

## WJH Daily Announcements – November 18th – Day Cycle 5

Reminder - Jr. High Students are on regular day schedules for this week. There are no half days this week. Only K-6 grades have half days for parent/teacher conferences.

Fall Pictures have arrived. They have been separated by Upstate Images by teacher/class. They will be distributed to students during their Social Studies classes today.

Reminder: WJH PICTURE DAY - Re-take day will be Monday, November 22nd.

**Picture Make-ups are this Monday. All students who were not photographed last month will have their picture taken during their lunch period. Any questions, please see Mrs. Biegun in room 244. This is also the opportunity for those students who wish to have their pictures re-taken. They should also see Mrs. Biegun in Room 244.**

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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PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A MASK TO WEAR AT SCHOOL.  
STUDENTS PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHROMEBOOKS TO SCHOOL!

SPELLING BEE: Will be taking place, virtually, during the month of November. This year, we will use the Scripps National Spelling Bee's online testing platform to hold our school spelling bee via an online spelling and word meaning test.

The first step to spelling bee participation for your child is registering for the online testing platform by visiting <https://online-test.spellingbee.com>.

The winner will move on to represent our school in the WCSD District Spelling Bee. Please see your ELA teacher for more information and to enroll.

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:

**SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COACH ATKINS- CROSS COUNTRY:** Please return your uniforms to Mr. Atkins in room 132.

**WAPPINGERS CREW CLUB:** Ms. Elizabeth Schlusser, Wappingers Crew Club Women's Varsity Rowing Coach

**WINTER CHEERLEADING:** WJHS Cheerleading Coach is having an information meeting for any student who has signed up in FamilyID. All students signed up have received an invitation to join the Winter Cheerleading Google Classroom. The meeting will be virtual using the classroom link. The meeting will be Wednesday, November 17th at 7:30 PM.

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!

**FROM PE TEACHERS - BASKETBALL INTRAMURALS FOR THIS WEEK**

Afternoon Intramural Schedule next week: Monday-Thursday after school 2:30-4:00pm  
Wednesday & Thursday is 8th Grade only

Morning Schedule: Monday-Friday 6:30-7:25AM -any grade is invited

Next week's schedule: Monday and Tuesday morning only! Nothing after school. All are welcome.

ANY STUDENT STAYING AFTER SCHOOL ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS SHOULD KNOW WHAT LATE BUS THEY NEED TO RIDE ON BEFORE THEY ATTEND AN AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY. SEE ATTACHED BUS SCHEDULE.

**JUNIOR HIGH WINTER SPORTS (Basketball Boys & Girls, Cheerleading; Wrestling)  
Start Date (for tryouts): November 29, 2021**

**Junior High School FamilyID Registration for Winter Sports is now closed. Only those students who registered with FamilyID may try out for a Winter Sport.**

**\*\*\*The nurse is UNABLE to upload any documents to a student's Family ID account\*\*\***

**BOYS BASKETBALL:** Coach Lynch is having an informational boy's basketball meeting for any student who has signed up on FamilyID. The meeting is on Monday 11/22 @7:00pm. All students signed up will receive an invitation to join the Boy's Basketball Google Classroom at the end of this week. The meeting will be virtual using the classroom link.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL:** There will be a virtual girls basketball meeting Monday at 5PM on our team Google Classroom. This is INVITE ONLY if you were registered on Family ID. If you have any questions, please see Coach Opitz."

**WINTER BASKETBALL TRY OUT DATES**

11/29 - Girls Basketball - 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Boys Basketball - 7<sup>th</sup> grade 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm/8<sup>th</sup> grade 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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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

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

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

**JAZZ BAND:** Jazz Band will meet every Thursday from 2:25 pm - 3:45 pm.

**STAGE CREW:** Stage crew is starting again at the end of the month. If you are Interested in being a part of the stage crew for this year's Spring Musical, pick up an application from the main office, the Auditorium or Tech 2. Applications were due NO LATER THAN November 12th. Any questions see Mr. McDonald or Mrs. Daniels. THIS IS ONLY FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STAGE CREW!!!

**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 November 30

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

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>

COOKIE ORDERS ARE IN - PTA members have been sorting the orders and students are picking them up in school. Please make sure your child brings home your orders! Thank you!

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**

Any student who plans to walk to /from school and any student who will be picked up daily at dismissal, should complete the necessary forms and return to Main Office.

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.

WJH's 2nd Little Doctors Blood Drive of the School Year. Please come and be a silent hero!  
WJH Monday 11/22 @ 2:30 PM -7:00 PM – Board Room 105.

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Bus passes will not be issued.

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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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### **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 the classroom.

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 NOVEMBER'S NATIONAL DAYS:**

Today - Celebrate the Princess in every girl by taking part in National Princess Day on November 18th!

Perhaps you know a Princess who shines because of her gift of laughter, making everyone around them smile. Maybe your Princess shows her royal nature by her great acts of kindness and heart of gold. Or your Princess may be bold and confident, ready to take on every new challenge!

Whatever our gifts, there is a Princess in each of us - even if you don't know it yet!

Tomorrow - American Education Week wraps up recognition of teachers and administrators by recognizing Substitute Educators Day. The event occurs the Friday before Thanksgiving each year and highlights the important role substitute teachers play in education.

According to the [Bureau of Labor and Statistics](#), there were over 500,000 substitute teachers in 2020. These educators fill the shoes of the class's regular teacher for half a day up to several weeks. Substitutes apply to teach in a school district. They will receive notice from the district of an opening sometimes hours before they are needed. Other times, substitutes fill in for a teacher when they are scheduled to be away. A substitute often doesn't know which subject they may be teaching from one week to the next. They are flexible and resilient educators who provide a bridge between full-time educators and their students.

The observance aims to elevate the respect owed to substitute educators. It is also a way to advocate for substitutes at all levels of education. The day also promotes being prepared for an absence at school and improving the receptiveness of substitute teachers.

Substitute teachers come from every facet of life with experience in math, science, language arts, history, business, and more. Focusing on the continued progress of a classroom's education, these teachers play a vital role in maintaining high levels of education in every school system.

Thank you.

Remember...WE ARE WAPPINGERS !!