

WJH Daily Announcements - March 30 - Day Cycle 6

Happy Wednesday!!

NYS ELA ASSESSMENT: the NYS Grades 6-8 ELA test make-up exams will be scheduled thru April 8, 2022.

CINDERELLA:

Congratulations to the Cast, Crew and Advisors of Cinderella for two delightful performances!

SHOUT OUT: Good Luck to RCK Masque & Mime students on their production of "Fiddler on the Roof", this weekend - Friday April 1st, Saturday April 2nd and Sunday April 3rd. Tickets available - go to their website for more details.

Wappingers Junior High School will be having our 3rd Little Doctors blood drive of the school year on Thursday, March 31st in room 105 from 2:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Sign up to donate, save lives and be a silent hero.

Please Speak with a team 7-Yellow student to make an appointment, or reach out to Mrs. Hardt at rosellen.hardt@wcsdny.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENT(S) OF THE WEEK: Iago DaSilva & Nicholas Cerone.

RCK CHEER BOOSTER -

The Ketcham cheerleading coaches will hold an informational meeting for current 8th grade students (and parents) interested in trying out for the Ketcham cheer teams next season on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00 pm in the WJHS Cafeteria.

Support RCK & WJH Cheer with Spring chocolates!! Our site is live through 4/4. Orders shipped directly to you and are guaranteed delivery in time for Easter.

www.myniagarastore.com/RCKCHEER

The Ketcham Varsity Cheerleaders and coaching staff are offering a cheer clinic on Saturday, May 21st at RCK. This clinic is open to all students in 7th and 8th grade interested in learning skills in cheer, dance and stunting! Space is limited! Click link below:

<https://www.familyid.com/wappingers-central-school-district-continuing-ed-driver-education/rck-cheer-clinic>

Girl Scout Troop 10580 is collecting used eye glasses and readers to help people in need get glasses so they can see properly. We are working with the Lions Club International program. We will be placing a donation box in our school for the month of April.

Attached below, please find our digital flyer.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1acYsIT_R5FXBgELjnHjERELKRVpJb5suujenuayH1z4/edit

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY : National Junior Honor Society is for 8th grade students only. NJHS Candidates have been added to a google classroom. All applications were due on 3/18. Contact Cara Budd with questions or concerns.
Email: Cara.budd@wcsdny.org Ceremony will be Thursday April 21st.

JR. HIGH SPRING SPORTS:

Boys Baseball, Girls Softball, Boys & Girls Lacrosse & Boys & Girls Spring Track.

MODIFIED BASEBALL; Coach Jonnathan Cepeda. Email: jcepeda2409@gmail.com

MODIFIED GIRLS LACROSSE Coach Valerie Boscia Email: valerie.boscia@wcsdny.org

MODIFIED BOYS LACROSSE Coach Brock Ganeles - Students will stay after school in Room 113 (every day) until the shuttle bus comes at 3:30 pm to pick them up.

MODIFIED SOFTBALL; Coach Christopher Sautter - Email: Christopher.sautter@wcsdny.org.

MODIFIED TRACK & FIELD- Coaches Jeremy Atkins/Catherine Perri-Siena Emails: Jeremy.atkins@wcsdny.org & Catherine.perri@wcsdny.org

WJH Modified Track & Field: All students who are trying out for WJH Modified Track - all try-outs are at Wappingers Junior High School.

Wednesday will be 400m and 800m from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm. Students will need a ride home.

Thursday will be make-ups/discuss field events from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm. Students can take the late bus.

Bring water bottles and all your school materials with you. Check the Google Classroom for more details.

WAPPINGERS CREW CLUB: Crew Club students will meet in Room 113 (every day) from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm to await shuttle bus to pick them up.

CHILDCARE FORMS FOR 2022-2023

TRANSPORTATION HAS UPDATED THEIR CHILDCARE TRANSPORTATION FORM FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE SEE WJH WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

LOST & FOUND:

If your child lost a HYPLAND jacket, please contact the Main Office.

Please do not put any lost Chromebooks in Lost & Found. Please drop off at Main Office so we can return to proper owner!

PTA MESSAGE:

Our 8th Grade Grad Signs and Banners are available for sale!

Sale ends May 6th, so we can have delivery in the beginning of June.

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

The yearbook is underway and the staff is looking for photos. All fall, winter & spring sports need to be submitted now, along with any events or activities that have taken place. Clubs and concerts included. - All photos can be emailed to wearewappers@gmail.com

Yearbooks are on sale. The site is now active and yearbooks can be purchased for \$35.

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

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8th grade baby pictures - there is still time to submit your baby pictures for the yearbook.

Submit pictures to this link: Wearewappers@gmail.com

FROM MAIN OFFICE:

Parents: If you are picking up your child for early dismissal, the school requires a written note or email. Please make sure you have a written note at time of pick up. If your child is absent from school, please send a written note upon your child's return to school.

All school notes (absent/early dismissal/late or tardy/pick up at dismissal/walker pass) must be handed into 1st period class teacher at the beginning of class each day. Teachers will place notes in folders on the classroom doors for pick up.

We will no longer take phone calls and/or emails after 2pm for last minute pick-ups. Students will be instructed to take their scheduled bus home.

Notes can be emailed to: carol.naughton@wcsdny.org

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FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE: Students cannot come to the health office in between classes. Unless it is a medical emergency they should report to the next class and get a pass.

COVID-19 HOME TEST KITS are still available. You can contact the Main Office to obtain one.

FROM THE LIBRARY: "Students, please check your school emails for overdue library notices. Any questions, stop by the library and see Mrs. Green."

CLUB INFORMATION:

When our clubs & extra help classes meet on either Tuesdays or Thursdays from 2:30 pm until 3:50 pm there are late buses for students to take home. Late bus schedule is posted in School Lobby. Students should review to see what late bus they need to take home.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT IS SPONSORING SPIRIT WEEK - APRIL 4TH - 8TH

Monday - April 4th - Decade Day (50's, 60's, 70's, 80's)

Tuesday - April 5th - Favorite Vacation/Destination T-shirt Day

Wednesday - April 6th - Neon or Work Out Gear Day

Thursday - April 7th - School Colors Day (8th graders wear red/7th graders wear blue)

Friday - April 8th - Wappingers Gear

ART INTEGRATION:

Arts Integration is hosting an art contest for Wappingers Junior High School in celebration of Youth Art Month. The theme is "**What's Your Sign?**"

Make an artwork that celebrates your identity! 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize will win an Amazon gift card!



Your Art may be 2-d or 3-d and no larger than 24"X24".

The deadline is Friday, April 1st

If you have any questions, ask Mrs. Attlesey-Steger in room 217 or email

christine.steger@wcsdny.org

CRC: The CRC meeting is today (Wednesday, March 30th) until 4:30pm in Room 217 (Mrs. Steger's room). Since the meeting is on a Wednesday, in order to attend in person, you will need a ride home @ 4:30, or you can take the regular dismissal bus home and attend

virtually through the meet link in google classroom  We look forward to seeing everyone there 

PRIDE CLUB: The pride club will meet this Thursday, March 31st. This club meets every Thursday in Mr. PK's Room 148.

JAZZ BAND: resumes this week, Thursday, March 31st after school until 3:50 pm.

EXTRA MATH HELP 8TH GRADE

The math 8 teachers made some changes to the extra help we are providing to accommodate the need to also support the Math AIS After-School Program. Going forward, extra help will be PM Tuesday thru Thursday and AM on Mondays and Fridays. Please see the attached for our updated Extra Help schedule and link to the virtual sessions.

Next Week's Schedule:

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Thursday 3/31 - ELA w/Ms. Cameron - Room 210
Math w/Mrs. Cerrato/Ms. Price - Room 144

7TH GRADE HOMEWORK HELP W/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 - check with Mrs. Liberta or Mrs. Milanese for dates/times.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:(subject to change)

3/29, 3/30 & 3/31 - NYS ELA Assessment EXAMS
4/4 - 4/8 - Student Government Spirit Week
4/11 - 4/18 - Spring Recess - Holiday for Students/Staff
4/21 - National Junior Honor Society Ceremony - 3 pm (more details to follow)
4/26 - WCSD Budget Vote
4/26, 4/27 & 4/28 - NYS Math Assessment EXAMS
4/28 - WJH PTA Meeting @ 7 pm (Virtual)
5/6 - 8th Grade Dance (more details to follow)
5/12 - Grade 8 Band, Orchestra & Chorus Spring Concert
5/14 - Festival of the Arts
5/16 - Superintendent Conference Day - No School for students
5/24 - NYS 8th Grade Science Assessment EXAMS

5/25 - Grade 7 Band, Orchestra & Chorus Spring Concert
5/30 - Memorial Day - Holiday for Students/Staff
6/1 - WJH Night of Jazz
6/6 - NYS 8th Grade Science Assessment EXAMS
6/9 - 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony - 4 pm (more details to follow)
6/15 - 6/23 - NYS Regents EXAMS
6/20 - Juneteenth - Holiday for Students/Staff
6/21 - 6/23 - Professional Development Days (1/2 Days of School - dismissal at 10:30 am)
6/23 - Last day of School for Students
6/23 - Six Flags Field Trip for 8th Grade Students (more details to follow)

****85 days until the last day of school for students****

CELEBRATE NATIONAL DAY (MARCH):

TODAY: Each year, March 30th National Pencil Day honors the writing utensil that has done more than just teach millions the alphabet and draw straight lines. It's also helped win wars and enabled amazing art.

Hymen Lipman received the first patent for attaching an eraser to the end of a pencil on this day in 1858. Before that time, pencils and erasers existed separately. Lipman combined the two making two tools much more convenient to use. The intuitive businessman also manufactured envelopes for his stationery shop and was the first to add adhesive to the flap of envelopes.

During World War II, Cumberland Pencil Company out of Kenswick, England produced pencils that were designed to function. However, the pencils were hollow with graphite on either end. Between the graphite, the makers had stowed maps to aid captured military personnel in their escape to freedom. Charles Fraser Smith designed them in 1942 and at night, when the factory closed, workers would assemble them under secrecy. The miniature maps detailed escape routes from prisoner of war camps and also included a miniature compass. Throughout the war, these small tools were issued to members of the Royal Airforce and sent to POW camps.

Pencils have always been a necessary tool for creative people. Artists often pick up a pencil to scratch out a rough outline of an idea. However, those who live for the pencil know the feel for graphite. The black and white medium brings out beautiful works of art that achieve phenomenal depth. It's also one of the first art classes many of us take. However, the carpenter requires a pencil for marking a piece, too. Whether working on a carving or building a piece of furniture, the masterpiece will require a pencil. And then, the overachievers of the world see the pencil as art. They get right to point and place the art on the very tip of the pencil's tip. Miniature art carvings fascinate and amaze us.

Notable Pencil Users:

- Thomas Edison had pencils specially made by Eagle Pencil. His pencils were three inches long, thicker than standard pencils, and had softer graphite than typically available.
- John Steinbeck was an obsessive pencil user and is said to have used as many as 60 a day. His novel *East of Eden* took more than 300 pencils to write.
- Vincent van Gogh used only Faber pencils as they were "superior to Carpenters pencils, a capital black and most agreeable."
- Roald Dahl used only pencils with yellow casings to write his books. He began each day with six sharpened pencils and only when all six became unusable did he re-sharpen them.

Thank you.

Remember...WE ARE WAPPINGERS !!