

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today is Thursday October 12, 2023 - Day 1

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.

The deadline to take advantage of the "early bird" discount for the Boston trip is Friday, October 20th. After that date, the cost of the trip increases by \$50.

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

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

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.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: Breast Cancer Awareness Month begins in October!!! This month you can make a choice to be involved and feel good about making a difference in thousands of lives. Students are challenged to wear something pink each day of the month in October especially on Fridays where we will have "PINK OUTS" to show our support. Fridays are also hat/bandana day for a \$2 donation. With a \$2 donation you will be allowed to wear your hat or bandana during the school day which is normally not allowed. Please be a positive participant following all rules and expectations. Donations will be collected at the portico entrance when you enter the building on Friday mornings starting Friday, 10/6. There will be a fun competition between 7th and 8th grade class to see who can donate the most money. Donation buckets will be in the large cafeteria during each lunch period. Throw your change in the bucket to help your grade because whichever grade raises the most money, will not only have bragging rights to being the most spirited, enthusiastic, supportive class that walks the halls of WJH but will WIN AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL FROM STEWARTS FOR THE WHOLE GRADE!! All proceeds of your contributions will benefit a local Breast Cancer Charity. Our goal this year is \$1,000, so get ready to get crazy with your pink from head to toe and have some fun while making a difference all month long. Thank you for your support.

Athletes of the Week 10/2/23 - 10/8/23

Delilah Antonini, Soccer - (7th grade) played outstanding during our busy week, which included three away games. Her incredible 8 goals throughout the span helped lead the team to a 2-0-1 record. The team's current record is now 2-1-1.

Andrew Cafaldo, Football - (grade 8) 137 yards rushing with 2 touchdowns and 4 solo tackles.

Elijah Dunlow, Cross Country - (7th Grade) earned 5th place this week against Carmel and LaGrange Middle School. He ran 1.5 miles with a time of 10:45. Elijah puts in the work everyday and never complains.

Alexa Feuer, Volleyball - was on an absolute tear this week against UVMS. With multiple kills and a hammer serve she helped with our 3-2 win for the week.

Nour Gazal, Cross Country - (8th Grade) earned 2nd place with a time of 12:17. She could have easily taken 3rd place but decided to fight for 2nd. Nour ran with heart!

Zach Parades, Soccer - (8th grade) had an impressive week playing defense. Zach led the way for our team having back to back shutouts. Zach also had 1 assist.

Gia Ricciardi, Field Hockey - on a great goal against Pawling this past week. She played the field so well and excelled at her offensive position!

SHOUT OUTS:

To Morgan LaCasse, 7th Grader, playing on JV Ketcham soccer team for her goal against John Jay on Friday.

Girls modified soccer tied 3-3 against Van Wyck this past Friday. Delilah Antonini scored 2 goals for Wappingers and Alyssa Abbatiello scored 1. The team will be playing a home game today vs Carmel at 4:45pm.

Player of the week: Girls Modified soccer- 7th grader Delilah Antonini played outstanding during our busy week, which included three away games. Her incredible 8 goals throughout the span helped lead the team to a 2-0-1 record.

"Boy's soccer won last Thursday against Carmel 3-0. Christian Murry had 1 goal, Benji Perino and Jacob Martinez each had 1 goal and 1 assist. Zach Paredes had another outstanding defensive game and also had 1 assist."

INTRAMURALS – PE Intramurals will be running this week Monday thru Friday 6:30 am to 7:30 am Soccer Intramurals. Students will need a ride to school to participate.

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: ENL After school Program is on Tuesdays in room 215 with Mr. Secas, Wednesdays in room 145 with Mrs. B, and Thursdays in room 130 with Mrs. Conklin/Mrs. Price.

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

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: Chess Club is coming!! All permission slips for chess club are to be turned into Mr. Kaleta in Room 106 by Friday, 10/6. If you need a permission slip for chess club, please see Mr. Kaleta or Dominick Reyes.

ART CLUB: NO Arts Integration Club this week. Next meeting will be next Thursday in room 217 until 3:50 pm. Students can arrange parent pick up or take the late bus. All are welcome!

JAZZ BAND: Thank you for all who auditioned for Jazz Band. The list is posted in the hall near the stage. Reminder Jazz Band does not meet this week. We will rehearse again on Thursday, October 19.

CRC: Cultural Response Club:. Any questions, please see Mrs. Price, Mrs. Slosower or Mrs. Attlessey-Steger.

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

October 18

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: We will be offering after school help for Foreign Language will 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.

SCHOOL PICTURES: Picture Day Forms were distributed yesterday during 9th period classes. Our school pictures will be on Monday, 10/16 during Social Studies classes. Please fill out forms to be returned to school on picture day.

8th GRADE WASHINGTON DC

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

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.

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. Please see attached form to fill out and send in with your child.

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.

8th GRADE EMERGENCY CARDS: If there are any changes to your information, please have your child pick up a new emergency card. If you are a new 8th grade student, please stop in Main Office to pick up an emergency card.

PTA MESSAGE: The WJHS PTA would like to invite all of you to join us and become a member today! Please sign up: <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-tu73XIO-3zqBhfCCJqZyYg/viewform?usp=sf_link

We are in need of AUDIT committee members!

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/1MEGwjwE4FyluiY0QfaTwZCJmu2kxnomQ/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.

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 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 any of the following:

7th grade to Lisa Biegun – lisa.biegun@wcsdny.org

8th grade to Cherrine Morrison – cherrine.morrison@wcsdny.org

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Main Office (845) 298-5200 Ext. 21000.

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.

SEPTEMBER – Autumn Carmen

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, October 14th – Progress Reports are available in parent portal

Wednesday, October 16th – School Picture Day

Friday, October 27th – Fall Dance

Tuesday, October 31st – Professional Development Day – Half day for students, dismissal will be at 10:30 am

Tuesday, October 31st – Career Day @ WJH – 8:00 – 10:30 am

Remember..... "WE ARE WAPPINGERS"