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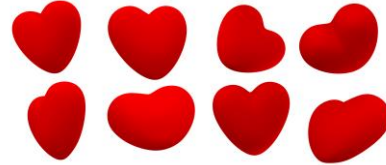
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A Nationally Recognized Leader in Urban Arts

Lauren F. Elias, Principal
Joseph E. Nole, Assistant Principal

February 2018



Principal's News

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

Snow, Snow, go away come again another day!

With the recent weather interruptions, it looks like winter has finally arrived. I hope everyone is staying warm and safe.

Please keep an eye out for the 2nd Marking Period report cards that will be distributed on Friday, February 2nd..

Moving forward, the third marking period is underway and the students and teachers are trying hard to stay on task.

Also, please remind all of your students that their attendance is an important part of learning. I look forward to seeing all of our students every day here at WAMS. Thank you.

- Lauren F. Elias, Principal



Congratulations

Joel Munoz was awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Award at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Summit held at the Waterbury Career Academy on Saturday, January 13th.



The WAMS National Honor Society will be sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Friday, February 2nd from 8 AM to 1 PM in the school gymnasium. Students 17 years of age or older that meet the weight requirements for their height will be eligible to donate.

Donors should try to eat healthy, iron-rich meals and drink plenty of fluids such as water for two days prior to making their donation. Caffeinated beverages such as coffee and tea should be avoided. When arriving to the school to donate please wear appropriate clothing that allows easy access to the upper arm.

Helpful Numbers

Attendance counselor, Cindy Ferreira – 203-573-6307

HS Guidance 203-573-6311

Middle School office – 203-573-6328

Nurse, Alison Vasquez – 203-573-6320

Parent Liaison, Kim Effes – 203-573-6317



PTSO News

➤ The PTSO will have their monthly meeting on February 7th at 6pm in the Library



ATTENDANCE CORNER

This is the time of year when winter takes a toll on school attendance. Cold, snow, freezing rain and slushy weather can keep parents from getting their children to school, as well as illnesses that can occur during winter months.

These absences, **even if they are excused**, can add up to academic trouble. All absences count towards the total number of days students are allowed for absences. If it is a snowy or rainy day but school is still open, students miss out on learning if they aren't in class, which can result in lower test scores and grades. Students miss important teaching time when they are not in class.

There's not much we can do about the weather, but there are steps every family can take to help avoid excessive absences:

Check the weather daily, and plan accordingly. Get your child up earlier if you think the commute will take longer due to weather conditions. Have your child dress for colder weather, including hats and scarves, and encourage zipping their coats!

Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in winter weather. Check with other families who are willing to help with rides if they can manage commuting in the snow. Connect with other parents in your neighborhood or your child's class who can help. Enlist the help of family members who can pick your child up in the event of an emergency dismissal due to weather conditions. If your child takes a bus to school, make sure they're at the bus stop BEFORE the bus arrives so they don't miss it. Expect the bus to be a little late in the afternoon if we have wintry weather. Safety is priority.

Keep your children healthy. Start the day with a healthy breakfast. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly.

Above all, let us know how we can help. We want your children and all our students to succeed, and that means attending school every day possible.

Attendance Pointers:

*Tardies add up fast and count toward daily attendance!

*Notes should be sent in for all absences, please see the policy for what notes are acceptable

*Call (203) 573-6307 for all absences, speak clearly and leave your child's name, grade, and reason for absence.

*Keep an eye on your child's attendance on Power School! This is a great tool to keep track of attendance, assignments and grades regularly.

*Be aware of the Attendance Policy and communicate with our school when attendance concerns arise



Cindy Ferreira
WAMS Attendance Counselor
(203) 573-6307
cferreira@waterbury.k12.ct.us

6th Grade News

Congratulations to the Sixth Grade December Students of the Month:



Antonio Rodriguez and Samantha Nicolasora.



Attention Seniors

If a college/university that you have applied to requires a mid-year grade report, please fill out the form that is available in the HS Guidance Office.

Music News

WAMS HS Chorus presents:



We Love the Movies!
Our annual MAD solos night!

Thursday, February 15th
WAMS Recital Hall

Two shows: 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Tickets: \$5.00

Any Questions? Contact Mrs. Vagnini:
mvagnini@waterbury.k12.ct.us

Art News



Please join us for the
2018 Artrageous Exhibition
A Waterbury Student Art Show

Family/Community Reception:
Tuesday, March 20, 2018; 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Snow date: Tuesday, March 27th 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Dates of show:
Wednesday, February 22 - Sunday, April 22, 2018

144 West Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06702



“Songs from the Heart” **Habitat for Humanity** **Coffee House**

Come and see our amazing talent at our next Coffee House on **February 7th in the Atrium from 5:30-7:00**. Admission is \$5 and there is a bake sale and free coffee. All proceeds go to the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Waterbury.

WAMS Key Club

Attention Middle School Students!!! Do you need some extra help with homework and test preparation??

The Key Club is offering Middle School homework help. It will be every Wed from 2pm-3pm. They can help all middle school students with homework and test preparation in any subject – even Foreign Language. See Mrs. Moniodes or any Key Club member for further details



We have recently run into several occasions where we have needed to reach out to Parents/Guardians, however, the information contained in PowerSchool isn't correct. If you have moved and/or changed phone numbers, **please** be sure to fill out a new Parent/Guardian Information Sheet. It is so important that we are able to reach you in the event of any emergency. You can obtain a new form in the Main Office



WAMS High School Substance Abuse Prevention Education (SAP)

Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Education is mandated by the State of Connecticut as a general graduation requirement. This Health and Safety Education program is provided to students in each year throughout the entire K-12 educational experience.

SAP is an annual 17-day course of study (grades 9, 11, and 12) that seeks to help high school students develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to become increasingly resistant to psychosocial influences that promote destructive decisions and drug abuse.

****Students are required to attend a rotational 17 day pull-out schedule and must balance the workload and assignments of both general classes and SAP during this time period.****



SAP Instructor: Mr. Perugini, Health and Physical Education, gperugini@waterbury.k12.ct.us
Please email him with any questions.

WAMS THEATRE NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to the cast and crew of the WAMS Senior Showcase - "Beckett Shorts" directed by Mr. Bruce Post.

Save the dates:

(SHOW)

MEMPHIS

April 6, 7, & 8 2018

Palace Theatre

Mrs. Smith - Director

(AUDITIONS)

All WAMS MS Students

Edgar Allan Poe Shorts

February 1st on the Apron Stage

Mr. Schulte - Director

IN-CLASS Theatre News:

SMITH

Period 7: WAMS 8th Graders present Thornton Wilder's "The Long Christmas Dinner" January 29th - February 2nd in the Drama Classroom curtain at 12:35pm.

Period 2: Acting Class presenting Edward Albee's "The Sandbox," David Ives pieces: "Variations on the Death of Trotsky," "Words, Words, Words," "Philadelphia," and "Sure Thing" January 29th - February 2nd in the Drama Classroom curtain at 12:35pm.

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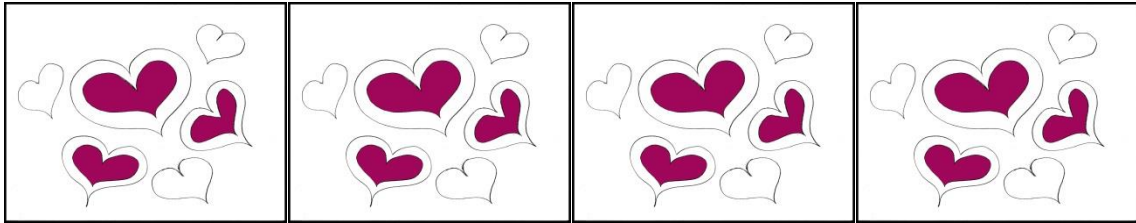
Period 3: Tech I Students will be going on a Field Trip to view the load-in process for large venue concerts. Students will watch the Union Crews set-up for an Alice Cooper Concert.

Period 6: Directing students have cast their pieces and in rehearsal for the May Director's Showcase Evening.

SCHULTE

Period 2: Shakespeare Study students are rehearsing for "Coriolanus" which will be presents on the Apron Stage March 22nd @ 5pm & 7pm

Period 7: Musical Theatre Students are completing their Stephen Sondheim performance pieces.



February 2018						
◀ January						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Blood Drive	3
4	5	6	7 PTSO Meeting 6pm Habitat for Humanity Coffee House 5:30	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 HS Chorus MAD Solos 5pm and 7pm	16	17
18	19 No School President's Day	20 No School Lincoln's Birthday Observed	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			