

WYKON MONTHLY

NOVEMBER 2023

YooperCon

YooperCon was held on Nov. 2. WIC students departed to NMU before school even began. When they arrived, they gathered in the conference room and were given a schedule for what classes they would be attending. Some of the events on the schedule included Cyber Auto, Cyber Jeopardy, Lock Picking, Career Q & A, and Capture the Flag.

“It was very interesting finding out all the avenues in the cyber security field.”- Alex Hansen

NHS Induction Ceremony

The NHS Induction was held on Thursday, November 2, in the high school gym. Once the 14 NHS inductees had walked out onto the court and took their seats, Erica Lindwall, former student at West Iron and NHS member, delivered her speech.

Afterwards, the inductees were each called one by one to sign their name and light their candle. Once everyone had been called, they recited the pledge and the ceremony concluded. Welcome, new inductees!



Quiz Bowl Victories

This month our Quiz Bowl team started their long season! We won our first game in the PBS High School Bowl Tournament on the 6th. Then, on the 11th they traveled to Houghton to compete in the Fall Blizzard Bowl. As usual, Michigan Tech put on a well organized round-robin style tournament. Ten teams attended, and we ran the table going undefeated and taking 1st place!

Upcoming Dates

December 1: Last Day of Canathon

December 4 & 19: Half Days

December 20- January 2: Winter Break

December 14, 15, 18, 19: Exam Dates

Veterans Day Festivities

This November 10th, West Iron County schools observed our Veterans Day celebration. While it's officially observed on the 11th, the celebration was held the day before on Friday. Veterans were welcomed early in the morning for a Veterans breakfast before everyone gathered in the gym for the 9 o'clock assembly.

Speakers included Mr. Casari, Eiley Meski, Mr. Berutti, and our veteran speaker, Jerry Williams. During the assembly, the top three Patriot's Pen winners read their essays.

Our symphony played the National Anthem, and all of our Veterans stood in recognition while the hymns of their respective branches played in their honor.

Newsletter Shout-Outs

This monthly newsletter is created for you by the communications class students, who are quickly learning and adjusting to the numerous tasks required for such a publication. Kudos to the following students:

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Makenzie Matthews
Sierra Mitchell

Savannah Parker
Cheyenne Ritchie
Ammya Robertson
Alana Schuyler
Kaya Schuyler
Lauren Shamion
Anthony Sucholl
Ryan Walker

SPORTS

Interviews

For the upcoming basketball season, several student athletes were interviewed and asked how they feel about the upcoming season. As a follow up, they were also asked about what they were excited or nervous about for this season.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Mason Ahola (9): "I like the new coaches this year. I'm excited, and I think this year will be better than the last two years."

Christian Robles (10): "I'm very excited about the season starting, but nervous about air balling a 3."

Randy Kroeger (11): "I feel this upcoming season is going to be lots of fun and definitely a good challenge." He followed with, "I'm excited to be able to play with my teammates and to gain experience from basketball."

Ryan Walker (12): "I'm excited. I feel like the way the coach is more strict makes us more disciplined, and making us run laps makes the younger kids learn discipline." When asked what makes him nervous he responded, "I'm nervous because I'm one out of two seniors this year. I have never been in a leadership role before."

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cami Alexa (9): "I'm so excited and looking forward to this season!"

Erin Kolbas (10): "I'm honestly excited for basketball season this year. I think we have a lot of skill and talent that will be shown on the court, but I'm mostly just happy for the food on the way home from away games."

Haylie Murillo (11): "I'm kind of nervous, but I'm doing it for the plot. It should be a fun season."

Laycee Parson (12): "I am excited. I love basketball, and I love the team. I am ready to get back into the court."

Upcoming Games

DECEMBER

- 1: Boys BB @ Gwinn
- 4: Boys BB Home vs. Westwood
- 5: Girls BB Home vs. Iron Mountain
- 7: Boys BB Home vs. Iron Mountain
- 8: Girls BB - Home vs. Calumet;
Boys BB @ Bark River
- 11: Boys BB @ Forest Park
- 15: Girls BB Home vs. Houghton
- 19: Boys BB @ Kingsford
- 21: Girls BB Home vs. Escanaba



Post Season Awards

Football

Bradley Jochem: All Conference
Defensive Back

Abel Lundin: Honorable Mention
Defensive Back

Noah Desousa: Honorable Mention
Defensive Line

Colton Holm: Honorable Mention
Linebacker

Volleyball

Danica Shamion: WestPac 1st Team,
UPSSA Dream Team

Haiden Gill & Lilly DeSousa- WestPac
2nd Team

Cheer

Cheerleading is on the move with the upcoming basketball season. Middle school basketball has already started, with j.v. girls getting hands-on learning with the varsity cheerleaders and coaches. There have been several new cheers that are going to be put into the new basketball season.

Make sure to give your support to not only the cheerleaders by participating in cheers, but also support the basketball team with your noise!

STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Freshmen

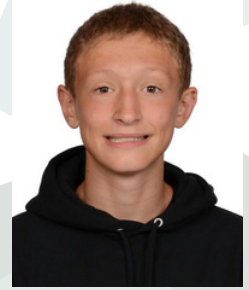


Kylee Devore

"I think I would die right away because I would try and run away screaming, but my Croc would fly off. Then I'd trip and they would eat me. I wouldn't last long at all."

Josh Autio

"Forever because I would just live in a treehouse with Jessiah Smith."



Sophomores



Gatlin Gillaspie

"My hands. I want to be able to walk still."

Laurel Johnson

"I think I'd rather lose my feet. I could do the wheelchair life. No hands means no phone and no books, which would not be good."



Juniors



Hannah Guzowski

"I would choose to teleport because that way I could leave the country just to get lunch from different places in the world."

Keenan Dobson-Donati

"I would choose to fly. I could just be zooming all through the sky going to wherever and whenever I want. I could watch an NFL game from the sky without paying for a ticket."



Seniors

If you were ruler of your own country, what would be the first law you would introduce?



Jack Nordang

"Jennifer Aniston is the mayor of every state."

Sierra Mitchell

"School starts at 9 or 10 in the morning 'cuz a girl needs sleep."



Teachers

If you had a warning label, what would yours say?



Mrs. Porier

Artist at Work!



Mr. Goodman

Not as Mean as He Looks!



Mr. Pellizzer

No Pain, No Gain!



Mrs. Berlinski

Short Fuse!

STUDENT LIFE



THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks and spend time with family and friends. We decided to ask some of our high schoolers about their plans for Thanksgiving break.



What are your plans for Thanksgiving break?

Destiny Thompson (12th Grade)

“My plans for Thanksgiving break are to probably go to visit Wisconsin, hang out, see family, and just eat.”

Aiden Larson (11th Grade)

“I’m having a friend fly up from Florida, and we’re going to mess around for like a good week.”

Josh Fifield (10th Grade)

“I’m going to work a little bit, and I have a few other things to go to. And that’s about it.”

Marley Benson (9th Grade)

“Just hanging out with my family and maybe spending time with friends.”



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



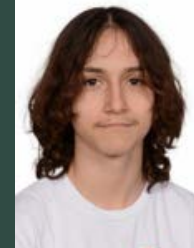
STUDENT OF THE WEEK BELLA SPLITT

Izabella is a charismatic student with kind, compassionate personality. Creative and hardworking, Izabella quietly leads by example with her independent initiative, diligent work habits, and collaborative spirit. With well-established goals, her tenacious determination and unyielding self-motivation serve as an inspiring model of how a positive attitude and resolute work ethic can lead to success.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK LANE NORMAN

Over the last few months, Lane has not been afraid to stand up for what is right, even if he is with his peers. Lane is willing to help people, and has a good sense of humor. He is developing an outstanding character and great moral integrity.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK JASIAH PARKER

Jasiah is a gifted mathematics student who works hard to achieve mastery of the topics at hand. He always adds to class discourse in a positive manner. Jasiah’s insights on abstract topics are always thoughtful and timely.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK SIENA NELSON

Siena is always an active participant during class time and is dedicated to her own success. She is kind and respectful toward her peers and teachers alike. Siena is a positive representation of quality character here at our high school.

BUILDING TRADES PROGRESS

“We have finished fascia and soffit, and we have all windows and doors in, besides one window that has yet to come in. The window should be coming in sometime next week. We are almost finished with interior framing. Once that is finished, they can start working on mechanicals. If the weather holds up, they will start on the deck.” - Mr. Swenski

STUDENT LIFE

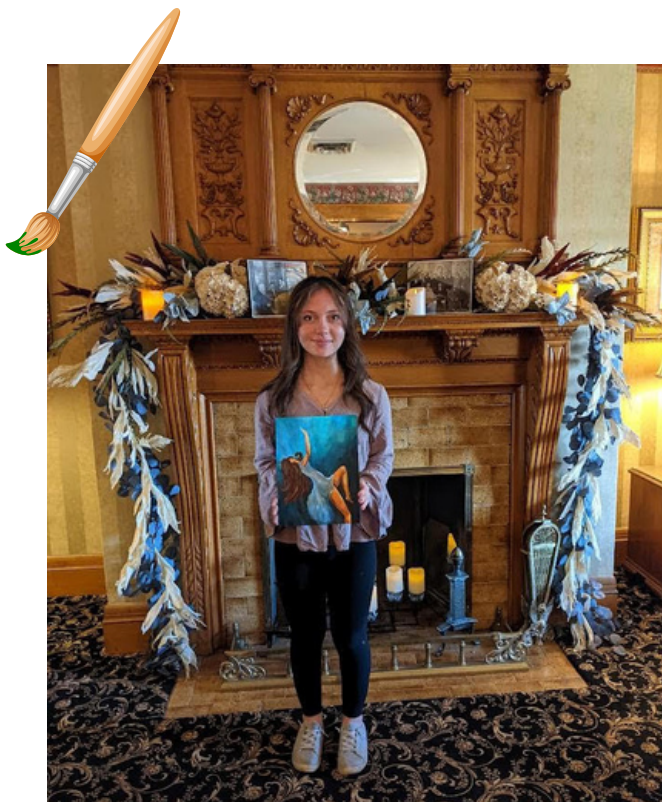
ASA

November 2nd was the first Association of Student Artists (ASA) workshop of the 2023-24 school year. Eight school districts are members: Florence, Goodman-Armstrong, Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Niagara, Norway, Pembine, and West Iron. ASA was created about thirty years ago by local art teachers as a way to cultivate and recognize student talent in the visual arts.

Students are selected by their peers, staff, and local community members via a vote. The student who wins the vote attends a meeting at the Chippewa Club in Iron Mountain. There the students and their art teachers receive lunch, a quick critique about their work, and participate in a workshop with a local artist.

November's winner from WIC was junior **Kaya Schuyler**. Kaya won with her acrylic painting and had a floral arranging workshop with artist Erica Land.

We have four more ASA workshops planned for the year. On April 15, ASA will host their yearly art show at Kingsford High School. This will showcase high school work from all eight schools on display. It is juried and students can win judges comments as well as scholarships based on their work.



NEWSWORTHY NOTES

Stambaugh Elementary Wykon Sock Fundraiser

The Stambaugh Elementary are having a Wykon sock fundraiser. Orders will be placed and paid by November 15th. The socks will be delivered the week before Christmas break. The fundraiser is for school field trips and fun activities for the kids!

Elementary Holiday Concert

The elementary students have been working hard preparing for their yearly holiday concert. Grades kindergarten through 5th learn holiday songs and parents love seeing their children on stage.

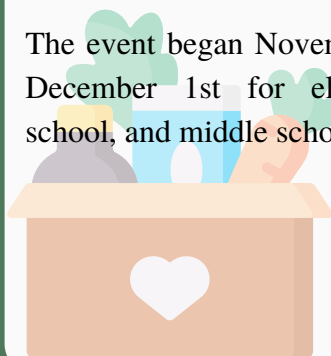
We interviewed **Mrs. Carr** about how she feels about the upcoming concert. “I am excited to see the students perform, even though it's not Christmas yet. I think the songs are great.” She was also asked about what song she was looking forward to the most. “The song I am most looking forward to the most is called ‘Glad for Thanksgiving’ and it is also one of the kids’ favorites as well.” “Glad for Thanksgiving” will be performed by the 4th and 5th graders.

Canathon

WIC is collecting non-perishable foods for the TV 6 Canathon. The food drive serves many families in need within the community.

All three levels of the West Iron County school are having a friendly competition to see who can donate the most canned goods.

The event began November 6 and ends December 1st for elementary, high school, and middle school.



Change for a Change

Change for a Change occurs twice a month on a Friday. Students are encouraged to dress up for a given theme and in turn bring in any spare change they may have. The change and money that is collected supports and goes to positive impacts or school and community needs. The elementary loves this fun way to help out the school and community.



Elementary students dressed in blue and white for their anti-bullying week, November 13-17.

NEWSWORTHY NOTES

Elementary Art & Technology

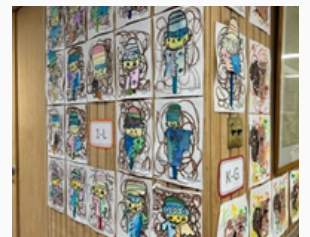
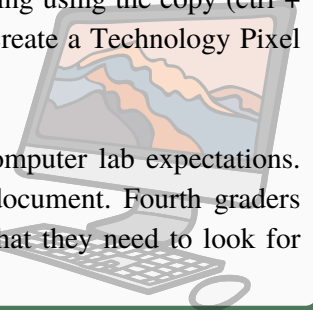
What projects are happening in your Art class?

Mrs. Parker: For visual arts, we just completed both our fall and winter project. I collaborated with Mrs. Carr, our music teacher, and students created a winter project to display at the Elementary Christmas Concert. We were on a time frame! Next, we will be putting together our art portfolios and sketchbooks before we begin our artist inspo project.

What are your students learning about in Technology?

Mrs. Parker: In Technology, it varies. My EK-Kinders are working on letter key placement on keyboards and often play a tech vocabulary memory card game. First and second graders are creating pixel art images within Google Slides. First graders use the arrow keys to place colors on an 8x8 grid, while second grade students are practicing using the copy (ctrl + C) & paste (ctrl + V) shortcuts. They then transition the cube piece to the correct grid square to create a Technology Pixel image.

Third graders are navigating word processing by creating a Google Doc slide and typing the computer lab expectations. Soon, they will investigate the options to change letter font size, as well as add an image to document. Fourth graders completed the history of computers unit, and my fifth graders are evaluating a website to see what they need to look for when determining if a website is a reliable source for research.



Middle School Patriot's Pen

The middle school students recently participated in a writing competition called the Patriot's Pen. The Patriot's Pen is a nationwide VFW-sponsored youth essay competition with over 120,000 students who participated last year. The essay encourages students to use their own minds and knowledge of America's history and their experience of being part of today's society.

The prompt for this year's essay was "How are you inspired by America?" Three students from 7th and 8th grade were chosen as top essayists. They include: 1st place **Anastasiia Dudiak**, 2nd place **Seth Oberlin**, and 3rd place **Kelilah Myers**.

These three students showed amazing voice and explained how they are inspired by our great country.

Important Dates

Dec. 4th: Half Day
Dec. 14th: Middle/High School Christmas Concert
Dec. 19th: Half Day
Dec. 3rd: Dinosaur Day (Elementary)
Dec. 15th: Ugly Sweater Day (Elementary)
Dec. 20th-Jan. 2nd: Winter Break
Jan. 3rd: School Resumes



SENIOR FEATURE

This section was created to keep our seniors informed about options, choices, and avenues after graduation!

Job Search Section

As students start their road to a successful life, a lot of them need a little extra money, especially with college or independent living in sight. Here are places looking to hire near Iron River.

Family Foods: Iron River Family Foods is looking for workers in the deli and bakery departments.

McDonald's: McDonald's is looking for workers; some positions are paying up to \$18 an hour.

Tractor Supply: Tractor Supply needs more workers as they just opened recently.

Riverside: Riverside is hiring as well; this job may involve a lot of cleaning.

Apartments Near Iron River

Spring Valley Apartments
100 Spring Valley Ave, Iron River
Phone: (906) 265- 9060
Rating- 5.0 (2)

Hiawatha Apartments
650 Selden Road #1, Iron River
Phone: (906) 265- 5434
Rating- 2.0 (4)

Nearby Colleges

As we reach the end of the year, there's no doubt students are going to start applying for college. Here is a list of available colleges nearby with dorms and high acceptance rates.

- Michigan State University
- Michigan Technological University
- Gogebic Community College
- Southwestern Michigan College
- Northwestern Michigan College
- University of Northwestern

School Highlight

With graduation coming sooner than you might be prepared for, you might be stressed about picking your next course of action for education, so here is a school you might want to consider.

The Nicolet College in Rhineland, Wisconsin, is a possible good option. It offers many different programs and degrees, such as cosmetology, accounting, criminal justice, apprenticeship, automotive, and business management. The college also offers financial aid, like scholarships, grants, and loans. The college does not provide housing on campus, but Rhineland is a small town and apartments are mostly affordable in the area and are overall in a good community.

Explore more at www.nicoletcollege.edu

Healthy Dorm Recipes

Healthy recipes for students in dorms:

- Pronto vegetarian peppers (2 red peppers, 1 cup canned tomatoes, brown rice, kidney beans, corn, green onions, crushed red pepper flakes, mozzarella, parmesan cheese)
- Egg topped avocado toast
- DIY salad in a jar
- Tuna wraps
- Chicken wraps
- Tortilla pizza



ADVICE FOR SENIORS

“Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.”

- Thomas Jefferson

PICK-ME-UP PAGE

“Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may merely consist of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.”

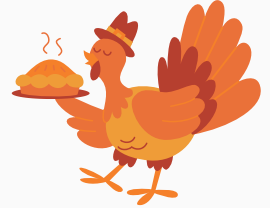
- Henri Frederic Amiel

A Thanksgiving Leftover Recipe: Turkey Pot Pie



Ingredients:

- 1 recipe pastry for a 10 inch double crust pie
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 small minced onion
- 2 chopped celery stalks
- 2 diced carrots
- 3 tablespoons dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cubes chicken bouillon
- 2 cups water
- 3 peeled and cubed potatoes
- 1 ½ cups cubed cooked turkey
- 3 tablespoons all purpose flour
- ½ cup milk



Credits to allrecipes.com

Process:

Step 1: Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Roll out the bottom pie crust and place it in the 10 inch pan.

Step 2: Place 2 tablespoons of the butter in a large skillet. Add the onion, celery, carrots, parsley, oregano, salt, and pepper. Cook and stir until the vegetables are soft. Stir in the bouillon and water. Bring to a boil. Stir the potatoes and cook until tender but firm.

Step 3: In a medium saucepan, melt the remaining butter. Stir in the turkey and flour. Add the milk and heat through. Stir the turkey mixture into the vegetable mixture and cook until thickened. Pour mixture into the unbaked pie shell. Roll out the top crust, and place on top of the filling. Make ridges in the edges, and make 4 slits in the top crust to let out steam.

Step 4: Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees F and continue baking for 20 minutes or until the crust is golden brown.

Give Thanks

“What are you thankful for?”

We interviewed our high schoolers for this thankful holiday season.

SELF-CARE DRIVE WINNERS

Last month's self-care drive that was orchestrated by Siena Stine announced its donation winners at the end of October.

They are:

- 1st: Harlie Melstrom \$50
- 2nd: Aubrey Bice \$30
- 3rd: Rowyn Fiszer \$20

Congratulations!

Solomon Stubrud (9th): “I’m thankful for my family and my dogs. They comfort me through days that can seem rough and are able to lift my spirit.”

Tanner Nordstrom (10th): “I’m thankful for the way faith has helped me through my day to day life and the way my family has supported me through my decisions in my life.”

Savannah Parker (11th): “I’m thankful for my family. They sacrifice a lot to get me where I am today. I’m thankful for my mom. She’s always been there for me, making sure I excel in school, and I’m thankful for my dad who works to keep us where we are and always protecting me and my family.”

Bella Splitt (12th): “I’m thankful for my family and how they’ve been there for me. I’m also thankful for how caring my friends are to me.”

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

A Bit of Whimsy

Originally from Southern California, Jeanine and Peter Garcia moved to Iron River with intentions to open a business. Jeanine states, “The Lord landed on my heart to buy a storefront.” While working at Contrast Coffee, she noticed the townspeople looking puzzled as to what to do next. “I thought we need more shops, we need more open shops.”

After nine months of working and drawing up an idea, the Garcias bought what is now A Bit of Whimsy. The complete renovation took around 2.5 years, and the beautiful boutique was set to open in May 2020. However, Covid-19 hit and shut down the community. “I questioned continuing the business.”

Despite the discouragement that came from this, Jeanine talked to the Chamber of Commerce. They ultimately required women’s clothing. “I thought this was perfect because I love clothes.”

In an attempt to keep Americans working through the fallout of the pandemic, she gets her inventory from localists and American artisans from across the country. She has ordered from places like Delaware, Oregon, California, and Louisiana. She provides “funky” but conservative clothing from size small to 3X.

Towards the back end of this boutique, you can find a “gently used” rack for those on a budget. “My goal was to try to find stuff that kids can buy locally and support local shops. I wanted to draw in high schoolers... We wanted to see Iron River blossom.”

~The Windsor Center~

Events For November/ December:

- Stambaugh Elementary Christmas Concerts
Thursday, November 30th, 8:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Christmas in Lights Craft and Vendor Show
Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- West End Player Presents: “Seussical Jr.” (multiple showings)
Friday, December 8th, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 9th, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 10th, 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.
- Open Mic Night
Saturday, December 16th, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

~Open Mic Night~

Open Mic Night is a tradition in Iron County. Anyone can come view the performances. The cost is \$3.00 and children under 12 get in for free. All money collected is put back into the Windsor Center for improvements.

If you’re interested in performing live, call 906-284-3585.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Bump's Burgers

Bump's Burgers has been giving away food for free on Thanksgiving for the second year now, more excited than ever to be serving the community. This year they had prepared a simple meal of dressing, mashed potatoes, turkey, sweet potatoes, and green bean casserole, all covered with turkey gravy. With every meal they also gave away an assortment of pies. This made it simple to assemble and quick and easy to distribute.

They took calls ahead of time, and people started preparing the food shortly before 4 p.m. When the restaurant opened at 4, there was a large amount of the community that showed up to support the restaurant. Between 4 and 8 p.m., they gave away two hundred and forty-three meals! Everyone was enthusiastic to support the business, and overall it was a huge success.

Apart from this event and many others that Bump's covers, the actual restaurant is open every week, Thursday through Saturday, 4 p.m. to midnight, serving delicious food.

Here is what they offer on the regular menu:

Main Food Options:	
Cheeseburger	\$8
Chopped and Cheesed Beef Sammie	\$8
BBQ Pulled Pork Sammie	\$8
Big I Sausage Sammie	\$8
Breakfast Sammie	\$8
Smashed Grilled Cheese Sammie	\$4
3 Little Piggy's Chili	\$6
Jambalaya	\$6

Sides:	
Gramma's Casserole	\$4
All Day Biscuits and Gravy	\$4
Firecracker Corn	\$4
Baked Beans	\$4
Cornbread & Honey Butter	\$4
Cheesy Potatoes	\$4
Oreo Pudding Surprise	\$4
Golden Caramel Pudding Surprise	\$4
Baked Lays Chips	\$2

Drinks:	
Coke, Diet Coke,	
Root Beer, Sprite,	
Orange Crush,	
Mountain Dew,	
Vernors, Sundrop,	
and Water	
All	\$1
Redbull	\$3

119 W Genesee St.
Iron River

Call this business:
906-284-7608

Cool Stuff You Can Do:
Add Double Any Meat On Anything
Add Eggs
Add Bacon Strips

GRADUATES GIVE BACK

Daniel James (2023)

After Daniel graduated, he went on to work at Krist Oil Company. "Well, I remodel gas stations so people that run them can be more efficient at their jobs."

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



We'd love to hear from WIC graduates giving back to the community in any way! Know someone who fits this description?

Please email the Communications Class teacher: ahughes@westiron.org

BE THANKFUL
BE GRATEFUL
BE BLESSED

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TRENDING MEDIA

"I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT WITH THE RIGHT FOOTWEAR, ONE CAN RULE THE WORLD"



Combat boots



Converse



Fashion boots

THROWBACK THANKSGIVING

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
November 20, 1973

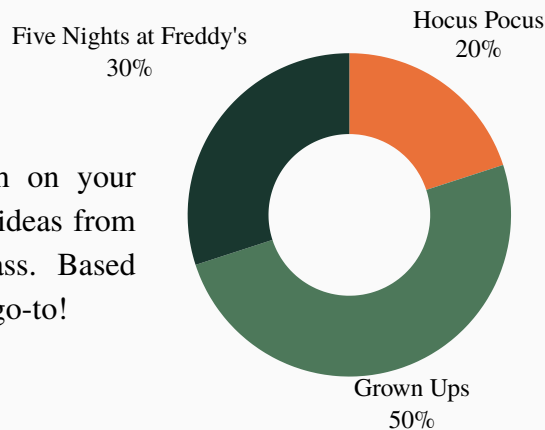
When Peppermint Patty invites herself and others over to Charlie Brown's house for a Thanksgiving feast, Chuck's going to need help from Linus, Snoopy, and Woodstock to put together a last-minute meal fit enough for this group of hungry friends as they learn what it means to be thankful.

Get into the giving season with this classic!



MOVIE NIGHT

Stuck on what to watch on your night in? Here are some ideas from our communications class. Based on the vote, comedy is a go-to!



HIT SONGS

- Cruel Summer*--Taylor Swift
- Is It Over Now?*--Taylor Swift
- First Person Shooter*--Drake (feat. J. Cole)
- Greedy*--Tate McRae
- Thinkin' Bout Me*--Morgan Wallen
- I Remember Everything*--Zach Bryan (feat. Kacey Musgraves)
- TOO MUCH*--The Kid LAROI, Jung Kook, Central Cee

MOVIES TO CATCH

- Inside Out 2*, 2024
- Good Burger 2*, 2023
- Night Swim*, 2024



STUDENT SHOWCASE

These two students were recognized for their unique style this month! What should we look for in December?



Savannah Parker



Laurel Johnson