

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today is Monday October 2 – Day 6

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.

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. There will be a fun competition between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to see who can donate the most money. The grade that wins will receive an ice cream social!!

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK: 9/25 – 10/1/23

Alyssa Abbatiello – Grade 8/Soccer – demonstrated being a team player by playing positions on offense and defense at Unionvale MS. She worked extremely hard when on the field and used her communication skills to help lead the team.

Andrew Cafaldo – Grade 8/Football – running back 127 yards and 2 touchdowns scored.

Madison Callahan – Grade 8/Cross Country – finished her first race showing determination and resilience against Unionvale MS. Madison felt proud of finishing a 1.5 mile race and did it with a smile on her face.

Sarafina Franco – Grade 7/Volleyball – scored a streak of 5 unreturned serves against LaGrange MS winning her set 25-17. One of our team captains, she shows leadership through action both on and off the court.

Joshua Jimenez – Grade 8/Cross Country – transitioning from track and field to cross country this year, Joshua finished his first race with a time of 10:07 (16<sup>th</sup> place) against Unionvale.

Juliet Luongo – Grade 8/Field Hockey – she played amazing game against Van Wyck. She had many assists and great plays throughout.

Jacob Martinez – Grade 7/Soccer – 1 goal scored against Unionvale. Great performance on both defensive and offensive sides of the field.

**MESSAGE FROM ALL COACHES:** Moving forward parent pick-up for all fall sport student athletes will be in the back (faculty) parking lot. Student athletes will no longer be dismissed by the flagpole circle.

**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.

**MATH ENRICHMENT:** Math Enrichment program with Dr. Irvin Miller will begin on Wednesday, 10/4 after school (Wednesdays) from 2:30 pm until 3:45 pm in Room 113.

**DRAMA:** Drama will be having an informational session on Thursday, 10/5 in the small cafeteria until 3:30 pm for anyone interested in the Spring Musical. This is for interested cast and crew members. Please see attached flyer.

**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!! If you want to play chess, or learn chess, then chess club is for you. Chess club will take place after school

details pertaining to schedule will be announced at a later date, in the meantime please feel free to sign up. Forms are in the Main Office.

ART CLUB: Arts Integration Club meets every Thursday in room 217 until 3:50 pm. Students can arrange parent pick up or take the late bus. All are welcome!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD: Science Olympiad will be having its first meeting on Thursday 10/5 in Room 152 from 2:30 pm until late bus. Any student interested should see their science teacher or Mrs. Drotzer for more information. We look forward to seeing you there and having you as part of this year's team.

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

October 4 & 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 starting on Wednesday, 10/11 from 2:25 until late bus. Students will meet 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: Our school pictures will be on Monday, 10/16 during Social Studies classes. Students will receive picture forms before this date. Pictures will be taken in the gymnasium on that day.

8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

7<sup>th</sup> GRADE EMERGENCY CARDS: We are still missing 7<sup>th</sup> grade student emergency cards.

8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, please stop in Main Office to pick up an emergency card.

PTA MESSAGE: We hope everyone has settled in the new school year. 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-tu73XlO-3zqBhfCCJqZyYg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHymeSDvc6rmm2edvZkSesnle-tu73XlO-3zqBhfCCJqZyYg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Save the date, our first meeting will be Wednesday October 11th at 7pm.

SRO Gemmel Message: Dutchess County Deputy Michael Gemmel is inviting any student interested in Law Enforcement to check out the attached flyer regarding Explorer Post program.

CHROMEBOOK: Any 7th grade student who has not received a chromebook, should stop in main office to pick up their agreement form. This form must be signed by parent and student before chromebook will be given. New 8th grade student chromebooks are on back-order. Students will need to wait for them to come in to the District before distribution.

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>

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.

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 send a note to the school, please send to any of the following:

7th grade to Lisa Biegun – [lisa.biegun@wcsdny.org](mailto:lisa.biegun@wcsdny.org)

8th grade to Cherrine Morrison – [cherrine.morrison@wcsdny.org](mailto:cherrine.morrison@wcsdny.org)

Or to me – Arlene Donovan – [arlene.donovan@wcsdny.org](mailto:arlene.donovan@wcsdny.org)

PLEASE DO NOT SEND NOTES TO CAROL NAUGHTON – she has retired and her email address is no longer active.

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:

Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Holiday – No School for Students/Staff

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports are available in parent portal

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – School Picture Day

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Fall Dance

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

Remember....."WE ARE WAPPINGERS"