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**TO:** Brian Charron, Superintendent  
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**SUBJECT:** Waterloo High School Board Report

**Building news:**

- Larry Huffman is the February Staff Member of the Month. Adriana Brown and Conrad Lindhorst are the March students of the month. Thank you to Dustin West for sponsoring this each month.
- This month, WHS Students of Character were celebrated for exemplifying Empathy! A total of 24 students were recognized for consistently showing kindness, understanding, and compassion toward others. Through their actions, they help create a culture of care and support at WHS!
- Students in the Transition program celebrated the Olympics! They enjoyed a “Breakfast of Champions,” indoor and outdoor games, pizza, and an awards ceremony to wrap up a day full of teamwork and fun. A big thank you to Mrs. Kretchmer for organizing the event during her student teaching experience, and to the WHS staff who jumped in to help make it a gold-medal day.
- On Thursday, March 5, WHS administration hosted another parent discussion night, welcoming returning families and encouraging them to bring a friend. The conversation focused on school policies, attendance trends, key data, and feedback from the student connection survey. We appreciate the parents who took the time to share their perspectives and strengthen the partnership between school and families.
- From March 2–6, WHS celebrated Foreign Language Week with dress-up days, guest speakers, evening activities, and opportunities for students to apply what they are learning in their language classes. It was a great week of cultural exploration and hands-on learning for our students.
- Art students had a great day at their field trip to SWIC Red Bud for the annual Art du Jour event! Students participated in hands-on sessions with practicing artists (including stage makeup and jewelry), showcased their work for judging, and even brought home ribbons.
- Renaissance partnered with the cafeteria to host an ice cream social for all students who earned honor roll. An incredible 544 students achieved honor roll for first semester! Thank you to Renaissance, the cafeteria, and our staff volunteers for making this celebration possible.
- From March 2–6, girls in PE classes participated in a self-defense unit led by Coach Rose and Officer Hartin. Students learned practical techniques and strategies focused on awareness, confidence, and personal safety. Thank you to Coach Rose and Officer Hartin for providing our students with this valuable learning experience.
- About 50 WHS seniors recently visited Rogers Elementary, where they read with students, answered their questions about high school, and joined them for recess. It was a great opportunity for our seniors to connect with younger Bulldogs and serve as positive role models. Thank you to Mrs. Davis and Mr. Smith for coordinating this event with WHS administration!

**Extra-Curricular:**

- FFA Week was celebrated from February 21–28, giving students many opportunities to get involved through dress-up days, daytime activities, and evening events. It was a great week of participation, school spirit, and celebrating the impact of our FFA program.
- Congratulations to the Scholar Bowl team for winning first place at sectionals!
- Congratulations to the WHS science olympiad team on their first-place finish at the regional competition today. The team advances to the state competition at the University of Illinois in April.
- Spanish Club and Art Club partnered to host a Culture and Community Night, inviting families to bring their children to learn about the work of Frida Kahlo. It was a great evening celebrating culture, creativity, and community.