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# What's Happening in WHSD?

# SCHOOL DISTRICT



## **FROSTY SHOP**

All throughout the week of Dec. 12, Turtle Creek students had the opportunity to stop by the Frosty Shop on the bottom floor of the school for some last-minute gift buying. There were gifts for family and friends of all ages, and it was a great opportunity for the students to get into the spirit of giving this holiday season. During their shopping, the students got some extra help from members of the National Honor Society at the high school. The Frosty Shop is made possible through the hard work of volunteers and parents who help provide the items for the students to purchase and then run the shop all week.



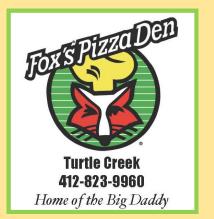
### **FLEX YOUR VEX**

As part of Computer Science Education Week in early December, Turtle Creek students across all grade levels were busy utilizing their VEX Robotics kits. Students in Ms. McGee's class, Ms. Miller's class, and Ms. Dietrich's class were busy building vehicles that they then connected to batteries. They then utilized software to move the vehicles in different directions. It's not too different than how NASA operates vehicles like the Mars Rover.



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Since there is a big delay between communication of the rover and the scientists back on earth, they have to input a sequence of commands into a computer to get the rover to move a specific distance and direction. The super smart students at Turtle Creek did the same thing with their vehicles, as they put in commands into a computer to get their own rovers to move. Turtle Creek students also utilized the Virtual Reality component of the Vex curriculum. Besides introducing students to robotics, computer science, programming, and coding, the kits also emphasize collaboration, listening, compromise, and help the students learn how to work together as part of a group.



The Woodland Hills High School performing arts class brought the Tony Award winning musical comedy "Avenue Q" to the stage at Thomas G. Crone Auditorium over the weekend of December 9 and December 10. The famed Broadway musical was specially adapted for the high school stage, allowing for high school students to perform a more appropriate version of the hit show. The original show featured a cast of "Sesame Street" inspired puppets, but Woodland Hills students transformed themselves into the puppets, adding to an already hilarious script. The show centers around Princeton (Aidan Potter and Robby Steiner), a fresh college graduate out to find his purpose in the world. Short on cash, he moves into a shabby apartment on Avenue Q, where he meets an eclectic group of neighbors: Kate Monster (Mia Damico and Isabel Concepcion), Brian (Liam Blaney), Christmas Eve (Ashley Blye-Timbers), Nicky (Devontez Moses and Dorian Wells), Rod (Justin Meyer and Elijah Kline) and landlord Gary Coleman (Bree Boyd). The show explores the various themes of becoming an adult and facing real-world problems, all with a comedic twist and catchy tunes. Avenue Q was the first of several performances on the Woodland Hills stage this school year. Next up is the junior musical "Legally Blonde," which will be performed January 12-14, 2023. "Seussical: The Musical" will follow later in the spring.

# Holiday 2022

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## **AVENUE Q HITS THE STAGE**