

Williamsville CUSD #15
December 2006/January 2007 Newsletter

Holiday Break

Schools will be closed for the holiday season beginning December 20, with 1:45 PM dismissal at Sherman and 2:15 PM dismissal at Williamsville. School will resume on January 3. Happy holidays!

No School and Early Dismissal

School will not be in session January 12 for a teachers' institute and January 15 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. Due to a teachers' workshop on January 31, Sherman Elementary will dismiss at 1:45 PM, and Williamsville schools will dismiss at 2:15 PM.

School Board Meetings

The Board of Education will meet on December 18 and January 22. All meetings begin at 7:00 PM, and are held in the district office. The public is invited.

New Illinois Law

A new law in Illinois requires schools to notify the parents of children attending school that information about sex offenders is available to the public. That information is available from the Illinois State Police website at www.isp.stateil.us/sor.

Willcare

This is a not-for-profit organization which was established to help needy families of the Williamsville School District. If you know of any families who are in need of assistance with food, clothing, utility costs, etc., please contact Rod McQuality at the junior high school (566-3600) or Karen Hoffek at the high school (566-3361). Donations to this fund can be made at the Williamsville State Bank in the name of "Willcare".

High School News

Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students who made the 1st quarter honor roll:

Freshmen A Honors – Chase Alexander, Rachael Allen, Ryan Balder, Katie Barrett, Mitchell Brooks, Cassie Clark, Taylor David, Sami Dees, Amanda Doll, Danielle Dow, Chelsea Dreher, Hannah Durchholz, Matthew Escarraz, Blake Fawns, Evan Foster, Taylor Geary, Matthew Goetsch, Krista Hardy, Ashley Kauffold, Katlyn Lazar, Hannah Manning, Karlie McGrath, Jake McNamara, Colton Meyers, Zach Mierzejewski, Hannah Miller, Chelsea Nichols, Matt Osman, Katherine Ripka, Kristen Shaffer, Alex Smith, Taylor Smith, Chelsey Sorensen, Joseph Staats, Samantha Turnbull, Drew von Waldner, Troy Willis, and Kelly Zoelzer

Freshmen B Honors – Shelby Bosie, Camile Bowen, Savannah Bredberg, Kaitlyn Brooker, Adrian Brown, Haley Claycomb, Travis Combs, Ashley Davis, Lacey Davis, Marisa DeLay, Morgan Fanale, Shelby Fishburn, Miranda Freeman, Colter Freitag, Aaron Gantt, Jessie Gatschenberger, Sarah Griffin, Dalton Hamilton, Jenna Hansen, Will Hollis, Julia Horath, Heather Hurley, Chris Jenkins, Justin Jerome, Bryan Johnson, Nick Kamrath, Ashla Kerber, Colten Lyons, Phillip Mast, Amber McCarthy, Frankie Meyers, Christine Miller, Cory Musselman, Belle Palazzolo, Holly Peterman, Erin Race, Katie Ramsey, Dustin Richardson, Nathan Sanner, David Sanzenbacher, Kaitlyn Schmidt, Jesse Schmillen, Mitchell Spurlock, Austin Stake, Ross Taft, Kaylene Wright, and Hannah Zara

Sophomore A Honors – Rachel Bradley, Lauren Brandt, Erin Burneson, Alexa Craig, Paige Davenport, Brandon Donnelly, Kurt Fowler, Austin Geary, Jacob Grieme, Ashley Halford, Will Heidorn, Jillian Hills, Lydia Holdman, Cora Jeffers, Nathan Laughhunn, Katelynn Mason, Brogan McCarty, Amy Moles, Jonathan Moos, Emily Neuman, Samantha Pelc, Kathleen Rump, Catelyn Rutschke, Colin Ryan, Darci Sample, Chris Saner, Amanda Smith, Rachel Spenn, Gary Stover, Kelsey Stump, Trevor Thompson, Ashley Welker, and Megan Werner

Sophomores B Honors – Becky Brauer, Jacob Buescher, Earl Hollinshead, Nick Horton, Nichole Huddleston, Austin Lamkey, Drew Lazar, Aubrey Letterle, Grace Manning, Brian Moles, Lindsay Morse, Ashley Smith, Sabrina Starwalt, Zach Statzer, Keith Stegemann, Kyle Traeger, Cole Withrow, Trevor Wolf, and Dylan Woods

Juniors A Honors – Tori Alexander, David Blickensterfer, Marissa Collier, Kelsie Coonrod, Lindsey Courson, Justin Gowin, Jared Hayward, Elena Holler, Alex Holsopple, Courtney Howard, Keri Kirby, Maggie Mergen, Spenser Morrissey, Nina Pesch, Tara Proctor, Hannah Purseglove, Matt Rehan, Andrea Schultz, Cari Strobe, and Caroline Williams

Juniors B Honors – Tara Abu-Tayeh, Nick Arnold, Blake Bowen, Casey Constant, Bridget Curren, Dustin Davenport, Lisa Deaver, Jake Ellis, Aaron Felix, Nick Flemming, Brianna Fulginiti, Ryan Gatschenberger, Chris Hanson, Katie Harpring, Joe Heigert, Evan Hocking, Feleshia Long, Paige Luker, Kyle Martin, Jonathan McGlennon, Evan Millard, Mitch Mlacknik, Ethan Morrissey, Corey Moynahan, Zach Nelson, Tessa Oglesby, Ashton Oltmanns, Ashton Palazzolo, Hilary Peterman, Ryan Redenius, Craig Ripka, Cameron Rum, Tara Rutschke, Andrew Siders, Jonathan Sisti, Kelsey Smith, Sean Stuewe, Derek Thompson, Kayla Turnbull, Jake Valasek, Brooke Walker, and Jenny Weakly

Seniors A Honors – Shannon Allison, Dana Anderson, Sara Anderson, Amy Bracey, Sarah Bradley, Lindleigh Cheshire, Ryan Courson, Samantha Craig, Mitch Davidson, Heidi Doom, Matt Dreher, Megan Garecht, Carrie Griffin, Kendra Hansel, Erik Hansen, Kelsey Harbin, Travis Harmony, Tim Hinds, Jordan Hudgins, Megan Ilsley, Josh Jouett, Kelsey Justice, Katie Kording, Kellie Lindsey, Ross McMurray, Cara McQuality, Darren Moore, Tara Peterman, Megan Plopper, Jade Polk, Jocelyn Praia, Rachel Rawlings, Adam Raycraft, Allison Schmidt, Jordan Schultz, Lucas Snow, Alex Stake, Bridgette Starwalt, Brittni Stuemke, Elena Stuewe, Katie Teer, Andrew Thompson, Anna Urish, Nick Veach, Bethany Wright, and Kasie Wyciskalla

Seniors B Honors – Zach Beatty, Molly Brennan, Joe Dyer, Casey Esker, Justin Gibson, Andrew Goetsch, Chase Gruening, Aaron Horath, Matt Jaynes, Justin Kirk, Todd Leuelling, Mike McCarthy, Dane Menzel, Marcus Miller, Zac Neal, Amanda Phillips, Will Ripka, Stacey Schadewaldt, Tony Selvaggio, Scott Sheff, Tyler Sloan, Taylor Smith, Amanda Soliz, Nathan Staats, Lacey Sudduth, Emily Swinford, Amanda Tabit, Jorie Thompson, Katie Thompson, Erin Ushman, Rachel Winters, and Kane Woods

2006 All Exceeds Team

Congratulations to Sara Anderson, Ryan Courson, Erik Hansen, Jordan Schultz, Elena Stuewe and Bethany Wright who are members of the 2006 Prairie State Achievement Exam All-Exceeds Team. These six students received exceeds scores on all of the state exams administered last spring.

DAR and SAR Winners

Elena Stuewe, daughter of Jon Stuewe and Rita Stuewe of Sherman, and Erik Hansen, son of Dr. Mark and Jackie Hansen of Sherman, were selected as the 2006 DAR and SAR recipients. Nominees were chosen by the faculty and staff of WHS with consideration based on leadership, dependability, patriotism, service, scholarship, and citizenship. Senior class members chose the award winners from the faculty nominees.

Teen Gift Community Food Drive

During the 2005 drive, WHS students and faculty donated over \$3500 and a trailer of food to Contact Ministries. Once again, the students of Williamsville High School will be participating in the Fifteenth Annual Teen Gift and Community Food Drive. Food items, teen gifts, and monetary donations collected by the students will go to Contact Ministries. Sacks will be distributed to homes in the Williamsville School District the weekend of December 1. Residents are asked to fill a sack with nonperishable food items and students will pick up the sacks on December 9, between 10 a.m. and noon. In the event of rain or snow, residents are asked to turn on their porch light so that students know to come to the door. Anyone not getting a sack picked up may either bring donations to the high school before noon on Saturday, December 9, or call the high school office prior to Saturday to schedule a pick-up. Teen gifts will be collected at the high school from December 1 – 8.

This year a Gift Tree will be displayed in the office. Each gift on the tree will have suggestions for teen gifts. When a WHS student chooses a "gift" from the tree and returns the actual gift, the WHS student will be eligible for a drawing for a Best Buy gift certificate. Area residents who would like to donate a gift, please place the gift with the food sacks on December 9.

Advertising in Athletic Programs

Some businesses in Williamsville and Sherman have raised the question of contacts they have received from companies asking them to buy advertising in various sports programs. Williamsville High School only produces three sports programs for which advertisements are solicited. One is for fall sports, one is for winter sports, and one is for the Holiday Tournament. This is done by the Williamsville Sports Boosters in the summer with another drive by basketball players in the fall. Some schools contract with companies to produce programs for their teams, tournaments, etc. You may be solicited by one of these companies and offered the opportunity to support the Bullets by advertising in their program. Williamsville High School is always appreciative of your support, but these programs are not endorsed by our school nor do we receive any of the proceeds of these programs. If you have any questions, contact Alan Avery, at 566-3361.

Congratulations to Chase Gruening!

Chase was selected to the 2A All-State Football Team. He will be honored before the 2A State Championship game at Champaign.

Prairie State All Conference Team Announced

Congratulations to the following Bullet football players for making the Prairie State All Conference Team: Offense: 1st Team Wide Receiver - Chris Hanson, 1st Team Offensive Guard - Casey Constant, 1st Team Center - Chase Gruening, 1st Team Quarterback - Alex Stake (Unanimous Selection), 1st Team Punter - Ryan Courson, 2nd Team Fullback - Aaron Barnett, 2nd Team Tailback - Ryan Courson, Defense: 1st Team Linebacker - Aaron Barnett, 1st Team Defensive Line - Chase Gruening (Unanimous Selection), 1st Team Kicker - Alex Stake, 2nd Team Defensive Back - Kane Woods, 2nd Team Linebacker - Casey Constant, 2nd Team Defensive Line - Josh Jouett, 2nd Team Outside Linebacker - Taylor Smith, Honorable Mention: Offensive Tackle – Adam Raycraft, Defensive Lineman – Matt Rehan.

Madrigal Tea & Dinner

The WHS Madrigals would be honored by your presence at their annual Madrigal Tea & Dinner. Joining them in performance will be the Madrigal Brass, the High School Singing Servers, and the WJHS Boppin' Bee Bees. Both performances will be at the WJHS Fine Arts Center on Saturday, December 9. The Tea is at 1:00PM, and tickets cost \$8. The Dinner is at 6:30PM, and the tickets cost \$15. Please contact Mrs. Bosworth at WHS for tickets before Monday, December 4.

Youth and Government

The high school hosted Pre Leg I on Friday evening, November 3. Eleven high schools from Central Illinois attended the training. Williamsville has one candidate running for state wide offices. Lucas Snow hopes to be chosen as editor of the *Observer*, the Youth and Government student paper. He has a very creative campaign slogan: "Stay in the Know with Snow". Darci Sample has already been chosen Clerk of the House for the March weekend. On Saturday, December 2, Pre Leg II will be held at Williamsville High School from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Parents of Youth and Government students will prepare and serve lunch for all attending participants. Attendance of adults and students will number about 350 and include students from 14 schools in central and southern Illinois. The profit from food sales will be used to defray the cost of the state assembly in March for our students. Thank you to the many people who have assisted the Youth and Government program by purchasing Butter Braids, cookies, and candy and working and contributing to the Pre-Leg II lunch for all the students. Carolyn Hansel-Downs and Diane Thompson organized, shopped, cooked and set up the Pre-Leg lunch. Thanks to Roger and Marilyn Ray who support our Youth and Government program year after year and make participation for a few of our students a reality.

Record Number of Students Make IMEA All District Groups

This fall, Williamsville High School sent the largest number of music students to the 2006 IMEA All District Festivals in the history of the school. WHS sent 33 students to the following groups at the All District Concert Festival at WIU on Saturday, November 11, and the All District Jazz Festival at PORTA High School on November 18th. Congratulations to the following music students: **All District Concert Choir:** Samantha Becker, Taylor Smith, Hannah Durchholz, Cora Jeffers, Kelsey Stump, Kendra Hansel, Sarah Payne, David Blickensderfer, Will Heidorn, Jake Grieme, and Steven Dike; **All District Band and All District Orchestra:** Kyle Traeger, Nicholas VanMeter, and Colin Ryan; **All District Jazz Band:** Nicholas VanMeter, Kyle Traeger, Katelyn Lazar, Marisa Delay, Evan Millard, Colin Ryan, Cody Eigenmann, Matt Jaynes, Cory VanMeter, Derek Edge, and Aaron Horath; **All District Jazz Choir:** Samantha Becker, Emily Neuman, Cora Jeffers, Sarah Payne, Kelsey Stump, David Blickensderfer, Will Heidorn, and Steven Dike.

Junior & Senior High Bands Concert

On Sunday, December 3rd, the Unit #15 Bands will present their fall semester holidays concert in the WHS gym at 2:00 PM. The 6th Grade band, 7th & 8th grade band, high school concert band, and high school jazz band are all in this concert. The IMEA All District musicians will be recognized, as well as top students from the fall fundraiser. Plan on some great Holiday music, along with the WHS Jazz Band closing out the show with a variety of selections. The concert is absolutely free!

WHS Jazz Band at White Oaks Mall

Come to White Oaks Mall in Springfield and listen to the music of our Williamsville High School Jazz Band on Thursday, December 14. They will present a concert near the food court area from 5:00-6:00 PM. A great variety of music is planned for this gig. The White Oaks Mall administrators are presenting the band as part of their seasonal concert series. Holiday selections to mainstream jazz will be performed.

Junior High School News

Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students who made the 1st quarter honor roll:

6th Grade High Honors – Lizza Mae Amatong, Skyler Arnberger, Jenna Bailey, Rachel Bigham, Olivia Bohringer, Dana Caspar, Curtis Clark, Corey Conklin, Mac Contri, Nathan Cox, Zach Cox, Alex Dickerman, Keaton Easley, Clinton Fletcher, Harrison Galusha, Brittany Glenn, Taylor Hardy, Emma Havrilka, Daniel Heidorn, Taylor Joerger, Kyle Jones, Brooke Keenan, Austin Kohler, Leah Levin, Charlotte Lipp, Jak Loutzenhiser, Jessica Mast, Mackenzie McCall, Mary McGrath, Courtney Paden, Erin Price, Alex Raycraft, Lucas Raycraft, Max Reter, Ben Schutzbach, Jessica Siders, Tanner Smith, Nicholas Sorenson, Sarah Stover, Regan Stump, Kaitlin Sweeney, Alexa Thompson, Connor Thompson, Jacob Tobias, Sephra Urbas, Kathryn Waugh, Jacob Weiss, Evan Weyant, Zachary Wilham, Alexandria Wilson, and Skylar Woods

6th Grade Honors – Cassie Abeln, Rowan Allen, Brett Bachmann, Kyle Beals, Alayna Currie, Anneliese Darow, Kyle Freeman, Will Gerding, Rachel Karras, Alexander Lang, Kaitlyn Lemasters, Hayley Long, Schentel Maiers, Safia Meharam, Anthony Moscardelli, Katie Naslund, Brandy Neff, Jacob Payne, Abigail Penk, Andrew Rademacher, Andrew Sapochak, Karley Stade, Victoria Thompson, Anthony Tom, Elaine Warnisher, and Abigail Yeley

7th Grade High Honors – Jean-Luc Abeln, Landon Bangert, Angela Barrett, Bo Bennett, Frances Buescher, Anna Butterfield, Kayla Chamblin, Emily Chesser, Elizabeth Choat, Abigail Clark, Blake Clinard, Alexis Emerson, Kate Fowler, Cody Harn, Lindsay Holler, Payton Jeffers, Katlyn Keenan, Drew Kluemke, Robert Konzelmann, Taylor Kovacevich, Kaitlin Lounsberry, Hailey McNamara, Kayla Meister, Jessica Paulen, Sam Pensabene, Paige Peterman, Ricky Rivera, Nicholas Roscetti, Kathryn Spenn, Abigail Stier, Ellen Swinford, Ben Tobias, Joshua VonTrapp, Jonathon Watson, Reece Whitley, Amber Wires, Jacob Wise, and Zachary Ziemba

7th Grade Honors – Matt Allison, Justin Anderson, Amber Arnold, Melaney Brown, Justin Burneson, Keith Burris, Dain Cockrell, Kaitlyn Constant, Kelsey Easton, Alexander Freschi, Charles Garecht, Morgan Grigiski, Devlin Hanners, Emma Hanney, Lance Hendricks, Erica Hewitt, Jonathan Hill, Alyssa Holsopple, Zach Hulskotter, Laura Kilbury, Courtney Leka, Sam Lochmann, Jessie McEvoy, Samantha Moreland, Erika Oltmanns, Jordan Oshesky, Jacob Osman, Jennifer Parnell, Travis Penman, Paul Priestler, Wade Rademacher, Brian Rogers, Robert Ryan, Amber Shifflett, Tyler Sisti, Audrey Snow, Torey Sorenson, Dalton Strocher, Casi Strode, Koreena Tabit, Ben Taft, Brandon Thompson, Tim Turnbull, Alexandria VanLeer, and Chase Withrow

8th Grade High Honors – Tamara AbuTayeh, Kyle Allison, Adam Balder, Tony Bartolomucci, Michael Davidson, Hannah Deutsch, Kelsey Eddy, Cody Edwards, Taylor Edwards, Jessica Fager, Carmyn Giganti, Michael Grigiski, Gregory Harpring, Jason Heigert, Krystal Holdman, Lauren Hollinshead, Lucas Holton, Chantel Jennings, Brock Kamrath, Caitlin Laudeman, Jacob Laughhunn, Abigail Lawley, Benjamin Levin, Brooke Lowery, Kella Madison, Saleh Meharam, Cole Menzel, Abigail Metz, Austin Meyers, Jessica Miller, Emily Mordacq, Lauren Mordacq, Alexis Niesel, Amy Pesch, Tyler Roeloffs, Allison Rump, Jordan Saner, Tanner Schultz, Megan Schutzbach, Lindsey Siders, Steven Tuning, Amelia Vignali, Kevin Walden, Hunter Welch, and Abigail Withrow

8th Grade Honors – Maggie Angeli, Logan Bangert, Jessica Beran, Elliott Brandt, Jared Buscher, Maddi Contri, Tyler Davenport, Jared Ebel, Shelby Eilts, Christian Fawns, Austin Fox, Josh Gentile, Matt Harmon, Morgan Hoskins, Travis Howard, Meghan Jacobs, Erica Jordan, Andrew Lillard, Tess Lindsey, Nicholas Martin, Kyle Pearson, Jordyn Steiner, Halli Stoecker, Ryan Truax, Bradley Wagner, Johnathan Werner, Keith Williams, Alexandra Yard, Miranda Yard, and Emily Zara

Successful Canned Food Drive

During the first part of November, the WJHS Student Council sponsored our annual food drive for the Kumler Food Pantry. Over 3,000 items were collected and delivered to the food pantry. In addition to the food items collected, we were also able to present a check for \$195.00 to the pantry for perishable food items. The money was raised through three donut and milk breakfasts for the students at WJHS. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success. During the upcoming holiday season, junior high students will also be assisting families in need.

Junior High Band and Chorus Holiday Concerts

All WJHS chorus students will be presenting a concert at 7:00PM, on December 13, at the District Fine Arts Center in the junior high. In addition, the Boppin' Bee Bees will be performing at the annual high school Madrigal Tea and Dinner on December 9. The WJHS band performs their concert on December 3, at 2:00PM, at the high school. Good luck and congratulations to our music students.

Junior High Band & Chorus Students Gain All District Honors & Perform at WIU

Congratulations to the record number of Band & Chorus students selected by auditions for the IMEA All District groups this fall: Junior High Band - Kevin Walden, Robert Konzelmann, Megan Schutzbach, and Casi Strode; Junior High Chorus - Amber Arnold, Angie Barrett, Melaney Brown, Shelby Cantrall, Abby Clark, Michael Fodor, Carmyn Giganti, Lindsay Holler, Chantel Jennings, Erica Jordan, Taylor Kovacevich, Caitlin Laudeman, Jacob Laughhunn, Nick Martin, Hailey McNamara, Kayla Meister, Jessica Miller, Allison Rump, Audrey Snow, and Kathryn Spenn. Kevin Walden was selected by a further audition to be part of the IMEA All District Junior High Jazz Band which performed at the All District Jazz Festival held Saturday, November 18, at the PORTA High School in Petersburg. Kevin played 1st Tenor Sax.

Commemorative Pavers

The junior high is currently receiving additional purchases of commemorative pavers for the front entrance at the junior high school. The junior high will be placing an order in the near future. If you want to have a commemorative paver placed at the entrance, please visit www.wcusd15.org, click on Williamsville Junior High School and then click on commemorative pavers. Proceeds from the commemorative pavers will support the newly established WJHS summer camp scholarships.

Elementary School News

Musical Performances

The 4th and 5th graders will perform a holiday concert on Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00PM, and the 1st and 2nd graders will perform a holiday concert on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00PM. Both concerts will take place at the junior high school fine arts center.

Box Top News

Sherman Elementary students and staff are helping out by having all the box top funds for the month of November go to purchase gifts for the holidays that can be given to those in need. After talking with the staff of Contact Ministries, they have a great need for gifts for children ages 8-15, the ages of some of our own students. Gifts can be of entertainment value or needed necessities such as coats, gloves, etc. Contact Ministries was established in 1978 and is a privately supported social service organization committed to helping needy individuals in the Central Illinois area. By networking with Catholic Charities, Helping Hands, MERCY Communities, Haven House, Community Child Care Connection and other community agencies, they offer a strong base of services.

Visitors to Sherman Elementary

It is the policy of the elementary school that whenever a visitor comes into the building, he or she must sign in at the office. Please let someone in the office know why you are in the building. If you are at the school to speak to your child's teacher, then someone from the office will contact the teacher to let him or her know you are at the school and need to speak with him or her.

Fifth Grade Students to Participate in KIDS Heart Advantage Program

On Friday, December 1, Memorial Heart and Vascular Institute will be sponsoring a program for our 5th grade students to teach heart disease prevention with exercise, activity, nutrition and lifestyle choices. A cardiology nurse will also be available to share expertise on heart disease and prevention. All 5th grade students will be participating in this program.

Vocational News

FFA News

The Williamsville FFA attended the National FFA Convention from October 25-28 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Indiana has become the new home for the convention. FFA members that attended the convention were: Matt Rustman, Tara Proctor, Jeremiah Haggard, Todd Leuelling, Nathan Sloan, and Dustin Schemmer. The convention was held in the Conseco Fieldhouse and the Career Show was held in the RCA Dome. Students had the opportunity to visit the downtown area, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IMAX Theater, and the Medal of Honor Memorial. The career development event results were: Land Use – 6th place team; Matt Rustman – 9th place individual; Crops – 7th place team; Nathan Sloan – 10th place individual. The Agriculture Department Greenhouse Management class will be selling a limited amount of Christmas poinsettias. They come in red, pink, and white. They will cost \$10 each. Start your holiday season off right and purchase them during the week of December 4-8. Contact Mr. Houser at the high school or e-mail houserb@wcusd15.org.