



THE WRITING ON THE WALL

Middle School Highlights from Mr. Stonewall

October Edition

UPCOMING EVENTS:

10/13 - Pink Out Day

10/14 - 8th Grade
Dress Up Day

10/15 – XC @
ACGC

10/15 – Football vs.
Pleasantville

10/22 & 10/23:
P/T Conferences

10/23 – End of 1st
quarter

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Parent/Guardian Teacher conferences will be held Oct. 22 from 3-8 p.m. and Oct. 23 from 9-Noon. Students will be dismissed at 1:30 on Thursday. There is no school for students on Friday. Log into the JMC Parent Portal to schedule your meeting times. It's been a great start to the school year and we are looking forward to seeing you there!



**THE WEIGHT ROOM WILL START
OPENING TUESDAY &
THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 7:15
YOU WILL NEED YOUR OWN
RIDE TO SCHOOL.**

Me: Gonna get to the gym early today,
set myself on a regimen, get gains.

Also me:



**Basketball Sign Ups
are open in the
cafeteria. You must have
a current physical and
concussion form uploaded in
Bound to play or practice.
Below are the links for
Bound registration.**

Girls Basketball -

<https://manager.gobound.com/registration/ia/school/wcvalley/family>

Boys Basketball -

<https://manager.gobound.com/registration/ia/school/wcvalley/family>

Girls Wrestling -

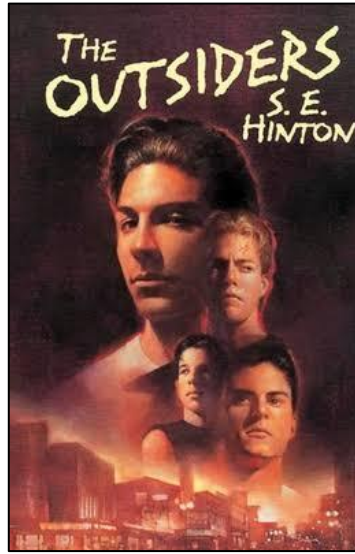
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8th Grade Dress Up Day

The 8th graders just finished reading the novel *The Outsiders*. *The Outsiders* has a repeating theme which emphasizes not judging people by the way they dress or how much money they have because deep down we are all the same no matter



what we look like. On Wednesday, October 14th, the 8th grade will be having their Greaser/Soc dress-up day. Students will come to school dressed up as a member of one of the groups from the text. Most of the items needed can already be found at home, so please do not feel like you have to buy anything. This is how the outfits usually break down:

Greasers – This group wears white/black t-shirt, jeans, leather/jeans jacket, and slicked back hair.

Socs – This group usually dresses more “preppy”. This means nice pants and collared shirts (madras shirts were common in the text). Dresses or skirts would also be appropriate.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kuhns (dkuhns@wcv.k12.ia.us).

**Mark your
calendars!**
**The middle school
fall dance will be
Friday,
November 6th
7:00 - 8:30 PM**



Parents and students can always check their grades on JMC.

The end of 1st quarter is October 23rd. Grades will be sent out the week of October 26th.



6th Grade Monarch Tagging

In 6th grade science, students are learning about living things in the biosphere. On Thursday, September 24th students went to Kuehn Conservation to learn more about and tag the miracles currently flying among us: MONARCHS! Tagging will help the University of Kansas continue their research, which is the largest research project in the nation. The field day was led by Allison Dittmer who works for Dallas County Conservation. Altogether WCV 6th graders tagged around 50 monarchs! Thank you to everyone at the school for making this day work and helping if you were there! It was a great day being outside and seeing the excitement on my students' faces!!! - Ms. Cook

Here's what some of the 6th grade students thought about their time spent at Kuehn Conservation:

"I loved it because I caught two monarchs. I also learned that monarchs found how to live longer." *Jack Buehlmann*

"I liked monarch tagging because it was very fun, also I didn't know that if they had a dot on their wing then it was a boy! ." *Melanie Trichel*

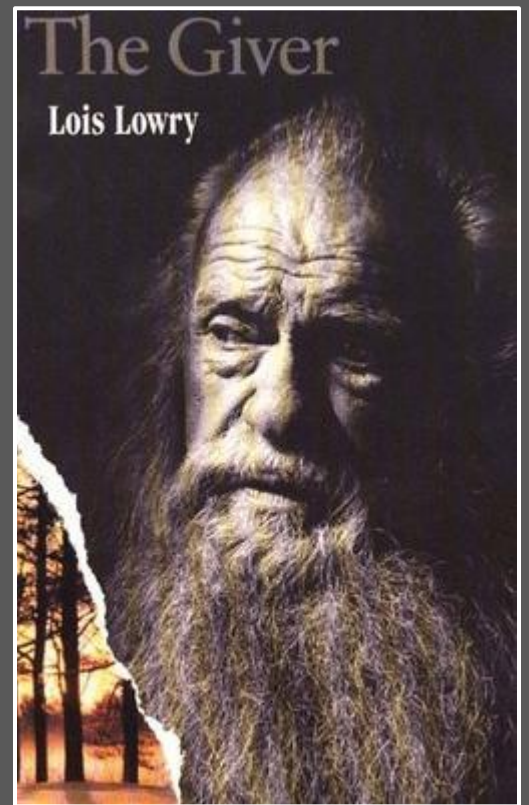
"I had fun catching the monarchs off of flowers and the scenic view. I learned that monarchs, called the super generation, can live up to 6-9 months instead of the average 14 days." *Curtis Bleckwehl*

"My opinion, it was really fun and I thought it was cool that the monarchs travel to Mexico. The bus ride was really fun, but loud. I loved it! The monarchs and flowers are so pretty!" *Cali Light*



7th Grade & The Ceremony of 12

The 7th grade has been reading *The Giver*, and we did our own simulation of The Ceremony of 12 where each student was given their own assignment/job in our community/classroom. After the assignments were given, the students were provided the opportunity to reflect on their assignments and fill out an application for a new job if they felt like they were wrongfully assigned. It was a great way for the students to connect with the novel. Here is a slideshow of the 7th grade students and the assignments that they were given: https://youtu.be/h349A_hqDw0. ~Mrs. Kuhns



8th Grade SCIBA Auditions

We have some monumental and historic news to share!

Last night was an amazing showing of what hard work and dedication can accomplish. We had five 8th grade students audition for South Central Iowa Bandmaster's Association (SCIBA), auditions were held at Waukee North Middle School. Those students who auditioned were Judah Westphal, Henry Craig, Angela Larsen, Sophia Pieper, and Jack Corbin. They needed to prepare 8 major scales, chromatic scale, and 1-2 etudes (depending on the instrument). Going through this process is so important in the growth of musicians.

The South Central Iowa region is loaded with other awesome and competitive band programs ranging from class 1A-4A in the music realm, who were also auditioning last night.

We are excited to announce that after auditioning- Jack, Henry, Angela, and Sophia were ACCEPTED into this year's SCIBA honor band event! Congratulations! More info will be sent to students and families in the coming days. The event itself will be November 17th at Ankeny Centennial High School.

This is a huge accomplishment, and marks the first 8th Grade SCIBA participants since Mr. Huff has taught at WCV. Join us in celebrating these students!

GO CATS!!!!





WILDCATS

WCVMS WINTER ACTIVITIES

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

11/12	AT MADRID
11/19	AT EARLHAM
11/30	AT MARTENSDALE ST. MARYS
12/3	V. I-35 AT HOME
12/8	V. OGDEN AT HOME
12/10	AT PANORAMA
12/14	V. PLEASANTVILLE AT HOME
12/17	AT ACGC

BOYS' BASKETBALL

11/12	V. MADRID AT HOME
11/19	V. EARLHAM AT HOME
11/30	AT MARTENSDALE ST. MARYS
12/3	AT I-35
12/8	AT OGDEN
12/10	V. PANORAMA AT HOME
12/14	AT JOSHUA CHRISTIAN
12/17	V. ACGC AT HOME

**WINTER CONCERT ~ DECEMBER 1ST
7 PM AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

WRESTLING

1/19	COED 4 PM	AT I-35
1/21	COED 4 PM	HOME (WCV HIGH SCHOOL)
1/22	COED 4 PM	I-35
1/25	COED 4:30 PM	MARTENSDALE ST. MARYS
1/30	GIRLS 4 PM	NORTH POLK
2/2	GIRLS 4:15 PM	WOODWARD GRANGER
2/2	BOYS 4 PM	VAN METER
2/5	COED 4 PM	CRESTON
2/12	BOYS ONLY 4 PM	CORNING (SOUTHWEST VALLEY)
2/16	BOYS ONLY 4:30 PM	KUEMPER (MNWI)

**IT'S GREAT
TO BE A
WILDCAT!**

Schedule as of 9/25/2026 and is subject to change.