



Watertown Middle School

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Dear Watertown Middle School Families,

I hope this bulletin finds you well and staying warm in these January temperatures. Snow this weekend? I know my skiing friends hope so!

Some important upcoming dates/events:

Calendar

January 15 Cluster 3 Field Trip to the MFA

January 16 Cluster 4 Field Trip to the MFA

January 16 WHS Guidance Night 6:30-8:30 pm

https://whs.watertown.k12.ma.us/news/what_s_new/guidance_night

January 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly 1:30 pm

January 17 Community Forum – 6:30-8:00 pm WMS Auditorium

Reconciliation and Restorative Justice: Healing, Teaching and Learning

January 21 Martin Luther King Day – No School

January 21 Watertown MLK Unity Breakfast

January 23 Grade 8 visit to WHS 12-2:30 pm

January 23 Variety Show 7:00 pm

January 24 Variety Show Assembly 1:30 pm

January 24 Last Day of Second Quarter – Grades Close

January 25

First Day of Third Quarter

February 5

Early Release Day – Conferences

February 14

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan. 14 A day	Jan. 15 B day	Jan. 16 A day	Jan. 17 B day	Jan. 18 A day
Jan. 21 MLK Day NO SCHOOL	Jan. 22 B day	Jan. 23 A day	Jan. 24 B day	Jan. 25 A day
Jan. 28 B day	Jan. 29 A day	Jan. 30 B day	Jan. 31 A day	Feb. 1 B day
Feb. 4 A day	Feb. 5 B day Early Release	Feb. 6 A day	Feb. 7 B day	Feb. 8 A day
Feb. 11 B day	Feb. 12 A day	Feb. 13 B day	Feb. 14 A day Early Release	Feb. 15 B day

Raptor Visitor Management System: This was installed at WMS in October to build on the district's program of safety for students and faculty. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our building at all times and the Raptor system allows us to do that. The Raptor system allows us to track visitors, contractors and volunteers in our schools and provides us with a safer environment for our students and staff.

Upon entering a district building, visitors will be asked to present a valid state-issued ID, which will be scanned into the system. The Raptor system will scan the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders, as well as locally established alerts (e.g. "no trespass" orders). Additional visitor data from the driver's license is not gathered nor is the system connected to any other system such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. Therefore any other information on the ID is not scanned by the system and is not accessible to any of the users. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit.

WINTER CLUBS: Please see the options and registration form here: [WMS After School Programs Winter 2018-19.docx](#)

WINTER BREAK ARTS WORKSHOP AT GORE PLACE: Please see the attached flyer for a great, free art opportunity for students age 12- 15 during February vacation. [flyer\(1\).pdf](#)

SOCK DESIGN CONTEST: We are happy to announce that this year the community service team will be facilitating our first WMS sock design contest! The socks are made through the website <https://www.resilience.gives/>. The mission at Resilience Gives is to sell custom designed

socks, and give part of the proceeds to other foundations that work to fight and treat illnesses. This year, our friends at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society have sponsored WMS, and part of the money the socks we design make will go to our Pennies for Patients drive in March.

But before we sell any socks we need the designs! The contest is open to anyone in the school, and the Community Service Club will pick a 6th, 7th, and 8th grade winner and a faculty winner. The winner's designs will be available for purchase in February, so hopefully everyone can get some WMS socks for the drive in March.

All completed design templates should be submitted to Mr. McDermott, Mr. Allegro, or Ms. Aine by January 25th. Here is the design template: [Sock design template.pdf](#)

MINUTEMAN: A reminder that there is an **application deadline of April 1, 2019**, for any student applying to Minuteman.

YEARBOOK: The 2018-2019 WMS yearbooks are now on sale for \$25! Please use the following information to place your orders:

ybpay.lifetouch.com Yearbook ID Code: 7822619

The deadline to purchase is May 1st.

MORNING DROP OFF: As stated at the beginning of the year and in the handbook:

*If you are driving your child to school, **Please consider the safety of our children who are walking nearby. DROP STUDENTS OFF ON BEMIS ST. ONLY. Please do not block traffic, and pull your car clear of others before pulling away.** To avoid traffic tie-ups, consider dropping your child off a block away and letting him/her walk the rest of the way.*

Please DO NOT drop off students before 8:30 at the Waverly Street door. Several buses drop off students there, and it is unsafe to have cars in between the buses and vans. Please drop off your students at the Bemis Street entrance before 8:30am. Our number one priority is keeping the students safe, and so we ask you to please follow the drop off procedures so no accidents occur.

FROM THE NURSE: Due to district wide policy change, cough drops and throat lozenges are no longer supplied by the health office. Students are more than welcome to keep a bag in their locker or backpack if needed.

Best,

Donna Martin, Principal

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