

**DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS –**  
**Today is Friday, November 17, 2023 – Day 1**  
**GO WAPPINGERS WILDCATS!!!!**

This is our format for our daily announcements via BlackBoard so you will know what is going on at WJHS. We use this platform to keep our community informed of our activities, events, sport schedules, and other important messages. We do apologize, in advance, if some of this information gets to be repetitive.

Next week – There is school on Monday, 11/20 and Tuesday, 11/21.  
Holiday break starts Wednesday, 11/22 – Friday, 11/24 for Thanksgiving. No school for staff/students.

**MESSAGE FROM ALL COACHES, TEACHERS & CLUB ADVISORS:** Moving forward parent pick-up for all students staying after school for an activity or sport will be in the back (faculty) parking lot. Students will no longer be dismissed by the flagpole circle.

**COMPUTER USER AGREEMENT:** Any student who has not submitted their computer user agreement will have their account disabled effective today. Their accounts will not be enabled until we received notification from Mrs. Legnini in L3 that she has received the signed form.

**FALL PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED:** Fall Sports pictures have arrived! Please have your student see Mrs. Biegun in Room 244 if you ordered them.

**SCHOOL NOTES:** All notes should be handed into 1st period teachers upon arrival at school. Notes will be collected and turned into the Main Office for attendance each day.

If you know you are picking up your child from school for an early dismissal and did not send in a note with your child, please call the Main Office before 1 pm.

**Absent Notes:** You do not need to call the school to report your child absent. Please send in a note with date(s) and reason for absence upon the child's return to school.

If you need to email a note to the school, please send to the Main Office  
Attention: Sheila Falciano – [Sheila.falciano@wcsdny.org](mailto:Sheila.falciano@wcsdny.org)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at (845) 298-5200 Ext. 21000.

**EMERGENCY CARDS:** The school requires an emergency card for each student. Please make sure you have submitted an emergency card for your child. If you need to update any information, please have your child stop in the Main Office to pick up a new card.

### **Athletes of the Week 11/6/23 - 11/12/23**

Andrew Cafaldo, Football - (grade 8) 1 rushing touchdown. 102 yards rushing. 1 interception for a touchdown, making that his 1st pick 6 on the season. Andrew has now set a new modified touchdown record, scoring 15 touchdowns in 6 games with a huge victory against in town rival Van Wyck 32-8.

Anjely Gonzalez, Soccer - Goalie for the Wildcats, had an exceptional last game. Known as "Jely," she fearlessly sacrificed her body multiple times to prevent the opposing team from scoring. Her outstanding efforts led to the teams win.

### **WINTER SPORT TRYOUTS NEXT WEEK:**

**MODIFIED CHEERLEADING TRY OUTS:** Modified Cheerleading tryouts will be after school 2:30-4:00 on November 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th. Tryouts will be in the cafeteria. Everyone who signed up in FamilyID was sent a google classroom invitation. All further information for tryouts will be shared in that google classroom so be sure to accept the invitation. Any questions, contact Coach Emily Sautter.

**BASKETBALL TRY-OUTS:** You must be registered in FamilyID to try-out!

#### Girls Try-outs:

Monday, 11/20 - 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, 11/21 - 2:30 pm -4:00 pm

Final Tryouts - Monday, 11/26 – 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

#### Boys Try-outs:

Monday, 11/20 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm, 8<sup>th</sup> grade - 4:00 pm -5:15 pm

Tuesday, 11/21 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade - 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm, 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

Final tryouts - Monday, 11/26 – 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Boys – if your try-outs are at 4:00 pm, you must go home on your bus and return at 4:00 for try-outs.

**WJH PTA:** Come support PTA's first fundraiser and celebrate the end of 1st quarter at Sweet Frog Poughkeepsie all day on Saturday November 18th! Show the attached flyer below or mention this fundraiser at the cashier.

**FALL PICTURES:** Make-ups are Monday, November 20, for any students who were not photographed or wish to have a re-do. To order, please review attached memo.

**INTRAMURALS** – We will be running basketball intramurals next week: Monday & Tuesday 6:30am-7:30am (students need a ride into school)

**YEARBOOK** – Attention all creative artists - the yearbook cover contest is on! Please submit a drawing on a regular 8.5 x 11 paper using our new mascot (WILDCATS) and school colors to the main office by Friday December 8th! You can also email a PDF file to [wearewappingersyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:wearewappingersyearbook@gmail.com). The winner of the contest will receive a free yearbook!!

Continue to submit pictures to [wearewappingersyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:wearewappingersyearbook@gmail.com). Especially looking for spirit week and girls modified soccer pictures. If your child played up in sports, please include the sports team that your child is on.

8TH GRADE PARENTS ONLY - please submit a baby picture of your child with their name clearly labeled.

**DC & BOSTON FIELD TRIP:**

The prices for the Washington DC & Boston trips have increased by \$50.

Click on the following link to find registration and trip info:

<https://sites.google.com/wcsdny.org/wjhsbostontrip2024/home>

8th GRADE WASHINGTON DC

LINK: <https://sites.google.com/wcsdny.org/wjhswashingtondctrip/home>

**Please help support the 8th graders going on the Washington, DC, Trip in May.**

**Sabellico's Fundraiser: Pickup 11/30, 3:00 - 6:00pm**

We are partnering with the local business, *Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist* to fundraise for the DC trip. **Pickup will be at WJHS circle on Thursday, November 30th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.**

**Krispy Crème Fundraiser Orders Due:**

Orders for both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are due to their Math teachers TODAY Friday, **11/17/23. CASH ONLY PLEASE!!!!!!**

**Pickup will be at WJHS circle on Thursday, November 30th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.**

**LOST & FOUND:** Our lost & found table is filling up with jackets, sweatshirts, water bottles and school supplies. We also have lost glasses, earbuds, and jewelry in the Main Office. Please check with your child to see if they are missing any items to check the table located in the Main Lobby or stop in the Main Office. Any unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the month to a local charity.

**DRAMA:** If you are interested in Sets/ Props/ Costume/ Sound or Light Crews, the Google Form application is posted in our Google Classroom. Due Date November 27<sup>th</sup>. No late applications will be taken. To join our Google Classroom the code is: iy7fv2b

Any questions please contact: Mrs. Lawler, Mrs. Singleton.

**LATE BUSES:** Transportation will be supplying us with (4) late buses to run every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for after school activities. The late buses will leave WJH at 4 pm each of these days. The late bus run list is posted in the lobby, outside the gym, and at the lower portico/bus entrance for students to view. Teachers and coaches will also be reviewing with students to assist them in getting home on the right late bus run.

**ENL EXTRA HELP (TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS):** ENL After school Program is on Tuesdays in room 215 with Mr. Secas, Wednesdays in room 145 with Mrs. Boutros, and Thursdays in room 130 with Mrs. Price.

**MATH ENRICHMENT (WEDNESDAYS):** Math Enrichment program with Dr. Irvin Miller will begin on Wednesdays after school from 2:30 pm until 3:45 pm in Room 130.

**HOMEWORK HELP (WEDNESDAYS):** "Project Homework" will begin with Mrs. Liberta & Mrs. Bush on the following dates (Wednesdays):

December 6 & 13

January 10 & 24

February 7 & 28

March 6 & 20

April 3 & 24

May 1 & 22

Project Homework is available for students to help strengthen homework skills, organization, Math and Literacy Comprehension as well to review for NYS assessment.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE EXTRA HELP (WEDNESDAYS):** We will be offering after school help for Foreign Language to meet on Wednesdays in Room 102. The program will focus on Foreign Language remedial and prerequisite skills. The goal is to remediate and improve deficit skills. Any questions, please see Mrs. Fava or Mrs. Wright

**PRIDE CLUB (WEDNESDAYS):**

**SKI CLUB:** There was a ski club meeting yesterday. A google meet link was be posted in the classroom. See Mrs. Nevel with any questions."

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjE5MzY5Nzc2Mjgz?cjc=k6u43xe>

**CHESS CLUB (TUESDAYS):** Chess club will be meeting on the following Tuesdays this Fall with Mr. Kaleta:

11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19 – from 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm in Room 106.

The club is limited to 24 members due to the limited number of chess boards.

The chess club is not taking any more members at this time.

**ART INTEGRATION (THURSDAYS):** Will meet Thursdays in room 217 until 3:50 pm. Students can arrange parent pick up or take the late bus. All are welcome! next meeting 11/30.

**JAZZ BAND (THURSDAYS):**

**CRC: CULTURAL RESPONSE CLUB (WEDNESDAYS):** CRC will meet Wednesdays in room 217 until the late bus. Any questions, please see Mrs. Price, Mrs. Sloshower or Mrs. Attlesey-Steger.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP:** Drop off in the morning is 7:00 am. No student will be allowed into the building before 7:00 am. Pick up time is 2:20 pm. Parents who are dropping off and/or picking up their child should enter the school property via the Maple Street/S. Remsen Avenue entrance. No vehicles are allowed thru the Middlebush Road entrance.  
PARENT PICK UP – We ask that parents remain in their vehicles for afternoon parent pick up. Parents getting out of their vehicles to meet their students is causing a delay in our bus dismissal. We appreciate your cooperation.

**PTA MESSAGE:**

Please continue to sign up for membership: <https://wjhspta.memberhub.com/>

Please fill out the following form if you are interested in helping out with any of the following events/committees:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHymeSDvc6rmm2edvZkSesnle-tu73XlO-3zqBhfCCJqZyYg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHymeSDvc6rmm2edvZkSesnle-tu73XlO-3zqBhfCCJqZyYg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**CHROMEBOOK:** Chromebook Insurance - parents should be purchasing insurance for their child's chromebook. It is strongly recommended - covers most repairs and costs \$29/per year. Please click link to view directions on how to purchase insurance.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MEGwjwE4FyIuiY0QfaTwZCJmu2kxnomQ/view>

**CELL PHONES:** It is the policy of the WCSd that students in grades 7 & 8 will be prohibited from possessing smart phones, smart watches (i.e. internet enabled devices) and other electronic devices and related accessories (i.e.

earbuds) on their person during the school day without permission from the Building Principal. Smart devices and related accessories may be stored in a school bag (turned off) for before or after school use.

**WAPPINGERS ROTARY CLUB's STUDENT OF THE MONTH:**

The third Thursday of every month is a celebration of our students in the neighboring schools. Organized by Wendy McNamara and supported by our generous sponsor at DCH Toyota Wappingers Falls, we award nominated students for leadership and excellence. Each student invites family and faculty to a lunch meeting at Longobardi Restaurant, where they are recognized for their achievements. Students are nominated by their teachers.

SEPTEMBER – Autumn Carmen

OCTOBER – Alyssa Abbatiello

NOVEMBER – Messiah Corbett

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

November 18 – Report Cards are available to view in the Parent Portal

November 20 – Picture Re-take day

November 22 – 24 – Holiday - Thanksgiving Recess – No School for Students/Staff

December 15 – Quarter 2 Progress Report midpoint

December 22 – Quarter 2 Progress Reports available in the Parent Portal

December 25-29 – Winter Recess – No School for Staff/Students

January 1 – Holiday/New Year's Day – No School for Staff/Students

January 10 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert (snow date 1/23)

January 17 – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert (snow date 1/23)

January 15 – Holiday – Martin Luther King Day – No School for Students/Staff

January 26-27 – DCMEA All County Music Festival in Dover

Remember..... “WE ARE WAPPINGERS”