

WJH Daily Announcements - September 9th

Welcome Back! School is Open!

Make sure your child knows what bus trip # they ride to and from school each day.

Students emergency cards - please return all completed & signed 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.

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. Masks, sunglasses, hoods, 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;*

Bus passes will not be issued.

Next week is Spirit Week September 13 - 17

Monday, Sept 13th Sport, Special Interest or Hobby Day - (do you like a sports team, pets, music, crafts, theater, camping, favorite vacation place, etc.) - you get the idea - wear a T-shirt that represents what interests you!!

Tuesday, Sept 14 - Tie Dye

Wednesday, Sept 15 - SuperHero Day

Thursday, Sept 16 - No School for Students

Friday, Sept 17 - School Colors - 7th Grade wear Blue, 8th Grade wear Red

Coach Lynch (Boys)/Coach Opitz (Girls) Soccer: There will be an informational virtual meeting on September 9th at 7:00 pm for any student interested in playing. Please use the google classroom link on the homepage to join the meeting.

Try-outs will be September 13, 14 & 15 from 2:30 - 4:00 pm,

Coach Sautter - Field Hockey: There will be an informational virtual meeting on September 9th at 7:00 pm for any student interested in playing. Please use the google classroom link on the homepage to join the meeting.

Try-outs will be September 13, 14 & 15 from 2:30 - 4:00 pm.

****Coach Sautter is looking for girls to try-out for this team****

Coach Calvin - Volleyball - There will be a general remote meeting on September 9th at 3:00 pm for any student interested in playing. Please use the google classroom link on the

homepage to join the meeting. Only girls who have been approved on Family ID can attend an open gym volleyball session on Friday, September 10th after school until 3:30. You must have a ride home.

Coach Atkins- Cross Country: There will be an informational virtual meeting on Friday, September 10th at 5pm for any students interested in running. Students already signed up on FamilyID will receive access to the google classroom.

Students need to have completed an application & be approved in FamilyID in order to try out for any Fall sports. Please be aware that the window for applications for FamilyID is closed.

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

We currently have no additional information on cheerleading or football - as soon as the coaches send us a message, we will add them to our announcements.

Band and Orchestra Students - you DO NOT need to bring your instruments to school on the first day of class. The teachers will advise when instruments should come into school.

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 Message from District Office:
Good Morning Wappingers CSD Families,**

As you may be aware, all 7th & 8th grade Students in our 2 public junior high schools will be receiving a Chromebook as part of our new 1:1 Chromebook initiative for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond.

The purpose of this message is to let you know our plan for distributing these devices to our 8th grade students and to any 7th grade student who could not attend the designated distribution dates and has not yet received a device.

We are intending to distribute these devices to our students beginning the week of September 13th. Prior to distribution, we will be sending our students home with a Chromebook Use / Agreement Form TODAY. The form your child receives will have a place for both you and your child to sign. Once signed, your child will be asked to

bring the form back to school no later than MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13. Students will not receive a Chromebook if we do not receive your signed Agreement Forms.

We hope that these devices will become an integral part of their educational experience in Wappingers. Our ability to continue this 1:1 program will be dependent on the success our students have with this initiative. If all goes well, Students in grades 7 & 8 will be eligible to borrow a Chromebook from the District via this 1:1 program for the duration of their enrollment with the District.

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, September 9th - On September 9th, NATIONAL TEDDY BEAR DAY honors the history of one of childhood's favorite toys. We have all had a special cuddly teddy as a child. Some of us still have our teddy bear from our childhood. No matter what kind of teddy bear you had, the day is a perfect time to celebrate your childhood friend!

Tomorrow, September 10th - NATIONAL SWAP IDEAS DAY, which is observed annually on September 10th, encourages us to share a creative or helpful idea with someone and trade them for their thoughts in return.

Swapping ideas today does not have to be done on a one-on-one basis. Often, groups of people with similar interests gather with a common goal in mind. The meetings are usually a social gathering. However, on occasion, groups with different skill sets, design talents, and ideas gather. They bounce sketches, eureka moments off each other, and suddenly a new idea develops.

This observance urges sharing concepts and sparking ideas. Many of us are passionate about our careers, hobbies, or special projects.

Saturday, September 11th - PATRIOT DAY on September 11th we mark the 20th anniversary to honor the memory of the nearly 3,000 innocent victims who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Each year Americans dedicate this day to remembering those who died and the first responders who risked their own lives to save others.

We Remember

For many, September 11, 2001, began like any other weekday. We made our way to work. Children attended school. We shopped, had coffee, waited in line at a drive-thru. Those of us who weren't in New York City heard the first reports on the radio or television. A friend or neighbor alerted us to a plane flying into one of the Twin Towers. We felt

disbelief. An accident, perhaps, a miscalculation. Then, a second plane flew into the second tower. Our disbelief turned into uncertainty and concern.

Those on the ground faced terror and obstacles they had never known. But, then, as a set of coordinated suicide attacks organized by the militant group Al Qaeda targeted the World Trade Center, the rest of the nation witnessed the unbelievable. And then a third plane crashed into The Pentagon. And yet another crashed into a field in Shanksville, PA.

Memorial

Every year since that fateful day, the United States comes together to remember the fallen. We remember the first responders and those who made difficult decisions.

9-11-01 - NEVER FORGET!!!

Thank you.

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