

## WJH Daily Announcements – December 1st – Day Cycle 5

Fall Sports Pictures have arrived!! Please see Mrs. Biegun in Room 244 this week to pick up your pictures.

**WINTER CONCERT INFORMATION:** Our Winter Concert dates (have been changed) and will be as follows:

Wednesday December 8 -

Band 7 will perform 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Band 8 will perform 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Thursday December 9 - Orchestra Grades 7 & 8/Chorus Grades 7 & 8

Orchestra will perform 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Chorus will perform 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm

These concerts are going to be held, in-person, at Roy C Ketcham HS.

Please disregard any previous mailings or announcements you may have received. You will be receiving further information from your child's teachers.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**WRESTLING: (Coach Gianni Palanca):** REVISION - Try outs have started this week and there has been a change to their schedule – students will be taking Bus Trip#4 to Ketcham HS immediately at dismissal (2:25 pm) to attend their try outs.

Students WILL NOT BE STAYING AT WJH until 3:30 pm as previously reported.

We have called all students on the roster and notified them of this change.

Parents should pick up their child at Ketcham HS no later than 4:30 pm.

### **WINTER BASKETBALL TRY OUT DATES – START THIS WEEK!!!!**

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** Coach Robert Lynch

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** Coach Brandon Opitz

12/1 – Boys Basketball 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade - 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Girls Basketball - 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

12/2 – Boys Basketball 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade - 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Girls Basketball - 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

12/3 – Boys & Girls Basketball (all grades) 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

**DRAMA CLUB:** We are very excited to announce that this year's Spring Musical will be Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella! Any students interested in auditioning for the cast should attend the informational meeting on Tuesday, December 7th afterschool in the Auditorium until 3:45 pm.

**FROM THE LIBRARY:** "Students, please check your school email accounts for overdue library material notices. Please return your overdue items as soon as possible. Any questions, see Mrs. Green in the library."

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**MANY OF OUR STUDENTS ARE ARRIVING AT SCHOOL WITHOUT A MASK. (MASKS ARE A REQUIREMENT). IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PARENTS PROVIDE THEIR CHILD WITH A MASK TO WEAR AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**

**MANY OF OUR STUDENTS ARE FORGETTING THEIR CHROMEBOOKS. STUDENTS NEED TO REMEMBER TO BRING THEIR CHROMEBOOKS TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY!**

**SPELLING BEE:** The winner will be moving on to represent our school in the WCSD District Spelling Bee to be held, in-person, on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at WJH Auditorium.

**FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:** Students need to bring in water bottles for the fill station. There are no cups available as they are on back order.

Dutchess County Protocol for Symptomatic or Positive COVID 19 students or staff:

Dutchess County Contact Tracing Workflow Chart:

\*Winter Sports\* Please check the status of your registration on FamilyID. At this time, many students are 'Not Approved' and need to submit additional paperwork.

**WINTER CHEERLEADING:** Coach Emily Marold

The WJHS Cheer Team is collecting non-perishable food items for Dutchess County foster families through Fostering Hope Together through 12/10/21. A donation box is located in the lobby and items accepted are canned corn, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup, frenches crispy onions, instant mashed potatoes, baked stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, apple

sauce, brownie mix, sugar cookie mix and gift cards to local grocery stores. We appreciate our schools support!

**\*\*\* CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS \*\*\***

**WJH CLUB INFORMATION:** Take a moment to read our September newsletter to learn about our clubs and activities!

**Late Buses:** We will have late buses every Tuesday and Thursday. It will pick up students at 3:50 pm and leaves WJH at 4:00 pm.

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**ARTS INTEGRATION (Mrs. Attlesey-Steger):** Arts Integration Club will meet Thursday, 12/2 in Room 217 until 3:50 pm.

**JAZZ BAND (Mrs. Daniels):** Jazz Band will meet every Thursday from 2:25 pm – 3:45 pm.

**STAGE CREW (Mr. McDonald):** Stage crew is starting again at the end of the month.

"Attention drama crew applicants, stage crew members have been chosen; check for your ID number near room 131, the tech hallway, or outside the main office."

Sets & Props will be meeting Tuesdays & Thursdays (Nov 30 – Dec 21) from 2:25 pm – 3:50 pm in the Auditorium.

**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: jb75vomRoom 206

December: 12/7 & 12/21

January: 1/4 & 1/18

February: 2/1 & 2/8

March: 3/8 & 3/22

April: 4/5 & 4/19

May: 5/10 & 5/31

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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.

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.

THERE WILL BE NO EXTRA HELP ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Tuesday, November 30, Thursday December 2, Monday December 6, Tuesday December 14, Wednesday December 22, and Thursday December 23.

The last day of extra help will be Tuesday December 21.

Extra help will also be available by appointment Mondays thru Thursdays (AM) 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 PTA MESSAGES**

Don't forget to renew your membership for the 2021-2022 school year by using the link below:

<https://wjhspta.memberhub.com/store>

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, Commit to collecting a bag of shoes with 25 pairs of shoes, Help in anyway-behind the scenes, collect shoes at your place of business, help load the truck the day of pick up (TBD- January), etc.

\*\*\*Shoes can be dropped off anytime during school in the School Vestibule - there will be a box. The last day is December 17th to drop off shoes.

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!

### **YEARBOOK -**

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.

<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/WJHS2022>

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### **FROM THE MAIN OFFICE**

Parents can email absent or early dismissal notes to the Main Office at [carol.naughton@wcsdny.org](mailto:carol.naughton@wcsdny.org).

All school notes should be handed into 1st period class teacher at the beginning of class EACH MORNING. Teachers will place notes in folders on the classroom doors for pick up by school monitor.

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Bus passes will not be issued at this time.

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### **COMPUTER USER AGREEMENTS:**

We still have a few 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who did not turn in a signed Student Computer User Agreement. If we do not receive a signed Agreement from these students, their user accounts will be locked by the District, and will not be re-opened until we receive these agreements.

### **CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED - PAGE 13 (WCSD CODE OF CONDUCT)**

**DRESS CODE:** Students should be following the proper dress code indicated in the Code of Conduct Page 15.

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### **CHROMEBOOK STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:**

♣ You maintain the device and report any issues, incidental or otherwise, to the Computer Lab TA (Located in the back of Library) 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 Computer Lab in back of Library.

The Chromebook Protection Plan deadline ended on October 15th. If you did not sign up for this protection plan, any damage, repairs or replacements to a Chromebook, will be the responsibility of the family.

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### **CELEBRATE DECEMBER'S NATIONAL DAYS:**

Today - Each year on December 1st, dessert lovers across the United States enjoy a slice of their favorite on National Pie Day. Pie is so delicious we celebrate it twice a year. The more popular date is January 23rd.

While it might be the lesser of the two celebrated PIE days (don't forget National Pi Day on March 14th), it happens to fall smack dab in the middle of a major pie-making season.

Take away ice cream as a dessert choice, and most people choose either cake people or pie people. Or, to put it another way, most people have cake or pie with their ice cream! The day combines our bumper fruit crops with a booming holiday season full of baked goods, cool weather, and rosy-cheeked children. It's definitely time to tie on those apron strings and get baking.

Tomorrow: On December 2nd, National Special Education Day recognizes changes in federal legislation that led to the nation's first federal special education law.

Beginning in 1971, a U.S. District Court case in the District of Columbia, *Mills v. Board of Education*, ruled it unlawful to deny exceptional children, including those with mental and learning disabilities, publicly funded educational opportunities. Court cases like this led to the 1975 Education for All Handicapped Children Act. President Gerald Ford signed the legislation into law on November 29th, 1975. The federal legislation required states that accept federal money to provide equal access to children with disabilities. In 1986, legislators added protections to support parents and educators in creating an education plan for children with disabilities. Then, in 1990, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act was renamed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and improved access for all children with developmental delay. Through the years, the act has been enhanced to improve services and standards throughout the educational system.

IDEA made education available to all American children and this day honors the progress that has been made in special education. Before IDEA, many individuals with disabilities received little to no education. Schools were not required to make accommodations for children with disabilities. While some states offered special schools, the education and resources were not necessarily equal. Additionally, many parents couldn't afford to send their children away to a special school.

The law stipulated that children with disabilities had a right to the same free education that every other child had access to. Between the ages of 3 and 21, there are 13 different areas where children may qualify under the IDEA for services. IDEA was instrumental in increasing graduation rates for students with disabilities.

IDEA resulted in many changes beyond bringing students equal education. The integration of students also helps to remove the stigma of disabilities. Another result of IDEA was the stimulation of technology for students with disabilities and for the classrooms. These technologies improved the education of all students.

Thank you.

Remember...WE ARE WAPPINGERS !!