The Athletes of the Week is the WHS Unified basketball team. Unified Sports is part of the Special Olympics and joins people with and without intellectual disabilities together to compete as teammates. It was inspired by a simple principle—Training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and inclusion. The WHS team competed against Sequoia HS during halftime of the boys varsity basketball game on Friday night, January 31. The team played a 10 minute game in front of a full gym at Sequoia High School. Both teams competed hard behind the supportive crowd. The WHS team made multiple baskets, grabbed plenty of rebounds and most importantly, had fun. The team practices every Thursday during lunchtime in the Old Gym. Of the “8 Conditions,” the WHS Unified basketball team fully displays a Sense of Accomplishment, Belonging, and Fun & Excitement. Mr. Faulkner says, “that was a great night. The full support the fans gave these athletes during the game was unbelievably awesome. Our team played well and we all had huge smiles on our faces. We’re looking forward to the official start of our Unified basketball season in March. It’s going to be a great year!” Coach Carbajal says, “The Unified basketball team battled all game long. Everybody who participated scored at least one basket. The team never gave up. They were a true example of what a team is on and off the court. The team clearly showed a Sense of Accomplishment.”