



The Journal

Programs for every learner, at every level

by Kyle M. Johnson

Warren Consolidated Treasurer



We all know how the saying goes...time flies when you're having fun! I can't believe it's been six months

since I took the oath of office as the newest member of the Warren Consolidated Schools Board of Education.

In the past six months, it has been a privilege to meet so many hardworking students, involved parents, dedicated staff members, and enthusiastic community members while out and about at various events.

When my wife and I were looking for a community to raise our family in, we knew Warren Consolidated Schools was the district we wanted our children to attend. WCS has always been recognized throughout Macomb County for its top notch programs and services for all students. Now that I am on the board, I see first-hand why families choose to move into the WCS district and send their children to our schools.

From our preschool, World of Fours, and Early Childhood Special Education programs, to the nationally recognized Warren Consolidated School of Performing Arts, Macomb and Middle School Mathematics Science Technology Center, Career Prep Center, and our Middle School Visual and Performing Arts program, WCS has something for every learner, at every level.

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Celebrating Dynamic Futures with the CLASS OF 2023

More than 900 graduates walked across the stage to receive a diploma from the district's four high schools during commencement exercises at Macomb Community College & Expo Center and the WCS Performing Arts Center in May and June.

The Class of 2023 included 94 students from Community High School, 228 from Cousino High School, 296 students from Sterling Heights High School, and 320 students from Warren Mott High School.



Members of the SHHS Class of 2023

The Class of 2023 earned an impressive \$15,490,880 in academic and athletic scholarships.



More than 900 graduates received diplomas during the June 3 commencement exercises.

"The number of scholarships earned by our students confirms for me that we have hardworking students, supportive families, and outstanding teachers and support staff," Superintendent of Schools Robert D. Livernois, Ph.D. said. "I couldn't be more proud of our district and look forward to the many future achievements of our graduates."

For a list of the Class of 2023 honor students who received highest distinction—3.900 GPA or above, see page 4 of *The Journal* newsletter.

Student/staff safety is top priority

Warren Consolidated Schools is continuing its efforts to be at the forefront of school safety.

Medical Emergency Response Teams (MERT) have recently been assembled at each building throughout the district to respond effectively to any medical emergencies in the schools.

MERT members completed a series of training, and are capable of responding to a number of medical emergencies such as asthma attacks, seizures, first aid, sudden cardiac arrest, and CPR.

Throughout the summer, the Office of Security and Crisis Management will offer Active Shooter Response Training for staff.

Those in attendance will participate in realistic training and teaching sessions presented by Rick Scholz, Director of Security and Crisis Management, and the Sterling Heights and Warren Police.

As another added layer of security, additional security cameras will be installed in all buildings during the summer as part of the \$150 million 2022 bond initiative.

Teacher of the Year 2023

Warren Consolidated Schools recently named Michelle Clarke, Matthew Mutschler and Shawn Moore as the district's Outstanding Teacher of the Year recipients for 2023.

Michelle Clarke is a 2nd grade teacher at Holden Elementary. She has been with Warren Consolidated Schools for the past 13 years.



Matthew Mutschler teaches 7th grade World History and 8th grade US History for Middle School Visual and Performing Arts at Butcher Educational Center. He has taught in the district for the past 26 years.



Shawn Moore teaches 10th grade Functions, Statistics, and Trigonometry, and 12th grade AP Calculus at the Macomb Mathematics Science Technology Center. He has been with the district for the past 6 years. In addition to being named WCS Teacher of the Year, Moore was named the Macomb Intermediate School District High School Teacher of the Year.



"Michelle, Matthew, and Shawn's remarkable dedication to our district, the high standards they set for themselves, and their commitment to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to learn is remarkable," Chief Academic Officer David Meengs said. "Their recognition serves as a reminder that WCS is a place where great things happen every day."

Giving back to others makes the world go around

by Robert D. Livernois, Ph.D.—Superintendent of Schools



I was blessed to grow up in a family with parents who dedicated their lives to serving others in so many ways.

Our family volunteered at our annual church festival, delivered food baskets to the poor for St. Vincent DePaul Society at Christmas, and even collected newspapers, back when everyone read them, for the recycling paper drive! Along with these “big” acts of service, I still remember many of the “little” ones that were part of our everyday life.

In fact, I vividly remember one day, about this time of year, I was in high school, and our neighbor, Mrs. Parisi called my Mom on the phone crying because she dropped her wooden spoon behind her stove, and she could not reach it. Now, it is important to know that Mrs. Parisi was one of the kindest, sweetest neighbors on our street and one who could cook. And I mean cook. She naturally called our house, because in our family of six children, I was one of four boys whom my mom regularly made available to anyone who needed something moved. For much of my early years, we moved couches, pianos, bookcases, and even kitchen appliances.

So, on this day, and without hesitation, my Mom offered my

services and sent me to Mrs. Parisi’s house to move the stove and retrieve the spoon. Mrs. Parisi was so thankful because she was naturally cooking at the time, and she needed the spoon. And although we were never allowed to accept money for helping, she did bake some delicious cookies for me.

I share this story with the hope that you reflect on the importance of service to others, especially the support you have received from your families, teachers, and mentors, who helped you arrive here today. And from your reflection, I hope you have the chance to embrace the spirit of service and give back to your families and communities wherever you go. It really and truly is what makes the world go around every day.

As you leave the halls of your great high school and embark on your respective paths, please remember the power you hold to serve others. Whether you become doctors, artists, or educators, or serve our great country in the armed forces, use your skills and talents to lift up those around you.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said it best “Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.” So, whether you move a stove for a wooden spoon or a thousand-pound piano, always keep in your heart that the size or scale of the service is not what matters, it is the intention behind it.

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I was honored to be part of several events and activities that showcase the talents and accomplishments of our students and staff these past six months such as the annual WEA poster contest, Festival of the Arts, Writing Celebration, High School honors convocation, Teacher of the Year celebration, tenure teacher recognition, WCPA

Spring play, and band and choir concerts.

As we close out the 2022-23 school year, I congratulate the Class of 2023 on their accomplishments. With your WCS education, I know each and every one of you will go on to do great things. Your WCS family is rooting for you!

WCS names Kittle and Lee new high school and elementary school principal

Warren Consolidated Schools is pleased to announce Kevin Kittle as the principal of Warren Mott High School and Mike Lee as the principal of Margaret Black Elementary School.



Kevin Kittle

Kevin Kittle has worked for Warren Consolidated Schools for the past 20 years. He served as assistant principal at Warren Mott, district Instructional Technology Specialist, and a physical education teacher.

“I am excited for the opportunity to be the building principal at Warren Mott High School,” Kittle said. “I look forward to working with our talented staff, dedicated parents, motivated students and involved community members.”

Mike Lee has been with Warren Consolidated Schools for the past 20 years. He served as Assistant Principal at Carleton Middle School,

a science teacher at Carter Middle School, and a teacher at Perl Lean Elementary. He was also a varsity assistant football coach and head varsity girls basketball coach at Cousino High School, where he led the team to a Class A Girls Basketball State title in 2016.



Mike Lee

“I look forward to helping the students of Margaret Black Elementary get ready academically, socially, and emotionally for the next level, while having some fun along the way.” Lee said.

“Mr. Kittle and Mr. Lee are two outstanding leaders in our organization,” Superintendent Robert D. Livernois, Ph.D. said. “Both Kevin and Mike are committed to the students, staff and parents they serve. I am confident they will continue to do great things at their respective buildings.”

WCS home to 2023 School Social Worker of the Year

Kyla Marcial, district social worker, was named the 2023 School Social Worker of the Year for Region M by the Michigan Association of School Social Workers.

Every year, the Michigan Association of School Social Workers honors those who have demonstrated outstanding performance in their practice and acknowledge the dedication, professionalism and value that School Social Workers bring to school districts.



Kyla Marcial

Marcial has been with Warren Consolidated Schools since 2003, serving students at Grissom Middle School.

“I am pleasantly surprised and honored to receive this recognition and to represent Warren Consolidated Schools,” Marcial said. “Because my job encompasses many components, I love that I get the opportunity to work with our special education population of students, teachers, administrators, and parents on a daily basis.”

Before joining WCS, Marcial worked in foster care, a juvenile youth home, private practice and with traumatic brain injury clients. She has also

served on the Board of Directors for the Ronald McDonald House. She currently oversees the Peer to Peer program at Grissom Middle School.

Around the district...

The Steel Armadillos finish 3rd at Worlds

Butcher Educational Center Robotics Team 818—The Steel Armadillos finished 3rd overall at the 2023 FIRST Robotics World Championship in Houston. The team is made up of students from all three WCS high schools. The FIRST Robotics World Championship is an international event for youth robotics and is an annual celebration of science, technology, engineering, and math.



WEA Awards Scholarships

The following high school seniors were awarded scholarships from the Warren Educational Association:

- Cousino High School**—Noah Cafagna and Nicholas Gorski
- Sterling Heights High School**—Vincent Gibala and Meadow VanArman
- Warren Mott High School**—Scott Mudd and Mohammad Shohan
- CTE Scholarship**—Molly Smith
- Community High School**—Reaghan Cohen

The goal of the WEA Scholarship Foundation is to recognize and reward students who have an immediate family member in a labor union, planning to attend a public institution or high education, and meeting qualified levels of achievement.

The WEA has awarded more than \$75,000 in scholarships to WCS students since its inception in 2008.



Schools honored with Green Schools distinction

Twenty-one Warren Consolidated Schools were recognized by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners for their efforts in “going green” at the 2023 Renewable Energy Michigan Green Schools Celebration.

The Michigan Green Schools program is an educational initiative which encourages students to participate in activities that are good for the environment and promote energy efficiency and savings. Categories include: recycling, energy savings, environmental protection, and special activities.

Schools are categorized into green, emerald, or evergreen status based on how many activities the school performs to preserve natural resources, protect the environment, and promote energy efficiency and savings.

The following schools received Green School designations for 2023:

Evergreen—Black Elementary, Carleton Middle School, Career Prep Center, Cromie Elementary, Warren Mott High School, Wilkerson Elementary, Willow Woods Elementary.

Emerald—Carter Middle School, Green Acres Elementary, Holden Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, Pearl Lean Elementary, Siersma Elementary, Susick Elementary.

Green—Cousino High School, Community High School, Grissom Middle School, Harwood Elementary, MMSTC (Butcher Educational Center), Sterling Heights High School, Wilde Elementary.

Each year the best of each category is recognized by the Board of Commissioners. Black Elementary was awarded the *Top Overall* school, Cromie Elementary was awarded the *Top Evergreen* school, and Warren Mott High School was awarded the *Best Visual Presentation*.

FREE breakfast and lunch for ALL in the fall

WCS Nutrition Services will offer FREE breakfast and lunch to all students beginning the 2023-24 school year, made possible through the federal grant program, Community Eligibility Provision.

In order to receive funding through this program, the district will still collect household information from WCS families.

What do families need to do? Fill out the Household Information Report. This report is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs including Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc. These supplemental programs have the potential to offer supports and services to students, including:

- Instructional supports
- Non-instructional services

- Professional Learning for staff
- Parent and Community engagement supplies and activities
- Technology

The Household Information Report will be available online in August at <https://warren.familyportal.cloud/> and in students beginning of the school year paperwork.

Secondary students will have the availability to still make purchases from various SMART snack compliant treats such as baked chips, whole grain cookies, and reduced fat ice creams.

Online deposits thru the Meal Magic Family Portal to student accounts will continue to help limit the number of cash transactions at the registers for these ala carte purchases.

MEET UP and EAT UP

The WCS Meet Up and Eat Up FREE summer meals program is taking place at select buildings throughout the district this summer. Visit WCSKIDS.NET for dates, times, and locations.

Children 18 years-old and younger are encouraged to Meet Up and Eat Up tasty, healthy food to fuel their summer!

SHHS student finishes 2nd in Stock Market Game

Sterling Heights High School student Tomas Najeeb came in 2nd place in the Stock Market Game. He was one of more than 1,000 student participants from across the state.

The Stock Market Game is an online simulation of the global capital markets that engages students in grades 4-12 in the world of economics, investing, and personal finance and has prepared 17 million students for financially independent futures.



JOIN OUR TEAM

WCS is hiring for the following positions:

- Custodial
- Nutrition Services
- Lunchroom Supervisor
- Skilled Trades
- Latchkey
- Clerical
- Transportation

Visit WCSKIDS.NET or call 586-698-4521 for employment opportunities.



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Class of 2023—Senior Academic Honors

Warren Consolidated Schools is pleased to announce the Class of 2023 academic honor students who received highest distinction—3.900 GPA or above.

Cousino High School—Summa Cum Laude

Syeda Ahmed	Lourdes Del Rio	Isabella Monacelli
Wasi Ahmed	Anisa Devolli	Ryan Moody
Medina Alii	Anya Drewnicki	Sophia Nguyen
Jaxon Anderson	Maria Ferro	Dessyre Obedencio
Marseel Bahnan	Gabrielle Giametta	Malena Raper
Abigail Banaszak	Nicholas Gorski	Alexandra Schwab
Jayden Bassi	Emily Griffith	Angela Sinani
Lauren Blase	Issa Haddad	Jack Stevenson
Melaina Brostenianc	Patrycja Kolodziej	Julie Weidemann
Noah Cafagna	Patricia Leoncio	Alex West
Rana Daher	Sabela Mahdeen	Kaitlyn Wrubel
Takouhi Danealian	Samantha Modronja	

Sterling Heights High School—Summa Cum Laude

Ali Abboud	Orilda Hamolli	Meriam Odish
Melvina Abro	Samantha Hunt	Summer Olsem
Samantha Abuel	Victoria Jakovlevski	Aisalynn Pileri
Mariam Alatto	Ward Jiad	Abigail Shamoon
Shams Al-Hammadi	Selena Kalla	Jasmine Shamoun
Savio Alsafi	Grace Kasmarogi	Quoc Tran-Nguyen
Ayaan Amir	Mirna Kato	Abigail Turchin
Shaan Bashir	Dylan Kingstrom	Meadow VanArman
Toni Boulous	Aditya Kurup	Janellyn Woo
Mateo Demirasi	Benjamin Matich	Janna Yono
Bailey Dies-Wendt	Aabir Musawir	Maryam Zahid
Vincent Gibala	Calvin Nguyen	Natalia Zoma
Vladyslav Gorechko	Charlie Nguyen	
Anthony Hadad	Mariana Odish	

Warren Mott High School—Summa Cum Laude

Abida Ahmed	Tawhid Hussain	Pomy Questhi
Shadman Ahmed	Denis Imsirovic	Alexandrea Ysabel
Maryam Al Hilo	Nailah Khan	Ramirez
Imtiaz Ali	Hanna Kim	Holden Rembecki
Sara Alshmani	Tammy Lam	David Roush
Samia Ambia	Nathan Le	Avril Saroli
Jordyn Banks	Wyatt Lewis	Imaculet Shabo
Kaylyn Banks	Conrad Lupa	Mohammad Shohan
Mastura Bari	Michael Martin	Griffin Smith
Sean Benigni	Julius Mikhael	Leah Stchur
Madeline Bradshaw	Trinity Miller	Berkeley Steinbrecher
Evan Brosky	Allison Mills	Samihat Suha
Rakin Choudhury	Kenneth Moreno	Justin Tran
Jestin Concepcion	Scott Mudd	Anisa Tumbul
Tanya Danial	Matthew Murad	Tasnim Uddin
Priyobratho Datta	Elizabeth Nanthou	Nicolina Vitale
Saptarshi Deb	Ethan Nguyen	Maria Vultaggio
Gabrielle Godin	Vianna Nguyen	Jasmine Wagner
Lynn Gully	Sumaiya Oishee	Ellah Walters
Mirna Hannosh	Ishra Parvez	D'Angelo Williams
Autumn Hearn	Elizabeth Prenkocevic	Noshin Zaman
Daniel Hofmans	Imtiaz Qureshi	

2023-24 Calendar

August 30—K-12 half day; No PM ECSE

August 31—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE; PM reports in AM

September 1-4—NO SCHOOL; Labor Day Break

September 19—K-12 Early Release

October 3—K-12 Early Release

October 4—Official Student Count Day

October 11—K-12 full day; 6-12 grade ONLY Evening Parent Teacher Conferences

October 12—K-12 half day; No PM ECSE; 6-12 grade ONLY afternoon and evening Parent Teacher Conferences

October 17—K-12 Early Release

October 25—K-12 full day; K-5 ONLY evening Parent Teacher Conferences

October 26—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE; PM reports in AM; 6-12 ONLY afternoon and evening Parent Teacher Conferences

October 31—K-12 Early Release

November 7—NO SCHOOL; District-wide professional development

November 10—K-12 half day; AM ECSE; No PM ECSE

November 21—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE; PM reports in AM

November 22-24—NO SCHOOL; Thanksgiving recess

December 5—K-12 Early Release

December 19—K-12 half day; No PM ECSE

December 20-January 2—NO SCHOOL; Holiday Break

January 10 & 11—9-12 half day; High School exams

January 12—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE; PM reports in AM; High School exams

January 15—NO SCHOOL; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 23—K-12 Early Release

February 6—K-12 Early Release

February 7—Supplemental Student Count Day

February 16—K-12 half day; No PM ECSE

February 19-23—NO SCHOOL; Winter Break

March 5—K-12 Early Release

March 14—K-12 half day; No PM ECSE; K-12 afternoon and evening Parent Teacher Conferences

March 19—K-12 Early Release

March 22—K-12 half day; No PM ECSE

March 25-29—NO SCHOOL; Spring Break

April 9—HS/MS Testing Day (date subject to change/schedules to follow)

April 16—K-12 Early Release

May 3—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE

May 7—NO SCHOOL district wide

May 14—K-12 Early Release

May 24—K-12 half day; AM ECSE only; Senior Last Day

May 27—NO SCHOOL; Memorial Day

June 1—High School Graduation Ceremonies

June 10—9-11 half day; High School exams

June 11—9-11 half day; High School exams

June 12—K-12 half day; No AM ECSE; PM reports in AM; High School exams