

# Headlines @ WHS

## WHS Sets 1st Semester Exam Schedule

Semester exams will be held on December 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The schedule is as follows:

### Thursday, December 20

1<sup>st</sup> hour – 8:25-9:40  
2<sup>nd</sup> hour – 9:45-11:00  
Lunch – 11:00-11:30  
3<sup>rd</sup> hour – 11:35-12:50  
4<sup>th</sup> hour – 12:55-2:10

### Friday, December 21

5<sup>th</sup> hour – 8:25-9:35  
6<sup>th</sup> hour – 9:38-10:48  
7<sup>th</sup> hour – 10:51-12:01

Seniors who meet the standards on the PSAE are the only ones exempt from first semester exams. All students with perfect attendance will have five points added to each exam.

## Medieval Dinner @ WHS

By: Jamie Spangler

This was the first year that classes taught by Mrs. McBride held a drama dinner. Mrs. McBride thought of this idea because she has been to dinners like this before, and loved the medieval/renaissance atmosphere. The dinner was held on December 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. The community members were invited to share this evening with the chorus and drama students. The evening included a chicken dinner, and music preformed by the WHS chorus. The students that participated in the dinner wore medieval costumes made by senior Amanda McConnaughay. Money raised at the event will help future fine arts activities.

## Basketball Season is Here!

The Lady Cardinals, coached by Eric Helbig and Gina Reinburg, kicked off their season at the Edwards County Tournament. With a current record of 2-4, the young Lady Cardinals (no seniors, 8 freshmen) are looking forward to a successful, rebuilding year. The boys basketball team, coached by Shane Witzel and Nathan Boldt, kicked off their season at the Marissa Post-Thanksgiving Tournament. With a current record of 1-1, the Cardinals anticipate heavier competition this year, adding three shootouts (at Vandalia, Nashville, and Waltonville) to their schedule. Full roster information and schedules are online at [www.woodlawnhs.org](http://www.woodlawnhs.org)—Athletics, then choose desired sport.

# chatter box

By: Kathy Steele and Chelsea Bergman

### Q: What is your favorite Christmas movie?

A: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation." Cody Smith '08

A: "It's a Wonderful Life... 'cause it is!" Kelsey Korris '08

A: "Elf!" Jeremy Aparicio '11

### Q: Where would you spend Christmas if you could spend it anywhere?

A: "Under the mistletoe!" Jerry Langa '08

A: "With my family and Mrs. Tickner :)" Brook Mitchell '11

A: "In Mr. Larkin's office making paper snowflakes while dressed up in an elf costume!" Ashleigh Wilson '11

### Q: Who would you love to be caught under the mistletoe with?

A: "The Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders!!" Kevin Vasquez '08

A: "Hopefully with a girl!" Kyle Clinton '10

A: "Mrs. Claus- Santa doesn't say Ho, Ho, Ho for nothing ;)" Justin Steele '10

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

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Mr. Larkin, Principal

The Morning Sentinel recently ran a series on local high schools and AYP or Adequate Yearly Progress. AYP is a means of measuring a school's compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act. The conditions required for making AYP that apply to WHS are testing at least 95% of students, a 72% graduation rate and 55% of students meeting or exceeding the state standards in reading and math.

At WHS we test 100% of the junior class. Our graduation rate is 92.9% compared to a state average of 85.9%. While the percent of students that met or exceeded the standards in reading and math was slightly lower than 55%, we still made AYP based on the confidence interval. The confidence interval is a factor that is applied to small test groups.

Each year the percentage of meets and exceeds increases by 7.5%. This year we will need to strive for 62.5%. This is a very high goal and many schools will not meet that this year. I am very pleased with the efforts that our staff and students are making to reach this goal.

## counselor's corner

Mr. Hanner, School Counselor

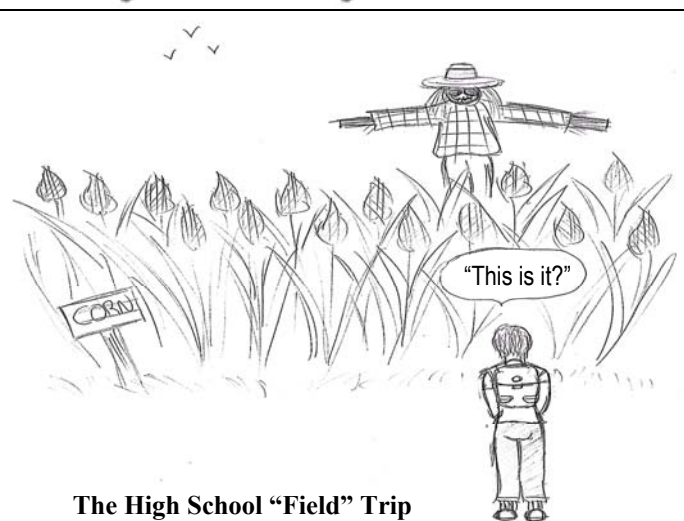
Seniors considering a four year college should fill out the college applications online NOW! This makes the process quicker and in some cases reduces the application costs.

A critical part for funding for your education is filling out the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> your senior year. This financial aid indicator is utilized by colleges to assess your financial education need.

FAFSA encourages (for quick response) that you apply for a Federal Student Aid's PIN. Go to the web site, [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov), and selecting **Apply for a PIN**. Students and parents of dependent students who have not previously applied for a PIN are able to apply for a PIN within the FAFSA application. Once you successfully complete a request, they will e-mail or mail you a PIN #. It will take approximately 1-3 business days after you request your PIN for you to receive an e-mail notification with instructions on how to retrieve it electronically, or 7-10 days to receive it in the mail via the U.S. Postal Service.

Selective Service: It is now possible for 18 year old males to sign up online. Login at the website: [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov), and it will take you to the online form.

## sketchy sketches by vanessa and alex



The High School "Field" Trip

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