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IS IN-PERSON REALLY BETTER?

What used to be empty halls in the beginning, is now filled with students talking about their classes and how much they have missed the feeling of being back together again. The students have realized there is a point in time where things just have to become the new normal whether it is what they want or it is what has to happen.

WHS has experienced a variety of school schedules this year—100% in-person, hybrid by going two days a week with everyone remote on Fridays, and full remote learning. These changes have occurred mostly due to the rise in COVID cases and/or number of students in quarantine.

While one schedule might be good for some students, it brings up some reservations for others. For example, possible downsides to 100% in-person may include the following: trying to find a place to park in the early mornings, bigger classes, and of course, the feeling of being overwhelmed due to the amount of people roaming the school halls from one class period to the next. When the students were going hybrid these things did not play as big of a factor for students. On in-person days in the past, there were fewer cars racing in the parking lot to get “their parking spot,” fewer desks filled with students, and sometimes a shorter line for food in the cafeteria.

However, there are a wide variety of benefits. In person compared to remote days, students say they feel like they learn more and are able to pay better attention to what they are studying. Junior, Izzy Frick states, “I personally just think online is harder because you are not getting direct help that some students need, but instead you may begin to feel lazy and behind.” Whether we are faced with another roadblock or we just continue to keep trucking along, I feel as though the students at Woodlawn High School will always make the most out of what they are faced with.



Story By: Wyatt Meadows
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With the school year seeming so different and strange, it is nice to see things returning to normal. One thing that is returning is sports. Some teams are going back to having practices/contact days then eventually followed up with games.

Although there is a lot of positive, there comes a negative side as well. The girls softball team is not practicing or having games, cheer is having practice and starting to cheer at games. Another sport that is getting back on track is girls basketball. They have resumed practices, and have started to play games. Boys basketball has also started practicing and playing games. Volleyball is also having contact days, with matches to occur in March. Baseball is still on the fence and hasn't heard a lot of news, except that they are going to be doing something during the summer.

The reason why sports are just now continuing is because some regions are switching from tiers which may result in changing their normal sports season. “This is certainly positive news for three regions of the state, but we still have a long way to go until we get all of our student-athletes back to being active,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “High school student-athletes are hurting from a mental, physical, and emotional standpoint, so we hope this is the first step toward getting that back to some normalcy.”



**WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER RAISE . . .
A BRITISH BABY OR AN IRISH BABY?**



An Irish baby

FAVORITE TYPE OF MUSIC?

I think it depends on the day or my mood,
but most of the time I'm listening to
country music.



Story By: Kaylin Koester

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Talen Lee



If you saw \$2,000 on the ground, what would you do? Pick it up and invest it in the stock market.

What is your favorite facial feature? My eyes.

Do you dance crazy when no one is around? Definitely.

Describe your life in one word. Awesome.

Who is your celebrity crush? Nicki Minaj.

If you saw \$2,000 on the ground, what would you do? I'd take the money and run.

What's your favorite facial feature? My eyes.

Joey Metcalf



Do you dance crazy when no one is around? No.

Describe your life in one word. Different.

Who's your celebrity crush? Don't have one.

If you saw \$2,000 on the ground, what would you do? I would take the money and run.

What's your favorite facial feature. Noses, because they're all so unique

Do you dance crazy when no one is around. I only dance crazy when people are watching.



Kennadi Niles

Describe your life in one word. Average.

Who is your celebrity crush? Machine Gun Kelly

If you saw \$2,000 on the ground, what would you do? I'd pick it up unless someone asks me if I saw it

What is your favorite facial feature? My eyes



Harlee Kujawa

Do you dance crazy when no one is around? Yes.

Describe your life in one word. Interesting.

Who is your celebrity crush? Chris Evans.

By: Alyssa Pedtke

The Class Pass

Story and Graphic By: Izzy Frick

Did you know that Rend Lake College offers dual enrollment classes to WHS students? Honestly, I feel like dual enrollment classes are a convenient opportunity that's usually overlooked. First of all, there are a few common misconceptions about what dual enrollment is. The first one being that most people think dual credit classes and dual enrollment classes are the same thing. After a detailed interview with our guidance counselor, Mrs. Witzel, I discovered that in dual credit classes, you are getting RLC credits along with WHS credits, but in dual enrollment classes, you are only getting college credits. The second option is one that people just don't realize how beneficial it can be. Any dual enrollment class that you take in high school, will only cost you half the price that it would have cost you to take it in college. To give an estimate, Mrs. Witzel stated "A usual class at Rend Lake would probably cost around \$300, but if you take the class in high school, you would only have to pay \$150." If you plan to take out a college loan, those classes could save you much more than you think. If you do choose to take the dual enrollment classes, you will actually leave school around noon, and drive to RLC to attend. Mrs. Witzel also mentioned that "Students tend to really enjoy just the freedom and independence of getting to leave school, drive themselves to Rend Lake, and take a class in an actual college setting." Now, not just anyone can take these classes, there are a few requirements. These include: being sixteen or older, having a 3.8 GPA by the end of your junior year, being accepted into RLC, and having all the required paperwork (registration, application, parental signature). For those eligible, classes start the second semester of your senior year. If anyone is interested in taking these dual enrollment classes, stop by Mrs. Witzel's office and she'd be happy to get you a jump on college life!



WOODLAWN HIGH SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

SPORTS UPDATE:

Woodlawn High School is excited to announce that high school sports are back in action. For a full schedule and information regarding fans and live streaming, go to woodlawnschools.org. Go to High School\Athletics and choose the desired sport to see rosters and schedules.

Games are live streamed through NFHS at a cost of \$10.99/month; this price in-

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Years of Woodlawn High!

Woodlawn High School is celebrating 100 YEARS in 2020! Each month during this school year, we will share a memory from the past 100 years. Check out the complete VIRTUAL YEARBOOK online at woodlawnschools.org



Queen Andrea Williams & King Vince Braddy

Sweetheart Dance February 13, 1982

Music by: KWK



DID YOU KNOW? For years, the Woodlawn High School FFA and FHA sponsored a Sweetheart Dance where a King and Queen were elected.