

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today is Monday October 23, 2023

- Day 2

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.

Wednesday, October 25th – WCSD will be conducting a district wide early dismissal drill (15 minutes early) on Wednesday, 10/25. Any parent who picks up their child at dismissal, should arrange to be at the school at least 15 minutes earlier than normal. This drill is done once a year. It allows the district to test our communication systems with our families. Thank you.

YEARBOOK –

Please submit pictures to wearewappingersyearbook@gmail.com. Currently looking for fall sport pictures and candid school 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.

FALL DANCE: We will be hosting a Fall Dance on Friday, October 27th 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. Parents should drop off students in the front circle of the school building by the flag pole.

PARENT PICK UP FROM THE DANCE: 7TH Grade parents are instructed to pick up students in the front circle by the flag pole and 8th Grade parents will pick up students in the rear faculty parking lot. Please follow directives of staff accordingly.

BLOOD DRIVE: Our first Blood Drive of this school year will be on Thursday 10/26 from 2:30 - 7:00 PM. Parents, older siblings and friends- please come in and donate if you can! Students can start donating at age 16 as long as they are over 110 lbs. To make an appointment, please email rosellen.hardt@wcsdny.org Walk-ins are welcome any time after 3:00

THIS 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

SCHOOL PICTURES: Picture re-take day is scheduled for November 20th. 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).

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:

The prices for the trips have increased as of Saturday, 10/21. The cost of the 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>

The Meadow Farms fundraiser for the 8th Grade Washington DC trip ends today, 10/23. All forms should be handed in to Mrs. Cerrato in Room 218.

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 27th. 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!

AS OF THE RECENT BOARD OF ED MEETING - OUR SCHOOL MASCOT IS NOW THE WILDCATS!!!! GO WAPPINGERS WILDCATS!!!!

As the weather is changing, flu season is here. Please read attached notice from NYS dept of Health regarding Fight the Flu.

Athletes of the Week 10/16/23 - 10/22/23

Alyssa Abbatiello, Soccer - (grade 8) Alyssa had an impressive 4 goal game last week which led the team to a 5-0 victory vs Fox Lane.

Andrew Cafaldo, Football - (grade 8). 140 yds rushing with 2 touchdowns.

Emily Faust, Volleyball - has been on a tear this last week as setter helping to win all three games. She has a cumulative 13 tips and 7 setter dumps as well as two serve streaks. WAY TO GO EMILY!

Patrick Leguillow, Cross Country - beat his personal best for this season with a time of 12:32 which earned him 20th place overall. Patrick looked great against Van Wyck and Carmel, he was relaxed and kept pace the entire time.

Michael Miliambro, Soccer - (grade 7) goalie, had another outstanding shutout performance in goal for the boys soccer team! This is his 5th shutout of the season.

Oriani Nunez, Field Hockey - had a great goal against Brewster this week! She played the field well and excelled at communicating with her teammates!

Yaretzi Rodriguez, Cross Country - earned a personal best time of 11:33 and 8th place overall against Van Wyck and Carmel. She has been training outside of practice and pushing herself. She is breaking her personal record almost every week.

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: Has a big race at the Somers Invitational today against 20 other middle schools and **over 500 participants**. Wish the team luck as we compete against some of the best runners in Dutchess County. Runners need to change into their uniforms and meet coach Atkins at the flagpole entrance by 2:30pm.

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.

HOMEWORK HELP: “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: 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 will resume our weekly Wednesday meetings this week 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 6th. See Mr. Kaleta in Room 106.

ART INTEGRATION: Will meet this week on Thursday, 10/26 in room 217 until 3:50 pm. Students can arrange parent pick up or take the late bus. All are welcome!

JAZZ BAND: Rehearsals are on Thursdays after school until 3:30 pm.

CRC: CULTURAL RESPONSE CLUB: CRC will meet this week on Wednesday, 10/25 in room 217 until the late bus. 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-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.

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

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

November 7 – Superintendent Conference Day – No School for Students
November 8 – WJH PTA Meeting – 7 pm
November 9 – Marking Period Quarter 1 ends
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”