

The Westside Herald

Westside Christian Academy in Waynesville, MO

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MONTHLY NEWS

January & The Holiday Review

January has gone by so fast! We observed Martin Luther King Junior day on the 20th with a day off of school and the Inauguration of our 47th president, Donald Trump. Our first snow days were on the 6th and 7th before the Christmas break could end. The last snow day we had in January was on the 10th. We celebrated our 100th day of school on the 31st with lots of fun in every classroom, and photos are coming soon! We hope you never miss an issue!

**"I BELIEVE IN CHRISTIANITY AS I BELIEVE THE SUN HAS RISEN NOT ONLY BECAUSE I SEE IT BUT I SEE EVERYTHING ELSE."
-C.S. LEWIS**



Mr. Eberharter taking 10th and 11th graders out for sushi as part of their studies

Students of the Month

Each month a student of the month from high school/middle school, elementary, and preschool will be nominated and voted in by teachers. This month's character quality is Patience. Someone who is patient is "able to remain calm while waiting for something needed or endures something difficult without becoming angry." Other nominations included Mason Wagoner, Andrew Bowen, and Ryder Barry. Next month's character quality to exemplify for Student of the month recognition will be for the quality of Organization.



Preschool -
Theo Baxter



K- 2nd -
Alaysia Novak-
Steward



3rd - 5th -
Kynlee Hicks



Middle School -
Korenna Baker



High School - Kiley
Goldsmith

Dear Journal,

How can I spread God's love?

Sincerely,
Ready to Change

Izzy: "By showing people love."

Niya: "Writing random kind quotes and putting them up everywhere."

Mykee: "Acting Godly, and when people notice you can explain that it's God's will to act like this."

Miya: "One of my favorite analogies for showing God's love is that you are a mirror and you reflect God's love in your life and what He has done for you. Even if you're in a rough patch of your life and God helps you through it, you're not going to be rude but you're going to show kindness and compassion to others."

Michael: "Show forgiveness compassion and love to everyone around you so they can look back and say that's what God has done. Because God has called us to forgive no matter what and follow the Commandments. This will help people see God and can help them forgive too."

Olivia: "Passing out notes from the Bible and sharing from the Bible."

Liam: "Generally be kind because its easier to share love to people and teach them kindness and sometimes that's what it takes to help people at the bear minimum be a decent human being."

Adrienne: "You could share the Gospel with people."

Mrs. Austin: "Showing God's love comes down to sincerity of your actions in giving to the needs of others without a motive for personal reward. People know it's not normal to show love and care like that. After a while of watching a genuine life lived for Christ that is you serving others and living in joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, they will ask why because of your witness through your walk. That's when we can be ready to give an answer for the hope that lies within us."

Upcoming Events

Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day

Feb. 6 - Auditions for Middle/High School Play

Feb. 7-9 - Papa John's Pizza Fundraiser

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 14-16 - D-Now

Feb. 17 - President's Day

Feb. 24 - March 9 - Book Fair

Monthly Observances

National Cancer Prevention Month

National Self-Check Month

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Birthdays

Caleb Colitoy - Feb. 3

Claire Mize - Feb. 5

Addison Wagoner - Feb. 6

Logan Vijil - Feb. 9

Lilly Reynolds - Feb. 12

Michael Parker - Feb. 13

Jacob Moss - Feb. 18

Jacob Johnson - Feb. 23

Amelia Halstrom - Feb. 26

Teacher of the Month

MR. STEVE EBERHARTER

A teacher is chosen each month to be featured as teacher of the month! For the month of February, Steve Eberharter was chosen. Mr. Eberharter was born in Boulder, Colorado, March, 16th, 1957. He grew up in a time frame called the "Vietnam Era" which was a time of protest and civil rights movements. This time in America caused a lot of turmoil and shifting opinions especially for Mr. Eberharter as he lived in a college town. As he told us in the interview, "college students together form quite a strong opinion." This time would not have been easy to grow up but luckily he had his five other siblings to rely on. Mr. Eberharter has three brothers and two sisters. However, his siblings were not the only thing he enjoyed in his childhood, in fact he loved to learn and go to school. His school was very different from ours, nevertheless he found it to be a fond memory in his mind. In the interview he told us that "I went to an experimental school when I was in 6th grade, I would go into class, open a folder, do my work and go ahead and put it back when I was done." This was not his favorite part about it although it was actually the fact that he was able to graduate from 10th grade to 12th grade which granted him a head start in education. In his early life he also started advancing in the workforce as soon as possible. He has had many jobs in his life and they all make up the amazing teacher we see today. His first job was helping mow lawns on Saturdays furthermore, his first employed job was flipping burgers. These were not the only jobs he had though, Mr. Eberharter was also a janitor, along with being a writer for the DOD in which he wrote doctrine and warfare manuals. He loyally served his country for 24 years in which he was a combat engineer. During which he did most of his work outside and also did a lot of building bridges and demolition work. However, once he got out of the military he was sitting in church and they said that they needed a history teacher. With this God told him that he should go to the interview and that's how he found his way to where he is now. Throughout Mr. Eberharter's life God has always been there for him and he even told us during the interview, "He is the reason I am the person I am today."



Mr. Steve Eberharter – Volunteer 9th Grade Homeroom, World History, and Cultural Geography Teacher

Although this has not always been the case, Mr. Eberharter has had a complex walk with God. His walk with God started at eight years old in 1965 at a church camp. After this, though, he got involved with the wrong group of people, but when he was in the military his wife took him back to church and he finally realized he was going in the wrong direction. After a long 15 years he finally was guided back to his walk with Christ. Through all of the times in Mr. Eberharter's life God has stood beside him. Even guided him about when the right time for him and his spouse was. While in the interview Mr. Eberharter joyfully told us that he knew that his wife was the one when "I was working, and there was a point in time she was working in online computer services, and I was walking by, and she was wearing a red dress, and I thought, 'I think I am gonna ask her out now.'"

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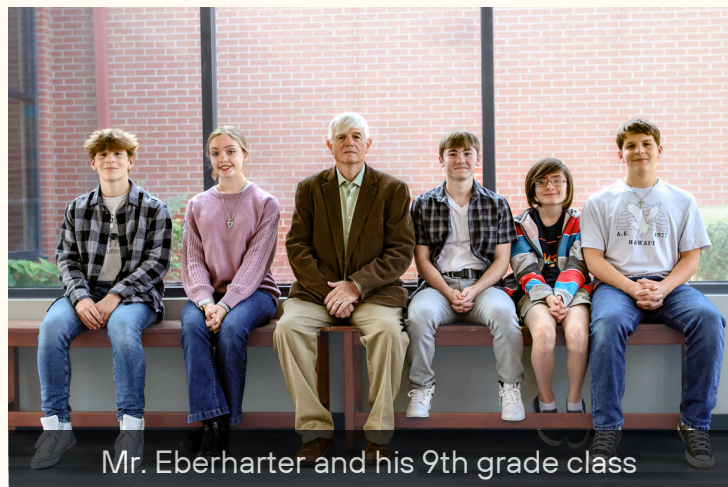
Teacher of the Month...continued

MR. STEVE EBERHARTER

(Continued from previous page) Since that time their relationship has only grown and now they watch movies together in the spare time they have. He has also made a tradition with his family that every year for Christmas they watch the film *White Christmas* and before his kids he would have a German Christmas where the tree was decorated with candles and lights. God truly has had such an impact on his life and it shows! Yet with Mr. Eberharter being the history teacher for Westside. We just had to ask him some geographical questions along with our normal ones. One of these was what was your favorite place on earth. Yet, while this was a hard question he answered it with ease telling us that "I think my favorite place to be is with my family and whatever they are doing, not a specific place." Along with this, we also asked him if he could live anywhere but Missouri where would it be yet, he still chose Missouri. He told us that there is no other place that he would rather be than here. We are so glad to have Mr. Eberharter to teach here and it truly is inspiring to see his calm mindset throughout the day and how strong he is in faith. So, we asked him how he does it and he told us "I just know God has tested me once to make sure I don't do something stupid but, I was also in the military, when I see the military and what's going on now it's not that stressful." It truly is amazing how close Mr. Eberharter is with God and how he shows it day to day. We truly are glad to have him here at Westside!

Interview by Liam Ordonez, Miya Summerhill, & Michael Parker

Article by Miya Summerhill



Mr. Eberharter and his 9th grade class

Comic



By Mykal Walsh

Staff Member Highlight of the Month

MS. LUCINDA SNYDER

This interview helped us to get to know our faithful and caring SPED teacher Ms. Lucinda Snyder better than we did before though she has been here for years. This is what she said in question format. This article will be continued in our March newspaper.

Q. Where were you born?

A. "I was born in Johnson county Tennessee. It was a small town: everyone knows everyone and you are related to everyone. It was pretty cool growing up with your cousins beside you everyday and being right next to your grandmother and grandfather, and going to a small school. The whole school was about the size of the elementary of Westside."

Q. Do you have any siblings or pets?

A. "I do have two siblings. I have an older brother and a younger brother. The older lives in Tennessee and my younger brother lives with me here. I have many cats because I am a crazy cat lady, I have a yellow orange tabby and she is also a polydactyl, I have a black cat that is a bombay, I have a gray and brown tabby and his name is Fletcher."

Q. When did you know your spouse was the one?

A. "Me and my spouse got divorced when Maylee was 3 years old. I have been engaged to another wonderful man, and I knew he was the one when we went on our 3rd date and he said, 'When I asked you to go out to eat I meant the both of you.' referring to Maylee and myself."

Q. What's the best memory from your childhood?

A. "My grandmother was a seamstress, that's how she made money. I remember I would sit there and we would do quilting. That was the one thing I did with her."



Ms. Lucinda Snyder -
Special Education Teacher

Q. How do you like to spend your spare time?

A. "Usually it's doing something with my daughter or I like to hang out with my animals and read with my cats and do nothing."

Q. What is your favorite book?

A. "There is a book I read that had the most profound impact on me when I was younger and it's called Parallel Journeys. It's told from the perspective of a child who grew up in the Hitler youth and then a young lady that was a mother taken during the Holocaust. They both told their story separately and now they lecture together. (Continued on next page...)"

Staff Member of the Month...continued

MS. LUCINDA SNYDER

(...Continued from previous page) They wrote a book together to show how even though this young man was shown in part of the Hitler youth that the Hitler youth was just as much a victim of Hitler as the Jewish population was."

Q. Why did you start teaching and how did you know it was your calling from God?

A. "I always wanted to be a teacher. I think it's because my great aunt had been a teacher so it was kind of 'expected of me'. I did realise this is something I wanted to do when I was in high school and I always saw the high school kids with special needs and how they had the special table and nobody would go over there and talk to them, not even the teachers. For the classrooms whenever I would go in I did a volunteer program to go in and work with special needs and when I went in there I noticed that the teachers just kind of let them sit there. I didn't think that was right at all because I knew that they could learn as good as anyone else. I think God just used that moment to show me you need to do something with working with kids in special needs. Even though that's not what my initial certification was for special ed that's what it turned into."

Q. What is your testimony?

A. "I am a PK kid: I guess you could say a grand PK kid. My grandfather was a Southern Baptist minister; he had the same church for over thirty years. I always grew up in church so when I was younger I just thought well I know who Jesus is and I go to church and I learn all about him and that's all it is. Then I went to a camp with a children's Bible mission. What they did is they would take students with permission of the parents from the school bus them to a local church once a month and then we would have a Bible lesson and sing

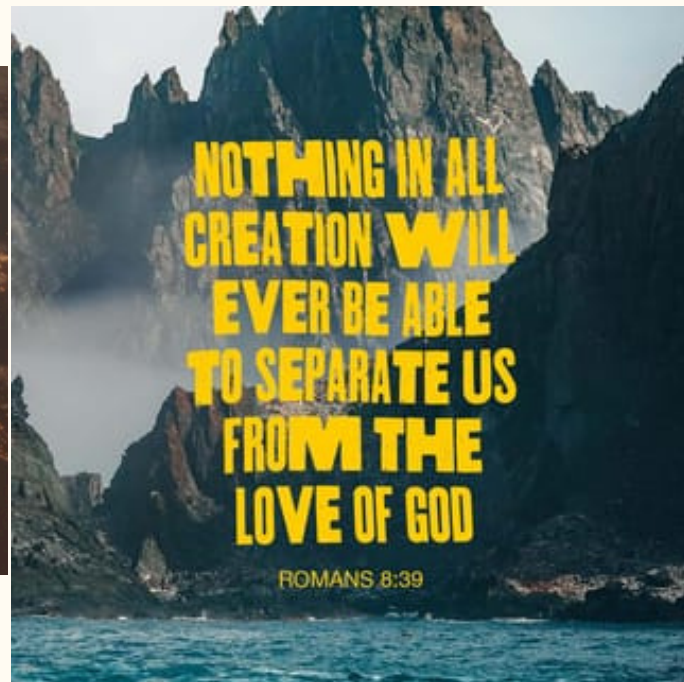
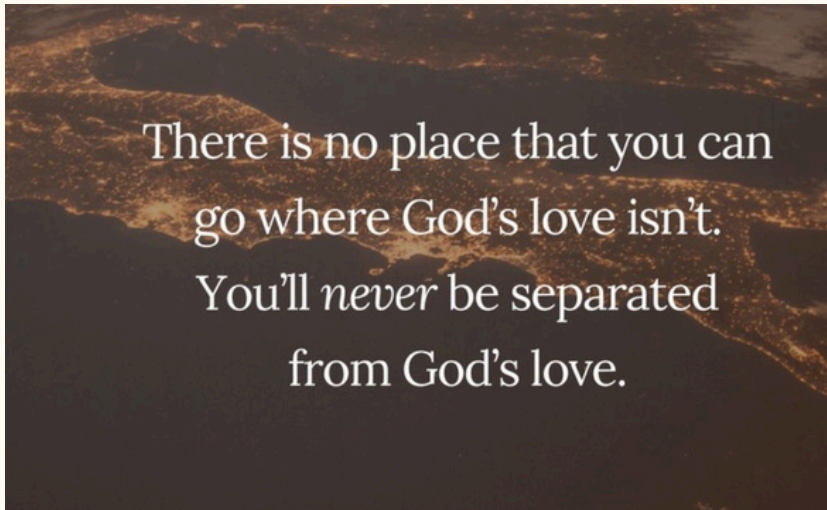
songs and then we got to this cool thing through the mail called the Mailbox Club and then they had a camp at Johnson county. It was my first year that I went and I absolutely loved it. When I got there they started talking about how to be saved and they read the Roman Road and showed that path. All that week I just kept feeling. I was eight years old at that time and I was going to be nine years old. I was confused. I was like I do all this good stuff. I go to church and do this and do that. It kept nagging me that something was missing so I talked to my counselor, her name was Laura. She talked to me and she was like you do understand that just because your grandpa is a preacher and you go to church doesn't mean you're saved. She explained the Roman Road to me a little bit more to me and by the end of that week I had accepted Jesus. It took me a couple years after that for me to be baptized. It was in a cold creek with rushing water not like how we get baptized upstairs so that made me a little bit more scared as a kid. It was definitely an honor for my grandfather to be one of the ones who baptized me."

Thank you for reading this article. I hope you enjoyed it! Let me remind you that this article will be continued in our March newspaper. I hope this helps you get to know our wonderful Special Education Teacher better.

*Article by Michael Parker & Izabella Torres
Interviewed with Adrienne King*

Devotional

GOD'S LOVE



Because God **loved us first**, we can love others and see the beauty of His **design** in all people.

LAURA WIFLER

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“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

— 1 John 4:8

"FINALLY, BROTHERS, WHATEVER IS TRUE,
WHATEVER IS HONORABLE, WHATEVER IS JUST,
WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY,
WHATEVER IS COMMENDABLE, IF THERE IS ANY
EXCELLENCE, IF THERE IS ANYTHING WORTHY OF
PRAISE, THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS."
PHILIPPIANS 4:8 ESV

SEEN and HEARD

Good Reports

WORTHY OF PRAISE

- Miss Mary Barnes said the kids have been very kind to Ruby Brockman carrying her things because she hurt her foot.
 - Mrs. Jennifer Weir said Michael checked on Dylan after he slipped on ice.
 - Miss Michaela Allen is always helping people and moms with their children.
 - Maylee helped Piper ease into school her first day.
 - Jacob helped Scotty read.
- Mrs. Danielle Williams said her class was good for the sub Wednesday and worked hard as well as quiet.
 - Elaine Parks helped a classmate.
 - Colby gave Elias a water bottle.
 - The kids have been playing nicely together.
- Mrs. Jenny Green said Joseph has been helpful to his classmates.
 - Phoenix has been extremely helpful.
 - Austyn gave Alaysia a hug when she was crying missing her mom.
- Dr. Hartley says there have been 4 new students enrolled.
 - Josslynn helped Gabe when he was having trouble with his presentation.
 - Kayden Roberts helped up his friend that fell.
 - Mike Freeman let him borrow his truck to go pick up Jonathan from the WCC.
- Mr. Luke Morrison said Ayden Walsh helps with chairs during lunch with Miss Mary Barnes
 - Ayden Walsh and Henry Barnes helped pick up chairs and organize shelves in class.
- Mrs. Conner said her class helped cheer up a nursing home with their Christmas carols.
 - Caleb Colitoy brought Mrs. Conner homemade cookies.
- Mrs. Heather Goldsmith said Mr. Mark Morrison got cookies for all of the teachers.
- Mrs. Laura Murrieta brought cookies in to share with the teachers.
- Mrs. Austin said Kiley Goldsmith paid for a student's lunch when the student didn't have money on a trip.
 - Mr. Luke Morrison helps clean up after lunch
 - Jonathan Sisco makes sure everyone has their books for English before class starts
 - Lorelei Ferrell helped clean up after her friend when her friend dropped their water bottle
 - Mrs. Anela Wagoner shared her craft supplies with other classes
- Mrs. Gretchen Barnes said the preschoolers helped pick up trash in the bathroom.
 - Izzy Trower brought in a Jesus teddy bear for the preschool.
- Multiple people have been praying for Mrs. Box and her husband.

Please share your Good Reports with Adrienne King, Mykee Walsh, Miya Summerhill, Niya Fox, and Izabella Torres to let the good be seen and heard!

Classes *AT WORK*



Faith Sisco and Kiley Goldsmith working



Henry Barnes working on Spanish



Miya Summerhill reading to prek



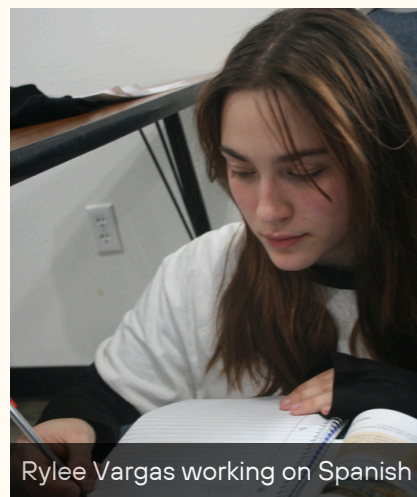
Mrs. Laura Murrieta making popcorn



Dr. Hartley teaching about Gideon in Chapel



Dr. Hartley walking students into school on an icy day



Rylee Vargas working on Spanish



Dr. Hartley teaching chapel



**VBS JULY 21ST-25TH
AGES 3 YEARS OLD-6TH GRADE**



**SEND YOUR CLASS PHOTOS TO
BE FEATURED AND PUBLISHED!**

Classes AT CHRISTMAS



Izabella Torres dressed as Mary with baby Jesus, along with Ruby Brockman, Mykee Walsh



Teachers doing Christmas chaos



Elementary christmas play



Middle/High School celebrating Christmas



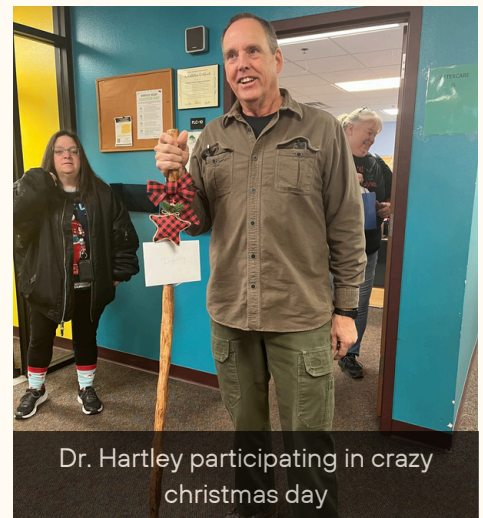
Middle/ high school getting food



Elementary Christmas program



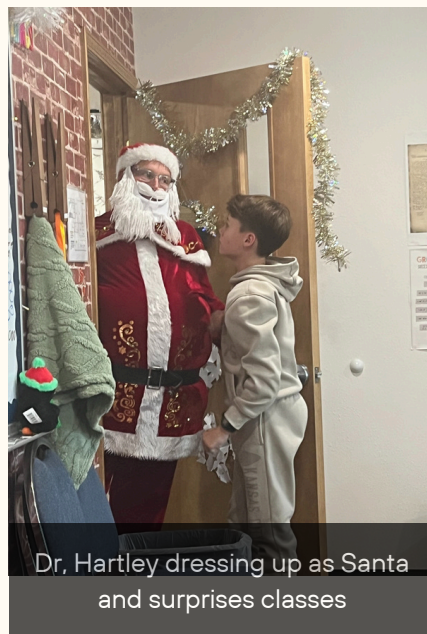
Rudolph cake made by Mia Halstrom



Dr. Hartley participating in crazy christmas day



PreK Christmas performance



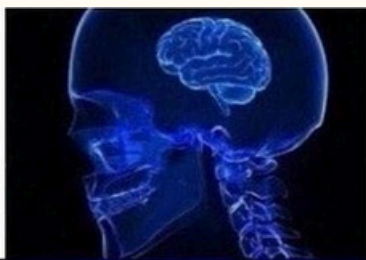
Dr. Hartley dressing up as Santa and surprises classes



Scene in the PreK Chapel

What We Meme

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 $(8AB-3B+12C^2)$



$1+1=3$



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ME WAITING FOR OTHER
STUDENTS TO FINISH THE TEST



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Bernie

the
math book

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if you can find x

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me after digging through
my bag like I cant find
the homework (I didn't do it)





PreK3 enjoying warmer day outside



Wyatt Case and Vivian Earl playing



Elias Rodriguez and Clara Sanchez playing in a sensory bin

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