

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today is Wednesday October 18, 2023 - Day 5

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 IS SPIRIT WEEK!!!! **October 23rd - October 27th**

**Monday**

**Crazy Hat and Tie Day / Hippie Day**

**Tuesday**

**Twin, Triplet & Quadruple Day**

**Wednesday**

**Sport Team Wear / SuperHero Day**

**Thursday**

**PJ Bottoms Day (NO bathrobe or slippers)**

**Friday**

**School Color Day:**

**7th=All Blue! 8th=All Red!**

**and "ALL PINK" from head to toe!!**

**Friday Night Fall/Halloween Dance!! 6-9 PM (GYM)**

**Costume and Dance Contest!!**

**The Spirit of Wappingers will always be illuminated!!**

**In the Spirit of Student Gov't & Mr. Ramirez**

FALL DANCE: We will be hosting a Fall Dance on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm here at WJH. Due to weather, this has been moved indoors into our gym. Students are permitted to wear a Halloween costume – NO MASKS ALLOWED!!!! Tickets will go on sale during all lunch periods in the large cafeteria. The cost of the dance is \$10. Students will receive a ticket upon purchase. There will be concession stand for students to purchase snacks and drinks at the dance. We will be sending a message with regards to drop off and pick up procedures at a later date.

AS OF MONDAY NIGHT'S BOARD OF ED MEETING - OUR SCHOOL MASCOT IS NOW THE WILDCATS!!!! GO WAPPINGERS WILDCATS!!!!

SCHOOL PICTURES: Picture re-take day is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>: If you missed yesterday's school picture, 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).

Fall Sports Pictures will be Monday, 10/30, right after school. Information and order forms will be coming to the athletes from their coaches this week.

#### DC & BOSTON FIELD TRIP:

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> is last day to register for the DC & Boston trips to receive the EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT. The price will increase on Saturday, 10/21. 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>

#### 8th GRADE WASHINGTON DC

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

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.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH: This Friday will be our third Pink Out of the month! As a school community we have shown amazing support and effort to raise \$906 so far for Breast Cancer Awareness! Truly something to be proud of at Wappingers Junior High! At this time the grade that is leading the "Pocket Change War" for Breast Cancer by \$58 are..... the 8th graders!! Whichever grade has the most donations collected at the close of October will win the Stewart's ice cream social complete with sprinkles and chocolate sauce! Good luck!

### **Athletes of the Week 10/9/23 - 10/15/23**

Emily Baller, Soccer (grade 7) - Emily has been a “work horse” day in and day out. She plays multiple positions on the soccer field when needed and scored a goal Tuesday vs Carmel. Her work ethic is outstanding and commitment to become a better player everyday.

Hollyn Blackwood, Volleyball - clinched a pivotal second set on her fifth serve (streak) for a technical win. Congratulations Wapp!

Elizabeth Delrosso, Cross Country - (grade 7) earned a medal for placing 25th out of 226 girls at the Burnt Hills Saratoga Invitational this weekend.

Julia Imm, Field Hockey - scored a goal against Lakeland. She played a great game and was a strong offensive player this week.

Joe Marucci, Football - (8th Grade). 96yds rushing with 2 touchdowns. 3 solo tackles 1 fumble forced.

William Pardonner, Cross Country - (grade 8) earned a medal for placing 35th place out of 153 boys at the Burnt Hills Saratoga Invitational.

Benji Perino, Soccer (grade 8) - had an impressive 3 goal game last week which led to a 4-3 overtime win over Fox Lane.

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>

### **SHOUT OUTS:**

**Modified Cross Country:** Our weekend runners did a great job at Burnt Hills Saratoga Invitational this weekend. The modified girls team got 13th out of 19 schools and the boys modified team got 16th out of 22 schools. Congratulations on the entire team for making the trip memorable.

FIELD HOCKEY: “Congrats to the Field Hockey team on their big 3-0 win over Somers last night. Goals made by Juliet, Emma and Daniela! Great job to all and good luck on your next game on Thursday against Brewster!”

VOLLEYBALL: Congratulations to the girl's volleyball team on a 5-1 win over Hyde park on Monday and a 3-0 win against Somers last night. Fantastic plays from Reagan Colligan, Lianna Bastos and Brianna Skeahan!

GIRLS SOCCER: Girls modified soccer won 5-0 vs Fox Lane. Alyssa Abbatiello had a huge game scoring 4 goals and Delilah Antonini contributed with 1 goal. Kylee Koch helped assist in 2 of the team's goals.

BOYS SOCCER: Jonah Olmo and Salim Patterson each scored goals in the boy's soccer 2-0 win over Carmel. Great team effort and team win! The boys record is now 4-1-1

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. Boutros, 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)

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.

PRIDE CLUB: "Pride Club is canceled today. Pride Club will resume our weekly Wednesday meetings next Wednesday, October 25th. 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: Chess Club is coming!! Deadline for all permission slips was October 6<sup>th</sup>. See Mr. Kaleta in Room 106.

ART INTEGRATION: Next meeting will be Thursday, 10/19 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. We will rehearse on Thursday, October 19.

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

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: 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-tu73XIO-3zqBhfCCJqZyYg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHymeSDvc6rmm2edvZkSesnle-tu73XIO-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.

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 the following:

Main Office to Sheila Falciano – [Sheila.falciano@wcsdny.org](mailto:Sheila.falciano@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. Students are nominated by their teachers.

SEPTEMBER – Autumn Carmen

OCTOBER – Alyssa Abbatiello

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, October 27th – Fall Dance – 6 PM – 9 PM TICKETS COST \$10

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

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

Remember..... "WE ARE WAPPINGERS"