

WJH Daily Announcements - September 14<sup>th</sup> (Day Cycle 4)

Tomorrow is September 15<sup>th</sup> (Day Cycle 5)

Thursday September 16<sup>th</sup> – **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (HOLIDAY – Yom Kippur)**

All signed & completed forms should be returned to the Main Office. Important that we receive a Completed & Signed Emergency Card. Please return to 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.

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Parents as Partners/Open House Night - Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

This year, WJHS will be implementing a Virtual Open House Model.

How to attend The Virtual Open House/ Parents as Partners:

-Parents will use their student's Google Class login to attend the meetings in Google Classroom.

-Follow your student's Day 1 schedule to attend the Google Classroom meeting with teachers.

-Please click the link in the corresponding teacher classroom suite to attend each of the meetings.

The period schedule for the evening is as follows:

Period 1 7:00 - 7:11 PM  
Period 2 7:14 - 7:25 PM  
Period 3 7:28 - 7:39 PM  
Period 4 7:42 - 7:53 PM  
Period 5 7:56 - 8:07 PM  
Period 6 8:10 - 8:21 PM  
Period 7 8:24 - 8:35 PM  
Period 8 8:38 - 8:49 PM  
Period 9 8:52 - 9:00 PM

We hope you will find the meetings helpful and informative. If you have specific questions or concerns related to your student's educational experience do not hesitate

to contact your child's teacher. You can also contact the Main Office at 845-298-5200 ext. 21000 to schedule a virtual appointment.

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

It is the policy of the Wappingers Central School District that students in grades Pre-K through 8 will be prohibited from possessing smartphones, smartwatches (i.e., internet enabled devices) and other electronic devices and related accessories (e.g., earbuds) on their person during the school day without permission from the Building Principal. Smart devices and related accessories may be stored in a schoolbag (turned off) for before or after school use. The school district is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged smart devices.

**DRESS CODE: Page 15 (WCSD Code of Conduct)** Students are expected to be dressed and groomed in an appropriate manner. Students must be dressed in appropriate clothing and protective equipment as required for physical education classes, participation in athletics, science laboratories and home and careers skills classes.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERED TO BE INAPPROPRIATE AND ARE PROHIBITED IN SCHOOL OR AT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS:**

1. ***Any dress or appearance which advocates discrimination or denigrates others based upon race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability;***
2. ***Any dress or appearance which encourages or advocates the use of drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco;***
3. ***Any dress or appearance which encourages illegal or violent activities;***
4. ***Any dress or appearance which constitutes a threat or danger to the health and safety of students (ie: gang wear, heavy jewelry or jewelry with spikes or chains which can injure the students or others);***
5. ***Any dress or appearance which allows sight of midriff, or any undergarments;***
6. ***Any dress or appearance, exclusive of religious or medical reasons, that hides or changes a student's identity (ex. FACE COVERINGS, sunglasses, sweatshirt hoods, hats, etc.);***
7. ***Any dress or appearance which, in the judgment of the school administration, may be reasonably forecast to cause a material or substantial disruption;***

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Bus passes will not be issued.  
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Late Buses will begin Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup>. 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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Spirit Week September 13 - 17  
Wednesday, Sept 15 – SuperHero Day – celebrate your favorite hero!

Thursday, Sept 16 – No School for Students

Friday, Sept 17 – School Colors – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students should wear the color Blue, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students should wear the color Red!!! Let’s show our school spirit!!

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Fall Sports are: Cheerleading, boys & girls cross country, girls field hockey, football, boys & girls soccer & girls volleyball.

**Coach Lynch (Boys)/Coach Opitz (Girls) Soccer:** \*\*CORRECTION: Try-outs will be September 14 & 15 from 2:30 - 4:00 pm – Students should have a ride home after try-outs.

**Coach Sautter - Field Hockey:** Try-outs will be September 14 & 15 from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. – Students should have a ride home after try-outs.

**Coach Calvin - Volleyball** – Tryouts continue today - Tuesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> is 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls only until 4:30 pm. Wednesday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup> is combined 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls until 4:30 pm. Remember – Students should have a ride home each day after tryouts.

**Coach Atkins- Cross Country: Week of Sept 13 – 17.** Practice officially starts after school today (Monday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>) at 2:30pm. All runners should meet in the technology wing ready to run. All runners should also have a parent or guardians ready to pick them up between 3:30-4pm. Check the google classroom for more information.

**CREW CLUB:** The Wappingers Crew Club Fall Learn to Row program. Check out the website, <http://www.wappingerscrewclub.org>, for practice information and zoom link. Practices begin on Wednesday.

**Coach Bishop (Cheerleading)** \*\*Cheerleading Try-outs will begin on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. More information to follow.

**Coach Pennacchio (Football)** – Football is starting at Roy C Ketcham HS at 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. No try-outs, all are welcome but All players must have approved physicals from FamilyID. If you have any questions please contact the coach – Pat Pennacchio (845) 764-0977 or email: ppennacchio88@gmail.com

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Chromebook Note : 7th Grade Students who already picked up their Chromebooks. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO SCHOOL.** We will wait until all students have

received their Chromebooks before requesting them to be brought into school.

### **CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION – WED & FRI**

We will begin distribution of Chromebooks to our 8th grade students and to any 7th grade student who did not get a Chromebook on Wednesday Sept 15 & Friday Sept 17 during PE class.

Students received a Chromebook User/Agreement form at school that should be signed by student & parent and returned to school in order to receive the Chromebook. **Students will not receive a Chromebook if we do not receive your signed Agreement Forms.**

***Please note: we have a few students who still have Chromebooks from last school year that need to be returned to the school. These Chromebooks are now inactive and unable to use. Please return these Chromebooks otherwise you will not receive a new Chromebook.***

### **NATIONAL DAY**

Today Sept 14 - On September 14th, **National Live Creative Day** encourages us to let the world see our creativity all day long!

To Live Creative allows for the exploration of imagination. Celebrate the day by taking the time to invent, discover, and dream. Try infusing creativity in our lives through a variety of media. Whether it's by painting or graphic art to music and gardening, art has an impact on our lives. By expressing our passions and living creative lives, we experience the world.

Tomorrow Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - On September 15th, tip your hat for **National Felt Hat Day!** The observance recognizes a stylish head protection worn throughout history.

Historically, men and women wore hats as protection and status symbols, too. This time of year, people traded in the lighter, cooler straw hat for the warmer felt hat. Additionally, etiquette dictated what hats men and women wore and where. For example, good behavior required men (mostly) to learn to don and doff the hat at an early age.

While primarily made from wool, felt can also be made from the fur of other animals. Usually, rabbit and beaver were the furs of choice. During the 16th and 17th centuries, beaver hats reached popularity but over trapping depleted the population. The phrase “mad as a hatter” comes from the use of mercury nitrate in haberdasheries in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Over time, daily exposure to this metal caused these tradesmen to develop dementia, tics and other symptoms. These unusual side effects caused people to believe their hatters had gone mad.

Over the centuries, many styles of felt hats have made their debut. We can identify an era by many of them. Its buckle will quickly identify the Quaker, and the stovepipe reminds most Americans of one of its most beloved presidents. Others have odd names such as pork pie, bowler, and stingy brim.

Thank you.

Remember.....”WE ARE WAPPINGERS !!”

