



# WAPPINGERS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September, 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.*

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## **Message from the Principal, Mr. Thompson**

Greeting WJHS Community,

We are off to a great start for the school year at Wappingers JHS! The positive energy from both the students and staff has been very motivating and powerful. Together we all are adjusting, creating routines, and working diligently to support each other.

The focus of our school year is to establish student connections to the school and support the emotional well being of all students. Creating a welcoming and supportive school environment will help in addressing the gaps in lost learning time from the previous school year. Please explore the available opportunities for extra help and educational assistance that teachers are providing for their students. In addition to that support there are after school programs offering students assistance with schoolwork.

This year, we are also very pleased and excited to be able to provide all WJHS students with the ability to have access to their own chromebooks for daily use in the school and at home. With the utilization of the Google Classroom educational suite students and educators are granted an extended variety of resources for learning and instruction. We are looking to create responsible digital citizens that are engaged directly in all aspects of their education.

Health and safety are always at the forefront of our concerns and students have been following the protocols and guidelines accordingly. We are glad to be back to full in person instruction and eagerly look forward to resuming the full complement of extra curricular activities and events this school year!

"WE ARE WAPPINGERS"

## 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 Fuman - Secretary**

**Melissa DuQuesnay - Treasurer**

### WJH PICTURE DAY

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



**WJH Fall Sports:  
Cheerleading, Boys & Girls  
Cross Country, Girls Field  
Hockey, Football, Boys & Girls  
Soccer & Girls Volleyball.**

**Our Coaches for the Fall Season  
Sports are:**

**Cheerleading - Hannah Bishop**

**Cross Country - Jeremy Atkins**

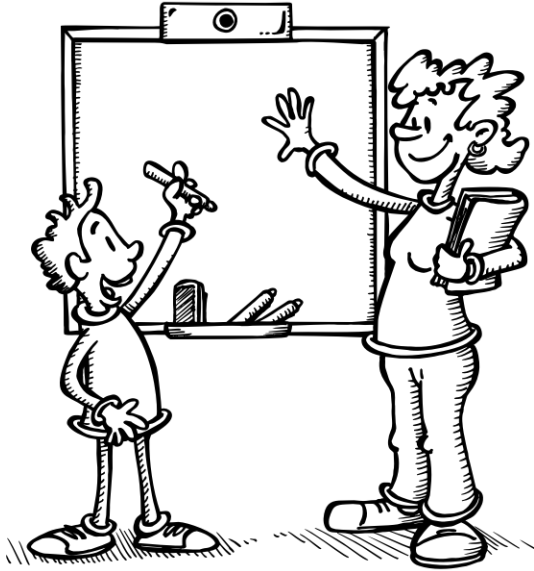
**Girls Field Hockey - Christopher  
Sautter**

**Football - Patrick Pennacchio**

**Soccer (Boys) - Robert Lynch**

**Soccer (Girls) - Brandon Opitz**

**Girls Volleyball - Glen Calvin**



**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, 16

Tuesday December 7, 21

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

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**EXTRA HELP Math – 8th Grade**

8th Grade Math Teachers are working together to provide as many opportunities for extra help as possible. This started on Monday, September 27th.

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 afternoons Room 130 – Mrs. Nevel

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>

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# WJH CLUB INFORMATION:

These are just some of the clubs and organizations that WJH is offering to our students to participate. Take a moment to read!



## ARTS INTEGRATION

gives students an opportunity to have more than 10 weeks of exposure to the arts and how we incorporate the arts into our everyday lives.

ADVISOR – CHRISTINE  
ATTLESEY-STEGER

Mrs. Attlesey-Steger (Art Integration Club) If you have any questions, please stop by 217 or email Mrs. Attlesey-Steger @ [christine.steger@wcsdny.org](mailto:christine.steger@wcsdny.org)

Arts Integration Club meeting today is cancelled. It has been rescheduled for both Tuesday, October 5th and Thursday October 7th in room 217 until the late bus. (2:30 - 3:50)

The schedule for Arts Integration in October is as follows:

Thursday, October 14

Thursday, October 21

Thursday, October 28

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## JAZZ BAND

gives students the opportunity to learn Jazz style, analysis and improvisation. The students will learn to read and play jazz style symbols as well as learning to improvise to traditional chordal harmonies. The students will demonstrate their understanding of jazz music through several performances throughout the school year.

ADVISOR – REBECCA DANIELS

Mrs. Daniels (Jazz Band) - Any student interested in auditioning for the Jazz Band, please pick up an audition packet in the main office or see Mrs. Daniels. Auditions will be held right after school in the auditorium on Thursday September 30th until 3:45.



**PRIDE CLUB**

To provide a community where students learn about and celebrate LGBTQ subjects and history, as well as being better human beings. Advocates for civility and pride in our school.

**ADVISORS - JEREMY  
POGEMILLER-KERMANI &  
MARY MCGOWAN**

Mr. PK & Mrs. McGowan - The Pride Club is a club that celebrates the LGBTQ community and everyone is welcome to join. Please see Mr. PK in Room 148 or Mrs. McGowan in Room 146 if you have any questions.

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**CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE CLUB**

The mission of the CRC is to celebrate the diversity of the WJHS school community, to promote culturally competent practices throughout the building and a school environment free of prejudice, to listen and respond to student’s individualized needs, analyze and engage with current events, and build communal value and fluency in responding to cultural differences.

**ADVISORS - ALANDRA PRICE,  
JEREMY POGEMILLER-KERMANI &  
CHRISTINE ATTLESEY-STEGER**

The Culturally Responsive Committee will have our first meeting on Thursday, September 30th after school. Both teachers and students are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions contact Ms. Price, Mr. PK, or Mrs. Steger. All are welcome!

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**STUDENT GOVERNMENT:**

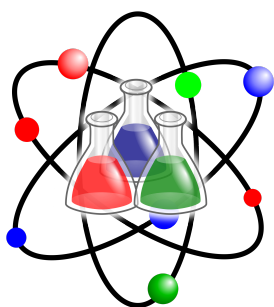
A Student Government is a group of elected and volunteer students working together with an adult advisor within the framework of a constitution or bylaws to provide a means for student expression and assistance in school affairs and activities, give opportunities for student experience in leadership and encourage student/faculty/community relations.

Student Government promotes citizenship, scholarship, leadership, human relations and cultural values.

**ADVISOR - HARRY RAMIREZ:**

any student interested in joining Student Government – Please see Mr. Ramirez in Room M-11.

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**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

To prepare for and compete in the Mid-Hudson Regional Division B Science Olympiad Tournament. To foster a community of learners that develop their

skills in science, technology, arts, engineering, and math. Founded in 1984, Science Olympiad is an American team competition in which students compete in 23 events pertaining to various scientific disciplines, including Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Engineering. Over 7,800 middle school and high school teams from 50 US states compete each year.

**ADVISOR - SARA DROTZER – she will let you know when this club will begin meeting.**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLUB –**

Expose students to real live science topics and hands-on research globally, nationally and locally. Club members will be directly in touch with research scientists and professors from Universities and environmental organizations. Students will also have the opportunity to get involved in real science research in their community.

**ADVISOR - ROSELLEN HARDT – she will let you know when this club will begin meeting.**

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### DRAMA CLUB

Students will have the opportunity to participate in the Spring Musical Production in a variety of roles:

- **Technical** – technical aspects of productions and special events. Includes lighting, sound and audio/visual. Students will develop lighting plan, run lighting board, hang lights, develop and run the sound plot and all sound effects.
- **Production** – finances, tickets, programs, invitations, advertisements, publicity, parent/community relations, t-shirts, lobby organization of flower sales, food sales, ticket sales, publicity and general set up.
- **Set Crew** – creating set designs for each scene of the musical from flat to 3-D design, students learn how to use electrical tools in a safe manner and students learn painting techniques on flats and drops.
- **Pit Band Ensemble**
- **Cast Members - Main Characters & Chorus**

- **Costumes & Make-up**

**PRODUCTION STAGE CREW ADVISOR – Zackary McDonald**

**PRODUCTION ADVISOR – Margaret Bogan**

**ASSISTANT PRODUCTION ADVISOR – Rebecca Daniels**

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR – Linda Eckert**

**PRODUCTION CHORAL ADVISOR – Linda Eckert**

**PRODUCTION TECHNICAL DIRECTOR – Janice Lawler & TBA**

**DRAMA CLUB** will begin meeting in December thru March, Stage Crew will begin meeting in November thru March. Our Spring Production is scheduled for March, 2022. Stay tuned for later announcements as to when auditions and meetings will begin.

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**SKI CLUB** – Scheduling (4) ski/snowboard weekend trips during the school year. Students will be responsible to pay for bus and lift tickets.

**ADVISOR – ROSELLEN HARDT** – she will advise when an information meeting will be scheduled to discuss the trips.





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

**PAGE 13 WCSO 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!"

**COMING SOON!!!!**



**DRESS CODE: Page 15 WCSD**  
**Code of Conduct**

Students are expected to be dressed and groomed in an appropriate manner. Students must be dressed in appropriate clothing and protective equipment as required for physical education classes, participation in athletics, science laboratories and home and careers skills classes.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED TO BE INAPPROPRIATE AND ARE PROHIBITED IN SCHOOL OR AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS:**

- 1. Any dress or appearance which advocates discrimination or denigrates others based upon race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability;*
- 2. Any dress or appearance which encourages or advocates the use of drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco;*

- 3. Any dress or appearance which encourages illegal or violent activities;*
- 4. Any dress or appearance which constitutes a threat or danger to the health and safety of students (ie: gang wear, heavy jewelry or jewelry with spikes or chains which can injure the students or others);*
- 5. Any dress or appearance which allows sight of midriff, or any undergarments;*
- 6. Any dress or appearance, exclusive of religious or medical reasons, that hides or changes a student's identity (ex. FACE COVERINGS, sunglasses, sweatshirt hoods, hats, etc.);*
- 7. Any dress or appearance which, in the judgment of the school administration, may be reasonably forecast to cause a material or substantial disruption;*

# 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.



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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."*