

# Monday Morning Minutes



Washington HS Faculty Newsletter [Dec. 13, 2021]



Wishing you and yours Happy Holidays!

## Monday December 13, 2021

As we wrap up our first semester, I'd like to thank each of you for the work you have done to get our students through this semester. Let's have a smooth close to our year by making certain we have all grades posted by the due date. Please remember this is finals week and it is important that we place a cut off date for accepting late assignments. On behalf of our administrative team, we wish you and yours a very safe and healthy holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Teacher / Student Surveys- EOS Results

Mr. Sims and Team,

Thank you again for allowing me to come to Washington today to survey the students. They were all great and it was SO nice to meet so many of them that are passionate about their futures. With the huge push today, Washington has met the student and staff survey goals.

Thank you all!



**Regina Warren Ellison**  
Interim Secondary Literacy Coordinator  
South Bend Community School Corporation

## Grade "N" will not be used at Washington.

Washington High School has returned to the traditional grading system, as a result we will not be using the "N" Letter Grading system. Should this change, we will notify you at once. Please record all student failures as an "F" . Students who may be in question due to excessive absences and not illness should be receive the "F" letter grade as well. Absences due to COVID can be confirmed through Student Management.

## PD This Week and Teacher Work Day.

This week's 7:40 am. PD has been canceled. There will not be a need to report to the building at 7:40 am. Please take this time and finalize grades and student assignments.

Additionally, teacher work day is scheduled for Friday, December 17. For those who attended Parent Teacher Conferences in the fall will be granted a half day and may sign out at 11:30.

Featured Faculty! Mr. Darin Roodman - ELA Teacher.



**Mr. Roodman** comes to us this year from the Lone Star State, San Antonio, Texas. He graduated high school from Northside Health Careers High School in 2001. Mr. Roodman stated his high school was a medical magnet much like Washington. During his time at Northside, he was a founding member of the school's Anime and Medical Mural Clubs. After high School, Mr. Roodman attended the University of Pittsburgh where he majored in Psychology and minored in Biochemistry and graduated in 2005.

Mr. Roodman is married, has five children, and is the oldest of four, he has two brothers and a sister who were all triplets. After bouncing around jobs here and there he settled in Nevada and began substitute teaching and as he explained it to his wife, "I think I found what I want to do the rest of my life." Going back to school Mr. Roodman got his Masters Degree in Secondary Education concentrating in History.

Mr. Roodman's favorite TV show is Cowboy Bebop, favorite movie - The Boondock Saints, favorite food - Lasagna, and his hobbies include: Blacksmith, Drawing Fantasy, Driving, Video Games - Sly Cooper, and Cooking Spanish Food.

If there is one thing that you wouldn't know about Mr. Roodman it's that he has been to Israel four times. His message to students is "Show up prepared and on time." (Smile)!

*Welcome to the team Mr. Roodman! We are so excited to have you with us!*

## SBCSC News to Know

### South Bend Schools Night at Potawatomi Zoo

Are you ready to unplug, unwind, and enjoy the holiday season? We are, too, which is why all SBCSC employees and their families are cordially invited to South Bend Schools Night at the Potawatomi Zoo on Wednesday, December 15, from 5–8:00 p.m. The event will include two complimentary tickets to the zoo. zoo.

- Ride the train
- Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Enjoy the Gift of Lights display throughout the zoo

Prize giveaways every 15 minutes throughout the night!

The concession stand and Otter Cabin bar will be open with items available to purchase (hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken tenders, nachos with chili cheese, popcorn, hot chocolate, bottled water, fountain drinks, beer, wine, and sangria)

Pre-registration is required. Click [here](#).

Use discount code: **SBCSGOL (case sensitive) for two free tickets.**

Additional tickets can be purchased: \$8 for adults, \$6 for children and seniors.

See the flyer [here](#).

### From OMNI

The IRS has recently announced the 2022 Maximum Allowable Contribution (MAC) limits for 403(b) and 457(b) plans. [You will find the information in this flyer.](#)

If you have any questions concerning contribution limits, or any other 403(b)/457(b) matter, please contact OMNI at 877-544-6664.

## Important Dates this Week!



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- **Administrative Team Meeting- - Monday December 13 @ 9:45 am [BR]**
- BRIDGE Development Committee- - December 13 @ 8:30 am [FB]
- GPS (Graduation Progress Support Team)- - December 15 @ 8:30 am [Library]
- Ugly Sweater Contest (Faculty & Staff) - - Weds. December 15
- SBCSC Teacher Work Day - - December 17 NO Students
- Winter Break (Christmas Holiday) - - December 20 - Jan. 2, 2022

## Teacher of the Month

### The South Bend Tribune's Amazing Teacher of the Month

Each month, the [South Bend Tribune](#) and Ivy Tech Community College will recognize one teacher as the Amazing Teacher of the Month and they will be featured in print and on our publication's website. The Teacher of the Month will be eligible to win a national \$5,000 monthly prize for themselves and \$5,000 for their school!

Whether you're a student who's learned from a great teacher, or a colleague, here's your chance to recognize an exemplary local teacher. Nominate an educator to be recognized as the Amazing Teacher of the Month and show them just how grateful you are for the work they put in.

Make your nominations now at [southbendtribune.com/contests](https://southbendtribune.com/contests) and share this email with your friends and colleagues. The more nominations made, the better the odds are at winning a national prize!

Community News Services

## ACTION REQUIRED! IMPORTANT NEWS From SBCSC HR!

### From Human Resources: Vaccination statuses

Keep an eye on your inbox for a memo from Employee Access. You're encouraged to upload your proof of COVID-19 vaccination by logging in to your employee access portal from RDS.

Once you logged into employee access you will see **"new forms."** Click on that and instructions to upload the form will appear.

<https://payinfo.sbcsc.k12.in.us/RDSEmployeeAccess/>

Login questions may be directed to Jo Ellen Talos, director of employee relations at [jtalos@sb.school](mailto:jtalos@sb.school), or by calling 393-6066.

*In our ongoing efforts to keep employees safe during this COVID-19 pandemic, we are asking for your help understanding how many of our employees have been vaccinated.*



*If you have been vaccinated, please let us know.*

*This information will help as we contact trace following exposure, as fully-vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine as long as they do not have any symptoms of illness.*

*In the event you are determined to be a close contact, you would be asked to provide documentation of your vaccination status. So, gathering this information now will make us more efficient later.*



## COVID-19 Cases at Washington HS

### Covid Positive Cases

**\*Reported positive cases at WHS for the week of December 6 - December 10:**

**[8]** Reported cases this week

[5] Students.

[3] Faculty and Staff

*\*This week marks the second consecutive incline in student/staff COVID positive numbers. A report will be made to all staff when we return.*

## Flu Shots & Pfizer Booster for Teachers @ WHS

### Free Pfizer vaccine boosters:

With the flu season here and the rise of COVID-19 cases in the community, I urge all of you to get your flu shot, and COVID-19 vaccines and booster. Flu shot clinics for staff are coming up at Wilson and Madison Elementary Schools. Visit [OurShot.gov](https://www.ourshot.gov) to schedule your COVID-19 vaccine or booster.

Sponsored by the Chick-fil-a Foundation, Food Bank of Northern Indiana will provide free meals to families:

Friday, December 17, at Muessel Elementary School 4:30 to 6:30

## ENL Courses at Holy Cross College

### ENL Course Offerings:

Holy Cross College will be providing a 3-cu ENL course for certified teachers (certified prior to September, 2019) seeking EL Teacher-of-Record status. As a reminder, the IDOE is offering a special **Teacher-of-Record Pathway** through September of 2022 to assist schools in meeting the directive requiring accountability for English Learners.

In addition, Holy Cross College continues to offer the **ENL Certification Program for Professionals**. The Holy Cross College Certification Program is a 4-course, 14-cu program which can be completed in 2-3 semesters, depending on the start date (fall or spring). Attached is a document that provides information about both the stand-alone course and the full Certification Program.

Holy Cross is already enrolling for their Spring Semester. Also, the Holy Cross Education Program continues to expand with Transition-to-Teaching, BA-Completion, and Dual-Enrollment tracks.

Please share this information regarding the courses with your staff as soon as possible so that they might have time to consider these options.

Please have interested certified teachers contact me at [jcordovagurule@sbcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:jcordovagurule@sbcsc.k12.in.us) or Edoarda Perez, Literacy and PL Specialist at [eperez@sbcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:eperez@sbcsc.k12.in.us) to sign up for this opportunity. Tuition, books, and the initial ENL Certification assessment is covered by us for both **Teacher of Record Pathway or the ENL Certification Pathway**.

**If your building has a large enough group of teachers interested in taking the ENL Teacher of Record course, Holy Cross can bring the course to your building.** ~ Julia Cordova Gurule Bilingual Services



## WHS Annual UGLY SWEATER CONTEST! !



## You so Ugly!

Washington High School's Annual Ugly Sweater Contest is back! Wear your ugliest holiday sweater to school on Wednesday December 15 and compete for the title of UGLIEST Sweater 2021. Voting begins at 1:30 pm on the 15th! 1st Prize is a Holiday gift card!

## Campus Updates: Campus Closed Over Break

### **Building Closed over the Holidays:**

Please be reminded that WHS campus will be closed from December 20th through the 2nd of January. Staff badges will not be turned off over the holidays, however, entering

the build will engage the security systems which is extremely costly. Should you need access to the building please contact Mr. Sims by email.

## Athletic News this Week!!

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Team Wins!

Congratulations to Washington High Schools Girl's and Boy's Basketball programs. Both boys and girls brought home wins this week! We could not be more proud of our student athletes!

Great job to Mr. Holecheck (BRIDGE) and the WHS Wrestling team! Well done athletes!



## Athletics and Activities this Week!

### **MONDAY: 12/13**

WHS Concert Rehearsal

1:45-3:30pm

WHS Auditorium

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

Washington High School

Boys/Freshman Basketball

WHS-vs-New Prairie High School

6:30-8:30pm

Washington High School

### **TUESDAY: 12/14**

WHS HOLIDAY CONCERT (VIRTUAL)

2:45-3:30

Washington High School Auditorium

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

Washington High School

Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving

WHS-vs-New Prairie High School

6:00-8:00pm

New Prairie High School

Boys Varsity Basketball

WHS-vs-Andean High School

7:30-8:30pm

Washington High School

### **WEDNESDAY: 12/15**

21st Century After School Tutoring  
3:45-5:45pm  
Washington High School

Boys/Freshman Basketball  
WHS-vs-Clay High School  
6:00-8:00pm  
Clay High School

Boys Varsity Wrestling  
WHS-vs-Bremen High School  
7:00-9:00pm  
Washington High School

**THURSDAY: 12/16**

Talent Search  
10:18am & 1:45pm  
LGI Room  
Washington High School

21st Century After School Tutoring  
3:45-5:45pm  
Washington High School

Swimming & Diving  
WHS-vs-Michigan City High School  
6:00-8:00pm  
Washington High School

Girls Varsity Basketball  
WHS-vs-John Glenn High School  
7:00-9:00pm  
Washington High School

**FRIDAY: 12/17**

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball  
WHS-vs-John Glenn High School  
6:00-9:30pm  
Washington High School

**SATURDAY: 12/18**

Boys Varsity Wrestling Super 10  
NH/Yorktown  
9:00-11:00am  
New Haven High School

Girls Varsity Wrestling Invitational  
9:00-11:00am  
Penn High School

HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AT BEAUTIFUL WASHINGTON!

~ T. E. SIMS