



### Western PA esports league

Plans are still moving forward to create an esports league for Pennsylvania schools based in the Western part of the state to compete for a local championship. Currently we have 35 schools interested with more to join in the future.

We are looking to partner with the <u>Pennsylvania Scholastic Esports League (PSEL)</u> to have our regional champions compete for a state title against schools from across Pennsylvania.

More news about the league to come in future newsletters. West Mifflin is proud to be one of the schools at the forefront of this endeavor.

### Esports careers - Not just for gamers

Most people when they think of careers in esports automatically think of the people playing the games. There are so many more career paths you can explore as it relates to esports. These various career paths are shown in the infographic below courtesy of the NASEF.

Feel free to check out the NASEF's career pathways website to learn more about the many careers available in the esports ecosystem. <a href="https://www.nasef.org/career-pathways">https://www.nasef.org/career-pathways</a>





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# Dave & Buster's Spirit Night

Our next spirit night is May 8th at the Waterfront Dave & Buster's. Hope to see you there!

### Make our Mark Ceiling Tile Project

The esports club sponsors the yearly "Make our Mark" ceiling tile fundraiser. Seniors can get a ceiling tile to decorate and then they are hung in the cafeteria and senior hallway.

The students are really creative with their designs. Below are a few examples.









# Esports room now has a Nintendo switch

Through our various fundraising activities and black Friday sales we are excited to announce the esports room now has a Nintendo switch for students to compete in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and Mario Kart 8 Deluxe.





### **Esports Tournament Combine**

On January 25th the West Mifflin Area High School Rocket League team competed in the 99ovr Esports Tournament Combine held at the Rezzanine. Students were able to compete in Rocket League, Overwatch, Valorant, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate.

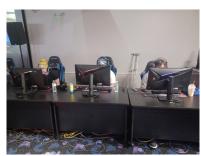
Point Park University streamed the event live on their Twitch channel.

Our team came in second place losing a thrilling finals series 2 games to 1 against Canon-McMillan High School.

Junior James Hoover was given a scholarship offer from Robert Morris University's esports program.

Congratulations James!

There were 6 colleges in attendance at the event which will only continue to grow.





### **Getting Social**

The esports club has a Face Book, Instagram, and X account to keep you up to date on club happenings.

Face Book: WMTitansEsports

Instagram: wmtitansesports

Website: Https://www.wmasd.org/

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X: @WMTitansEsports

### Girls in Gaming Summit

Join us for the *Girls in Gaming Summit*, an event designed to ignite and foster interest in video games, interactive entertainment, themed amusement, and other related professional pursuits.

During this unique summit, **educators and their students** will get the opportunity to hear from accomplished women as they share their journeys and insights. The summit's speakers, mostly gamers themselves, play important roles in the gaming industry, and reflect the diversity of career options that exist in this field.

To register for this unique event go here.



## **College Esports Visits**

Throughout the month of February and into March the esports club has sponsored having various colleges from all over Western PA, West Virginia, and Ohio visit our Titan esports arena in person or virtually to speak with students about their campus and esports programs.

We want to thank all of the colleges that have given their time to speak with our students.



**Bethany College** 



Coach Kelvin & Mike Kirshner Athletic Support staff From Penn State Beaver



Dr. Chris Davis Director of Esports Waynesburg University



Laura Carr Assistant Director of Admissions
CCAC North & Dominic Timko Esports Coordinator at CCAC South

### College esports visits

The esports club has coordinated with various local colleges to have them visit our esports arena and speak with students on their esports programs as well as their schools academics.

All meetings will be held during Titan Learning Time.

Esports visits schedule:

Feb 7th - Penn State Beaver

Feb 10th - Bethany College

Feb 11th - Waynesburg University

Feb 14th - CCAC

Feb 26th - Point Park University

Mar 21st - The University of Akron

#### About the WMAHS esports Club

The WMAHS esports club was founded in January of 2023.

Our goals are to foster a welcoming environment where students can compete and learn about teamwork, leadership, and other traits found in traditional sports.

Whether it's broadcasting, marketing, graphic design, etc. these all can be connected to esports in some way. Esports offers many different career paths.

# Student Spotlight

### Jae'den Jones

**Grade**: Freshman

How many years have you been a member of the Esports club? First year

Plans after High School: Go to college to study culinary arts

Favorite Game: Mario Kart Wii

Best Gaming Memory: Beating a Mario Party Master in Mario Party

Console or PC: Console but I would love to get into PC games tho

Games you compete in: Super Smash Bros. & Mario Kart

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