

**Highlights from the Schools**  
**2012/2013 School Year**  
**October 2012**

**Building:** Eisenhower Middle/High School

**Principal:** Gary Weber

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**Building:** Sheffield Area Middle/High School

**Principal:** Amy Beers

1. SAMHS received confirmation that the middle school will have a “Schools to Watch” visit in their building on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This is wonderful news for the middle level teachers and students as they have worked so hard in the past few years to overcome stagnant test scores and motivation issues. Scores are up dramatically at the middle level and motivation is at an all-time high. The students are getting excited about showcasing their school and all that it has to offer. This visit does not mean that we receive the honor as being designated a School to Watch, but it means that our application stood out as one of worthy of an in depth visit and interview.
  2. Homecoming festivities wrapped up on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> with a great dance. Earlier in the week, the students kicked off the week with a fun Spirit Week. Friday was the day of the big pep assembly and parade/bonfire event. We won the game on Saturday! There were no issues during any of the events. The students’ behavior was excellent, and they enjoyed a wonderful experience for this year’s Homecoming week.
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**Building:** Warren Area High School

**Principal:** Jeff Flickner

1. The WAHS football team volunteered to landscape and clean up around the hospice house. There was a full page spread in the Warren Time Observer, detailing the team’s efforts.
2. WAHS has established a homeroom tutoring period to enhance students’ educational experience and help better prepare them for the Keystone Exams. PSSA data was used to help identify the students who are going to benefit from the tutoring. There is no additional cost to the school district.

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**Building:** Youngsville High School

**Principal:** Dr. Darrell Jaskolka

1. The Eagles Marching Band competed in their first band competition of the season on Saturday, September 22 at Steel Valley. The band placed first in their division and had the highest overall score of all the competing bands.
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**Building:** Beaty-Warren Middle School

**Principal:** Rhonda Decker

1. Grade 7 kicked off its year-long SHINING STAR recognition program. The classroom rules for 7th graders follow the acronym STAR: **S**how up to class prepared; **T**ake responsibility for your choices; **A**lways do your best; **R**espect yourself, others, and the environment. To accompany this theme, a different trait will be highlighted and discussed each month during Advisory and in classes. Students displaying the trait will have their star posted on the SHINING STARS bulletin board in the hallway. Each 7th grader wrote his/her name on a star and decorated it. The traits highlighted each month will follow the acronym for SHINING: **S**tudious (studies, works hard, gives effort); **H**onorable (truthful, fair, respectable), **I**ndividualistic (thinks for self, original, unique), **N**oteworthy (something about the person is worth mentioning or is remarkable), **I**maginative (creative, artistic, resourceful, inventive), **N**eighborly (friendly, kind, helpful, cooperative, considerate), **G**racious (courteous, well-mannered, polite, amiable).
  2. Beaty's sixth grade students and teachers took a walking field of Warren on September 21st. They visited the Warren Public Library, the Warren County Courthouse, the Historical Society and the Crary Museum. In addition, the students had the opportunity to work on some stream studies in the Conewango Creek. It was a successful day of learning and fun.
  3. On September 6th, Beaty-Warren Middle School invited parents to come to the school for our fall Parent Night. The event was well attended and we had many parents asking questions, engaged in conversations, and offering to help/volunteer this school year.
  4. Beaty's fall sports are underway with many of our students participating this year. We have 54 7th and 8th grade boys on our football team, 12 fall cheerleaders, and 26 girls participating on the girls basketball team. Also, we have 16 boys and girls participating on the cross country team.
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**Building:** Warren County Career Center

**Principal:** Jim Miller

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**Building:** Learning Enrichment Center

**Principal:** Amy Stimmell

1. Our third and fourth grade LEC students went on a field trip to the Tom Ridge Environmental Center, which ties into environmental science topics being taught at the LEC, on Tuesday, September 25, 2012. The transportation costs were funded through a grant awarded to the LEC from IU5. Our fifth and sixth grade LEC students will be going to the Tom Ridge Environmental Center on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  2. A Gifted Advisory Group meeting was held on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>; a large group of Gifted Support parents were in attendance, along with several PTO officers, to discuss the beginning of the school year at the LEC.
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**Building:** Allegheny Valley Elementary School

**Principal:** Amy Stimmell

1. Our Meet the Teacher/PTO Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30; a large group of students/parents were in attendance to meet the teachers and learn about the expectations for their classrooms.
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**Building:** Russell Elementary

**Principal:** Patty Hawley-Horner

1. The Open House, PTA meeting, and Book Fair were well attended, and profits from the book fair will support growth of available literature at Russell Elementary.
  2. A Pen Pal Lunch was held at Russell. Second grade students had the opportunity to eat lunch with their Eisenhower Middle/High School football pen pals.
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**Building:** Sheffield Elementary

**Principal:** Steve Parinella

1. Over 150 people attended our Meet the Teacher Night on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
  2. On October 5<sup>th</sup> the entire school will participate in the opening ceremonies of the Johnny Appleseed Festival in downtown Sheffield.
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**Building:** South Street Early Learning Center

**Principal:** Ann M. Buerkle

1. We had a successful start with a well-attended “Meet the Teacher” night on August 30.
  2. Warren Elementary PTO was held Sept. 18 with Gary Lester as the speaker. PTO held two successful fundraisers in September.
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**Building:** Sugar Grove Elementary School

**Principal:** Marcia Madigan

1. Sugar Grove Elementary had their Open House on September 18th. The theme was "Old School", and there were photos, yearbooks, movies, and memorabilia for all to enjoy, followed by room visitations.
  2. SGES has been working all month on our video to be submitted to WICU TV for “How Cool is Your School”. The newspaper also visited and ran an article on our "cool" school.
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**Building:** Warren Area Elementary Center

**Principal:** Ruth Nelson

1. Meet the Teacher Night was held on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, with great attendance. Parents of children in grades 2 – 5 had the option of meeting with parents during three 20 minute sessions. Parents of children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade met with Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Mead during a 30 minute introductory session, followed by 30 minutes with the team of teachers. WAHS Student Council members provided child care activities.

2. Grandparent Lunches will be held the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Children will be allowed to invite their grandparent or significant older person in their lives to have lunch with them. The Warren Elementary PTO is providing shuttle bus service from the lower parking lot to help with the parking congestion at WAEC.
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**Building:** Youngsville Elementary/Middle School

**Principal:** Eric E. Mineweaser

1. YEMS hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual retired educator luncheon for former educators of Youngsville and Pittsfield. We had 38 retired educators at our luncheon! A picture was taken and it will be submitted to the newspaper. This was well-received and it brought back educators who haven't seen each other in a long time. We also created an email distribution list to keep in contact with these educators via newsletters and informational pieces.
2. YEMS has created an email distribution list for each grade level. On a weekly basis, our teams are sending emails that include important events, weekly agendas/assignments, and pertinent information such as parent-teacher conference day. This has been well received and it's an excellent line of communication.
3. YEMS is celebrating National Anti-Bullying month by having the Youngsville Police Department come in and do assemblies for our grade levels as well as creating competitions that fight against bullying.
4. YEMS has finished their first round of 4-Sight testing, and teachers are eagerly going over the results in connection to the math and reading anchors. We are having excellent conversations, and strategic plans are taking place at each grade level.