

One-Stop Healthcare Arrives in Westerville

Have you been searching for more convenient and comprehensive healthcare? Look no further than OhioHealth's new Westerville Medical Campus. Westerville Medical Campus combines the expertise of OhioHealth's hospitals and physicians in a convenient outpatient setting — giving you unprecedented access to a variety of medical specialties under one roof.

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It's not just the wide range of services and expertise of the medical staff that makes Westerville Medical Campus different — it's a new approach to patient ease and convenience that's revolutionary in healthcare.

Same-day scheduling will be offered for a variety of services and on-site registration is made easy and simple with an electronic registration system using patient kiosks, similar to the way you register at a kiosk in the airport. These registration kiosks speed up the registration process and store your information to make future visits even faster—and Westerville Medical Campus is the only outpatient facility of its kind in central Ohio to offer kiosk registration.

When you use the new facility, you'll be given a personal pager to allow you the freedom to move around the facility rather than be tied to a waiting area. Interactive computer kiosks throughout the campus will let you browse medical information while you wait.

Wi-fi access is also free for any patients who'd like to stay connected while they're at Westerville Medical Campus. You can simply log on to a guest network using your own computer. Other convenient services include short-term childcare for children while parents receive care, expertly staffed and filled with age-appropriate toys and activities. A Tim Hortons café will offer delicious and healthy options for your family. And finally, the new state-of-the-art campus



offers ample and free parking, plus access to a COTA bus line to make it easy for patients to visit us.

In keeping with OhioHealth's commitment to being a community partner, the facility features a variety of community spaces, including a 100-seat conference center and several small community rooms available for use by organizations in the community. Classroom space will also be utilized for a wide variety of OhioHealth's health, education and fitness programs from the medical experts at Westerville Medical Campus. The facility will also house a special area dedicated to welcoming new students and their families to the Westerville City School district.

No matter if your next medical need is a regular appointment or highly specialized outpatient surgery, consider Westerville Medical Campus and the OhioHealth team of experts for advanced healthcare paired with the finest in patient conveniences and comfort.

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Alcott Students to Raise Money through PTA Walk-a-Thon

The fourth annual Alcott Elementary School PTA Walk-a-Thon took place at the Westerville Central High School track on Friday, September 26. Money generated from the event will help pay for a variety of school enrichment programs.

Robert Frost Students Sponsor October 2 Walk-a-Thon

The students' goal was to collect donations from family and friends to help reach their goal of \$10,000. Prizes for student participants were graciously donated by many businesses in the Westerville community.

North Students Recognized as Texas Roadhouse Athletes of the Week

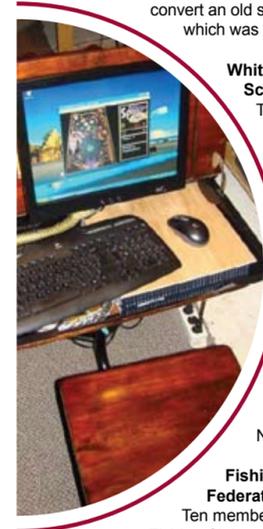
Thirty-seven student athletes at Westerville North High School were named Texas Roadhouse Athletes of the Week during the month of September.

2008-2009 Parent Education Programs Planned

Westerville City Schools and Westerville Parent Council PTA have scheduled a series of parent education programs for the 2008-2009 school year. Sessions are free and open to the public, and registration is not required.

Blendon Students Build Computer Workstation for Red Chair Art Affair

Two students spent their summer working with an engineer to convert an old school desk into a computer workstation, which was auctioned for charity.



Whittier Walkers Raised Money for their School

The inaugural event raised money for Whittier while raising awareness among students about the benefits of exercise and healthy living

Central Girls Soccer Team Wins On and Off the Field

WCHS defeated Marysville 3-2, but the more important win was garnered off the field.

Semifinalists Named in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program

Eight Westerville high school students were among approximately 16,000 pupils identified as Semifinalists in the 54th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Fishing Club Members Succeed at Junior Bass Federation Championship Tournament

Ten members of the Walnut Springs Middle School Fishing Club recently participated in the 2008 Ohio Junior Bass Federation Championship Tournament at Delaware Lake.

Study Island will Help Students Prepare for Ohio Achievement/ Graduation Tests

Westerville City Schools has purchased a district license for a web-based program called Study Island, an instructional and diagnostic tool that enables students to study at home and teachers to help students master state standards.

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IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

from Westerville City Schools

Dec 22-Jan 2	Winter Break (No School)
Jan 5	Classes resume
Jan 15	One (1) Hour Early Release for K-12
Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day (No School)
Jan 21	Interim Reports (Elementary)
Jan 23	Last Day of Classes (M.S. & H.S.) (Second Grading Period)
Jan 26	Teacher Professional Day (No School M.S. & H.S. ONLY)
Jan 27	First Day of Classes (M.S. & H.S.) (Third Grading Period)
Jan 30	Grade Cards (H.S. & M.S.)
Feb 16	Presidents Day (No School)
Feb 19	One (1) Hour Early Release for K-12
Feb 27	Interim Reports (H.S. & M.S.)
Mar 2	Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School High School Only)
Mar 5	Last Day of Classes (Elementary) (Second Grading Period)
Mar 6	Teacher Professional Day (No School Elementary ONLY)
Mar 9	First Day of Classes (Elementary) (Third Grading Period)
Mar 12	One (1) Hour Early Release for K-12
Mar 13	Grade Cards
Mar 27	Last Day of Classes (M.S. & H.S.) (Third Grading Period)
Mar 30	First Day of Classes (M.S. & H.S.) (Fourth Grading Period)

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Welcome to SNIPPETS

The Westerville City School District is pleased to present this first issue of SNIPPETS. The purpose of this quarterly publication is to provide residents with a "snapshot" of recent activities and headlines from around the district.

What readers will find most often within the pages of Snippets is the first paragraph or two of a more detailed story. When readers see a camera icon next to a headline, that means there's a photograph included with the on-line story. We realize that not everyone in this fast-paced world has the time to sit down with a lengthy newsletter or to read lengthy articles. We also know that the vast majority of district residents do not have children attending our schools. However, by taking a few minutes to review these brief summaries, readers can quickly obtain the basic facts of a story and develop a good understanding of news from around our schools. Anyone wishing to delve deeper into a story can easily obtain the complete version from a news archive on the district's web site: www.wcsoh.org/newsarchive.aspx

If you do not have Internet access but would still like to see "the rest of the story," simply call 614-797-4800 and leave a message. Be sure to tell us which story (or stories) you would like to read, along with your name, complete address and telephone number (just in case we have to clarify any information), and we will mail you a copy of the full story.

The production of SNIPPETS is generously funded by a partnership with OhioHealth. Whether you spend 30 seconds, three minutes or 30 minutes with SNIPPETS, our hope is that you discover at least one new thing about our schools each time you receive a copy of this publication. We also hope that you will find some of the story summaries so compelling that you pay a visit to our on-line news archive to learn more. Our ultimate goal is to provide readers with access to a blend of stories about the great things happening in our schools, the challenges we face as a district, and the changes taking place in public education today. As taxpayers and supporters of our district, you deserve nothing less. Special thanks to OhioHealth for making this publication possible!

NOVEMBER 2008

Heritage Students Remind Community to Bring Canned Goods to School

It's beginning to look a lot like the holiday season at Heritage Middle School. Members of the Heritage Service Club and Student Council have joined forces to kick off 12 days of activities designed to benefit Caring & Sharing.

SIDNE Helps South Students Understand Drinking and Driving Perils

Westerville South High School students in Health Education classes were able to experience what it would be like to drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol, thanks to a battery-powered vehicle that simulates impaired driving.

North Enjoys Best Showing Ever at Mid-State Band Association Championships

The Westerville North Marching Band placed fourth out of 20 in the Class AA Mid-States Band Association Championship held at Beaver Creek High School in Dayton on November 1.

Westerville Central Varsity Baseball Players Read to Fouse Second Graders

Part of the "Tackle Illiteracy" program, the purpose of the event is to raise awareness of youth literacy and to promote its importance in the community.

Emerson Marks International Education Week with Numerous Activities

Emerson World Languages & Cultures Magnet School celebrated International Education Week with a number of activities beginning on November 19, when Sogbety Diomade, a native of the Ivory Coast in West Africa, performed.

Westerville Educator Presents at the National Council for the Social Studies in Houston

Dr. Tom Peet, Social Studies teacher at Westerville North, presented at the National Council for the Social Studies annual convention.

Students Learn How to Handle Bullies

Students, staff, and parents at Walnut Springs Middle School listened to award winning therapist Jim Bisenius discuss "Bully-Proofing Youth" on November 17 and 18.

Individuals Encouraged to Sign Up for Electronic News and Announcements

With winter weather on its way, school district officials are encouraging families and students to sign up to receive emergency announcements, as well as other district news and information, through the district's electronic communications module.



SNIPPETS is made possible through a partnership with OhioHealth and Westerville City Schools.

📍 Emerson and Otterbein Team up on “Wonders” Project

Thirteen Otterbein College students lead third graders at Emerson World Languages & Cultures Magnet School in a study about mapping, geography, and some of the “wonders” of our world.

📍 Cherrington Sponsors Family Reading Night/Book Fair

The Cherrington Elementary School PTA sponsored a Family Reading Night/Book Fair on Thursday, November 13, 2008. The event was designed to promote reading and the importance of reading as a family.

📍 Gallery 202 Presents “Reflections” by Local Student Artists

Gallery 202 will showcase the work of local elementary and middle school artists as part of National PTA’s Reflections Program. The exhibit opened to the public on December 10, 2008, and runs until January 10, 2009.

📍 F.A.C.T Confirms District’s Hiring Decisions Have Been Based on Need

The committee’s report confirms district hiring decisions have been based today’s needs while also being mindful of commitments made to the community.

📍 Two Westerville Students Receive Honda-OSU Math Medal Awards

The fifth annual Honda-OSU Math Medal award was given to 128 seniors in the Class of 2009 from high schools in central and western Ohio. Among the recipients were two students from Westerville.

📍 Westerville City Schools Wins National Award for South Baseball Field

Westerville City Schools was notified by the SportsTurf Managers Association (STMA) that the J.W. Sadler Field at Westerville South High School had been selected as the national Schools and Parks Baseball Field of the Year.

📍 Longfellow Fourth Grade Students Honor Veterans

Fourth grade students at Longfellow Math & Science Language School honored veterans on November 12 with a flag raising ceremony in the morning, and an afternoon program for the local veterans who attended.

📍 North’s “Howl for Hunger” Drive Nets 3,764 Pounds of Food for Needy Families

Westerville North High School’s Interact Club and National Honor Society joined forces to initiate a “Howl for Hunger” food drive to benefit the Westerville Area Resource Ministry (W.A.R.M.), which helps feed families in need.

📍 Heritage Recognizes Pupils for Outstanding Academics

Academic achievement was celebrated at Heritage Middle School on November 11 when pupils who earned a 3.0-4.2 grade point average during the first quarter were invited to sign a “Wall of Fame” banner and receive a sweet treat.

📍 Blendon Middle School Hosts First Quarter Student Recognition Assemblies

Those recognized were students on the Honor Roll and Merit Roll including those earning a Pride Card Plus and a Pride Card based on their grade point average as well as good behavior and being on time to class.

📍 North Students Recognized as Texas Roadhouse Athletes of the Week

They were recognized for community service, excellence in the classroom, and outstanding performance on the playing field.

📍 Otterbein Students Help Mark Twain Pupils Learn About Health Education

A dozen Early Childhood Education majors from Otterbein College have spent the past seven weeks working with second graders at Mark Twain Elementary, teaching health education lessons.

📍 Third Annual Fall Elementary Leadership Summit Held November 7

Approximately 270 students attend the Elementary Leadership Summit each year. Two pupils from every Westerville classroom in grades 3-5 are selected by members of the Otterbein Student Education Association, who judge submitted essays.

📍 Forty-three Heritage Middle School Students Inducted into the International Thespian Society

The new Heritage inductees join the ranks of nearly two million Thespians and Thespian Alumni, including Dick Van Dyke, John Goodman, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Sharon Stone, and Tom Hanks.

📍 North Graduate Delivers Motivational Message at Breakfast Club

David Pfefferle helped celebrate the hard work and efforts of 86 students nominated by staff to the biannual “Breakfast Club.”

📍 Genoa Honors Veterans

On Monday, October 27, 2008, a number of veterans visited and were warmly received by pupils at Genoa Middle School. They presented the Colors and then addressed the eighth grade class.

📍 District Schools Participate in Kids Voting Program

During the week of November 3-7 a number of Westerville pupils participated in a simulated presidential election. Their votes were then tabulated nationally where it was reported that 1,100,182 students cast their ballots.

📍 Students with Perfect Attendance at Walnut Springs Earn Pancake Breakfast

Thanks to the generosity of Steak-n-Shake, Walnut Spring’s Adopt-a-School partner, 332 middle school students at Walnut who had perfect attendance during the first quarter were treated to a pancake breakfast on November 6.

📍 Annehurst Tribute Tree Honor Veterans

A “Tribute Tree” to honor the military was illuminated near the front entrance of Annehurst Elementary School to commemorate Veterans Day this year.

📍 Mark Twain Principal Sets Up Office on Roof of School

Principal Scott Ebbrecht conducted business on the roof of Mark Twain Elementary School on October 31, to make good on a challenge he made to his students.

📍 Whittier Students Donate to “Trick or Teeth”

During the month of October, Whittier Elementary School’s Student Council collected boxes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, and dental floss for Grandma’s Gifts, an organization run completely by youth and young adults who volunteer their time.

📍 Rotary Club Names Students of the Month

The purpose of the program is twofold: to recognize outstanding students who have distinguished themselves by serving their school and to expose them to the Rotary Club and its ideal of “Service Above Self.”

📍 Elementary Leadership Essayists Receive Savings Bonds

Two former Elementary Leadership Summit students, both from Fouse Elementary, were selected from hundreds of past participant entries to each receive a \$50 United States Savings Bond from Heartland Bank.

📍 British Royal Navy Lieutenant Commander Speaks with South Students

During his distinguished career he engaged in Fishery Protection around the United Kingdom’s territorial waters, sailed with NATO’s Standing Naval Force Atlantic, undertook operations in the Gulf region, and deployed to the South Atlantic in the aftermath of the Falklands War of 1982.

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📍 Hawthorne Choir Lends its Voice at OAESA Conference

The Hawthorne Elementary School Traveling Choir, led by Kim Spencer, was asked once again to perform at the 51st Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators conference.

📍 School District Launches On-line Payment Options for Parents

Families in the Westerville City School District can now add to their children’s meal accounts or pay school fees over the Internet using any Visa or MasterCard (including Debit Visa and MasterCard) through SPS EZpay.

📍 Whittier’s Fall Frenzy Attracts Enthusiastic Crowd

The free community social offered games, prizes, crafts, cookie decorating, a strolling magician, mini donuts, fresh kettle corn, and face painting.

📍 Second Graders at Hanby Share Knowledge of Dinosaurs with Parents and Friends

The show must go on, and that was the case when second grade students at Hanby Arts Magnet School continued singing about dinosaurs, even when their accompanying music ran into technical difficulties and stopped.

📍 Student Photos to be Displayed at Cardone’s Restaurant

In September Cardone’s Restaurant sponsored a digital photography contest for Westerville North High School students to see who could best capture the natural beauty of the Larimore Land Lab, located behind the school.

📍 Annehurst Teacher Donates Hair to Locks of Love

Students at Annehurst Elementary School were challenged by their principal to raise \$500 for cancer awareness. To sweeten the deal, teacher Marsha Siefker said that if they reached their goal, she would donate 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love.

📍 Mark Twain Students Delight in Haunted Gymnasium

Mark Twain Elementary School has played host to a haunted gymnasium each fall for the last 24 years, compliments of physical education teacher Karen Garrison.

📍 Westerville Crew Finishes Fall Rowing Season with Strong Showing

The team of 95 rowers won 11 medals at the Speakmon.

📍 Students Bake and Donate Bread for Faith Mission

Huber Ridge and McVay fourth and fifth grade students participated in the King Arthur Flour Life Skills Bread Baking Program. As a result, more than 250 loaves of bread were delivered to Faith Mission on October 23.

📍 Orchestra Department offers private lessons

The Westerville City Schools Orchestra department is pleased to be able to offer private lessons to students on specific instruments.

📍 North Students Plant Flowers with Compost Dirt

Westerville North High School students planted cardinal and gold mums using compost made at the school. Made mainly from coffee grounds, cafeteria food scraps, and yard waste, the compost took nearly two months to be turned into fertile soil used to spruce up Jim McCann Stadium.

📍 Seminar on School Security and Survival Hosted by Westerville Division of Police

On Friday, October 17, the Westerville Division of Police hosted a seminar on school security and survival at Westerville Central High School. More than 100 law enforcement officials attended.

📍 North Partners with the Delaware County Bank & Trust

Westerville North High School is enjoying a new business partnership with the Delaware County Bank & Trust.

📍 North Honors Academic Achievers

Social studies teacher Ben Hartnell was the keynote speaker at the 23rd annual Westerville North High School Academic Boosters Awards Banquet held at the Medallion Country Club October 16.

📍 Wilder Students and their Families Enjoy Oktoberfest

Food and family fun were on tap for students and staff at the Wilder PTA Oktoberfest, held on Thursday, October 16.

📍 Central College Magnet Students “Dig” Community Service

On Friday, October 24, pupils at Central College Math & Science Magnet School got the chance to dig into community service by helping the Central College Magnet PTA kick off the fall clean up of the school landscape.

📍 AP Scholar Awards Announced

Ninety-five students in the Westerville City School District have earned AP Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams.

📍 Local School Board Member Honored by State Association

Michael L. Collins, a member of the Westerville City Schools Board of Education, has been recognized for his service to a statewide association of school boards.

📍 Bette Marschall Grant Recipients Announced

The Bette Marschall Memorial Education Fund of the Columbus Foundation has announced the recipients of nine grant awards totaling \$2,698 to Westerville City Schools personnel for applications submitted this fall.

📍 Mark Twain Hosts Annual Red Cross Blood Drive

Mark Twain Elementary School hosted its sixth annual Red Cross blood drive on Friday, October 10. Dozens of adult volunteers showed up to donate blood and plasma at the event.

📍 Mark Twain Students Enjoy “10.09.08 Day, Countdown to Success!”

Students and staff at Mark Twain Elementary School chose to conduct a learn-a-thon. The staff identified academic areas in need of improvement through an analysis of the spring 2008 student achievement data.

📍 Genoa Wins MacManus Middle School Golfing Trophy

Middle school golf teams from the four area middle schools met at the annual Westerville Classic at Medallion Country Club on October 2. Genoa Middle School was able to defend the Seamus MacManus trophy by beating Blendon, Heritage and Walnut Springs.

📍 Chemistry Comes Alive for Students at Annehurst

Students got a lesson in slimy science when COSI Columbus’ science center brought its traveling science program, It’s *Simply Chemistry*, to Annehurst Elementary School on Friday, October 10.

📍 Buzz Lightyear Thrills Students at Mark Twain

Buzz Lightyear (aka Westerville Central High School Principal Todd Spinner) visited students at Mark Twain Elementary to read a book and deliver a motivational message.

📍 Academic Achievement Record Parent Education Program Planned

Westerville City Schools and Westerville Parent Council PTA have planned a series of parent education programs for the 2008-2009 school year. First on the schedule is a seminar entitled, “Academic Achievement Record: How’s My Kid Doing?”

📍 Partnership Program Flourishes

On Tuesday, October 7, dozens of business representatives and Westerville school officials met at Westerville Central High School to kick off the 2008-2009 Adopt-a-School partnership program.

📍 Robert Frost Principal Makes Good on Promise to “Charm” Snake

Robert Frost Elementary School Principal Sarah Berka promised to “charm” a snake if students at her school raised \$10,000 during their Walk-a-Thon October 2. The pupils raised \$11,010, and Berka kept her promise.

📍 Annehurst Students Join with Garden Club to Plant

Students at Annehurst Elementary School joined forces with Annehurst Garden Club volunteers to plant a rain garden in front of the school at 925 W. Main St.

📍 Team Hawthorne Walks for Autism

A team from Hawthorne Elementary School participated in the 2008 *Walk Now for Autism* event, which took place on Sunday, October 12 in Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center at The Ohio State University.

📍 South IB Students Mingle with Music Legend Wynton Marsalis

International Baccalaureate (IB) students, accompanied by Westerville South High School music teacher Todd Stoll, got some hang time with music legend Wynton Marsalis last month at the world premiere of his new composition.

📍 Target’s Red Card Take Charge of Education Program Benefits Schools

To date Wilder Elementary School has earned \$3,958.17 through Target’s Red Card Take Charge of Education program. It is just one school of many in the Westerville district, and throughout the country, that have benefited.

📍 Emerson First Graders Share a Message of Peace

Emerson World Cultures and Languages Magnet School celebrated World Peace Day on Friday September 26.

📍 Tortoise and Hare Square Off During Emerson’s Walk-a-Thon

Emerson Elementary PTA hosted its second annual Walk-a-thon on Friday, September 26. The Walk-a-thon exceeded expectations and more than \$8,000 was raised.

📍 Central Students Win 2008 NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing

Zach Owens and Nicole Karch, seniors, Westerville Central High School, have won 2008 Achievement Awards in Writing from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

📍 North Student Receives Emerging Entrepreneur Award

Nicholas Fala, a sophomore at Westerville North High School, walked away with the Emerging Entrepreneur Award and a \$500 prize at the Ohio Business Week (OBW) conference he attended in June at Youngstown State University.

📍 2009 National Achievement Program Outstanding Participants Referred to Colleges

Nicholas A. Coombs, a student at Westerville South High School, along with Westerville North pupil Albert Powell, are among some 3,100 Outstanding Participants in the National Achievement Scholarship Program being referred to U.S. colleges and universities.

📍 Jazz Arts Group Roster Includes Five Students from Westerville South High School

Five students from Westerville South High School have been named to participate in The Jazz Arts Group’s 2008-2009 Youth Jazz Program.

📍 North Athletes Volley for the Cure

“Volley for the Cure” was held at Westerville North High School on September 30. The event raised \$900 for the charity.

📍 Laws of Life Contestants Succeed at State Level

Three Westerville finalists in the 2008 Statewide Laws of Life Essay Contest walked away with honors at an awards banquet held September 25 at the Makoy Center in Columbus.

📍 Westerville North Dabbles in Political Process

Students and teacher used the Presidential election as a learning opportunity by scheduling two events designed to generate interest in the political process.

📍 Serve-a-Thon Fundraiser Benefits Challenge Day

From October 6-20, high school students scoured the community to perform acts of kindness and earn money as part of a Serve-a-Thon. Funds raised will be used to bring the Challenge Day program to all three Westerville high schools.

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📍 Hanby Teacher Nominated to Attend First Annual Navajo Experience in Arizona

Hanby Arts Magnet School teacher Miriam Herrick will attend the first annual Navajo Experience, sponsored by the national We the People organization which is directed by the Center for Civic Education and funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

📍 Twenty Westerville Pupils Named National Merit Commended Students

Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition.

📍 Westerville Students are Semifinalists in 2009 National Achievement Scholarship Program

Bereket M. Berhane, Westerville Central, and Donald A. Barber, Westerville South, are among the more than 1,600 Black American high school seniors designated as Semifinalists in the 45th annual Achievement Scholarship.

📍 Westerville City Schools Joins Jumpstart’s Read for the Record

Westerville City Schools helped set a new world record on October 2 by taking part in *Jumpstart’s Read for the Record*, a national campaign working to break the cycle of illiteracy.

📍 Students Learn CPR at Westerville North

For the fourth year in a row, the Westerville City Schools CPR in Schools Committee, in partnership with the Westerville Fire Department, sponsored a free CPR class for students. The event took place on September 18 in the Westerville North High School Auditorium.

📍 South Students Earn International Baccalaureate Diplomas

Twenty-one students from Westerville South High School have earned the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.

📍 North Picks Homecoming Court

Students at Westerville North High School voted on their Homecoming Court. The king and queen, who reigned over the Homecoming Dance, were announced at the football game on Friday, September 26, 2008.

📍 Longfellow Walk-a-Thon Held on October 8

Students and families will walk around the school field and playground for as many laps as possible in 30-minute increments to raise money for the school.

📍 Hanby Held an Arts Walk on September 26

The students will also learn how members of the Underground Railroad used symbols in the environment to create a quilt code to guide the slaves to freedom. Students will create their own Hanby quilt code which will be integrated into a Hanby quilt to be auctioned off at the annual spring Arts Auction.