

# WJHS DOG TALES

## OCTOBER 2011



### RED RIBBON WEEK



During the week of October 24-26, WJHS students will participate in Red Ribbon Week for Drug Awareness and Prevention. Students can dress according to the following themes:

Monday- "Stay drug free to achieve your dreams" (Dress like your desired future profession)

Tuesday- "Friends don't let friends do drugs" (Dress like a friend)

Wednesday- "Proud to be drug free" (Wear red)



**Congratulations to the following Chorus students who auditioned and were selected from the Illinois Music Educators Conference to perform at SIU Carbondale with students from all over Southern Illinois:**

**8th grade chorus -Mallory Buss (alto), Reese Neill (baritone), Peyton Kaestner (soprano), Madelyn Lenz (soprano), Ian Mannino (alto).**

**7th grade chorus -Zach Thompson (alto), Hannah Brand (alto), Heather Boyd (alto). Orchestra -Mickinney Zhang (violin).**



The 8th grade softball team finished the season 16 - 9. In conference, the team was 8 - 5. The team enjoyed wins over SPPS, Valmeyer, Red Bud, and Columbia. In addition, they finished third in the O'Fallon tournament. This is the first time the softball team has placed in the tournament!

The 7th grade softball team finished 7 - 4. They also finished 3rd in the O'Fallon tournament. Some key wins were against SPPS, Valmeyer, and New Athens.

The 8th grade baseball team finished the season with a 25-5 record and 2nd place in the SIJHSAA state tournament. The boys also won the 19th annual O' Fallon tournament in August.

The WJHS Cross-Country teams enjoyed very successful seasons. For the second straight season, the girls finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SIJHSAA state meet. The girls were led by Mikayla Harvey (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kaylin Lunk (8<sup>th</sup>), Grace Nugent (20<sup>th</sup>), Jessica Molinari (24<sup>th</sup>), Samantha Oliver (35<sup>th</sup>), Megan Molinari (45<sup>th</sup>), and Erika Lloyd (46<sup>th</sup>). The boys finished 7<sup>th</sup> at the state meet and were led by Jake Schwartz (7<sup>th</sup>), Grant Rodenberg (24<sup>th</sup>), Greysan Moehrs (33<sup>rd</sup>), Jacob Mueller (62<sup>nd</sup>), David Lunk (69<sup>th</sup>), Jackson Ivers (77<sup>th</sup>), and Jonathan Lunk (78<sup>th</sup>).

**We would like to encourage parents/guardians to schedule a conference with their child's team of teachers if you feel there is something that needs to be addressed. Encore teachers will be available for individual conferences.**

**Please contact the office immediately to schedule a conference for the following dates and times:**

***October 27- 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.***

***October 28- 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m.***

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade News

It seems like the first quarter of the school year has gone by like a flash of lightning followed by a roll of thunder of activity in our hallways. Recently the 7<sup>th</sup> graders participated in a "Stomp Out

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade News

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This activity was part of a nationwide campaign on bullying awareness. As the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter begins, students will begin a new grade level incentive to keep their tickets clean for 3 weeks. A special lunch is being planned for those students who can meet expectations. Plans are also under way to spend some time during the last week of October doing "Spooktacular" projects and activities. These will be part of a cross-curricular unit that combines learning with activities centered around the theme of autumn. Did you know that 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are very involved in the newspaper recycling at WJHS? We collect an average of 8.5 tons of newspaper a month, earning our school approximately \$175 per month. You can help us earn even more money by dropping off paper in the recycling containers on the north end of the building. Reminder...The 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking a field trip to the Fox Theater to see "A Christmas Carol" on Friday, Dec. 2. Permission forms are due by November 11, 2011.

The eighth grade students have been quite busy in all subject areas. One of the popular history activities last week was a simulation of Ellis Island. Whether it was carrying an old suitcase and dressing up as an immigrant or

pretending to be an authoritative processor, the recreation of the procedure brought much discussion throughout the day. Reading classes have finished creating book trailers using Windows Movie Maker, and now students have the pleasure of viewing the projects that classmates produced. The technology-driven projects have energized students to read new books! Language classes continue grammar work focusing on prepositions. In

addition to writing for their Memory Book, students have written an essay for the VFW essay contest, Patriot's Pen. Math classes have jumped into the world of algebra by learning the basics of simplifying expressions and solving equations. Soon the students will begin solving more complex equations and solving inequalities. Science students are completing their science fair experiments, which are due by Halloween.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

We are well on our way...sixth graders are now masters of combination locks and maneuvering from class to class. Science classes conducted many experiments using the scientific method and practiced lab safety. Students have built a foundation of literature during

reading classes. In math, students have developed their number sense and operational strategies for decimals. Learning the basics of grammar has been the focus of language classes. Students have discovered the world through the use of maps during Social Studies. Stay tuned for upcoming projects and activities in sixth grade.

<b>Red Ribbon Week.....</b>	<b>October 24 - October 26</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Students of Character Assembly.....</b>	<b>October 25</b>
<b>8th Students of Character Assembly .....</b>	<b>October 26</b>
<b>Parent / Teacher Conferences (No School for students).....</b>	<b>October 27 &amp; 28</b>
<b>Veterans Day 11:00 Dismissal.....</b>	<b>November 11</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Break.....</b>	<b>November 24 &amp; 25</b>

