

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Today is Monday, September 18 – Day 3

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.

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.**

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-tu73XIO-3zqBhfCCJqZyYg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHymeSDvc6rmm2edvZkSesnle-tu73XIO-3zqBhfCCJqZyYg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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

PE – PE Intramurals will be running this week Monday thru Friday 6:30 am to 7:30 am. Students will need a ride to school to participate.

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.

PRIDE CLUB: Mr. Pogemiller-Kermani (PK) invites students to Pride Club for its first meeting on Wednesday, 9/20 immediately after school until the late bus. If you are staying after school for Pride Club, please take the late bus or have a ride to pick up for 3:50 pm. If you are a van rider, you must tell Mr. P.K. before Wednesday so he can arrange for you to have a ride home. Pride Club meets in Room 148. Please see Mr. P.K. for more details.

JAZZ BAND: Any student interested in joining Jazz Band should pick up an audition packet from the Main Office or from Mrs. Daniels (in Room 131). Auditions will be on Thursday, 9/28

immediately after school until 3:15 pm. You will need a ride home at 3:15 pm. Jazz Band includes: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, tuba, violin, cello, piano, guitar, bass, drum set and mallet percussion.

**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>

**LOCKERS:** All students were given a locker on the first day of school. Students should be using their lockers to store their backpacks and personal belongings. Please make sure your child memorizes their locker number and combinations.

**WASHINGTON DC:** Parents – there will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, 9/19 at 7:00 pm to discuss the 8th grade Washington DC Trip. If you are interested in your child attending this field trip, please plan on attending. The trip is scheduled for May 15 thru 17.

**BOSTON MA:** Parents – there will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, 9/19 at 6:00 pm to discuss the 7th grade Boston, MA trip. If you are interested in your child attending this field trip, please plan on attending. The trip is scheduled for April 18 and 19.

**I-READY:** Reading: will be on Thursday, September 21, 2023

**LATE BUSES:** Starting this week - 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.

**MATH ENRICHMENT:** We will be offering a Math Enrichment program with Dr. Irvin Miller beginning October 2 thru June 14 after school on Wednesdays from 2:30 pm until late bus. The program will outline rates, problems, algebra, and the plotting of graphs. The purpose is to develop confidence in the students and teach them the techniques for learning and studying. Forms will be given to your child's math teachers to be distributed. If you are interested in your child participating, please fill out the form and return it to the Main Office. If you do not want your child to participate, you do not need to fill out anything.

**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.

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

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.

WAPPINGERS CREW: From Elizabeth Schlusser – Wappingers Crew Club Varsity Girl's Rowing Coach and Advisor ([Elizabeth.schlusser@wcsdny.org](mailto:Elizabeth.schlusser@wcsdny.org))

On Wednesday Sept 20th - Practice will be held at Sharpe Reservation and athletes will get their first chance at being on the water. Email [WCCwinning@gmail.com](mailto:WCCwinning@gmail.com) with questions.

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.

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.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 19 – Parent Meeting for Boston, MA (7th grade) and Washington DC (8th grade)

Field Trip – 6:00 pm for Boston, 7:00 pm for Washington

September 25 – Holiday – No School for Students

September 26 – Parents As Partners Night (Open House) 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm \*\*reflect new time\*\*

Remember.....“WE ARE WAPPINGERS”