and teachers are preparing for the end of the semester. The exam exemption policy appears to be helping motivate students to accomplish good grades, attendance, and behavior.
- The guidance department is working with teachers to review course options and is preparing for the 25-26 student class selection process.
- The Director of the Honors Program at Austin Peay State University visited WHS because he is impressed with WHS Alumn Belle Schmidt and wanted to see where she came from. He wanted to visit and recruit students similar to Belle.
- Illinois Agriculture Teachers Association selected Elaine Rudolphi for the National Teachers Turn The Key award and professional development opportunity at the national conference.

### Extra-Curricular:

- The choir, directed by Mr. Clark, hosted their 45th annual Madrigal dinner and concert. Guests enjoyed a meal, entertainment, and holiday songs. To close the performance, the choir invited WHS alumni to join them on stage for a final performance.
- The Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band, directed by Mr. Smith, held their winter concert. A special thank you to our cheerleaders and Student Council members for attending.
- The WHS Auto Engine Teams are currently at the National competition in Indianapolis. They are currently in the top of any teams in Illinois with a current national ranking at 7th and 11th place.
- The Ag Communications CDE teams placed first in their competition at Freeburg. Agriculture Sales also placed seventh place in their competition. The FFA teams have had a lot of success this season so far.
- Student Council participated in the yearly lamppost competition hosted by the Waterloo Chamber of Commerce. They decorated their lamppost with Holiday cards highlighting all of the incredible things that have happened throughout the year at WHS.
- FFA, National Honor Society, Art Club, and Sociology Classes participated in the Zahnow Elementary Family Fun Night.
- Band and Choir students performed at the ILMEA festival. Students worked with educators from around the state all day and put on a performance at the end of their day.
- Student Council hosted a Toy Drive and held a class competition on who could donate the most.