



THE WTCS ARMORY



SPORTS RECORD

•Boys Varsity Basketball

13 Wins — 5 Losses

•Boys JV Basketball

5 Wins — 10 Losses

•Girls JV Basketball

4 Wins — 10 Losses

Season over!

•Swimming

Jonathan Babcock
and Ethan Babcock are
both state qualified

•Speech

2 meets down, 7 to go!

•80 Days of School Left!

ONE ACT CAST TAKES THIRD

By: Alyssa Ellvanger, Ashley Melby, Ashton Pierce, and Mrs. Swanson

The WTCS one act cast won 3rd place at District 9 competition in Watford City on November 9th, 2016.

The one act cast, directed by Mrs. Swanson, performed “Bad Auditions by Bad Actors”, competing against seven other plays from the region. Burke County won first place, and Kenmare won second, beating out WTCS by one point.

The cast was told of their placing after they entered the school vehicle, where they reacted by screaming in excitement. “Say that again, Mrs. Swanson! You have got to be kidding me! Are you kidding me?” Elizabeth Thomas was reported to say. Madison Lackey later said that she wasn’t expecting third place, but knew the group did well.

The cast is fairly inexperienced, with only 9th and 10th graders in the group, and about three years of acting behind each of them. Even so, three of the six performers won special awards at the competition, including two of the seven superior acting awards.



On Stage: Alice Peterson, Elijah Nible, and Malachi Allen

Most of the actors in the cast agree that drama is fun for them “because I get to be someone else,” according to both Madison Lackey and Alice Pederson.

They are excited for next year’s production, and have set personal goals. Lackey would like to “be more believable when acting”. Mrs. Swanson would like to see “all around, more expression, not just in their voices, but also in their actions.”

The drama department is considering producing a longer spring or summer show as well as next year’s fall One Act competition piece.

GIRLS BIBLE STUDY MEETS THURSDAYS

By: Alyssa Ellvanger

Olivia Hamrick is hosting a girls only Bible study at WTCS during lunch on Thursdays. The group consists of four girls who have been meeting since the beginning of the school year.

The study’s message was about facing fear. Some other topics Hamrick has talked about include “the characteristics that Godly women should

have” as well as “God calls all people to be leaders and that includes women.”

The girls meet and eat while learning in the chapel or in Mrs. Abuhl’s room. During the meetings Oliva or the girls read the passages and discuss what they have found.

When asked why she started the group, Hamrick responded that she “wants to encourage the girls to be brave and have no fear.” Hamrick also stated she “wanted the girls to have a safe place to talk and have fellowship.”

Greta Eder 11th grade, says “I like how it is student-led and that Olivia is in charge of it.” Taylor Heape, 11th grade, stated that “it is important to learn about the Bible and it is cool to get feedback from girls around the same age.” Both girls

said they come because they want to learn about God and have a safe place to meet.

All 9-12th grade girls are welcome to attend.

CRUSADERS CONQUER THE COURT

By: Ashton Pierce

Basketball season is always a very exciting time for students, staff, and parents of WTCS.

The boys varsity has twelve players, six of them being seniors. Half of the boys are playing their last season of high school basketball, which is making it an intense and emotional season for the WTCS families, players, and coaches. The team has been working hard for this season and seem to be improving a lot.

As of right now they are 6-2, so their hard work is definitely paying off. Senior Austin Smith stated he believes the team is “State bound”. Many spectators have noticed that the team is more unified this year. This spells success for the boys, as their goal this year

was to play more as a team. Our local Williston Herald has featured the team a lot more, due to the boys successful on going season.

Williston Trinity will play the Williston High School, on February 14 on our home court, a game everyone has been anticipating for years. Senior Beau Skurdal stated, “I am very excited, I think it is going to be an intense game. People have been talking about this game happening for a long time, and it is finally happening. They have talent, but we are preparing. I am hoping we come out with a win for our school.”

Girls JV has just started up again after a year of coping with another team. The girls have been putting in a lot of hard work, and playing teams older and more skilled than them.

Their current record is of 2-4. Junior Miranda Penner stated, “It is a season to grow and get skill. I am excited to see how it goes and to play with these girls. I do not expect to win a lot, more to just have fun.” It is good to see girl’s basketball picking back up again.

The boys JV are also doing well this season, as of now they are 3-4. Most of the JV



Joshua Zarling, 23, passes the ball to Austin Smith

CHRISTMAS PARTY POSTPONED

By: Ashley Melby and Mrs. Swanson

The WTCS student council, consisting of Jonathan Babcock, Hayley Melby, and Peyton Monzon, organized a Christmas party for grades 5-12. The party was planned for December 21st but was postponed.

The student council had hoped to celebrate the last day of school before break with the party, but an outbreak of carbon monoxide in the building cancelled school that day.

The party was eventually held on January 6th in the afternoon. It started in the gym with the teachers presenting a parody of “The Twelve

Days of Christmas”, entitled “The Twelve Days of Break”. The staff sang to the students and each day included a joke and short skit about one of the teachers.

Each student in grades 5 through 12 was then placed on a team with a senior student as team leader. The party was a maze of puzzles. Each teacher had a different challenge in their room, including history trivia, Christmas hangman, and a word find.

Although the students were unsure about having the Christmas party, they ended up enjoying it. Ilyssa Sanford, a tenth grader at Trinity,

proclaimed that she “wouldn’t mind doing it in future years as long as they changed it up a little bit, and don’t do the same thing every year.”

The students were very appreciative of how much Babcock had worked on planning the event. Hayley Melby the student council secretary, said that “Jonathan did a lot by planning the teams, which was a really tough job. He put a lot of work into planning the event.”

8TH GRADE SPOTLIGHT

Favorite verse: Philippians 1:3—"I thank my God every time I remember you."

Favorite quote: Don't let your dreams be dreams.

Favorite WTCS memory: Field trip last year

Favorite teachers: Mrs. Shirk, Mrs. Abhul, and Mrs. Nible

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? College

Advice to incoming 5th graders: Get good grades so you can play sports.



Larissa Penner

Favorite verse: Deuteronomy 31:6 – "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; will never leave you nor forsake you."

Favorite quote: War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength - George Orwell

Favorite song: Baby Monkey Riding on a Pig

Favorite WTCS memory: Trip to Franklin Graham speech in Bismarck

Favorite teachers: Mrs. Nible, Mrs. Shirk, and Mrs. Abhul

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Starting college football, becoming an actor

Advice to future 5th Graders: Live your best. Just do it!



Kaden Herout

TEACHER FEATURE: MRS. BURBACK

Where did you go to college? "I graduated from Adams State University Colorado."

Where did you grow up? "I grew up in Virginia Beach, Virginia."

Did you play any high school sports? If so, what were they? "No I did not play any sports, but I was a part of speech and drama."

How long have you been teaching?

"I have been teaching for 6 years."

What is your favorite verse? Galatians 5:1—"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

What is your favorite verse? Proverbs 18:24- "One whom has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

What is your favorite quote? "Stupid is as stupid does."

What is your favorite song? "Invincible" By Skillet

What is your favorite WTCS memory? "Anything football"

What are your future plans? "College"

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? "Married to my girlfriend"

Who are your favorite teachers? Mrs. Ransom and Mr. Crawford



Joshua Tervo

What is your favorite verse? Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

What is your favorite quote? "If you want to make the world a better place take a look at yourself, and then make a change." -Michael Jackson

What is your favorite song? "Juke Box Hero!"

What are your future plans? "Be a comedian."

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? "On my water bed sipping a juice box on my twin jet engine."

Who is your favorite teacher? "Yes"

What is some advice for future seniors? "RUN!"



Joshua Zarling