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Gunn and West Named Top Graduates

By Hailey Jensen

Garrett Gunn has been named the valedictorian of the Walnut Ridge High School graduating class of 2019. Graham West is salutatorian.

Graduation will be held Friday, May 17 in the Sharum Gymnasium on the campus of WRHS. Commencement will begin at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate for the graduating class was held on Sunday, May 12, at the Manley Chapel located on the Williams Baptist University campus.



Garrett Gunn
Valedictorian



Graham West
Salutatorian



Tate Anderson
Honor Graduate



Olivia Bickers
Honor Graduate



Drew Brewer
Honor Graduate



Cade Burris
Honor Graduate



CJ Couch
Honor Graduate



Slade Dalton
Honor Graduate



Jayden Darris
Honor Graduate



Baylee Davis
Honor Graduate



Claire Fisher
Honor Graduate



Nicholas Foster
Honor Graduate



Jordan Haynes
Honor Graduate



Mason McEntire
Honor Graduate



Ashleigh Morris
Honor Graduate



Chase Petty
Honor Graduate



Sheridan Smith
Honor Graduate



Hailie Standridge
Honor Graduate



Kaiden Stormes
Honor Graduate



Shelby Whitehead
Honor Graduate



Krystin Wallace
Honor Graduate

Patterson to Give Commencement Address

This year's commencement speaker is Leigh Biggers Patterson, a 1989 honor graduate from Walnut Ridge High School.

Patterson is a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District of Arkansas.

She is a 1993 *cum laude* graduate of ASU, where she was a varsity cheerleader. She graduated from UALR School of Law in 1996.

She is the daughter of Freddie and Belinda Biggers of Walnut Ridge. She is the aunt of Eli and Isaac Biggers.

She lives in Little Rock with her daughters, Abby and Kate.

Countdown to Graduation

By Landon Hamilton

With only days remaining until graduation, things are getting intense. We're scrambling to turn in missing assignments, sending out invitations, and still dragging ourselves out of bed knowing we're in the final stretch.

Being a senior is great! We are almost to the point in life where we are on our own. Sure there are lots of upsides; it's not all sunshine and rainbows, though. If we fail everyone will be disappointed. No college, and as it may seem you may not have much of a future without your diploma.

I'm hoping that all you underclassmen reading this take it to heart. You need to try your hardest now, so that your senior year will be breezy.

Don't blow off those electives or small homework assignments, because in just a few short years they will make a world of difference.

Listen to your teachers and parents, I hope all of you have great futures. GO CLASS OF 2K19!!!!!!

My View from the Totem Pole

By Slade Dalton

After May 17, I will be a Walnut Ridge alumni. I cannot express how ready I am to move onto the next stage of my life. High school has been a great experience, but I am over all the hype around it. I feel like I've reached the learning cap for a high school mind at this point, so basically I am killing time until graduation.

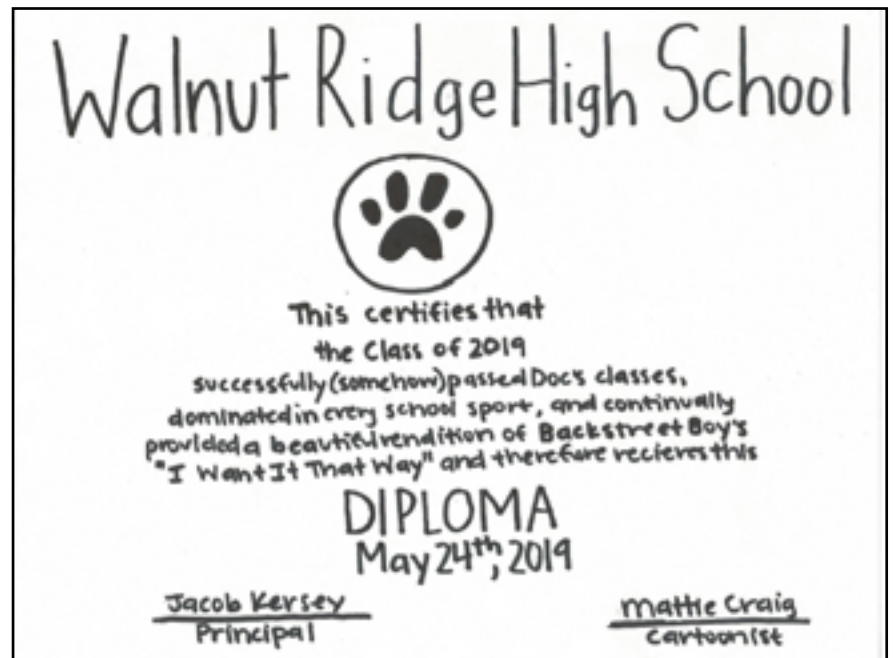
This fall, I will join the growing pack of Red Wolves at Arkansas State. As most people have already assumed, I do plan on rushing as well. I am uncertain on which fraternity I will be joining, but I am looking forward to the amazing experience. In my free time during college I will be pursuing a degree in Ag Business.

In the near future I will see many of my hobbies wither away and will be forced to find new ones. I plan on picking up a set of golf clubs to become the second coming of John Daly at the college level.

Over the years I have been almost persecuted for not hunting around this town. So I am going to give hunting a shot as well. There will be no more football, basketball, or baseball due to me graduating, but

I might find myself playing a few pickup games every now and then. I will continue to partake in my favorite hobbies of reading, doing community service work and going to church.

Most of my time has been spent playing sports and training in the summers, but I don't think I'm going to be doing that this year. Once again, when this time rolls around, I become the closest thing to legally being a slave. I go and work on the family farm. I do enjoy the working aspect of being out there, but there is only so much I can enjoy being at my current rank on the totem pole.



Mystery Students

By Hannah Wade

She's always been a Daddy's girl
Her dark brown hair has
lots of curl
A true Bobcat to the core
Providing water after every
score

He thinks his jokes are funny
Got his eye on a special honey
At the 'Freeze he keeps his cool
Knowing his days are numbered
at this school

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The staff of *The Cat's Dispatch* dedicates each issue to the memory of David Brady, Editor 1991-93.

These are Bittersweet Days

By Baylee Davis

You are going to pray these days go by as fast as possible because you are ready to leave this place, right? Everyone always does. Before you do, think about all the friends, memories, games and teachers you are leaving behind. I can safely say I have made some of the greatest friends here and would not take back a single memory.

Before your senior year you never think about your last day of class, your last ball game or leaving your friends. Do not take the time you have left here for granted. Make the most of your time and make memories. You won't be in high school forever, even if it might feel like it.

As I look back on my time at WRHS, I think about all the friends and memories made along the way. Now that I only have a little bit of time left, it feels bittersweet.

This is my first huge accomplishment in my life, but I'm about to leave some great people behind. I am so glad that I got to spend my days in high school with all the amazing people in my senior class.

Stepping out of my normal comfort zone and becoming a cheerleader my senior year was the best thing I did in high school. I highly encourage all of you to step out and try new things. Don't wait till it's too late and say "I wonder what it would have been like."

To all of the underclassmen, do not wish away the time you have left. I know you are ready to be done and get out of here, but as the days get fewer, you will regret wishing for the end and not making the most of the time you had left.

Join all the clubs you can. Go to all the games you're not sure you want to go to. And do something you have always wanted to.

Spring Semester Test Schedule May 22-24, 2019

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:00 1st period	8:00 2nd period	8:00 7th period
9:30 3rd period	9:30 4th period	9:30 8th period
11:00 5th period	11:00 6th period	

What Are Your Plans after High School?

By Ashleigh Morris

Kaiden Stormes – ASU
CJ Couch – ASU
Dylan Aaron – ASU
Claire Fisher – BRTC then ASU
Kai Cunningham – WBU
Zack Osburn – WBU
Mason McEntire – ASU

Hailie Standridge – ASU
Baylee Davis – UCA
Taylor McGinty – ATU
Jordyn Jones – Cottey College in
Nevada, MO.
Graham West – ASU
Cade Burris - "I still don't know."

Adventures in High School

By Brighton Brand

My time as a Bobcat has been an adventure. Everyone said it flies by and I never believed them. I always thought it would last forever. Now, it is over.

It is time to start a new chapter. My high school career has been the most fun experience of my life. No job, bills, taxes or worries. Now, it's the real world and things are about to hit quickly.

If I could go back to my freshman year, I would do it in a heartbeat. For all the underclassmen, my advice to you is "make your grades, enjoy it, and have as much fun at school, and out of school that you possibly can."

Goin', Goin', Gone...

By Zack Osburn

I remember it like it was yesterday, about to start my freshman year of high school, not knowing what to expect. Yes, I was a little nervous in the beginning, but I was proud to be a little more grown up, moving out of middle school.

Everything gets real when you get into high school. No more lame excuses or just faking your way through all the homework. It's a time to actually settle down and get serious. Now, I'm not gonna lie, I did not take it as serious as I should have. I wish I could go back and change all that.

High school was fun to me. Having all my friends by my side; nothing could go wrong. The one thing I will not miss about high school is all the drama. I've come to a point where I am just ready to get out.

It's taken months for me to realize that I will not be in high school next year and instead I will be in college! I guess it is true when they say, "Time flies by when you're having fun."

My advice to the underclassmen is, "Live it up and have a good time while you can, because before you know it, you'll be gone."



WRHS Class of 2019: Jackson Forrester, Dylan Aaron, Trevor Teel and Mason McEntire pause to savor their last days at WRHS.

Looking Toward the Next Chapter

By Kate Cole

The past three years have been spent at Walnut Ridge High School from 8-3 almost every day – unless I skipped. Some would say that it's a miracle I've made it this far.

WRHS has taught me how to love Monday mornings, skip if I'm going to be tardy, and all about Macbeth. These years have been the best so far, but I have a feeling college is going to be better.

College is all about growth and chasing dreams; being exactly who you want to be. I'm planning on being a business administrator but my degree will probably change again by next week.

As much as I've loved

being trapped in this town with a population of approximately 5000, I'm so excited to meet new people and create new memories!

After May 17, I plan to have the best summer ever and then end it with rush week. I will be attending (well, attending is a strong word) Arkansas State, and my college roommate will be Jade Stilger and our suitemates will be Allie Barnes and Olivia Bickers, what a crew. #WAC.

I will truly miss these people and this town, but I'm so ready to create a life for myself! The best advice I have for the underclassman is "count all of your unexcused absences and make sure to use all of your parent notes!"

Distracted Driving Discouraged

By Trishton Wilson

On April 12, WRHS students saw first-hand a simulation of a drunk driving accident and all the work that goes into rescue and recovery.

Presented the day before prom - in an effort to discourage students from making bad decisions - the fire-fighting class worked for weeks to bring it all together.

School Resource Officer Matt Schutzius coordinated with multiple local and regional resources to make this event happen. Students heard the actual radio call immediately before moving to the bleachers.

The accident was staged on the track and the helicopter landed on the football field. The coroner was an actual coroner. The coroner is always called before the parents to save them from more emotional trauma.

They got the cars from impound. They were both from actual car crashes. As for the simulation as a whole, it was examples from a variety of different car crashes.

The medical helicopter was brought in from Batesville, but they had a stand-by, in just in case it was in need.

Students watched as the Jaws of Life were used to remove those injured from the wreck. The deceased student was taken away in a hearse.

After the simulation, students heard from a lady who was released recently after serving six years in prison for her involvement in a DUI accident which resulted in the deaths of two people.

Final Farewells

By Graham West

As of the time of writing, I have about two weeks of classes left at Walnut Ridge High School. I've learned a lot here about a lot of different things, and I'd love to share all of my experiences with you. I can't make the story too long, but I can share a few words regardless.

To the class of 2020, your day is coming soon. It won't be long before you're all graduating. However, take my advice, and don't take a free year your senior year. It's crucial to take classes that will prepare you for your life outside of high school.

Loading up on free grades only affects your GPA, not your life after high school. Yes, your GPA is important for scholarships and admissions, but after high school, it's just a number.

To the class of 2021: Do NOT slack off your junior year. It is difficult and stressful, but if you quit now, you definitely aren't going to be motivated to graduate during your senior year.

Stay on top of every assignment you're given. I promise it's not as difficult as it seems and you'll thank yourself at graduation.

To the class of 2022, if you're planning on attending college, begin building your applications now. The earlier you start, the more attractive you will be. Scholarships and admissions have huge focuses on service and leadership, so look to be as active in clubs as possible.

If you are passionate about something, make sure you take every opportunity to give as much time to it as you can. Take the ACT at least once so you know where you stand and where to improve. I know several seniors who have jumped 7+ points because they took it more than once and focused on improving their weaknesses. The only thing keeping you from a higher score is yourself.

And to any student, be motivated to learn. It's not that bad, really. In my opinion, learning happens in the classroom, not while studying on your own. Talking in class is something everyone does, but not everything has to be said out loud. Staying quiet shows your respect to your teachers, the students around you, and to your own education.

You won't have the chance to learn like this forever, so please take advantage of the opportunities you've been provided.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who helped me achieve at WRHS. Without all of you, I wouldn't be half the person I am today. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Looking forward to May 17:

Seniors Jayden Darris, Jett Ditto and Chase Petty supervise the cooks at the Senior Cookout held April 30.



Signing Out

By Claire Fisher

If you're reading this, expecting to get some good advice about high school or a funny story, sorry. All through my four years of high school I could not tell you anything I have remembered. I never knew a single thing going on around me. I just tried to stick to school and friends. Anyways, here's what I actually do remember.

My freshman and sophomore years are kind of a blur. I remember taking physical science with Doc Holloway and taking geometry with Haynes. I remember getting Mrs. McNeely back in biology then her leaving again.

I remember Coach Edmondson coaching basketball and softball my freshman year. I remember a kid threatening to shoot up the school my sophomore year.

I remember coming into my freshman year and walking into English to have Mrs. Holland for another year (which was a good thing.)

Junior year was a whole tropical storm mixed with a tornado. SO MUCH happened in my junior year. I took pre-cal and chemistry in the same year, which seemed like a huge mistake at the time. It was my first year with Mrs. Rob and we wrote 15 million essays the first nine weeks.

I remember back to back tests and crying a few times. We still had Mrs. Mayfield for APUSH and between her and Rob we learned there were ten different ways to write a thesis.

Senior year has not been as stressful as my junior year. As I look back at the past three years, I realize how much has changed. Sadly, some of the people we started high school with are no longer here.

Starting college will be hard. I've grown so used to being around the same group of people and teachers for so long that I won't know what to do with myself. Growing up as a teacher/coach's kid, these hallways have become my second home. I know this school like the back of my hand and will most definitely get lost within the first ten minutes of college.

The best advice I can give to underclassmen is "step back and breathe." You're going to be perfectly fine; you'll make it. Join as many clubs as you can and get involved in your school. Go to as many school events as humanly possible because high school will be over in the blink of an eye. As much as I don't want to admit it, I will miss high school. It's been a good ride WR.

What Senior Will You Miss Most?

By Tristin Hart

Hannah Wade – Claire Fisher
Olivia Ford – Claire Fisher
Isaiah Mabry – Slade Dalton
Austin Stover – Malachi Tinker
Dylan Sheets – Creeden Lee
Justin Nunley – Dalton Nelson
Nash Gill – Zack Osburn

Raelea Vampran – Nate Brown
Sam Lewis – Landon Hamilton
Chloe Bounds – Kai Cunningham
Mike Steele – Landon Hamilton
Cole Manning – Cade Burris
Livvie Howard - Garrett Brown
and Ashleigh Morris

My Journey Continues...

By Lillian Maple

The first time I walked into this school in the fourth grade, I wanted to go back to my old one. I didn't know anyone and it was a totally different environment than Micro Society in Jonesboro. Throughout middle school, friendships began to grow and this school was becoming a part of me.

Middle school was hard, although high school was harder, but I got through. I stayed focused (most of the time) and I had an amazing group of friends to help me get through the hard times.

Eight years of friendships and eight year of memories from within the walls of Walnut Ridge High School can never be replaced. The friends I have made throughout school are the friends I will keep all through life. They are the reason I keep going. They mean the world to me.

The moment we throw our caps in the air is the moment the rest of our lives will begin and I would not want to do that with any different class than the WRHS Class of 2019.

Analogies

By Erin Hicks

- Kate Cole coming to school is like Blane Wade not being cool.
- What is a trail without a hiker, Jada Turner without baby Ryker?
- Garrett Brown without breakfast is like New Year's without a to-do-list.
- Lillian Maple without a Band-Aid is like an ex that stayed.
- What are Brighton Brand and Jackson Forester without Mrs. Pattin's bouncing ball? A school bathroom without a stall?
- What is a Tate Anderson without his voice, a game without a choice?
- Andres Casanova without grapes is like geometry without shapes.
- Kyle Walters without the Army is like Africa without the safari.
- Aaron Schapira without his accent is like an apartment without rent.
- Kaiden Stormes without an attitude is like a video that never gets viewed.
- Doc without Cornell notes is like Trump getting the most votes.
- What is Zeus without Olympia, Mr. Ford without his daily trivia?



One More Year:

This time next year, it will be junior Isaiah Mabry and his classmates graduating.

Brand-ed

By Kai Cunningham



Brighton Richard Brand is the son of Tonda Brand of Walnut Ridge and the late Keith Brand. He has an older brother, Ben Brand. His best friends are Sydney Burgin, Kai Cunningham, Zack Osburn, Chaz Burgin, Tyler Cunningham, Drew Flippo and Bryson Farmer. He has two cats and a dog named Buck.

He has attended school at Walnut Ridge his whole life. His favorite teacher is Mrs. Rice because she let me go get the papers.

His most memorable moment was when he dunked on a kid from Hillcrest during the WBC Tournament. He is most proud of his All-Conference award in basketball. He will miss basketball the most upon leaving high school.

If he could start high school again, he would get in the weight room so he could be "wind-milling" it on peoples' heads during games.

Kai Gets the Job Done

By Brighton Brand



Christopher Kai Cunningham is a senior at Walnut Ridge High School. Born on January 5, 2001, he is 18 years old. His parents are Shane Cunningham of Walnut Ridge and Michelle Gray of Melbourne. He has a twin brother, Tyler, who is also his role model. His best friend is Chloe Bounds.

Kai has attended Walnut Ridge since the fifth grade. Kai's favorite teacher is Mrs. Rice because "she always helps me get the job done." Kai's most memorable moments at Walnut Ridge were playing the sports he loves, basketball and baseball.

Kai is most proud of making All-Conference in basketball as a senior and the awards that he received in baseball. The best advice Kai can give is "Make your grades and give it all you have in everything you do." Kai's best excuse for being late to class is "I was helping Coach Peter."

The one thing Kai cannot live without is Chloe Bounds. Always goofing off in class is what he expects to miss most about high school. Kai is involved in Key Club, basketball, and baseball. Kai's favorite year was his senior year, by far.

If he could start school over again, he would do better in school and give it all he has in sports. After high school, Kai plans to attend Williams Baptist University. Kai's nickname is "Nuthead."

Brighton's Faves:

App - Snapchat
 Pizza topping -
 Sausage
 Movie - *The Hangover*
 Class - Journalism III
 Drink - Red Bull
 Band -
 The Ben Brand Band
 Store - Buckle
 Food - Pizza
 Holiday - Christmas
 Restaurant -
 Upper Crust

Nash Gill's

What's Hot /What's Not?**What's Hot**

Seniors
 Class of 2020
 Summer
 Football
 Summer break
 Late Nights
 Backroads
 Sumo's
 Yeti
 Senior Skip Day
 April 30th

What's Not

Freshmen
 Class of 2019
 Winter
 Baseball
 Going to work
 School Nights
 City Roads
 Fuji's
 Coleman
 Finals
 May 24th

Kai's Favorites

App - Snapchat
 Pizza Topping -
 Pepperoni
 Class - Journalism
 Drink - Sweet Tea
 T.V. Show -
Criminal Minds
 Food -
 Chicken and Cheese
 Holiday - Christmas
 Restaurant - Sumo's
 Ice Cream - Vanilla
 Celebrity Crush -
 Kate Upton

Kalaab is One of a Kind

By Erin Hicks

Who is this 18-year-old? Son of Meris Satner, brother of Richard Manfeild and Anthony Tyner? Kalaab McCollum, a senior at WRHS.

Coming into high school he was afraid he would get into fights because of people with a lot of drama which is his biggest pet peeve; now he fears failing financially.

Starting Walnut Ridge at the end of 9th grade, he is glad to be leaving. Mrs. Rob is his favorite teacher.

Kalaab is most proud of the computer skills he has learned from his programming classes. That's also what he is planning to study in college.

There are a few advantages to leaving high school, one of which is having more free time. Since he doesn't have to do busy work, now he can play with his dog, Joker.

Kalaab's advice to underclassmen is to not slack off; otherwise, the work piles up and you will regret it. Using the excuse that he was stuck



behind a train Kalaab has got out of a lot of tardies

Kalaab's Favorites

Pizza topping – Cheese

Class – Math

Drink – Water

Food – Mexican chicken

Tunes for Today

By Skyla Henry

Willow – Willow Smith, daughter of Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith, has changed much since she released *Whip My Hair* in 2010. She is now 18 and her music is becoming hugely successful. Her genre is considered alternative R&B. Some of her best songs are *Wait a Minute!* and *Female Energy*.

Two Door Cinema Club – They are an Irish indie rock band who became famous after their 2010 album *Tourist History*. They recently released a new song called *Talk*. The band is composed of three members, Alex Trimble, Sam Halliday and Calvin Baird. Some of their popular songs are *Undercover Martyn* and *Something Good Can Work*.

Wallows – The Wallows are a relatively new band, releasing their first song in 2017, *Pleaser* became quite popular. They are an indie rock band with a unique sound. Their lead singer is actually the actor who

Liv Bick is Finishing Strong

By Livvie Howard

Olivia Rose Bickers is 18, born on November 11, 2000 to Melinda and Roger Bickers. She has two siblings, Spencer (24) and Taylor (28). Her best friends are Taylor McGinty, Kate Cole, Zack Osburn, Charles Mabry and Slade Dalton.

Liv has attended WRHS for one year, transferring from Jonesboro High School for her senior year. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Rice, who “understands my humor and encourages me to write good stories.”

Her most embarrassing moment at Walnut Ridge was getting ISS for cyberbullying. The accomplishment she is most proud of is getting All-American Cheerleader and being selected for National Honor Society.

The advice that she has for underclassmen is, “Beware of snakes” and her best excuse for being late to class was “I was picking up Taylor!”

The one thing that Liv could not live without is her sarcasm; her biggest pet peeve are liars. The thing she will miss about high school are all the nice people. At WRHS, Olivia



was an active member in FBLA, Key Club and National Honor Society. She also served as a staff writer for *The Cat's Dispatch*.

Olivia's favorite year of high school was her sophomore year and if she could start high school over, she wouldn't change anything. Her biggest fear going into high school was boys but her biggest fear leaving is anyone who chews on toothpicks.

Her plans for college are to attend ASU and major in psychology. Her favorite quote is “can't do it all day if you don't start early”—Zack Osburn.

Liv's Favorites

Movie: *Cargo*

Class – Journalism

T.V. Show –

Game of Thrones

Ice Cream –

Chunky Monkey

Food – Fries

Entertainer – DaBaby

Song – *Act Up*

Restaurant – Casey's

Take it Easy:

Kolton Olgelsby looks back on his days at WRHS



played Clay in *13 Reasons Why*. Their recently popular releases are *Scrawny* and *Are You Bored Yet?* featuring Clairo.

Fate Made Tate Who He is Today

By Tate Anderson

For those of you who have never seen, met, or even heard of me, my name is Tate Anderson. I'm 18 years old and I have been going to Walnut Ridge public schools my entire life.

By the time you read this I will most likely be living out my last moments at WRHS. With my 13 years of experience at this school, I would like to impart to you, the reader, many helpful tips that might help you get through high school (I'm looking at you, freshmen). Ready? Here we go!

Let's start with the hard stuff. My first, and maybe most important, piece of advice is "Do your schoolwork." I'm not sure how I can stress this enough, so I am going to say it again in all caps: DO YOUR SCHOOLWORK.

If you do not do your schoolwork, you will flunk out which means bad grades on your transcript and no diploma. I'm one of the guiltiest for not doing my work. There are grades on my high school transcript that I will never be able to change because I thought playing video games and watching YouTube were more important than getting that stamp from Mrs. Mayfield or making a hundred on that chemistry test.

I wish I could say that it's gonna be easy and that you'll love every second of it - but the truth is, it won't and you're not. You're just gonna have to learn the stuff, get the grade, and muscle through it. Who knows, maybe out of the boring or hard schoolwork you might learn to love and enjoy math (thank you, Mrs. Foster.)

My second piece of advice is "be the nicest kid on campus." It doesn't matter if you're black or white, rich or poor, nerdy or "jocky"; you should try to be nicer than every person you come into contact with.

Being polite allows you to pretty much be friends with everybody at school from the jocks on the football team to the nerds on the chess team (no offense, chess team) to even the teachers.

One of the many non-curricular things that Walnut Ridge has taught me is how to treat people. I was bullied in elementary and middle school - most likely because I wasn't like everyone else. I didn't like sports, I didn't hunt or fish much and I was just weird in general.

I would sit in the corner, playing my Nintendo DS, and humming songs to myself rather than play four-square or tether-ball.

All of those years of bullying eventually resulted in me bursting out in a rage against other kids, which didn't help. I learned that I probably shouldn't be treating people this way.

In Matthew 5:44, Jesus says "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," which was inherently hard for me. With time, I got accustomed to controlling my anger and being a better person.

If you are being bullied, definitely don't be afraid to ask for outside help, but also be able to stand up for yourself in a calm manner.

My third and last piece of advice is "cherish every moment from now until graduation.

Finding the New Normal

By Cade Burris

My name is Cade Burris and I am a senior at Walnut Ridge High School. I have attended school at Walnut Ridge for the past 13 years. This town and this school are all that I have ever been around in my life.

For these years the same routine has been present every fall, winter, and spring. With my senior year coming to an end, I have had plenty of opportunities to look back upon all of my experiences as well as looking forward to new ones.

There are very few things that I would change other than taking in all of the moments throughout high school. From football Friday nights to five games of baseball in a week -

there are so many good times that will be missed. For the underclassmen and up-and-coming seniors: Take it all in before it goes away.

When looking to the future there is very little that is certain; from what major to choose to your roommate you will be stuck with for the rest of the year. Or even worse, like me, still trying to choose a college to attend in the fall.

While all of these things are scary and overwhelming, they hold a promise into the bright future that is yet to come for the graduating class of 2019. It's time we all try and get used to what is going to become our "new normal."



Music Man: Senior Jackson Forrester takes a break from grilling to kidk back with his guitar.



Believe it or Not: Seniors Cade Burris, Slade Dalton and Zack Osburn share a few laughs as they count the days until graduation.

It's Starting to Sink in

By Jordyn Jones

Underclassmen, let your time in high school be the best moments of your life. Soak up every little detail. Slow down and look at the view.

One day you'll be at your last Friday night football game, last prom or Winter Ball, or your last club meeting.

One day you'll have your last game with your team or you'll receive your last report card.

One day you'll be lined up in alphabetical order wearing your cap and gowns.

Let your in time in high school sink in and make the best of it, because one day you'll be saying your last good-byes and wishing you could rewind time.

Remembering the Glory Days

By Tyler Cunningham

I have attended WRHS since my sophomore year. I used to play sports, I was really good. We won lots of championships in baseball, mostly Little League in the old days.

My freshman year feels like it was yesterday, coming out of middle school. I still enjoy playing basketball with my buddies.

Honestly, I will not miss school one bit! I will miss the free time I had during high school. I spent way too much time in the gym. I'm beginning to realize that most of all, I will miss my buddies.

The biggest lesson I learned was: don't fail tests. Something that underclassmen should do that I did not, is do better in school: study and make good grades.

I didn't think it would be as hard. Instead of just turning in anything for homework; you actually have to try! In high school it is serious. You do badly on a paper, your grade tanks.

I am just ready to get to college where I will have more free time. I mean, like in middle school you could do bad on homework and teacher would still pass you. Middle school was way easier.



Life is Good: Senior Mason McEntire enjoys fun in the sun.

Farmer's Farewell

By Bryson Farmer



My high school years have flown by in the blink of an eye. I have attended Walnut Ridge for the past 12 years, making a lot of memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

I remember walking into the kindergarten hall as a terrified six-year-old and not really knowing what to think. I have enjoyed living in a small community and attending a small school.

Looking back on my time at WRHS, I have enjoyed everything about our school and I hate that my time here is coming to an end.

I will never forget those Friday Night Lights when everyone in town came to the games and supported our team and would go crazy after every big play.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of my teachers and coaches for pushing me to be the best I can be, not only on the field or court but most importantly, the classroom.

Living with No Regrets

By Chase Moseley

As my final year comes to an end, I have some things I would like to say. I came to Walnut Ridge from Tuckerman the summer of my ninth grade year. I had some grievances with Tuckerman and some of the people there, so I left.

I just want to thank all of my true friends at Walnut Ridge for making the last three years as amazing as they were. I had

my ups and down, and I made a few mistakes, but I don't regret anything I have done. I learned from my mistakes and have become a much better person.

What I hope all of my underclassmen take away from all of this is, that no matter what you do in life, do not regret anything you do. Enjoy school while you are here and live your life to the fullest.

Surviving Freshman Year

By Ty Flippo

I might not be the best student to give advice about going through the ninth grade but here are some things to keep in mind.

As 8th graders you might be stressing about your first year of high school. I thought it would be hard and that I would like middle school better but it's not, high school is way better.

If you just do your work and don't get lazy, you will be fine. There were times when I got lazy and my grades suffered. Just make sure to pay attention in Dr. Holloway's and don't use photo math in algebra.

Some things that help people a lot is going to physical science tutoring before the test.

Live and Learn

By Garrett Brown

My time during high school was different every year. For example, my freshman year: I hated every second of it, but once I got into my sophomore year, I kind of liked it. I never paid enough attention to my schedule but I seemed to have had a lot of free time, unlike middle school. At the same time, I also had more homework, of which I was never a fan.

I began to like high school because I felt like I was beginning my journey toward the end of school. I just hated getting up and going so much.

I would skip school every time I had the chance. I know that's every kid's intention; they just don't want to go to school, but I like to think I put more effort into it than most.

One time I told my mom I had a fever so when she gave me a thermometer to take my temperature I ran scalding hot water over it so it showed a really high temperature. I got to skip school that day.

I have had ups and downs throughout school. For example, I have been in trouble, but I have also gotten awards for being a good kid in school. All the good awards went away once I got into high school and I think that's partly because I had more freedom.

One time, I got in trouble for Juuling in school; I got caught by my agri teacher. I got five days of in-school suspension (ISS) for my punishment, but it was okay with me because I had work from my classes I needed to work on. And if I wasn't forced

to do my work, chances were I wouldn't even touch it.

Once in ISS, you're faced with work from all your classes so that you stay busy while you serve your time - in silence. In a room - that's freezing.

Another time I got into a fight or something and I got suspended, which I didn't mind because I was out of school - but the thing about that is: you don't get to make up any of the work assigned while you're gone. So my grades weren't the best, but in all reality, they were never very good.



What are You Looking Forward to this Summer?

By Chloe Brown

Bo Johnson – Swimming
 Emily Gray – Sleeping in
 Jenny Davis – The lake
 Chaley Ervin – The beach
 Mrs. Ross – Playing with my granddaughter and going to the beach
 Katie Jones – Sleeping in
 Bryleigh Morris – No school
 Danielle Denham – Riding with the windows down and jamming
 Bailey Mashburn - Go to Mexico

Haley Smart – Hanging out with friends and sleeping in
 Jonathan Alba – Working out everyday
 Chloe Brown – Sleeping in, vacation, and no school
 Roger King – Bonfires on the river
 Cameron Caldwell - Getting money for mowing.
 Andrew Hill - "I get to ride on a train!"

Bobcats for Life

By Malachi Tinker

During my time as a Bobcat, I have had many opportunities, but one of the best decisions I ever made was jumping at the chance to become "Paws." Paws, the Bobcat mascot, is part of with the cheer squad.

When Mrs. Mary asked me to be Paws, I thought it was going be easy and boring, but I was in for a surprise. Although it was a hot, smelly, and tiring job, I still had fun. I made new friends from Hannah Wade to Lilly Maple, to every one of the cheerleaders.

Road trips with the cheer team and the band were some of the best times I ever had in high school. As Paws I learned to trust, laugh, and be there for those who needed me.

My favorite part of being the mascot was seeing the little kids smiling, knowing that someone dressed up in a suit as a big cat could bring such a big smile.

When I am in that suit, I do not have to worry about what I do, how I do it, or when I do it. I'm just there to entertain the crowd and cheer on the Bobcats. Whether it's football season or basketball pep rallies, Paws is there to keep everyone pumped for the team.

The downside is I can't say a single word. I couldn't be more thankful to have had the chance to be Paws.



Wolves Up: Seniors Olivia Bickers and Kate Cole are looking forward to being ASU Red Wolves in just a few months.

Final Goodbyes

By Dakota Girard



“One day, you’re 17 and you are planning for someday. And then quietly, without you ever really noticing, someday is today. And then someday is yesterday. And this is your life.”

During my high school career I made the greatest friends that I could have ever made. I stepped out of my comfort zone just enough to join a few clubs throughout high school.

My most memorable moments in high school came from being in the school band. Mr. Long taught me not only to be a better clarinetist, but a better person in general. Being in band, I made new friends each year.

I highly recommend underclassmen to step out of their comfort zones and try new things. In between my sophomore and junior year I got a job. My junior year was difficult as I tried to handle my job, schoolwork, and band but that’s because I procrastinated. I do not recommend anybody to procrastinate.

It is finally the end of my senior year and we only have a few days left. All I can think about lately is the future. What story does my future hold? That is the one question I haven’t answered yet.

I am going to BRTC then transferring to ASU – Jonesboro to pursue an Ecology degree.

We all have a story to tell and everybody’s story is told differently. My experience throughout high school is full of many things but, good advice is not one. I listened in class, made good grades, did my part as a high school student. As I look back on my last three years of high school, I wish I had more fun. I do not regret anything though.

My best advice to give anyone is to cherish every moment like it is your last moment. Do not wait until it is the last minute to do anything.

Lessons Learned

By Olivia Bickers

During my time in high school, I’ve managed to maintain a great academic standing and still have my fair share of fun. There are many lessons I’ve learned, like don’t wait until the last minute to do my work or always allot time for a social life outside of school. After graduation, I plan to keep up my success in school, but will probably take a break from my cyberbullying and physical abuse to boys named Slade.

I’m planning on rushing in the fall and joining a sorority to ensure my good standing with Arkansas State University. In the summer I’ll continue to work at my current job at Cheers Unlimited coaching young girls to cheer. I’m most excited for growing my friendship with one of my smartest friends, and future suite mate, Kate Cole.

Throughout my high school experience I’ve had many challenges, but have learned the most during my senior year, and would like to thank Walnut Ridge for welcoming me with the most open arms!

I’ve learned to make new friends, try new things, and that honesty is always the best policy! My advice to underclassmen would be to just go with the flow, and try your hardest to not slap anyone.

Poetry in April

by Skyla Henry and Maggie Gibson

On April 26th here at Walnut Ridge High School, the English department at WRHS celebrated National Poetry Month by creating custom poems and bringing them to life.

We all got to go outside and write our own poems with chalk on the sidewalks of the school.

We used our own choice of colors and decorations, such as a personalized drawing of what our poem represented. We all had a great time going out into the nice weather and getting to write poetry.



You’re Gonna Miss This...

The seniors celebrate their last day of high school with a cookout on the front lawn. Cade Burris, Jackson Forrester and Dylan Aaron cooked steaks, brats, hamburgers and hot dogs. Nick Foster prepared peach and apple cobblers in Dutch ovens. Other students provided chips, drinks and desserts.

Why So Sad? The Outlook on Teen Depression

By Maggie Gibson

Each year there are roughly about 140,000 teen suicides just in the United States alone, along with 1,400,000 attempts. The causes are endless; it could be a major disappointment, stress, depression, substance abuse, traumatic experiences, anything honestly.

About 40 percent of all teenagers will suffer from depression. But 70 to 80 percent of all teens will experience at least one depressive episode in their life.

Depression is a thing that people of all ages experience. Over the years, studies have shown that the depression and suicide rate of not only teens, but everyone, has increased drastically.

People from around the world suffer from it; some seek help in hopes of getting better, while others choose to deal with it themselves.

Recently three innocent people decided to take their lives. Two of them were survivors from the devastating school shooting in Parkland, Florida. They each suffered from survivors' guilt and PTSD.

A recent graduate,

19-year-old Sydney Aiello, was found dead on March 17. Just a couple of days later, a sophomore who was in the classroom while three were shot dead took her own life too. Due to her age, her name was not released.

Then, it was a father of a little girl who lost her life over six years ago in the shooting at Sandy Hook, Jeremy Richman. He struggled with depression after his little girl passed away.

As you can see, depression is everywhere. It's basically inside of everyone, and more and more teenagers are succumbing to it. The numbers keep growing and no one really knows how to stop it.

There are traumatic things that happen to people every day that we don't have any control over. If you happen to be one of the many that suffer from this, trust me, many others are also suffering from it. You aren't alone.

If you have concerns, you could always talk to someone, a counselor of some sort, someone you trust, you could even call the Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255. Just know that you aren't alone. There are many other people out there to support you.



One is Silver and the other's Gold:

Forever Bobcats Taylor McGinty and Zack O (far left and far right) made lifetime friends with Charles Mabry and Olivia Bickers, both first-year seniors at WRHS

Suicide Occurs at Concord High School

By Haley Smart

On Wednesday, April 24, an eighth grader at Concord High School shot and killed himself in the cafeteria bathroom. The child, whose name has not been released, was 14-years-old.

Officials dismissed school Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday due to the shooting. School was to begin again Monday, April 29 with grief counselors on the campus.

The police are looking into the incident further to see if the suicide was caused by bullying or other serious matters.

Cleburne County is where Heber Springs and Greers Ferry Lake are located.



Senior Jordyn Jones

arrives as her classmates gather to celebrate their last day on campus.

Students Receive CPR Certification

By Max Hibbs



Students in Mrs. Howard's Family and Consumer Science classes recently completed the training to receive their CPR certifications.

Pictured with their certificates are (back row) Left to Right: Cody Colburn, Danielle Stover, Hunter Stafford, Cameron Robertson, Kyle West, Triston Voyles, Jesse McLaughlin and Blade Fisher. Seated in front: Catherin Finney, Jemimah Akpan, Sidney Robinson, Faith Mills and Leah Malewski.

Not pictured but also receiving certifications from the American Heart Association for Adult, Child, and Infant CPR, AED, and First Aid from Mrs. Diana Howard's Family and Consumer Science classes; Rhoni Riggs, Kaylan Decker, Manuela Akpan, Cameron Caldwell, Drey Hibbard, Briana Jones, Madison Jones, Carmen Lane, Shayna O'Brien and Raelea Vampran.

Special thanks to school nurse Stephanie Nichols for instructing the students.

New Classes Offered at WRHS

By Jacob Slankard

Walnut Ridge High School has announced the new courses being offered next fall for grades 9-12.

Introduction to Criminal Justice prepares students to perform the duties of police and public security officers. Students who take this class will be able to earn one credit toward the total 24 credits needed to graduate. This course is available for grades 9 through 12.

Child Care Guidance, Management, and Services is available for grade levels 10 through 12. The total amount of credit students will be able to earn is one credit. This course will provide students with information in the occupational field of child care guidance, management, and services.

ACT Prep and Workkeys will provide individuals with practice on the ACT English, Reading, and Math. The total amount of credit students will be able to earn is 1/2 credit. This course is available for grade levels 11 through 12.

The Jonesboro High School Career and Technical Center (formerly known as Vo-Tech) is offering courses for students in grades 10th through 12th. This is the first year this is being offered to sophomores at WRHS. Students can earn two elective credits, but the classes are morning only, from 2nd through 4th periods.

BRTC is offering TOPSS programs for students who are in 11th and 12th grade and are able to provide their own transportation to and from BRTC. The courses will teach students valuable trade skills.

WRHS Class of 2019



It's a Small World:

Aaron Schapira of Belgium will graduate with the WRHS Class of 2019.

Call Me Mabry:

Charles Mabry is all smiles knowing that his days in high school are behind him.

Make the Most of High School

By Victoria Swindle

I've experienced many things since entering high school. I've learned who my friends and my enemies are and how to gain the trust of students and teachers alike.

One thing that will stay with me is knowing "despite everything that happens, things get better." I, myself, have faced many hardships in high school, but I've found that as long as you focus on the good things then everything will come out alright.

Just don't let go of all of those good memories, the trips you'll go on, and the friends you will make.

After high school, most of that won't matter anyways. That one chick who was always talking smack, or the guy who rejected you; none of that will matter. You'll be gone after graduation anyways. You'll make new friends and new memories in college.

There are some who will actually miss high school, like me. I think that the best way to move forward is to just strive to make even better memories. Meet new people and enjoy a new side of life. Remember the good times you had here, but don't let it stop you from making new memories with new people.

Magic Johnson's Disappearing Act

By Olivia Ford

On the basketball court, Earvin "Magic" Johnson was one of the game's most entertaining players. He burst onto the NBA scene as a rookie with the Los Angeles Lakers, earning MVP honors in the playoffs, teaming with Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul Jabbar, to defeat the Philadelphia 76ers.

At 6 feet 9 inches, Magic towered over other point guards and was able to consistently post them up when he was not leading the vaunted "Show Time" Lakers fast break. With his leadership abilities and talented teammates, the Lakers won five titles in the 1980s.

Magic's basketball achievements were not limited to the NBA. Earlier, he led Michigan State to an NCAA tournament title defeating Larry Bird's Indiana State team. After he retired, he was a member of the greatest collection of players ever on one

team, joining Bird and Michael Jordan on the USA's gold medal-winning Dream Team at the 1992 Olympics.

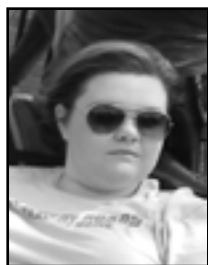
However, his work for the Lakers on the sidelines and in the front office have paled in comparison to his exploits on the court. Magic's attempt at coaching the Lakers in 1993 ended abruptly after five wins and 11 losses in only 16 games.

The once proud Lakers just failed to make the playoffs for the sixth straight season. Just when the owner, team, and fans need someone (hint—Magic Johnson, the president of basketball operations) to deal with contracts, lead the team to a successful draft, and help lure talented free agents to join LeBron James as he return to glory—the always talkative Magic Johnson only had two words for all to hear—"I quit."

Senior Wills

By Grady Privett

I, Claire Fisher, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Reece Archer, a new softball warm up partner; to Grady Privett, all of my anger so he can have endless rants; to Hannah Wade, my student athlete work schedule; to Mollie Blackshear and Bryleigh Morris, a new lunch hide out; to Holly Berry, a post-game bus buddy and my game day rock'n'roll playlist; to Coach Fisher, a good teacher's aide for his prep period and somebody to yell at him in-between classes; to Mr. Harper, somebody to come say 'Good Morning' and 'Have a good day' every day; to Coach Coffman, a cup holder; volleyball and softball teams, infinite dubs and to Kai Fisher, the title of "Fisher" given by Mr. Haynes and any leftover high school knowledge I might have left.



I, Cade Burris, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Nash Gill, a set of good knees and ankles; to Mrs. Rice, a new sports editor; to Landon Sain, my squat max; to Mr. Haynes, a new favorite student; to Cole Manning, my football locker and 1500 rushing yards; to Connor Manning, the clamps for every team's best player; to Cannon Baker, a new nickname other than Shannon or Nerb; to Coach Ward, a new safety/linebacker/corner back/outside linebacker/coach on

the field; to Andrew Brewer, a new celebration partner; to Isaiah Mabry, the football run out chant and lastly, to Walnut Ridge High School, the best of luck getting rid of the rest of the high school students.

I, Slade Dalton, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Nash Gill, my position as Kru leader and a new weekend buddy; to Eli Biggers, someone new to look up to and my catching ability; to Isaac Biggers, my superior shoe game; to Connor Manning, my lethal three-point shooting ability; to Cody McEntire, my fishing pole; to Gavin Davis, trap crew captain spot; to Trevor Smith, my parking spot by the field house; to Logan Blackwood, my height; to Johnathan Alba, my tackling ability; to Andrew Brewer, a new number one target on the field; to Grady Privett, my cheetah-like speed; to Cannon Baker, my second born child to have and love; to Cole Manning, my awful skill at picking women; to Landon Sain, my lifting abilities and a new work out partner; to Mike Steele, my spot as practice squad captain; to Sam Lewis, my blocking ability; to Kyle Russell, my spot in left field; to Will Davis, my spot as Bramlett's favorite; to Walker Hibbs, my locker in the gym; to Garrison Doyle, my comb for your mullet; to Mason Andrews, any position as a Rep for White Oak at the school; to Noah Roark, a new baby sitter; to Brandon Bethany, my crown; and to Parker Brand, some gum I found.

I, Taylor McGinty, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Kaci Kirksey, great cheer memories and new friends; to Ethan McGinty, a great high school experience; to the cheer team, a great season; to the volleyball team, another great year and two more great supporters; to Maci

Smelser, the title of being the new cheer captain; to Mrs. Mary Smith, a new student who doesn't leave her class but one period a day; to Mr. Hynes, a new student aide; to Jenny Davis, a new back spot and many more tricks in the air; to Bailey Augustine, many more great ball years; to Jacey Jones, confidence in her ball skills; to the basketball team, a new manager; to Alexis Dalton, a whole lot of threes and to Coach Halbrook, winning seasons and championship games.

I, Nathan Brown, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Grady Privett, my bench max; to Sam Lewis, the ability to snap the ball; to Peyton Callahan, a solo in Jazz band; to Seth Rounsavall, my mellophonium; to Tristin Hart, a working shoulder; to Andrew Brewer, a roll of bubble wrap; to Blane Wade, loyalty to the lineman and to Mason Ashlock, my football locker.

I, Malachi Tinker, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Peyton Callahan or Austin Stover, my parking spot.

I, Baylee Davis, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Kaci Kirksey, Luke Combs jam sessions; to Hailey Jensen, a new base; to Shyanne Foley, superstitions and a two ball partner; to Katie Kersey, Red Bulls and the aux on the bus; to Andrew Prestidge, advice and after church dates; to Chloe Davis, throw downs; to Livvie Howard, rant sessions and to Holly Berry, post-game hugs.

I, Nick Foster, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Grady Privett, my jump

rope; to Johnathan Alba, top spot on the weight room board; to Dagan Lillard, my dad jokes; to Mason Andrews, Noah Roark, and Landon Brady, my position as representative of White Oak Baptist Church.

I, Garrett Brown, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Mason Ashlock, the ability to get state records in weightlifting.

I, Ashleigh Morris, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Bryleigh Morris, the motivation to not drop out; to Mollie Blackshear, the ability to put up with Bry without me; to Robby, someone to throw her grade book at; to Rice, a new bestie (I know I'm irreplaceable); to Grady Privett, someone else to rant to; to Katie, attitude, roast sessions, and late nights; to Alexis Dalton and Anna Claire, a third member to the trio; to Heidi Moore, a new girlfriend to help her up; to Livvie Howard, Sonic runs and to Holly Berry, someone else to stare at Harry Styles with.

I, Drew Brewer, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Grady Privett, a new arm rest in band; to Kailey Blazer, another stud like myself and to Joseph Rogers, my diploma.

I, Tate Anderson, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Hailey Jensen, all of my decks of cards; to Mollie Blackshear, all of my card playing skills and tricks; to Dagan Lillard and Logan Blackwood, the Tenor line; to Grady Privett, the position of Band Council President; to Chase Ervin, my mains in Super Smash Bros; to Hunter Henry, my cymbal and tambourine playing skills; to Mady McGinnis, my love



Anime

By Abbigale Rounsavall

The Boy and the Beast

Kyuuta is a young orphan who lives on the streets of Shibuya, who stumbles into an amazing world of beasts. Kyuuta is taken in by Kumatetsu, a gruff, rough-around-the-edges warrior beast.

Kumatetsu has been looking for the perfect apprentice and he thinks Kyuuta is the one. Despite their constant bickering, they both begin training and they slowly begin to form a bond as a surrogate father and son.

Kiss Him, Not Me

Kae Serinuma is what you would call a “fujoshi.” She loves when she sees any boys getting along. One day her favorite anime character dies and the shock causes her to lose a lot of weight. Four hot guys at her school ask her out but she doesn't want to be with them. She wants them to be with each other.

Angel's Feather

It begins when Hamura Shou, twin brother of Kai Misonou, comes to Yuusei Academy as a sports student.

The story branches out to tell the truth behind Hamura's past as well as Kai's. It also portrays shōnen-ai between Kai and his supposed to be friend, Nagi. Kai had forgotten about his older twin brother so Shou went looking for him.

The Promised Neverland

Many children live at an isolated orphanage hidden away from the outside world. They all live what they think is a happy life surrounded by friends and under the care of Mama.

The only rule of the orphanage is that they must never go outside the gate, for there is said to be danger out there. Until one day, the children learn the true horror of what's in store for their short lives.

for the Marvel Cinematic Universe and my ukulele skills; to Skylar Louthan, my spot on the Jazz Band; to Hannah Hatfield, the everlasting nickname “Hanners”; to Parker Papi, a reserved table in the lunchroom; to Trishton Wilson and Jacob Buxton, the keyboard in Mrs. Rice's room and to Livvie Howard, the correct pronunciation of your first name until the end of time.

I, Kaiden Stormes, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Dagan Lillard, a passing grade on his driver's test; to Mollie Blackshear and Hailey Jensen, the Editor-in-Chief title; to Mrs. Rice, an organized desk;



to Trishton Wilson, a memorial plaque for Author; to Tyler Ditto, a well-deserved Bronze III; to Livvie Howard, a Baja Blast Freeze for 4th period; to Skylar Louthan, a secret undiscovered slap bass technique; to Jacob Buxton, a new laptop;

to Mrs. Mary, a new Banking and Financial Systems team; to Chase Ervin, perfect pitch; to Skyla Henry, 'Stuart Little' on Blue-Ray; to Abby Rounsavall, a less depressing list of anime recommendations; to Rome McEntire, better coding competition partners; to Mrs. Rob, an underclassman to have therapy with 4th period; to Zachary Caspall, a long relationship; to Quinn Carson, an in-depth guide to playing top lane; to Mike Steele, a new set of earbuds; to Cannon Baker, an even longer mullet; to Adam Granger, a nicer sister; to Mattie Craig, cooler friends in Spanish; to James Allred, the new Parker Papi 'Fudge' game in music; to Savannah Nelson, the picture of Drew Brewer in your clothes and a wig and to Mrs. Hallman, an ear hair consent form.

I, Graham West, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave to Dagan Lillard, EVERYTHING.

I, Olivia Bickers, being of sound mind and body, do hereby leave.

Picture This: Hole in Space-Time

By Jacob Buxton

Black holes are one of the biggest mysteries in the study of space and its mechanics. Black holes consume everything, including light, and therefore cannot be photographed.

Until recently, the appearance of a black holes have been debated. A few weeks ago, the Event Horizon Telescope team captured and released the first ever picture of a black hole.

The team got the now-famous picture by pointing six telescopes that were spread across five different continents. These telescopes were aimed at the same point in space for a whole week in April last year.

Rather than capture the black hole itself, the team measured the influence from the black hole, including the event horizon, the spot in which the black hole's gravity gets too strong for even light to escape.

Now that the team had the data from the telescopes, they needed a way to store it all. They had used several hard drives to store all of it. In the end, all of the data from the telescopes amounted to over five petabytes of information.

They also needed a way to read the data. So, Katherine Bouman having worked on a similar project called CHIRP (Continuous High-resolution Image Reconstruction using Patch priors) was called in to help.

When all is said and done, these people and this program have made an incredible contribution to the understanding of space.

What's Your Favorite Season? - from 2019 Seniors (in 2010)

"In order to be old and wise, you must first be young and crazy"
- unknown

These 2019 seniors have come to the end of their days at WRHS, but once upon a time they were wee, elementary students.

Thanks to Mrs. Jennifer Biggers, literacy specialist at WRES, for sharing these photos and essays written by seniors as third graders.

The spelling and grammatical errors are their own.



"First one your out of school!! There's no math, no science, and no trying to think hard. Your free! Also you don't have to do what the teachers tell you to do."

- Brighton Brand



"The extrodonary season I like the best is Winter... My favorite thing to do is play with my friends, snowball fight, sledding, and after drinking hot coco."

- Zack Osburn

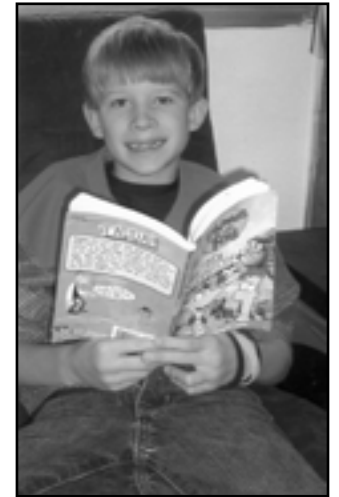


"The things I like to do in Fall are jump in leav piles, wear warm chlotes, and play foot ball."

-Claire Fisher

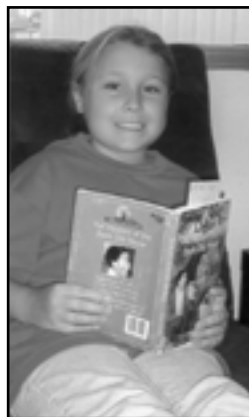


Apparently, the dog ate Cade Burris' homework.



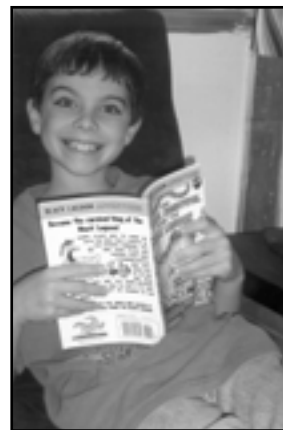
"This is why I don't like spring, winter, and fall. I don't like them because you have to go to school, you can't sleepin, you can't ride my horse (earlier stated it's name was coacoa), and you can't go swiming."

- Jackson Forrester



"My favorit season is summer because it is warm you never won't to wear jeans in summer."

-Liley Holsapple



"I like to jump in the snow and crale threw it if it is deep enofe to."

- CJ Couch



"My last reson is becuse babys are bore in late spring and erly summer."

- Drew Brewer



"I love playing in water, unless if it has anything in it besides people."

- Slade Dalton



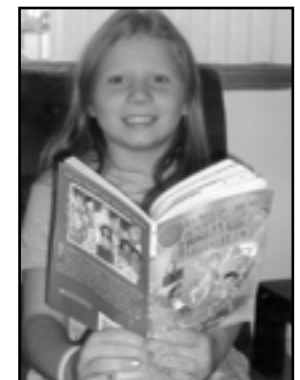
"It is like this. It is chilli, or cold, I like the cold. Also usually it is rainy. mostly it is wet."

- Nathan Brown



"Summer is hot, butterful, and grassy."

- Tyler Hudson



"And I like to sleep sleeping is good for you."

- Taylor McGinty

Answers to Mystery Students:
Claire Fisher and Nick Foster