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## November 2017



Happy Thanksgiving

### Principal's News

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

I would like take this time to speak of the importance of punctual attendance. Students are required to arrive at school prior to the 7:25 am bell. It is suggested that all students arrive to school prior to the 7:20 am warning bell – this will ensure that students have an appropriate amount of time to go to their lockers, prepare for the day and arrive to first period on time. When students arrive late to their classes it is not only a disturbance for the teacher but also for their peers.

- Lauren F. Elias, Principal

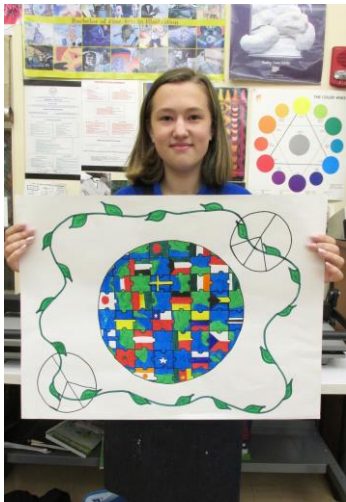


The National Honor Society conducted a blood drive on October 27<sup>th</sup>. With everyone's support, the Red Cross was able to collect 23 pints of blood and with each pint broken down into three units this drive's donation can potentially help 69 people! Additionally, the Red Cross employees had nothing but wonderful things to say about our students, both volunteers and donors. Thank you again for all of your support!!

### PTSO News

- The PTSO Monthly meeting will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Library.
- The PTSO Fundraiser will be ready for pickup on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-7pm. The PTSO will be contacting you with further details.

**THANK YOU:** The PTSO Middle School Halloween Boo Bash Dance was a **HUGE** success!! The kids had a wonderful time. Thank you to all of the parents and staff that helped to make this such a great event!



**Congrats**

Emily Sturtevant, grade 7, is pictured with her Peace Poster that was chosen to represent WAMS for the Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest.



This group of Seniors planted daffodils and tulips to help the space look great come springtime!

# WAMS THEATRE NEWS



On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the WAMS Theatre Department took a field trip to UCONN Storrs to see "The Importance of Being Earnest" written by Oscar Wilde and performed by CT Rep Theatre and UConn Drama majors at the Jorgenson Theatre. WAMS students participated in a private talk back session with actors, designers, dramaturg, and professors! Next Theatre Field Trip is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> - they will be traveling to Westport Country Playhouse to see "Romeo & Juliet."

## Don't miss the Fall Main-stage Production:

"Appointment with Death" directed by Mr. Scott Schulte Palace Theatre November 3 & 4 @ 7pm;  
November 5 @ 2pm Tickets now available at the School Store or through the Palace Theatre Box office

## \*We are happy to announce:

- Winter Main-Stage Senior Showcase "Beckett Shorts" directed by Mr. Post has been cast! Performances - January 2018 Apron Stage
- Spring Main-Stage Musical "Memphis" directed by Mrs. Smith has also been cast! Performances: April 6, 7, & 8, 2018 Palace Theatre.

## LIBRARY NEWS

- The library has a new cataloguing / search system. We also have quite a few new selections! Come down and "check" them out.
- In library science, we are sad to see the first marking period come to a close! We learned some skills we will carry through the rest of our school careers and beyond as we worked with Google Apps for Education and Internet Literacy!
- **Attention Middle School Students:** Are you an avid reader? Do you have a competitive streak? If so, see Ms. Lopez in the Media Center to see if you might qualify for the Kids Lit Quiz. Hurry, though – there are only 8 spots available!!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

**Congratulations** to the Sixth Grade September Students of the Month:

### Christian Cintron and Kamaria Az-Ibo

- ❖ The sixth grade field trip to the Mattatuck Museum on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> is an extension of the "This is Us", "My neighborhood, My community, My world" social studies project.
- ❖ The Sixth Grade Gallery Wall is located in 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing. On display are student produced photos, mostly black and white, of scenes in the students' neighborhoods that spoke to them showcasing how geography is everywhere. Stop by, take a look at the fantastic photos and read some amazing reflective writing.



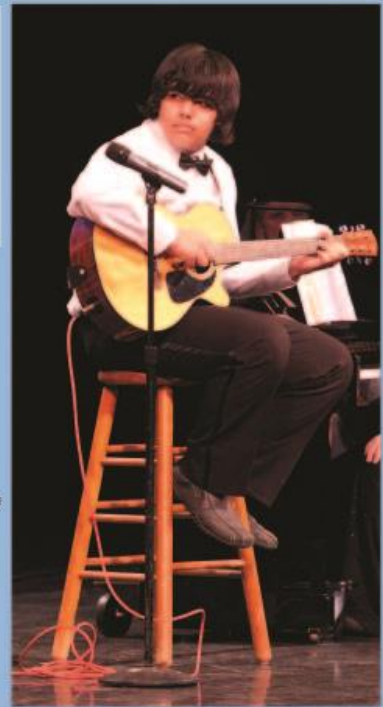
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**Wednesday, October 18,  
6-7:30 PM**

**Saturday, November 4,  
10-11:30 AM**

\*Free parking available in the  
Scovill Street Garage\*



## INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE & TOUR

for the 2018-19 school year

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# WAMS DANCE NEWS



## Dressed for Success!!!

Dance award recipients for the 2016- 2017 school year continue to be positive role models.

10th - Kylie Corriveau, 11th - Erika Kenyon,  
12th- Samantha Ferguson

Who will be the 2017-2018 Award winners???

DANCERS...Remember to dress out daily, arrive on time, work to your full potential in every class, be kind and respectful, help others and Dance your heart out! - and that Award may be yours!!

## iLuminate Master Class and Show

On September 18, WAMS dance students participated in a Hip Hop Master Class with two cast members, Lisa "L-Boogie" Bauford and Daniel Amoros, of iLuminate. The studio was alive with energy as they learned the original choreography for the closing number of the show. The day following, our entire WAMS community had the pleasure of seeing a performance of iLuminate at the Palace Theatre. Select choreography students were also part of a Question and Answer with cast members after the show.



### *Guest Artist Bios...*

*Lisa "L-Boogie" Bauford - (Ms. Starlight Jones). A native of St. Petersburg, FL, Lisa, started her dance career with Engima Dance Crew, which appeared on "America's Best Dance Crew". After winning numerous dance battles in the Tampa Bay area, Lisa signed with Flipz Entertainment. Soon after signing, Lisa joined the cast of iLuminate and performed with them on "Six Flags Over Georgia". She then moved to New York, where she continued with iLuminate's "Artist of Light". She is also a member of iLuminate's World Tour Corporate cast. In addition to her performance work with iLuminate since 2012, Lisa is also a choreographer and master teacher extraordinaire.*

*Daniel Amoros - (House Head) Born and raised in the Bronx, New York, Danny began his dancing career at the age of 19. He has been in the NY crew - DSolez/ Rhythm City - and professional dance scene ever since, and has been with iLuminate for the past 2+ years. Through the art of dance, he has been able to tour various cities within the U.S., as well as countries such as China, New Zealand, Switzerland, to name a few. Danny's most recent travel through dance, took him on a tour with iLuminate to 2 different cities in Saudi Arabia! Now living in LA, he works in the Special FX industry and hopes to bring more ideas and expand the abilities of iLuminate.*

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### Open house September 2017

Dance students performed a sampling of what they have been learning in classes this year. Jacyntha Adouko, Tyra Campbell, Arriahna Markay and Autumn McDonald shared an high energy African dance from their Jazz classes and the Eighth grade Dance Ensemble class performed a piece inspired by the Charleston.



### NVCC Dance Department College visit

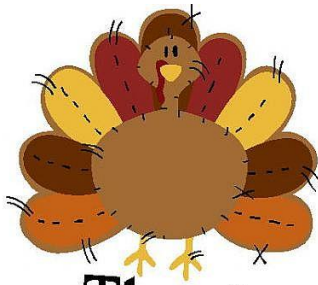
On October 20, the head of dance at Naugatuck Valley Community College and four students visited with WAMS dancers to discuss the opportunities offered at the college. Students participated in a class and learned student choreography. They also had a chance to see NVCC dancers perform.

#### **Costume Closet**

The Dance Department welcomes the donation of any gently used dance attire, costumes and dance shoes. They can left in the office marked "Dance Dept."

#### **Upcoming Events....**

- Starlight Celebration - November 30 - WAMS Atrium



# Happy Thanksgiving

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Appointment w/Death Palace Theater 7pm	4 Appointment w/Death Palace Theater 7pm
5 Appointment w/Death Palace Theater 2pm	6	7	8 Habitat for Humanity Coffee House 5:30 Atrium  PTSO Meeting 6pm Library	9	10	11
12	13	14 Book Club 6:30pm Atrium	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Picture Retake Day	22 Early Dismissal	23 Happy Thanksgiving! No School	24 Happy Thanksgiving! No School	25
26	27	28	29	30 PTSO Starlight Celebration		