

# Highlights of 2018

## January 2018

- Brian Niceswanger elected Board President and Kevin Butler elected Board Vice-President for 2018.
- Canal Winchester High School adds Internship Coordinator position covered under Title III funds. This position will help connect students with real world exposure to careers and opportunities.

## February 2018

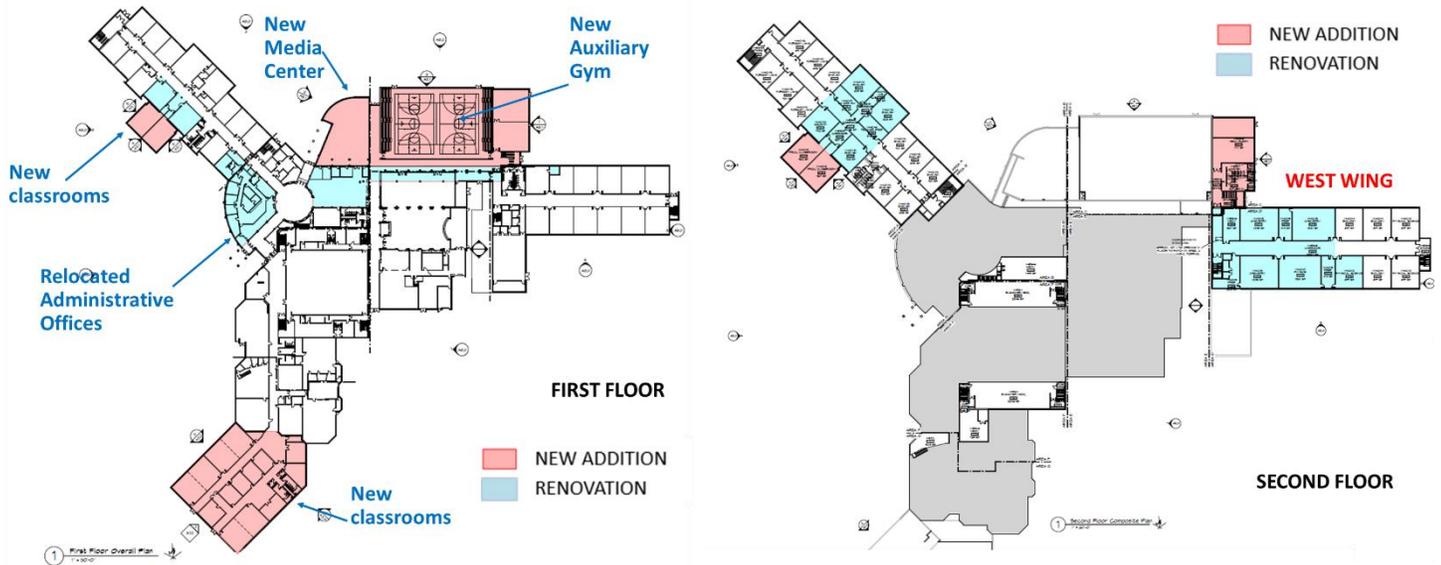
- CWHS Journalism class publishes the first District STEM e-Newsletter. It highlights many of the STEM and Project Based Learning projects our students have completed during the school year.



- Over 100 students from the Performing Arts Department participated in this year's 29th Annual Madrigal Dinner, William Shakespeare's 'A Mid Summer Night's Dream.'
- Third grade students showed major improvement on the fall OCBA/AIR ELA exam, the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, and the fall ELA assessment over scores from last fall.
- State-funded ACT administered to all CWHS Juniors free of charge!
- First phone bill since Operations Department upgrades resulted in over \$1500 cost savings in the first month. Trash service changes have resulted in \$2,000 cost savings per month.
- Technology Department announced a new installation of VMware vCenter, moving the service into our virtual server environment. This also allowed us to begin upgrading our VMware environment and our vast array of virtual servers operating in that environment. The vCenter serves as a control and management service optimizing our virtual infrastructure.
- WTES gifted students are introduced to the Habits of Mind program, with the goal of promoting strategic reasoning, insightfulness, perseverance, creativity, and craftsmanship along with several other habits. These 16 habits are characteristics of what successful people do when confronted with problems, that the resolution is not clearly or immediately apparent. Yet another example of how CWLS is focusing on educating the whole child.
- WTES announced that Digital Learning Day commenced on February 22. It was an amazing day of distance learning opportunities. Several pods connected with a physicist from The Ohio State

University/ head scientist from COSI as well as five archaeologists from The Ohio Learning Network.

- Schorr Architect firm presented the High School Addition & Renovations Plan and Timeline at the February Board Meeting. Utility work slated to begin in the summer.



## March 2018

- Canal Winchester Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended annual Washington D.C. trip.
- Junior OMUN (Ohio Model United Nations) conference hosted several CWMS students. Ohio Model United Nations is a three-day global education simulation experience that allows students in grades 5-12 to learn about the complete operations of the United Nations and its role as the world's largest international peacekeeping and humanitarian organization. Through the process of role-playing, students become delegates of a selected nation in order to write, present and debate issues affecting the nations and peoples of the world. Additionally, students present culturally based talent, participate in global education contests and debate current issues from the agenda of the United Nations. (*ohioleader.com*)
- CWHS Athletic Department announces addition of new digital scoreboard which will feature 30 rolling sponsor slots for greater financial support.
- WTES 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders paired with a local author for a PBL where students are writing their own picture books for our special needs preschool classes.
- CWLS Preschool program grew to almost capacity, serving 100 local students.
- The WTES Media Center was converted to four learning zones to support flexible and dynamic spaces conducive to future-ready learning styles.
- Winchester Trail Elementary hosts two STEM Family Nights. Teachers led Design Challenges for families to complete, and we had guests from the Mazza Museum, Columbus Metro Parks,

Cleveland Museum of Natural History (via distance learning), and employees of DLZ, an engineering firm in Columbus.

- CWHS US Studies students have been working on a citizen's research project in partnership with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Students are submitting research they find from local (Ohio) newspaper archives that are relevant to specific events in WWII history that the museum is interested in. Student research could potentially be chosen and showcased in an upcoming exhibit about what Americans knew about the Holocaust while it was happening.
- CWLS Curriculum Department & CWHS Internship Coordinator partnered to host the first Business Luncheon. Over 35 businesses that are interested in partnering with the district for internship opportunities were in attendance.
- Operations Department began the 3-Year Review of district safety plans. This is a requirement of Ohio Revised Code 3313.536. Things we look at are areas where staff members feel we can do a better job and also new things suggested by the technical assistance center of Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS). REMS is a part of FEMA and Homeland Security. This is a huge undertaking and very important for student and staff safety in the event of an emergency.
- Technology Department began the deployment of Windows 10 on select machines. All district computers will be running on Windows 10 by the year end.

## **April 2018**

- CWHS French Teacher Julie Aldrich presented French Teacher Foreign Exchange Program to the Board. Julie will teach abroad for the 2018-19 school year, and her French counterpart (Cyril Bonnaudet) will teach the CWHS French classes.
- Forty CWHS French students participated in the AATF Grand Concours, a national French proficiency test. Five students will likely receive national recognition for their performance (top 10% in the country).
- CWHS Drug Free Club sponsored a spring assembly encouraging students to make good decisions and consider their purpose as we head towards prom and graduation.
- The Facilities Management software we use for scheduling of common areas has been scheduled and used over 1,500 times this school year (2017-18) for non-school events and over 7,000 times for school-related practices and events. Kudos to our custodial/maintenance staff for keeping our facilities looking great.

## **May 2018**

- Indian Trail's Mrs. Schlarb and Mrs. Hazelbaker received picture book from Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Glodde's 4th grade students as a result of one of their PBL projects. ITES students filled out a Google Form that surveyed their personal interests and the 4th graders have been writing books based on the results. They came ITES to read and deliver them to the students.
- A few WTES Science Teachers flipped the script and launched "Teach the Teacher" project in which students will plan a lesson, quiz, and visual demonstration to teach teachers and their peers a skill or concept that they feel accomplished in.

- Summer Tech Camp at CWMS accounted: "IT On Ramp" in partnership with Tech Corps. TECH CORPS' Summer IT On Ramp program is a full day, two-week experience designed to expose students to a variety of computing topics including app development, game design, software development and web development. Through exposure, exploration and project design, this program seeks to provide students with a deeper awareness of technology pathways and prepare them for greater success in technology pathway programs in high school and beyond.
- CWHS hosted Military Signing Day to honor students joining the military after graduation.
- CWMS Cross-Categorical classes were featured in an article in The Dispatch for a recycling project they have been working on. The classes collected 400 pounds of plastic lids which they turned in with an extra \$225 for a bench. This bench is now located in the Middle School Courtyard. The students are now working to collect enough lids to obtain a picnic table.



## June 2018

- Teachers are currently working on the revisions of their curriculum maps in preparation for the 2018-19 school year. Professional development took place June 7th for the introduction of the new ELA adoption for K-5 teachers. Over 55 teachers attended the training. Additional training will take place throughout the 2018-19 school year.
- The middle school will once again be partnering with Tech Corp this June to offer a free technology camp to 25 of our rising 8th and 9th grade students. The "IT On Ramp" camp is an intensive full day, two-week summer experience that combines Computer Science (CS)/Information Technology (IT) skill building and career exploration. Through a myriad of hands-on activities and experiences, students gain skills and explore a variety of occupations in the technology field including computer programming, game design, web and app development.
- The Technology Department finished the school year out with almost 3,500 helpdesk tickets; 930 of those were 1:1 Chromebook repairs.
- Technology Department internship program hosting CWHS students interested in an IT career. The students paired with our technicians. They have learned our PC imaging process, assisted with relocation of equipment, started setting up the new Chromebooks, and much more.
- 32 WTES students attended the summer reading program. Students participated in a variety of literature-based activities and were able to take books home each week of the program.

## July 2018

- CWSHS Booster Groups donated 60% of the costs to renovate the high school football locker room, giving it a much-needed facelift.
- WTES Staff held its second annual optional staff retreat. Team building and brainstorming got the staff excited for the upcoming school year.
- Members of the Canal Winchester Community came together to “Build a Playground!” Winchester Trail now houses a brand new playground that was designed specifically to accommodate our preschool students and other older students who have disabilities or limitations preventing them from fully accessing the original playground structures. This project was led by Maleea Anderson, Canal Winchester’s Preschool Coordinator. Mrs. Anderson did the research and worked with district staff members as well as the current safety inspector of our playground to select appropriate equipment and design the space. The District saved almost \$10,000 by making the installation a “Community Build”, and even more through the generous donations of Home Depot who donated over \$300 dollars in concrete and additional materials.



## August 2018

- CTE Pre-Engineering Pathway & Biomedical Pathway added new courses for the 2018-19 school year.
- Early site work began at CWSHS, laying the groundwork for full construction to begin in the winter. Grading, utilities, and temporary entrances have begun.
- CWSHS converted to online schedule pickup due to construction and the ability to view schedules online. The high school will probably continue with this method of schedule distribution in the future to make things more convenient for families.
- CWSHS Athletic Department hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Student Leadership Seminar. More than 70 student athletes were in attendance. Founded by Athletic Director Pat Durbin, the Leadership Seminar teaches athletes how to be a positive influence and lead the culture of the school in the right direction.
- Several High School teachers and administration will be involved in the Battelle for Kids SOAR network throughout the school year. The purpose of this network is to be involved in a professional learning community of education leaders across the nation committed to building 21st century education systems for every student. The districts involved will be leading the way

across Ohio in a peer-to-peer network to envision, co-design, and implement innovative models of learning in this new era of education.

- The District received the Woods Foundation Grant for \$50,000. The funds will be used to establish a cross curriculum program that ties together various skill sets and teaches students how to incorporate them to create audio and visual media to communicate their ideas concerning real world issues. We plan to educate students on the proper use of audio visual equipment to create compelling media.
- With the current 1:1 program plan put into motion last school year, the Technology Department was able to purchase 700 new HP Chromebook 11 G6 EE devices for 6th grade and 9th grade students to use. They were able to remove the older Chromebooks for the 1:1 program and repurpose them at the elementary schools. This repurposing has allowed us to reach a level of 1 cart of 25 Chromebooks for every academic classroom in Winchester Trail, and 1 cart of 25 Chromebooks for every 2 academic classrooms in Indian Trail grades 1 and 2. Kindergarten has 4 iPad mini carts and a cart of Chromebooks to use as needed.
- The Board approved the Design Development State Submission for the high school renovations and additions.
- The District welcomes new School Resource Officer Deputy Gary West from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

## **September 2018**

- The District announced the partnership with Dr. Rochelle Dunn and her mental health interns for the 2018-19 school year. These mental health professionals will be paid out of grant funds and will greatly impact our students as we aim to educate and nurture the whole child.

## **October 2018**

- Marie Zwickert, Cisco Academy Business Development Manager, flew into Columbus from New York and requested to stop in and meet the CWHS students enrolled in the Cisco Academy. Marie is extremely impressed by the number of students who passed the CCENT exam on the first try (19 out of 23). She wanted to inform the students of opportunities and resources they can take advantage of to help them continue on the pathway while in high school and beyond.
- CWHS Academic Journaling class students submitted two historical marker applications. Both were approved, so there will be two new Ohio History Connection historical markers placed in Canal Winchester because of research, writing, and networking the students performed. One will be placed at the Ed Center and the other at Samuel Bartlett's historical home.
- CWHS students participated in the first Manufacturing Day in school history. Interested students were able to visit Nifco and Amazon and learn about the different jobs their companies had to offer. Upon returning to school CSCC talked to students about some of the jobs students saw while on the visit and the credentials it takes to be qualified for these jobs.
- CWHS Tennis team finished the fall season 15-3 which is the best record in the history of the program.

## **November 2018**

- Fifth grade students participated in the WTES Robotics club. They will be competing in an online competition called the Wonder League Robotics Competition.

- Indian Trail students are beginning to see the fruits of their labors. The gardens are really taking off, and there are all kinds of winter crops coming up (Kale, Swiss chard, and radishes). They even found worms to put in the garden.



- WTES secured a subscription to “Museum Mondays,” a distance learning program offered by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History is being used to support their exciting STEAM initiative! Each 20-minute session features a Cleveland Museum of Natural History exhibit area, a science experiment students can try at home, a behind the scenes peek into Museum collections, or the opportunity to “meet” some of the Museum researchers and hear their stories of discovery.
- CWMS hosted a Veteran’s Day Assembly to honor local veterans and educate students about the sacrifices made for our country.
- Four CWHS students began an internship with AlterCare in pursuit of their STNA certification. This would enable these students to begin working in the nursing field while still in high school.
- CWHS Internship Program announces the first Career Expo slated to take place February 2019. This expo will give local businesses an opportunity to connect with students and students an opportunity to see what fields and careers are available in our local area.
- CWHS Marching Band received a Superior rating at the State Band Competition.
- Several teachers have been participating in the Battelle For Kids SOAR program this school year for the purpose of “re-envisioning” the high school. Participants attend professional meetings and will put a strong focus on creating the portrait of a graduate.
- An additional 28 teachers are in the process of obtaining their google certification level 1. By March 1st we should have everyone trained and prepared to lead others in their building with relation to teaching and using aspects of google. It is a cumbersome training and teachers must pass a test to become certified.
- As of November 2018, the District had 1147 Chromebooks checked out to students at the high school, and 984 Chromebooks checked out at the middle school. This puts a total of 2131 Chromebooks checked out grades 6-12 being used in the 1:1 program.

- The Board approved a resolution of necessity for the substitution of an emergency tax levy to go on the May 2019 ballot. This is a renewal levy and will not cost taxpayers new money if passed in 2019.
- CWHS Football Team was OCC Champs! This is the first time in program history.

## **December 2018**

- Elementary students participated in the Hour of Code. Hour of Code is a National Initiative where students around the nation participate in coding activities on this day. High school students assisted elementary students in coding for that hour. It was a great collaboration and elementary students enjoyed working with the HS students.
- Winchester Trail Elementary received the Purple Star Designation from the Ohio Department of Education for its support of military families and students.
- Congratulations to this year's winners of the Annual VFW Photojournalism Contest: Patriotism Winner, (new Digital SLR Camera) Sophomore Jacob Francis, Photography 2 student Runner-Up, (\$100 Gift Card) Senior Guillermo Garcia, Art Portfolio/Photography 4 Student.
- Mental Health Forum hosted by Dr. Rochelle Dunn held at Canal Winchester High School.
- CWHS hosted community Portrait of a Graduate meeting. The district is partnering with all stakeholders to create a picture what we feel our graduates should look like upon graduation. Portrait of a Graduate by Battelle for Kids serves as a guide for system transformation. Providing strategic direction for the redesign of the overall educational experience for students, this collective vision reinvigorates and re-engages students, teachers, and community stakeholders. We aim to Prepare ALL Students For Success!