



CHARLES H. WALSH SR. ACADEMY & CAREER TECH HIGH SCHOOL



Greetings and Happy Fall!

It's hard to believe that a year has already flown by since we made the exciting move into our new building! This anniversary marks a significant milestone for Walsh Academy, and I am incredibly grateful for the positive impact it has had on our students and staff.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our amazing students. Your resilience, determination, and unique talents continue to inspire us every day. Your hard work and dedication have made this past year a resounding success.

I also want to thank our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts. Your passion for education and commitment to our students have created a supportive and nurturing learning environment.

We're also grateful to the entire Walsh Academy community for your continued support. Your partnership has been instrumental in making this year a memorable one.

Thanksgiving is a special time of year, filled with gratitude, family, and delicious food. It's a holiday that encourages us to reflect on the blessings in our lives and express our thanks. It's a day dedicated to family and friends, to health and to home. People gather with loved ones to share meals, stories, and traditions. It's a time to strengthen bonds and create lasting memories. Historically, Thanksgiving was a celebration of the autumn harvest, symbolizing abundance and prosperity. It's a uniquely American holiday that brings people together, regardless of their background or beliefs.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday filled with love, laughter, and gratitude.

With gratitude,

Dr. Ann M. Craig, Ed.D.
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Upcoming Events

11/27-11/29 – No School
for Thanksgiving Break
12/13 – End of Q2



Health Beat: Germ Etiquette

By: Tracy Mullen – School Nurse



A few reminders for cold and flu season!

Cover your mouth and nose: When you cough or sneeze, use a tissue or your elbow to cover your mouth and nose. If you use a tissue, throw it away immediately.

Wash your hands: Wash your hands frequently, especially after you cough, sneeze, use the restroom, or before and after you eat.

Avoid touching your face: Try to minimize touching your face throughout the day.

These small actions will help prevent the spread of illness.

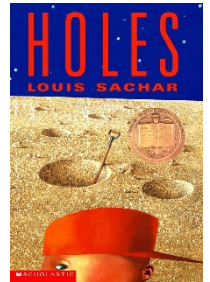
Thank you, Tracy Mullen, RN

Classroom Corner

By: Natalie Greenfield – Teacher

We have finally made it to November and students are already talking about Christmas. But before we can get there, we have the great holiday of Thanksgiving. Did you know that the average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500 per person! We really stuff ourselves like turkeys! Let's see what our teachers are stuffing into their days...

- Ms. Mackenzie's class is looking at atoms and compounds in physical science.
- There was a delicious chicken fettuccine alfredo made in Ms. L's class during a cooking activity in Health and Life Management, I can't wait to see what these students can cook up next!
- Ms. Natalie's class is reading *Holes* by Louis Sachar. They are very interested to see what is coming next.
- Ms. Karlesky's class is taking Algebra I and II, working on solving equations and linear functions.
- In world history they are studying ancient Rome in Mr. Justin's class.



- Mr. Trerotola is teaching about the human body; they are currently focusing on the respiratory system. Keep those deep breaths coming!
- Last but not least, Mr. Steve is teaching to 3 math levels to meet each student where they are at. This really shows how much our staff cares for their students!

We are almost halfway through Q2 and we are excited to see where the rest of the term takes us!

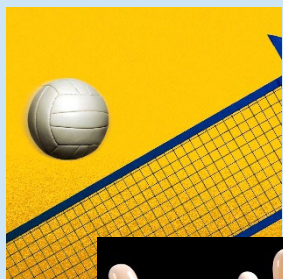
Getting to Know Us!

By: Joel Gonzalez – Administrative Assistant

This month we will be highlighting Marvin, a new student in one of our transition classrooms, and Ms. Martha, a paraprofessional.

Marvin joined us in October for transition services. He has been settling into his new classroom, helping in the kitchen, and spending time with the therapy dogs. We are excited to welcome Marvin to Walsh!

Ms. Martha is a paraprofessional who has worked in our freshman/sophomore class, transition class, and sophomore/junior class. She just recently moved to a new team and is excited to build relationships with a new group of students!



Sports Page

By: Dan Baffin – PE Teacher/Coach

Volleyball season is underway as we competed in our first game of the season against Niles. It was a back-and-forth affair as they took the first match 19-25. The second match we came to play and calmed our nerves as we battled to a 25-23 victory to even it up at 1-1. The tie breaker was all Niles as they took the series W with a 15-8 final match to win the series 2-1. I'm proud of our students' resilience as they never gave up and battled to the last point.

Bowling is winding down as we have one more trip left. Our third match we finished as a team with an average of 70 pins. Transition student Jacob led the way with a high score of 85. Our fourth match we finished with a team average of 93.2; Will leading us with a high game of 114! Good luck to all our bowlers at their last match this month!

What is your favorite color?

M – Black mixed with Blue	Martha – My favorite color is purple.
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What is/was your favorite subject in school?

M - History	Martha – My favorite subject in school was math.
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Have you ever had a nickname?

M – Bam-Bam from the Flintstones	Martha – My nickname in high school was Lilo.
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What is your favorite holiday?

M – 4 th of July	Martha – My favorite holiday is The Three Wise Men because its my favorite memory growing up.
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What is something you've done that you are proud of?

M – Improving my skills in volleyball	Martha – Something I've done that I am proud of is being a mom.
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What is your favorite movie, show, and/or book?

M – Show would be <i>Band of Brothers</i>	Martha – My favorite book is <i>It Ends with Us</i> . My favorite show is <i>Stranger Things</i> .
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If you were a superhero, what powers would you have?

M – My power would be to be in shape all the time.	Martha – If I were a superhero my superpower would be to time travel.
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Tell us something interesting about you.

M – I am on the volleyball team.	Martha – I enjoy playing Fortnite.
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What is the best part about being a student/staff at Walsh Academy?

M – The work.	Martha – The best part about being a Para at Walsh Academy is building relationships with the students and helping them with issues in and outside of school.
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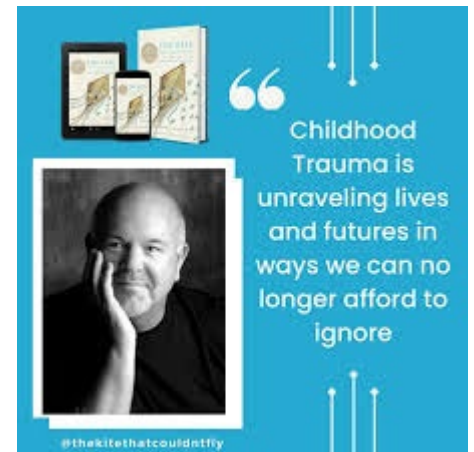
What's Happening at Walsh?

Guest Speaker – Author, Michael Menard

By: Mark Trerotola – Teacher

Jean Luc Godard wrote, "Sometimes reality is too complex. Stories give it form."

Walsh Academy was recently visited by author, Michael Menard. Menard is one of those people in society whose own life was complex and challenging, but his resilience gave him the ability to become the person he is today. Being the second oldest of 14 siblings and living in poverty with complex trauma, Menard was able to tell his story with the hidden message of hope in his latest book, "The Kite that Couldn't Fly". Menard visited each classroom here at Walsh Academy to highlight some excerpts from his book and get direct feedback from the students. He talked with the students to let them know that they are able to emerge victorious from even the most difficult circumstances that life may give them. Each student was gifted with a signed copy of his book and these books will be read in class as part of a unit where students will be able to reflect on the stories and respond to Menard so that he may share in their own personal conquests of resiliency in a similar style. Walsh staff will then share the student stories with Michael in start of what we hope to be a continued partnership and learning community between Michael and Walsh.



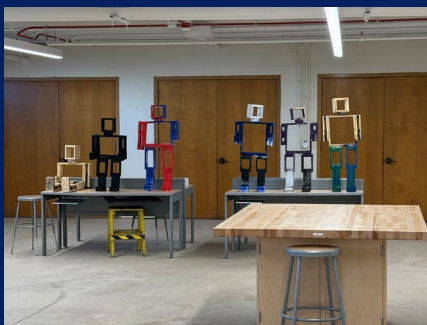
CTE Update:

Construction Wood Shop Fun!

By: Vincent Irvin – Paraprofessional/Job Coach

In the bustling wood shop at Walsh Academy & Career Tech High School, students are having a blast while honing their construction skills! Recently, they took on an exciting assignment, measuring their own body parts to the nearest eighth of an inch and translating those measurements into precise cuts of scrap wood.

Partnering up, students learned the importance of accuracy as they used hand saws to cut pieces to specified lengths, all while aiming for precision within 1/16 of an inch. This hands-on project not only reinforced measurement techniques, but also fostered teamwork and creativity. It's clear that our students are building more than just wooden pieces, they're crafting a solid foundation for their future careers! Keep up the great work, everyone!



STUDENT SUBMISSION

Drawing by Walsh Academy Senior, Yari

