



WAPPINGERS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October, 2021

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WJH Vision Statement

At Wappingers Junior High School, we envision a school where all students have the opportunity to achieve their full potential in an academic environment through creativity, flexibility and accountability while being encouraged and supported by educators, administrators, parents and the community.

What's New:

PTA Information

Picture Day/Yearbooks

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NO Cell Phones

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PINK OUT Fridays!

Messages from

WJH PTA

You can join the WJH PTA and become a member. Click this link:

JOIN PTA

OFFICERS for 2021-2022

Niki Cantalupo - President

Kathleen McGinnis - Vice President

Teresa Furman - Secretary

Melissa DuQuesnay - Treasurer



Cookie Fundraiser

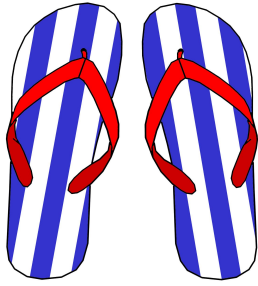
YEARBOOKS: Below is the Link for yearbook sales. The site is now active and yearbooks can be purchased for \$35. We will be setting up sales at any event we can attend so that students can pay in cash, and pending approval from the PTA, checks as well.

[Order Yearbooks Here](#)

WJH PICTURE DAY

Picture day is Thursday, October 21.
Re-take day will be Monday, November 22nd.





**WJHS PTA
is having a SHOE Drive!**

We are kicking off a Shoe Drive this week and need help throughout it.

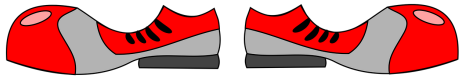
There are plenty of ways to help:

Spread the word

**Help at a Drop Off Event November 6
from 12-3pm**

**Commit to collecting a bag of shoes with
25 pairs of shoes**

**Help in any way-behind the scenes,
collect shoes at your place of business,
help load the truck the day of pick up
(TBD- January), etc.**



there will be a box.

The last day is December 17th to drop off shoes.

*****Drop off Drive by will be November 6th from 12-3pm at the main entrance of the school*****

We are accepting all gently worn, used and new shoes, sneakers and even cleats.

However, there are some restrictions, which are as follows:

***single shoes or mismatched pairs of shoes**

***ice skates**

***rollerblades / roller skates**

***wet/moldy shoes**

***shoes with holes or tears.**



This is a HAND-UP, not a HAND-OUT. A fundraiser that gives back!

*****Shoes can be dropped off anytime during school in the School Vestibule -**



Hispanic Heritage Month
(Sept 15 - Oct 15)

National Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated September 15th through October 15th, recognizes the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

The day of September 15th is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16th and September 18th, respectively. Hispanic Americans have significantly contributed to sports, music, economy, food, politics and literature in this country.

And even in our own schools, we welcome and celebrate students from Guatemala, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Venezuela, Cuba and other countries. Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!



HOMEWORK HELP FOR 7TH GRADERS
(Mrs. Liberta & Mrs. Milanese)

Students are able to stay after school in room 206 or they can join the Google Meet.

The code is: **jb75vom**

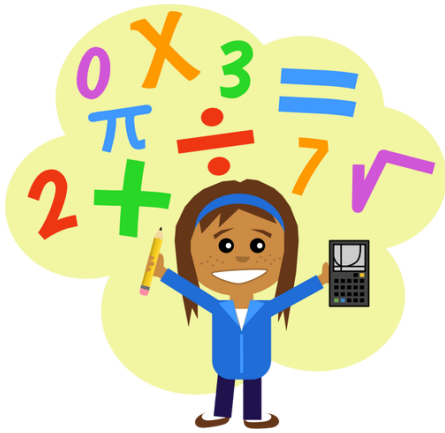
Here are the dates:

Tuesday October 12, 19

Tuesday November 9, 30

Tuesday December 7, 21

There are late buses on Tuesdays - Students can take the late bus or be picked up by a parent/guardian.



EXTRA HELP Math – 8th Grade

8th Grade Math Teachers are working together to provide as many opportunities for extra help as possible.

Monday afternoons Room 144 – Ms. Price

Tuesday afternoons Room 140 – Ms. Marold

Wednesday afternoons Room 140 – Ms. Bush

Thursday afternoons Room 130 – Mrs. Conklin

Friday Mornings Extra help will be at 6:45 am with Mrs. Nevel.

Extra help will also be available by appointment Mondays thru Thursdays with Mrs. Nevel **BY APPOINTMENT.**

Reach out to her on her google voice (845) 391-3731 to make an appointment.

There will be late buses on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 pm. You will need your own ride for the morning help or extra help after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Extra help on Mondays and Wednesdays goes until 3:30 pm.

If you need to log in virtually for extra help, you can go to the following link!

Math Extra Help – Virtual Link
<https://meet.google.com/lookup/hmfcaa5rnb>



**CELL PHONES &
ELECTRONIC DEVICES
ARE PROHIBITED –**

**PAGE 13 WCSD CODE OF
CONDUCT**

It is the policy of the Wappingers Central School District that students in grades Pre-K through 8 will be prohibited from possessing smartphones, smartwatches (i.e., internet enabled devices) and other electronic devices and related accessories (e.g., 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. The school district is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged smart devices.



Mrs. King Presents

We are showcasing the literary works of students from Mrs. King's 8th Grade ELA class. From Mrs. King: "Allowing students the freedom to freely write, is the single most important action a student can take towards reducing the hesitancy some students have towards writing. Writing freely, without judgement, without criticism provides a safe, healthy level of expression. We have quite a few, very talented writers in the classroom! Enjoy!"

by Michael Batta

**I am polite and smart.
I wonder if I could be more.
I hear a siren in my ears.**



I see a shadow in the horizon

**I want to be better.
I am polite and smart.
I pretend that I am more.
I feel an urge for power.
I touch something I can't see.**

**I worry about it a lot.
I cry about bad stuff.
I am polite and kind.
I understand I have a family who loves
me.**

**I say I am athletic.
I dream about greatness.
I try to be more.
I hope one day I can be.
I am polite and kind.**

BY: Domenick Amendolia



**I am athletic and creative
I wonder if dogs can understand us
I hear the birds chirp**

**I see the astronauts in the ocean
I want a fluffy gorilla
I am athletic and creative**



**I pretend to not be imposter (sus)
I feel the breeze
I touch the computer keys
I cry when the teacher yells**

**I am athletic and creative
I understand the hood language (yuh)
I say God is good
I dream to be a successful man**



**I try to do good in school
I hope for a good future
I am athletic and creative**

By Ella MacIsaac

I am small but tough

I wonder about my past

I hear the school bell calling my name

I see my past teachers behind me

I want to fly down the right path

I am small but tough

*I pretend to be a milliliter in a kilometer
world*

I feel the cold air pulling me back to my seat

*I touch the flowing cotton candy river
beneath me*

I worry about the dangers near

I cry about my past life

I am small but tough

I understand there are no magical creatures

I say the magic is all around me

*I dream about the day I will crawl out of
the cave*

I try to climb higher

I hope to reach the top

I am small but tough

By Luca Fugo

**I am compassionate and tenacious
I wonder how the milky way “born” to
host us**

**I hear my mother cranking open my
bedroom door at dusk with good news
I see the light piercing my bedroom
darkness with her dark figure standing in
my doorway**

**I want good news to be brought home by
my mother, that her fight with cancer is
over**

I am compassionate and tenacious

**I pretend to time travel to various past
times in my life, re-enacting the scenario
I feel God’s hand on my shoulder, steering
me through success**

I touch mars

I fear dire news

I cry for my mother

I am compassionate and tenacious

**I understand my mother’s warmth
towards me**

**I say that “life is a bicycle; to stay
balanced, I have to continue moving
forward”**

I dream of admission to MIT

I try to exceed others expectations

**I hope others find peace in there life
I am compassionate and tenacious**



Massachusetts Institute of Technology



I wish to step foot on mars



Me and my mother will stay inseparable



The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls

What is a Rotary Club? The Rotary is a service organization of business and professional people composed of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

The Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls recognized the October Students of the month from Roy C. Ketcham High School, Wappingers Junior High School, Evans Elementary and Myers Corners Elementary. Each student received a certificate from the Rotary Club of Wappingers Falls, Town of Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston and a Letter from the Village of Wappingers Falls Mayor Rick Cerino. We again congratulate the students and their families.

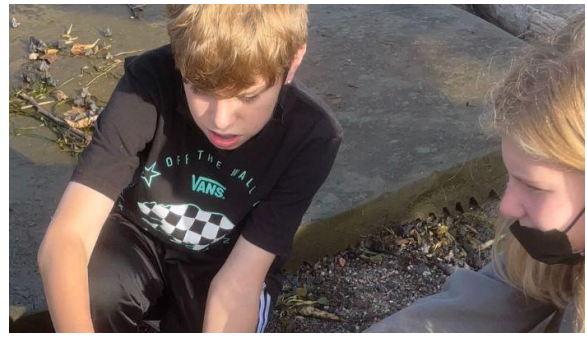


For many years the Wappingers Rotary Club has hosted a luncheon at Longobardi's restaurant for students from local schools. Students are nominated by individuals in their building. October Winner is 7th grader, Ja'Kayla Cook. Ja'Kayla was nominated by Mrs. Mead for her initiative to help the English Language Learners in class. At the luncheon Ja'Kayla received three plaques plus gift certificates for Barnes and Noble and Longobardi's. Congratulations Ja'Kayla!

Team 7 Yellow's Field Trip to Chelsea Yacht Club

On 10/14/21 Team 7 Yellow went to Chelsea Yacht Club in Wappingers to have a "Day in the life of the Hudson River".

A program in conjunction with the NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation, Cornell and Columbia Universities where students perform real hands-on scientific research to gather community science data on the health of the Hudson River.



CAPE - Council on Addiction Prevention and Education

Hello WJHS Community,
My name is Andrea McKindles, and I am excited to introduce myself as the Student Assistance Counselor/ Prevention Counselor at Wappingers Junior High School. I will be providing drug prevention activities and counseling services to students. Wappingers Central School District contracts with the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education of Dutchess County, Inc. (CAPE) to provide this resource. The goal of this program is to prevent substance use among students and to teach students skills to identify and resist social pressures to use substances or participate in other unhealthy behaviors.
During the last week of October,

WJHS celebrated Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is the largest awareness campaign in the country to provide information about the dangers of drug use. Students were invited during their lunch periods to share why they want to stay drug-free and receive information and giveaways!

Feel free to reach out with any questions! I can be reached at 845-227-1700, ext. 20028 or andrea.mckindles@wcsdny.org

Thanks,
Andrea McKindles, LMHC



Thirty five hoodies/jackets have been donated to the Dutchess Outreach annual coat drive.

Is your child missing a sweater, jacket, notebook, water bottle, pencil case or lunch bag? Your child can look during their lunchtime or study hall in our Lost & Found closet located in the main lobby area. Lost jewelry, electronics, earbuds and eyeglasses are stored in the main office. It is important to label items whenever possible, as labeled items can be returned directly to students. The lost and found closet is cleaned out during the last week of each quarter and unclaimed items are donated to a local charity.

Student Expectations with Chromebooks

- You maintain the device and report any issues, incidental or otherwise, to the Computer Lab TA as soon as possible.
- The device is with you daily, class by class, and is brought to school fully charged
- School issued devices must be carried in the provided carrying case at all times while transporting the device indoors and outdoors
- You follow WCSD's acceptable use policy and teacher guidelines at all times.
- Do not mark on your device in any way
- Do not put stickers or skins on your device
- Do not remove any asset tags or labels
- Do not leave it unattended
- If the device is accidentally forgotten and needed in class, loaners may be available in the classroom.





Dear Parents,

This year, we will use the Scripps National Spelling Bee's online testing platform to hold our school spelling bee via an online spelling and word meaning test.

The first step to spelling bee participation for your child is registering for the online testing platform by visiting <https://online-test.spellingbee.com>.

I encourage you to watch this video tutorial that will walk you through the registration process:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ThKRsfFiFc>

Once you have registered, I will be able to assign the appropriate test to your child. Your child must complete the test before the given deadline; 11/30/21. Tests can be taken on any device with a web browser, including desktop computers, laptops, tablets and smart phones. Chrome, Firefox and Microsoft Edge are our preferred browsers. We do not support Safari for desktop or Internet Explorer.

The student from WJHS with the highest score will move on to compete at the district level. This year, the administration of our district-level competition is TBD.

Our district champion will then move on to represent Wappingers Central School District in the next level of the Capital Region Bee, which also may include online tests in lieu of in-person spelling bee events.

Remember, the first step to spelling bee participation is to register at online-test.spellingbee.com.

Please register your child at your earliest convenience as I will begin assigning tests to students soon. If you have already registered in the online testing platform for another child, you can log in to your account and add an additional child to that same parent account. There is no need to register a different email address for each child in your household.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions about our school spelling bee program. I look forward to having your child compete to represent our school!

Sincerely,

Heather Cameron

*7th Grade English Language Arts Teacher,
Team 7 Blue*

English Department Teacher-In-Charge

Wappingers Junior High School

Update: The WCSD District Spelling Bee will be held in-person at WJH on Thursday, December 16th from 5 pm - 7 pm for all grade level winners.



WJH PINK OUT FRIDAYS!!

Every October, people all over the world show their support for everyone affected by breast cancer.

We're focused on accelerating research and providing vital support, every way we can, all year round.

This month, we're committed to showing you that no matter who you are, whatever your experience of breast cancer – we're always with you.





A number of students and faculty members who are voted the most “pinked out,” wins a prize. All the proceeds will go to local Breast Cancer Charities at the conclusion of the month.

The WJH student body and staff raised a total of \$1,795 during the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness month!



All month long at our school, we are challenging our students to participate in a number of activities to give each of them a sense of community and what it’s like to come together to support a cause. Each Friday of October is “PINK OUT” in which we have a contest to encourage our students to get crazy with their pink and show their spirit.



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"The mission of the Wappingers Central School District is to empower all of our students with the competencies and confidence to challenge themselves, to pursue their passions, and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community."