

THE CHARGER

USD 329 finalizes checkout plan

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Checkout day at school is an exciting day for all ages. Seniors are happy to be done, junior high and high school students are thankful for no more homework, the middle schoolers and elementary students are ready to have play dates everyday and the teachers are excited for a much needed break. This year, the checkout process is different due to the pandemic and Governor Kelly's restrictions.

Starting Thursday, WHS will start its checkout process. Five students every 30 minutes will enter the building through the commons. Upon entering, the student will be given their checkout sheet and mask that they will be required to wear, along with answering a series of questions and checking their temperature. To promote adequate distancing, one student at a time will move through five different stations.

The stations will start with P.E. locker clean out and up the science hallway. At this point, juniors will clean out their lockers. From there the student will exit the new building and over to the shop buildings. Next, the student will enter the old building on the north side, where they will return textbooks, calculators and sports uniforms to their teachers and coaches and clean out lockers.. Then the student will report to the library to return iPads, chargers, Apple Pencils, textbooks and library books. The final and required station is the office where the student will pay fees and receive the final checkout. Students will then be required to leave immediately following.

WJH will also be doing stations similar to WHS, starting in the lunchroom on the west side. Junior high students will receive their band instruments and bagged locker items and check in items from home. The middle school and elementary schools are instead doing a curbside process. All three curbside processes will occur where buses load and unload. Students will receive their items that have been bagged up by the staff.

If a student is sick, running a fever or has been around infected people they are asked to stay home. Arrangements will be made for a later date to receive personal items and check in items from home.

USD 329 CHECKOUT SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 14th: Seniors
Monday, May 18th: Juniors
Tuesday, May 19th: Sophomores, WJH, PMS, AES and MHES
Wednesday, May 20th: Freshmen, WJH, PMS, AES and MHES
Thursday, May 21st: Checkout make up day

THE NEXT LEVEL



Seniors Alexis Hafenstine, Jackson Frank and Shelby Wright. All three signed to compete at the college level.

3 students sign to continue athletic careers

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HAFENSTINE TO PLAY TWO SPORTS AT ALLEN COUNTY

Many kids in high school play more than one sport, but then specialize and take their favorite to college. Alexis Hafenstine is different. She will be playing volleyball and softball at Allen County Community College.

"Alexis is a premier student athlete and always exhibited consistency and work ethic in her high school sports. I wish her all the best as she continues her athletic and academic career at the next level. She is very athletic and takes her academic work very seriously as well," principal Jan Hutley said.

Hafenstine has played volleyball for WHS for four years and will continue to play at ACCC. She plays as a libero and helped both the 2018 and 2019 team to the state championship.

In the spring, Hafenstine played softball for WHS. The team went to the state tournament two times. Hafenstine plays as a utility player so she can play anywhere but in the past she has played mostly third base.

"I chose Allen because the people were really welcoming when I had my visit there. I also love the campus and how everything is basically in



Alexis Hafenstine plays volleyball during the 2019 season. She will play both volleyball and softball for Allen County next year. Seven class of 2020 students have committed to collegiate athletics.

one building so I won't have to walk around too far for class."

At Allen Hafenstine plans to study for an elementary education degree then continue to Emporia State to finish her teaching degree.

WRIGHT TO CHEER, DANCE AT ALLEN COUNTY

Cheering and Dance are two staples to every college. Shelby Wright will be a part of those staples at Allen County Community College next year.

Wright has cheered for WHS during both football and basketball seasons. The WHS cheer team also doubled as the

dance team, performing during the halftime of the football games and the boys basketball games.

"Shelby has always been a dedicated cheerleader for WHS and I am really excited for her as she pursues it at the college level," principal Jan Hutley said.

Along with being a part of the WHS cheer and dance team Wright also dances with the local dance team. The Dance Spot.

"She was a very talented and hardworking asset to the team as well as a positive role model and leader," Cheer coach Cheryl Lewis said.

Wright has undecided

on her course of study at ACCC.

FRANK TO CONTINUE BASKETBALL CAREER AT OTTAWA

Jackson Frank has been on the varsity squad for football, basketball, and baseball all of his four years at WHS. Frank has chosen to attend Ottawa University to continue playing basketball next season.

"Jackson has had a love for basketball since I can remember and I am excited for him to have an opportunity to continue his career at the next level. He had an exceptional senior year and played very well demonstrating leadership to the rest of the team," principal Jan Hutley said.

"People sometimes don't understand how difficult it is to play at the next level, regardless of the sport. Jackson is doing something very few high school seniors will be able to say they are getting the opportunity to do," head basketball coach Christian Ulsaker said. "Jackson was the silent leader this past year. He never demanded anything from his teammates, but instead had his game do the talking. Jackson's defense vastly improved over the course of the season."

Ottawa has a successful record and Frank said he wants to continue his career at a successful college. Frank is undecided in his studies at Ottawa.

PREVIOUS CLASS OF 2020 COMMITMENTS

Maddy Hutley: Washburn Basketball
Autymn Schreiner: Washburn Softball
Megan Strait: Coffeyville Volleyball
Laurel Barber: Ottawa Volleyball and Track

Rogers moves music classes online

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While Covid-19 has been shutting down schools and keeping everyone locked in self quarantine to avoid infection, the Wabaunsee music programs continue onward even while the entire band and choir is separated.

Music teacher Jamie Rogers has taken steps to ensure that while the outbreak rages on outside, the students can still have a chance to sing or play their favorite instruments to a variety of different songs or rhythms. This might even be able to help those cure the boredom that has encompassed the daily lives of those in quarantine.

"When possible we avoid going out in public," Rogers said of his family. "If we must go out we take the suggested precautions. I've been practicing guitar and more piano. On nice days, I go for bike rides."

To help with continuous learning, Rogers uses a website called SmartMusic to help students continue their musical education. "For the remainder of the year, the band will continue to use SmartMusic, while the choir will continue listening exercises," Rogers said.

3 students place 1st at state journalism

The 2020 Kansas Scholastic Press Association state competition looked a little different than usual, but WHS journalist still captured some awards.

Instead of traveling to the University of Kansas, the writing competitions took place online in mid-April. All students who placed at the regional competition in February were eligible to compete.

Three WHS students captured state championships. Eleanor Badeker in Copy Editing, Karlee Feyh in Advertising and Emma Frey in Editorial writing.

Six other entries placed as well, helping Wabaunsee finish 3rd as a team in 2A, behind champion Chase County and runner-up Sterling.

WHS STATE JOURNALISM PLACERS

Karlee Feyh - 1st in Advertising
Eleanor Badeker - 1st in Copy Editing
Emma Frey - 1st in Editorial Writing
Mayah Mumpower - 5th in Copy Editing
Kaytlyn Meseke - 2nd in Outline Writing
Hannah Mumpower - 3rd in Feature Writing
Hannah Mumpower - 6th in News Writing
Emma Frey - 6th in Sports Writing
Sarah Vanstony - 6th in Yearbook Sports Writing