

**DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS –**  
**Today is Thursday November 2, 2023 - Day 4**  
**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.

**THIS WEEKEND IS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!!!**

**SHOUT OUTS:** Congrats to the WJHS Field Hockey Team on their big 2-1 win against North Salem last night. Goals scored by Juliet Luongo and Oriani Nunez! Great game played by all! The team has now finished a great season ending with a record of 5-5. LETS GO WILDCATS!"

**BREAST CANCER "PINK OUT":** It's time to announce the grade winner from the "Pocket Change War" for Breast Cancer...All month long our students, faculty and staff came together to create awareness for Breast Cancer. With everyone's help, we were able to raise \$1,427 in donations to support the Brielle Grace Breast Cancer Foundation. The grade that will have an ice cream social sponsored by Stewart's Shops on Friday 11/3, who raised only fifteen dollars more than the other grade, are....**the 8th graders!!** Awesome job by everyone! At Wappingers Junior High no one fights alone! Thank you all for your support!!

**FALL PICTURES:** Fall pictures have arrived and will be distributed to students during their Social Studies classes. Make-ups are Monday, November 20, for any students who were not photographed.

**DC TRIP INFO:** The pink Washington DC, paper (behavior contract/t-shirt order form) is due tomorrow (Friday) for students going on the DC trip.

**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.

**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.

**INTRAMURALS** – PE Intramurals will be running this week 6:30 am to 7:30 am BASKETBALL Intramurals. Students will need a ride to school to participate.

**COMPUTER USER AGREEMENTS:** Many of our 7th & 8th grade students have not yet turned in their computer user agreement forms. The district will be locking out any student who has not turned in this form.

### **WINTER SPORT REGISTRATION:**

The JHS Winter [Sports Registration](#) is now open until November 12, 2023. Season starts November 20. If your student is interested in trying out for the following Winter Sports; Girls/Boys Basketball, Cheerleading or Wrestling please register on Family ID. You will need to have a physical dated 11/1/2023 or later in order to participate in winter sports. If your student requires an inhaler/epi-pen/diabetic or seizure medication please ensure that there are self-carry/self-administering medication orders included.

HS Winter Registration: October 14-November 5. Season starts November 13  
JHS Winter Registration: October 22-November 12, 2023. Season starts November 20

**ATTENTION BOWLERS:** This message is from RCK Coach Holsopple - This is for anyone interested in trying out for the girls and boys bowling teams. Please remember to sign up on family Id and have a physical completed by school doctor or family doctor by time of tryouts. All athletes will have to complete the Athletic Placement Process packet as well to try out. You can find this on the District website. RCK Bowling  
Tryouts 11/13, 11/14, and 11/16 at Fishkill Bowl 3pm.  
Parents will have to provide transportation.

**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).

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.

**SCHOOL PICTURES:** Picture re-take day is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>: If you missed school picture day, you can have your picture taken on re-take day.

Visit <https://vando.imagequix.com/S9SRC9J> and enter the school Online Code WappingersJH23 to order online. (The preorder site closes 48 hours after the last picture day.) Post picture day ordering is available once the proof sheet is emailed to your school preferred email or sent to the school, these orders include an additional shipping fee and are mailed directly to your home address.

Questions, please contact customer service at 1-855-773-3321 (M-F from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

### **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: Due 11/7 and Pickup 11/30, 3:00 - 6:00pm**

We are partnering with the local business, *Sabellico Greenhouses & Florist* to fundraise for the DC trip. **All orders need to be placed and paid for, on Cheddarup, before 11/7.** Please use <https://dctrip.cheddarup.com> to place all orders.

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

### **Buffalo Wild Wings: November 9th from 11 am - 12 am Dine in/Take out**

Buffalo Wild Wings strives to support the community and will help raise money for the DC trip. On **November 9th from 11 am - 12 am** (dine in or take out), present the provided ticket to the server and Buffalo Wild Wings will donate 20% of your total bill (not including tax, gratuity, or promotional discounts) to the DC trip. Please let us know if more tickets are needed. Tickets can also be found on our teacher DC websites. **For students to receive credit for participating, ONE receipt needs to be submitted to Mrs. Cerrato or Mrs. Liberta. This can either be emailed, sent through Remind, or a copy given with the DC traveler's name clearly written on it.**

### **Krispy Creme:**

Orders and Money (**CASH ONLY**) are **DUE 11/17/23.**

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

**Athletes of the Week 10/23/23 - 10/29/23**

Elijah Dunlow, Cross Country - (grade 7) continues to surprise everyone with his performance. He has earned the top 15 spots of each race this season. Elijah ran a 9:46 and got 14th overall for 7th grade runners at the Somers invitational.

Gianna Quitoni, Soccer -. (grade 8) Gianna's leadership characteristics were demonstrated in our game vs JJCR. Gianna is constantly communicating on the field and had numerous passes to teammates. When not in the game, you can see her cheering from the sideline.

Shane Riley, Football - (grade 8) QB: 2 passing touchdowns along with 75 rushing yards with a touchdown.

Stephannie Ruiz, Cross Country - a first-time cross country runner who has made huge progress throughout the season. At the Somers invitational, she ran a 13:16 at a challenging course with steep inclines & declines, mud and a long runway to the finish. This is a personal best time for Stephannie this season.

Brianna Skeahan, Volleyball - has been an outstanding front row player and is a major contributor to our success as a team this year. Last week she accumulated fifteen kills with seven tips and eight spikes between our two games. She is extremely passionate about the sport and her team.

William Taylor, Soccer - (grade 8) had a goal scored and played outstanding defense all week. He continues to be a leader on the defensive end for us.

Aaliyah Victor, Field Hockey - great games this week, Aaliyah played very well defensively helping her team!

**FALL SPORTS RECOGNITION PARTY:** We would like to congratulate our students on completing the fall sport season. Each team is invited to join us for an after-school pizza party with their teammates and coaches on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> (rain date November 16<sup>th</sup>). Athletes will have the opportunity to reflect on the season and share memorial moments that they thought were special. Please share any photos you have from the fall season with Mr. Atkins!! These pictures will be used to create a slideshow. [Jeremy.atkins@wcsdny.org](mailto:Jeremy.atkins@wcsdny.org)

Location is the Large Cafeteria from 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm. Students should wear their team shirt, jersey, or school shirt. Students can either arrange parent pick up or take the late bus home. The district is providing pizza for everyone to enjoy during this event. This event is only for students & coaches. Parents can contribute extra food/supplies if you would like to help. Please note the suggestions below:

Drinks:

Healthy Side Dish/Pasta/Salad:

Snacks (chips, pretzels, etc.)

Desserts (cupcakes, cookies, donuts, etc):

Cross Country Team

Football Team/Cheerleaders

Boys & Girls Soccer Team

Volleyball/Field Hockey Teams

**WJH CHEERLEADING:** Please consider supporting the WJHS cheerleading team by ordering popcorn from our fundraiser. We appreciate any and all support!  
<https://popup.doublegood.com/s/bel91u88>

**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.

**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.

**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.

\*\*\*The ENL After-School Program will meet in the Ms. Pidanic's Art Room (Rm. 223) this afternoon until the late bus.

ENL Multicultural Night  
Wednesday, November 8th 2023  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

This special event is for English as a New Language students and their families to come together to eat, listen to music, learn about available resources, and learn about the cultures present in our community. We hope you will join us.

**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):

November 1 & 8

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):** Pride Club will resume our weekly Wednesday meetings this week. All are welcome to attend.

**SKI CLUB:** Ski Club is looking for members. If you are interested in skiing or snowboarding, please join the google classroom. No experience necessary to join. Reach out to Mrs. Nevel if you have any questions and stay tuned for information about any upcoming meetings.

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

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

11/14, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19

This is for students who have turned in permission slips for the club. 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 this Thursday in room 217 until 3:50 pm. Students can arrange parent pick up or take the late bus. All are welcome!

**JAZZ BAND (THURSDAYS):** Jazz Band will meet TODAY in SMALL Cafeteria until 3:30 pm.

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

**7th GRADE EMERGENCY CARDS:** We are still missing 7th grade student emergency cards. Please check with your child to make sure this card has been turned into the office.

**PTA MESSAGE:** Thank you to all that attended our first PTA meeting! Next meeting will be November 8th at 7pm.

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/1MEGwjwE4FyIuiYOQfaTwZCJmu2kxnomQ/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

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

November 7 – Superintendent Conference Day – No School for Students

November 8 – WJH PTA Meeting – 7 pm

November 9 – Marking Period Quarter 1 ends

November 9 – Fall Sport Recognition Party 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

November 10 – Holiday - Veterans Day - No School for Students/Staff

November 13 – Marking Period Quarter 2 begins

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

Remember..... “WE ARE WAPPINGERS”