



# SWMS Spartan News

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South Warren Middle School is dedicated to providing a rigorous and supportive learning environment to ensure 21<sup>st</sup> century learning for all students.

January 6, 2017

## CONGRATS!!!

### ART CONTEST WINNERS:

The *Country Peddler* "Design an Ad" contest is an annual event in which local middle and high school students have the opportunity to design advertising for a sponsor business. Winning ads are selected by qualified judges to represent each business and are published in the *Country Peddler* at the end of the year.

These students won 1<sup>st</sup> place and their ads were published in the *Country Peddler* over the break:

**Noshin Alam**  
**Katlin Barnes**  
**Travis Oliver**  
**Kate Spires**

These students won 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the contest:

**Emily Reynolds** (2nd place)  
**Caelin Burch** (2nd place)  
**Gloria Huang** (2nd place)  
**Anna Navarro** (2nd place)  
**Sarah Sipes** (2nd place)  
**Sabrina Bowers** (2nd place)  
**Ella Kunkel** (2nd place)  
**Zing Tha Hhem** (2nd place)  
**Izabela Truby** (3rd place)  
**Faith Martin** (3rd place)

All these students' work will be displayed at SkyPAC in January. There is a reception in their honor on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 - 5:00 pm at SkyPAC. Student winners will be recognized at 4:30pm. Congratulations to all these amazing student artists!!!

### ESSAY CONTEST WINNER!

Congratulations to **Lydia Nathan** who was the SWMS winner of the 2017 Martin Luther King Celebration Essay Contest. The essay prompt, provided by the Bowling Green MLK Planning Committee, required students to address the premises of Maya Angelou's poem, "The Human Family." Lydia wrote a beautiful, thought-provoking essay which required a lot of hard work. Great job, Lydia!

## NEWS & NOTES:

### 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER REPORT CARDS:

With today's snow day, 2nd quarter report cards will be slightly delayed on Infinite Campus. They will be viewable sometime this weekend (Monday at the latest). An announcement will be made via Twitter @SouthWarrenMS. For anyone needing a hard copy of those grades, please contact our Guidance Department.

### **ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

Save this date: **February 21, 2017!**

The SWHS Guidance Department will be hosting an orientation at 6pm on February 21<sup>st</sup> in the SW Auditorium. Guardians of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students should make every effort to attend. The information provided will make the transition to high school less intimidating for both students and guardians!

### **WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP:**

If you have an interest in going on the Spring Break trip to Washington, D.C., contact Mr. Spires **NOW** at [Anthony.Spires@warren.kyschools.us](mailto:Anthony.Spires@warren.kyschools.us).

To view an itinerary, price, and a link to register, visit this webpage:

<http://www.warrencountyschools.org/olc/page.aspx?id=224610&s=2622>

### **YEARBOOKS:**

Yearbooks can still be purchased online. For more information, visit the website below:

<http://www.warrencountyschools.org/swms/News/88493#sthash.VFfZINAT.dpbs>

For questions, please contact Ms. Lowe at [Lauren.Lowe@warren.kyschools.us](mailto:Lauren.Lowe@warren.kyschools.us).

### **GIFTED & TALENTED INFORMATION:**

Stay connected with Ms. Green for important information regarding Gifted & Talented services. See the information below. For questions, don't hesitate to contact Ms. Green at [Jaclyn.Green@warren.kyschools.us](mailto:Jaclyn.Green@warren.kyschools.us).

- ✓ TEXT MESSAGING = To sign up for important updates from Ms. Green, please text **@gtspartans** to **81010**.
- ✓ ONLINE = GT students & parents are invited to join our Google Classroom:
  - 1) Go to **classroom.google.com**
  - 2) Join the class using this code: **xeuit9**

### **FROZEN RUN/WALK:**

Take a look at the flyer at the end of the newsletter about the run/walk next month to benefit SWHS student, Seth Green. Seth is battling leukemia and his beginning his 3<sup>rd</sup> round of chemo treatments. You can register online here: <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/9943/frozen4>

Race organizers are still looking for additional businesses willing to sponsor the race. If interested, please contact Jennifer Gilliam at [jennifer.gilliam@warren.kyschools.us](mailto:jennifer.gilliam@warren.kyschools.us). Additional sponsorship helps ensure even more funds are donated to benefit Seth and his family.

### **WINTER WEATHER INFO:**

- ✓ INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN = Be prepared for winter weather by reviewing the district's ***inclement weather plan*** at the end of this newsletter.
- ✓ ADJUSTMENT TO THE SCHOOL CALENDAR = Any days missed for inclement weather will be made up, a decision that is made by the Board of Education. These make-up days could potentially lengthen the end of the year.
- ✓ DISTRICT CALENDAR = View the window of make-up days on the district calendar: <http://www.warrencountyschools.org/userfiles/2602/my%20files/wcps%202016-17%20school%20calendar.pdf?id=600279>
- ✓ FINAL EXAMS = Keep in mind that end-of-the-year final exams will be the final 2 days of the school year, even if the calendar should adjust.

# ATHLETICS INFO:

## **BASKETBALL:**

SWMS basketball is winding down the regular season and both teams are starting to gear up for the conference tournament. The 7th grade tournaments will be held on Saturday, January 14th, and the 8th grade tournaments will be held on Saturday, January 21st. More specifics on those tournaments will be shared over the next week.

Best of luck to all coaches and players as they gear up for the conclusion of the season!

## **BASEBALL:**

Middle school baseball will start gearing up in late January / early February. More information will be shared in next week's newsletter. Any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student interested in participating should make sure to have an updated physical ready before the start of preseason workouts.

## **TRACK & TENNIS:**

With the Spring sports season approaching, there are 2 opportunities for all middle school students to participate in athletics through SWHS: Track & Tennis. There is specific information below about each sport:

### **TRACK**

Head coach = Garry Barnett.  
[Garry.Barnett@warren.kyschools.us](mailto:Garry.Barnett@warren.kyschools.us)  
270-467-7500

Any interested middle school student can begin participating in early season workouts at this time (with a copy of his/her physical turned into the coach).

There will be a parent meeting on Thursday, January 12, at South Warren High School for anyone that may be interested in participating.

For any questions, contact Coach Garry Barnett.

### **TENNIS**

Head coach = Chad Young.  
[Chad.Young@warren.kyschools.us](mailto:Chad.Young@warren.kyschools.us)  
270-467-7500

Any interested middle school student can begin participating in early season workouts every Monday & Wednesday from 3-5pm at the tennis courts out back.

For any questions, contact Coach Chad Young.

# FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

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## **LOST & FOUND:**

Lost and Found items are beginning to accumulate. If your child has missing items, please encourage them to check the lost and found table in the cafeteria. Items will be cleared on Friday, January 13th.

## **YSC NEEDS:**

Girls' Jeans size 0-6  
Fine tip dry erase markers

## **2ND QUARTER SWORD REWARDS:**

We would like to thank the following businesses/groups for their contributions to our SWORD Rewards. Students earned many great rewards during our second quarter!

*CiCi's Pizza*

*Sonic*

*Subway*

*Ntense Sports*

*BG Skate Center*

*Louisville Zoo*

*Freddy's Frozen Custards*

*BG Chamber of Commerce*

*SWMS PTSO*

**If you or your company would like to donate items for our 3rd quarter SWORD Rewards, please contact Gina Powell at 270-467-7520. We love to reward our students for their hard work!**



**4 MILE RUN | 2 MILE WALK**

**1.14.17**

**EPHRAM WHITE PARK  
BOWLING GREEN, KY  
4 MILE RUN @ 9:00 AM  
2 MILE WALK @ 9:02 AM**

**ALL PROCEEDS TO SETH GREEN, South Warren High School Athlete  
Online registration at [RACEROSTER.COM](http://RACEROSTER.COM) or on Facebook (FROZEN4)**



## Human Family - Poem by Maya Angelou

I note the obvious differences  
in the human family.  
Some of us are serious,  
some thrive on comedy.

The variety of our skin tones,  
can confuse, bemuse, delight,  
brown and pink and beige and  
purple, tan and blue and white.

I know ten thousand women called  
Jane and Mary Jane, but I've  
not seen any two who  
really were the same.

I note the obvious differences  
between each sort and type,  
but we are more alike  
my friends, than we are unalike.

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# COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND VISION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017**

Doors Open at 3:30 pm - Program Begins at 4:00 pm

**WARREN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

559 Morgantown Road, Bowling Green, KY 42101

Enjoy an evening celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring the students of Warren County Public Schools. There will be musical performances by an All-District mass choir, student art displays, student essays, and dramatic readings. It will be a wonderful evening!

**SPONSORED BY THE EQUITY COUNCIL OF WARREN CO. PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*“SNOW ALERT” Inclement Weather Plan  
To Close or Not to Close ----- That is the Question*

Any Superintendent or Transportation Director will tell you that one of the most difficult decisions to make is whether to close, delay, or open school on days of inclement weather. This is a challenge because it is based upon the probability of students and staff traveling safely to our schools. The process begins at 4:00 a.m., with district personnel and weather spotters strategically placed throughout the county, and monitoring road conditions. During this time, district officials are in consistent contact with Bowling Green officials, law enforcement agencies, and the news media for the latest update on weather forecasts. The goal is to make a decision no later than 5:30 a.m., in order to inform our district parents, students, and employees in a timely manner.

Because this decision is made early in the morning, there may be a need for a revision later, if there are rapidly changing weather conditions. It is important for parents to continue checking television and radio stations after the initial announcement, in the event weather conditions dictate a change. Although we realize these decisions are subject to second-guessing, I ask that you remember all decisions are based solely upon the safety of our children, and we will always err on the side of caution.

*WHAT FACTORS GO INTO MAKING THE DECISION TO CLOSE/DELAY/ or DISMISS EARLY?*

- 1 Weather forecasts from radio and television stations (the time snow/ice or freezing rain is expected to start and end)
- 2 Predicted amount of snow/ice accumulation
- 3 Weather conditions expected after the snow/ice
- 4 Assessments of road conditions by school officials, Kentucky Department of Transportation, and various law enforcement agencies
- 5 Assessment of school parking lots and accessibility to each building
- 6 Anticipated impact on traffic

### *WHAT HAPPENS IF THE WEATHER BECOMES SEVERE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?*

Every effort is made to keep students in school through regular dismissal; however, it may become necessary to dismiss students earlier than normal to ensure their safe transport. School officials monitor weather conditions throughout the day in consultation with local weather officials, the Kentucky Department of Transportation, and various law enforcement officials.

### *HOW CAN PARENTS BE READY?*

Parents should always be prepared for an early dismissal by having an identified procedure for their child to follow in these situations. We request parents not drive to school to pick up children who normally ride the school bus in the afternoon. This additional traffic created at school may complicate an early dismissal by increasing traffic both at the school and on the local roads. In addition, it may hamper communication efforts by school employees who are working quickly to ensure each child has a safe transport home.

### *EMERGENCY CLOSING/DELAY INFORMATION SOURCES:*

- WBKO-TV (13) WTVF-TV (5) WKRN-TV (2)
- WBGN-RADIO
- WBVR-RADIO WCLU-RADIO WCVK-RADIO
- WGGC-RADIO WKCT-RADIO WKLX-RADIO
- WKYU-RADIO WPTQ-RADIO WSM-RADIO
- WCPS Alert Now Messaging System

We ask that parents and students *do not* telephone the schools or the district office for information pertaining to the operation of schools on days of inclement weather. Due to limited staffing in our offices, these



calls may delay our ability to notify school staff and the public of important decisions in a timely manner. An announcement of school closing and/or a delay will be made on most of the local television and radio stations as soon as possible. You will receive this information via Twitter at @WarrenCoschools, @robclayton10, and through our Alert Now email and phone call services.

I trust this communication provides you with relevant information, and allows you to better understand our process to ensure your child's safety during inclement weather. Please share your questions with your child's principal or feel free to contact the Warren County Schools Transportation Department at 842-8311. Thank you for entrusting us with the safety of your child each day. Take care!