

WHS News

Happy Holidays!

Christmas and Hanukkah are both winter holidays celebrated within weeks of each other but are celebrated very differently. Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ while Hanukkah is in remembrance of a past miraculous event, when Jews reclaimed their temple after Syrians forced them to worship false gods. Hanukkah 2022 will begin in the evening of Sunday December 18, and end on the evening of Monday December 26, whereas Christmas is on Sunday December 25 with Christmas Eve the night before on Saturday December 24. Christmas and Hanukkah involve gift giving and other unique rituals. Hanukkah can be celebrated in several unique ways. In addition to lighting one candle each day on the menorah, religious rituals can include daily reading of the scripture, almsgiving, and singing special hymns. Christmas is typically celebrated by exchanging gifts, decorating, putting up a tree, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends, and of course, waiting for Santa to arrive!

Audrey Chavez

It's December folks, "the most wonderful time of the year"! Get in your Christmas spirit and be ready for snow! To celebrate this special time of year the Winchester High School Key Club, in conjunction with the Winchester Civic Groups Winchester Hometown Christmas, is presenting a lighted Christmas parade! This year is extra special with it being the 5th annual community Christmas parade. The parade is going to be on Saturday, December 3rd and starts at 6:00 pm! The line-up is going to be at the Scott Co. Fairgrounds at 5:00 pm! The fee to enter the parade was only \$30. Join the parade members and everyone on the Winchester square after the final float (Rudolph the Red-Nosed School Bus) is parked for a brief joint program between the Key Club and the Civic Group! The parade has many participants from not only the community members but from the Winchester Schools! Each high school grades, freshman-seniors, have worked hard in putting their own time and effort into their own class floats! Go out on Saturday night at 6:00 pm and see everyone's hard work and dedication in making this Christmas parade one to not forget!

Vaeda Cox

Snowflake Facts

As we all know December usually consists of a beautifully diverse arrangement of snowflakes. And of course, no two snowflakes are the same. The way a snowflake forms is quite intriguing, and it is probably different from what you would have guessed. Snowflakes form starting as cold water droplets that attach themselves to dust and pollen molecules. When the snowflake gets close to the ground, six unique arms will begin to form. These snowflakes are not only gorgeous but also impressive as each snowflake contains up to two-hundred snow crystals. Every snowflake takes about one hour to touch the ground. This is because the snowflakes only reach a speed of one to four miles per hour. I hope that every time you see a snowflake from now on, you stop and think about how unique it is. Admire its beauty through a picture or maybe even art.

Alexia Greiner



December 2022

Happy Holidays everyone!! This December WHS has many many fun festive activities. The 5th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will be on December 3rd, with lineup starting at 5pm and the parade beginning at 6pm. Another fun festivity this month is the WHS dress up day. This December 14th, all high-schoolers are allowed to put on their best and ugliest Christmas sweaters and show their holiday cheer. On December 19th we have a noon schedule, but we will not be getting out of school until 3:15. This allows students to prepare and study for their final exams on the 20th and the 21st. Christmas break starts on December 22, 2022, and ends on January 3, 2023. Students will return to school on January 4th, 2023. This holiday season is going to be a pretty cold one, as the temperatures are dropping quickly and the cold wind is picking up. Be sure to bundle up and stay warm! Have an amazing holiday season, and we will see you in 2023!

Jadalyn Schoenfelder

The world cup-

The World Cup has been around since 1930 and has been played 22 times. It happens every four years. This year the world cup is being held in Qatar, a small country outside Saudi Arabia. The FIFA organization which is the governing body of the world's soccer teams votes every four years on where the world cup should be held, since 2006 the world cup has been held in Germany, South Africa, Brazil, and the last world cup that was played in 2018 was held in Russia where the reigning champions are France who had won her second world title in that game, yet Brazil is the most successful world cup teams ever with five titles. Even though the world cup is a big thing the country of Qatar is the smallest country to ever hold the games, there will be 8 stadiums spread across five cities in Qatar and there will be 64 matches held between 32 teams in a span of 29 days starting November 20th and ending December 18th.

Kyli Brown



Boys Basketball

The West Central boys basketball team started their season on Friday, November 18th, with the cougar scrimmage at 6:30 in Bluffs. Furthermore, they have multiple tournaments throughout the season, starting with the Beardstown Turkey Tournament starting November 21st. They will also compete in the Waverly Holiday Tournament around Christmas time, and the Winchester Tournament immediately following the new year. The boys will end their season towards the end of February or March, depending on their postseason run. We might be in for an exciting season for the cougars, as they are ranked third in the Western Illinois Valley Conference in the preseason and are hoping to work their way past tough competition such as Routt and Triopia. The varsity basketball squad will return seniors Jaydon Howard and Tyson Brown, along with recently new Rylen Shaw of Bluffs. Their first home game will be Tuesday, November 29th in Winchester with JV starting at 6 and Varsity immediately following. Good luck to our cougars this season!

Bell Brown

