

# WHS NEWS

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## Scholastic Bowl

The Scholastic Bowl has started practicing and is ready to compete. They currently have thirteen members: five seniors, one junior, three sophomores, and four freshmen. Scholastic Bowl consists of twenty-four questions; each consists of different genres such as math, literature, history, social studies, science, fine arts, and even miscellaneous questions. When asking a question related to any of the genres students have ten seconds to buzz and respond with the correct answer. If the answer is correct, a three-part bonus question is asked. When a bonus question is given, teammates are allowed to join and discuss the question. The members play against other teams on Mondays and Thursdays. Their first match is January 10th. They will be hosting matches January 18th starting at 5:30pm in Winchester. The Scholastic Bowl team will compete up until their final match (Regionals), which will be on March 7th.

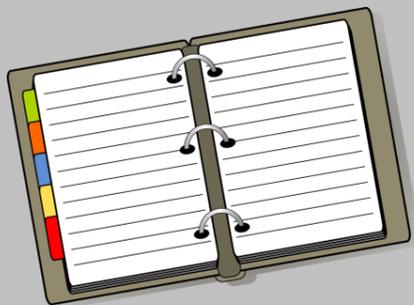
Kyleigh Deskovich

**Winchester Tournament**

## **New Year New Schedule**

Since the new semester has started students were given the opportunity to change some of their schedule up and choose some new classes. The deadline for the changes was January 4th. After changes were made and people were in new classes the second semester of the 2022 school year was off to a fresh start. Now that the semester is off to a great start and running smoothly it's now time for the annual Winchester Invitational Tournament to take place. So, as you can see in addition to the new start of the new semester we are also prepared to start up the 2022 year with the WIT. After the tournament the boys and girls basketball teams will begin to wrap up their seasons and while that is happening the Scholastic Bowl season will start up. Later on in the spring Bass Fishing and Trap Shooting teams will begin the start of their season as well.

Julia Wahl



The Winchester Boys basketball tournament got canceled last year so this tournament is long-awaited. This year would have marked the 100th year anniversary, but due to the coronavirus last year, the tournament was canceled. Therefore this tournament will be the 99th year anniversary. The West Central Cougars have won this tournament the last two times it was held and are hoping for another one. Due to Rushville dropping out, there has been a change and Carlinville has jumped into the tournament. The tournament will be starting Saturday, January 8th, and will continue until the championship game on the 15th. There will be concessions all week and other stands as well. The tournament makes for a long week but we hope to see a lot of cougar fans come out and support the boys as they advance in the tournament. Let's pack the gym like years in the past and show our Cougars some love.

Zaylei Evans



## Waverly Holiday Tournament

This year's Waverly Holiday Tournament was held from December 27th through December 30th. The West Central Cougars did not play in the tournament last year due to COVID, so this year was a memorable one for the players. The Cougars started off with a win against Tri-City 70-39. The Cougars went on to play a competitive New Berlin team who was out to get the Cougars. The game was a long and hard battled game but the Cougars lost to New Berlin 52-56. The Cougars then went on to play in the 5th place bracket and ended up playing Greenfield the next day. They won 55-41 to advance to play the hometown South County Vipers for the 5th place championship game. The game was very successful despite playing against a team that was playing dirty. The Cougars kept their heads and ended up defeating the hometown Vipers (51-37) to win 5th place. The West Central Cheer squad also came to perform and took home 1st place in the Waverly Cheer Competition.

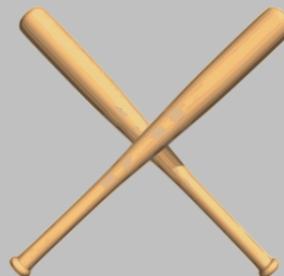
Tysyn Mast



## **WCC Softball & Baseball**

A couple years ago, due to Covid, the Spring season of sports got devastatingly canceled. But, now in the new year of 2022, softball and baseball season is coming right back. The Cougars have a few underclassmen, in both baseball and softball, that will help out the team throughout this coming season this spring. Both of the teams are looking forward to this coming season. The schedule of the spring season ball games has not been put out yet and when it is, you will see it up on our school website as soon as it is sent out. Coaches and players are getting more and more pumped up as it gets closer to the season. Both of the WC teams will start to have open gyms, practices, and games. In the time to come, the Cougars will be on a field near you soon.

Karsyn Wardlow



# Happy New Year!!