

WJH Daily Announcements – October 26th – Day Cycle 2

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A MASK TO WEAR AT SCHOOL.

WJH PICTURE DAY -

Fall Sports Pics are **THIS WEDNESDAY, 10/27**, after school. Fall athletes, please bring your uniform and be sure you have a ride home after the pictures. Here is the link to order pictures

<https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000893714>

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>

WJH FALL DANCE – we will be hosting a WJH Fall/Costume Dance for our students on Friday, October 29th @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale starting 10/12 thru 11/3 during all lunch periods. The cost of the ticket is \$10. We will have a Radio DJ and a costume and dance contest. This is an outdoor event to be held at the front circle of the school building, weather permitting. **Drop off and pick up of all students will be in the staff parking lot located at the rear of the building - Parents will need to use the Middlebush Road entrance as the normal drop off/pick up North Entrance will be blocked off for the dance.**

WE ARE CURRENTLY WATCHING THE WEATHER – WE HAVE HAD HEAVY RAIN EARLY THIS WEEK (FRONT LAWN MIGHT BE TOO WET TO HAVE THE DANCE). IF WE NEED TO POSTPONE, THE RAIN DATE WILL BE ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5TH. STAY TUNED. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW LATER THIS WEEK IF THE DATE CHANGES.

NEXT WEEK IS SPIRIT WEEK 10/25 – 10/29 (SPONSORED BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT)

Monday 10/25—Crazy Hat or Pajama Bottom (only) day

Tuesday 10/26 - Twin or Decade (60s, 70s, 80s) day

Wednesday 10/27 - Sports Jersey or Hawaiian Shirt day

Thursday 10/28 - Superhero or School Colors (8th graders wear red, 7th graders wear blue) day

Friday 10/29 - Pink Out (All students and staff wear pink)

Students are NOT ALLOWED to wear Halloween costumes to school on Friday, 10/29. They are encouraged to wear their costumes to the WJH Dance on Friday evening.

LOST & FOUND CLOSET: Our lost & found closet is full of lost items (such as books, coats, sweatshirts, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc.) Students should check the lost & found closet in the Main Lobby to retrieve any lost items. All items unclaimed will be donated when the closet is emptied on 11/27.

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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 9, 16

Tuesday December 7, 21

There are late buses on Tuesdays - Students can take the late bus or be picked up by a parent/guardian.

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>

WJH PTA MESSAGES

October is National Principal Month. All the students should make Mr. Thompson, Ms. Thomas, and Mr. Anderson feel special- like saying Happy Principal Month!

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

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

The last day to order the cookie dough **ONLINE is October 26th.**

Paper orders WERE by Oct 22nd (if any student printed the form that is attached in the Daily Announcement Emails, needs to be handed in to their 1st period teacher or to the main office. Checks made out to Wappingers Junior High PTA).

Delivery to the school will be in November- Date TBD

<https://abc.launchfundraising.com/order/fv2954>

We thank you for your continued support!

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

Help at a Drop Off Event November 6 from 12-3pm

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.

***Drop off Drive by will be November 6th from 12-3pm at the main entrance of the school

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!

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.

Bus passes will not be issued.

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.

SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****At this time we are NOT ISSUING HOME GAME PASSES TO STUDENTS****

HOME GAMES

10/26 - ~~Girls Volleyball vs. Horace Greeley - Game @ 4:30 pm~~ Game is cancelled by Horace Greeley due to weather.

10/26 - ~~Girls Soccer vs. La Grange - Game @ 3:45 pm~~ Game is cancelled due to weather.

10/27 - Football vs. Hendrick Hudson @ RCK HS turf field - Game @ 4:30 pm

10/28 - Cross Country vs. VW @ Van Wyck - Game @ 4:30 pm

10/28 - Boy Soccer vs. VW @ RCK HS turf field - Game @ 3:45 pm

Coach Bishop (Cheerleading)

Cheer practice is Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2:30-4:30pm. Athletes need to be prepared with practice wear and a ride home daily

COACH CALVIN (Volleyball) Congratulations to the girls volleyball team on an INCREDIBLE 3-2 WIN against Van Wyck last night. The girls now have 7 wins and 1 loss tying them for first in the section. Huge shout out to Madison Forbes and Taysha Flores for fantastic serves. Go Wappingers! **TODAY'S HOME GAME IS CANCELLED.**

FIELD HOCKEY: Today's Modified Field Hockey game at Carmel is cancelled.

FOOTBALL: Modified football practice is cancelled today 10/26."

CROSS COUNTRY: Cross Country practice is cancelled today. Make sure you take the regular bus home. Team picture is tomorrow afterschool, please bring your full uniform tomorrow.

***** CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

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

CRC CLUB: The Culturally Responsive Committee (CRC) will meet in Room 148 on Tuesday afterschool until the late bus. All are welcome!

ARTS INTEGRATION CLUB: Arts Integration will meet Thursday until the late bus @ 3:50

JAZZ BAND: Jazz Band will meet Thursday 10/28 afterschool until 3:45.

CIVILITY PRIDE CLUB: Next meeting will be next Thursday October 28th. At our next meeting we will have a special guest, Karen Marder. She runs the Dutchess County Pride Center. All are welcome to join the club – see Mr. P.K. or Mrs. McGowan if you have any questions.

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.

FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

Students please turn in your Emergency Cards to 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.

Don't forget PINK OUT FRIDAY!!! Come dressed in all of your pink to win prizes.

This week is Red Ribbon Week – celebrate a drug free life. Check out Mrs. McKindles' lunch table on Thursday, October 28 for information and giveaways!!

Red Ribbon Fact of the day: Did you know teens can become addicted to alcohol and other drugs much quicker than adults? Due to brain development and other factors a teen who starts to drink or use other drugs at age 13 is much more likely to have a problem with alcohol and other drugs than a person who starts using at the age of 21.

COMPUTER USER AGREEMENTS:

The deadline for signed Student Computer User Agreements was **Friday, October 22nd**. **If we do not receive a signed Agreement, student accounts will be locked and won't be re-opened until we receive one.**

A very important presentation is happening on Weds night, October 27th at 7pm in the Van Wyck Junior High School auditorium. Wappingers Junior High students and their families are invited to attend. You must wear a mask. The presentation will speak to bullying, cyberbullying and teen suicide. Please try to make it if you can.

Parent Workshop/Presentation: Ryan's Story, October 27, 2021 at 7:00PM

Ryan's Story is a presentation from John Halligan who shares a personal story which addresses the importance of education and prevention of bullying, cyberbullying, and teen suicide throughout the United States. The presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00PM in the Van Wyck Junior High School Auditorium. All are welcome, masks are required for all in attendance.

Click on the link for more info: <https://www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org>

Celebrate October's National Days:

Today - National Pumpkin Day recognizes a favored autumn decoration and food on October 26th. Not only do they make great fall decorations, but the pumpkin also completes a variety of tasty recipes. Join a pumpkin competition or visit any of the many fall festivals featuring the beautiful gourds.

By October 26th, we're in a frenzy of pumpkin obsession. We cannot wait for the big November holiday for pumpkin pie. No siree, we need pumpkin everything! Bars, cookies, coffee, cheesecake, pasta, and oatmeal. Pumpkin Chunkin', pumpkin patches, festivals, bake-offs, and television specials. Let's not forget jack-o-lantern carving, too! This fruit grabs Americans' attention.

As it should! This squash is native to North America. The oldest evidence of pumpkin-related seeds dates back to somewhere between 7000 and 5500 BC to seeds found in Mexico.

Pumpkins are packed with nutrients, but they're not only good for humans. Did you know that pumpkin may be recommended by veterinarians as a dietary supplement for dogs and cats? Since pumpkin is easy to digest, if your pet is experiencing certain digestive ailments, don't be surprised if your vet says to give them pumpkin puree. Poultry also benefits from eating raw pumpkin as a supplement to their regular feed during the winter months to help maintain egg production. As a seasonal food, it sure comes at the right time of year. Since it's packed with vitamin C, it can boost your immune system to fight off those nasty colds, too.

Tomorrow: Don't be superstitious on National Black Cat Day! October 27th celebrates the beauty of these sleek creatures. The day also seeks to raise awareness about the low adoption rates for black cats.

This time of year, many black cats may decorate many thresholds for Halloween and windows for spooky decor. However, these felines deserve the love and attention just as much as their tabby equivalents. Old notions have given these furry critters a bad reputation. The day is about turning that reputation around.

Their black canine counterparts also face similar adoption problems. So, it's not all about myth and mystery. However, increasing support for the black feline's plight is the goal of this companion holiday.

Thank you.

Remember...WE ARE WAPPINGERS !!

