

## **DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today is Wednesday October 25, 2023 - Day 4**

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.

### **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.

**EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL TODAY:** Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto: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.

**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).

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.

**FALL DANCE FRIDAY:** 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. Parents should drop off students in the front circle of the school building by the flag pole.

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

**BLOOD DRIVE THURSDAY:** 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](mailto:rosellen.hardt@wcsdny.org) Walk-ins are welcome any time after 3:00

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

**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**

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC trip ends today, 10/23. All forms should be handed in to Mrs. Cerrato in Room 218.

**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.**

**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:** TBD

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.

**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:	Cross Country Team
Healthy Side Dish/Pasta/Salad:	Football Team/Cheerleaders
Snacks (chips, pretzels, etc.)	Boys & Girls Soccer Team
Desserts (cupcakes, cookies, donuts, etc):	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>

### **SHOUT OUTS:**

Wapp girls volleyball beat fox lane yesterday in an amazing game 4-1. Ella Gollins scored 2 streaks, Erin Zangerle had her best unreturned serves to date and Keira Witchey served to win the game. Congrats girls!

Boy's Soccer Won 2-0 over John Jay Cross River yesterday. Goals scored by Christian Murry and Benji Perino. Great defense played by Bryan Criollo and Cole Masten. Another shutout by goalie Michael Miliambro.

Modified Cross Country: did an amazing job at the Somers Invitational. The 7th grade boys & girls won 7th place overall out of 21 schools! 8th grade boys earned 12th place and the 8th grade girls won 6th place.

We had three Wappingers runners make the top 30 athletes (out of hundreds) with medals. These individuals were William Pardonner, Elizabeth Delrosso and Elijah Dunlow. Congratulations to ALL the runners for completing a very challenging and hilly course!

**INTRAMURALS** – PE Intramurals will be running this week Monday thru Friday 6:30 am to 7:30 am BASKETBALL 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 (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. Conklin/Mrs. Price.

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

10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 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 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 (THURSDAYS)**: Jazz Band will meet on Thursday, 10/26 until 3:30 pm.

**CRC: CULTURAL RESPONSE CLUB (WEDNESDAYS)**: 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/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.

**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.

**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.

**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

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – See Something, Say Something Assembly

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 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”