

WJH Daily Announcements – December 2nd – Day Cycle 6

SPELLING BEE WINNER!!: Congratulations to Alona Vinod, who earned a PERFECT SCORE in the WJHS Spelling Bee, and is our winner! Alona will move on to the WCSD Spelling Bee on Thursday, December 16th, right here at Wappingers Junior High School. A special shout-out also goes to Purav Swaminarayan, who is our runner-up.

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 16th 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at WJH Auditorium.

Civility Pride Club is canceled for today, Thursday, December 2nd.

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

12/2 – Boys Basketball 7th/8th 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."

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!

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.

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

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 (NO MEETING TODAY)

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

THERE WILL BE NO EXTRA HELP ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

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>

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>

FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Parents can email absent or early dismissal notes to the Main Office at 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.

Bus passes will not be issued at this time.

COMPUTER USER AGREEMENTS:

We still have a few 7th & 8th 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.

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.

CELEBRATE DECEMBER'S NATIONAL DAYS:

Today - National Mutt Day encourages us to embrace, save and celebrate mixed breed dogs twice a year on July 31st and December 2nd.

Desperately longing for a new home, millions of loving and healthy mixed breed dogs in shelters wait for someone to come and adopt them. National Mutt Day provides an excellent opportunity to find the perfect canine companion. Despite the name, a mutt learns, obeys and trains much like purebred animals. While their lineage cannot be traced and their features a bit murky, their companionship will be faithful.

According to the ASPCA, approximately 3.3 million dogs enter shelters every year. When these abandoned and often abused animals find their way to a shelter, each one needs a forever home. Whether you know it or not, their potential is limitless. Some of the benefits of adoption are often hidden. Human and canine both enjoy increased physical activity. Another boost is social interaction through daily walks. While humans develop patience, their four-legged companion learns to trust and new limits. For example, as dogs explore the many scents of the human lifestyle, they usually discover shoes are off-limits.

No matter the breed, size or demeanor of the human, er, canine, the shelter will take the time to find the right home for their animals. They schedule visits and have procedures in place to promote healthy adoptions for families and individuals. While some dogs experience injury or illness, the shelters work with veterinarians to heal the animals before making them available for adoption.

Of course, shelters always welcome donations and volunteers. Dogs love walking, playing and being loved even if they haven't found their forever home. Every moment they spend socializing increases their opportunity for adoption.

Tomorrow: National Roof Over Your Head Day was created as a day to be thankful for what you have, starting with the roof over your head. There are many things that we have that we take for granted and do not stop to appreciate how fortunate we are for having them.

All across our nation, there are many that do not have the things that are necessary to everyday life. They may lack a roof over their heads, enough food to eat, or clothes to wear. For those who have those bare necessities, it may be insufficient.

The day reminds us to appreciate what we have. This day follows closely after Thanksgiving, a day to be thankful. So just like Thanksgiving, be thankful for what you do have and always remember, that it is a better feeling than worrying about what you do not have.

Thank you.

Remember...WE ARE WAPPINGERS !!