



Watertown Middle School

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Dear Watertown Families,

Hope this email finds you all well, although perhaps tired after all of the late night games? ☺ What an exciting World Series!!!

Some important upcoming dates/events:

Calendar

October 31	Picture Make Up Day
October 31	Wear PINK for Breast Cancer Awareness
November 6	No School – Election Day – PD for teachers
November 6	School Site Council meeting – 7pm in the library
November 7	Last Day of First Quarter: Grades Close
November 8	First Day of Second Quarter
November 8	Evening Parent Conferences 6-8 pm
November 12	No School – Veteran’s Day observed
November 14	PTO Meeting – 7pm in the library
November 15	Early release day – Parent Conferences 1-3 pm
November 16	First quarter report cards distributed
November 21	Early release day – Thanksgiving recess
November 22-23	Thanksgiving recess
November 27	Evening conferences 6-8 pm
November 29	Early release day – Parent Conferences 1-3 pm

A/B Day Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 29 A day	Oct. 30 B day	Oct. 31 A day	Nov. 1 B day	Nov. 2 A day
Nov. 5 B day	Nov. 6 No school – Election Day PD for teachers	Nov. 7 A day	Nov. 8 B day	Nov. 9 A day
Nov. 12 No school – Veteran's Day observed	Nov. 13 B day	Nov. 14 A day	Nov. 15 B day Early Release	Nov. 16 A day
Nov. 19 B day	Nov. 20 A day	Nov. 21 B day Early Release	No School – Thanksgiving Recess	No School – Thanksgiving Recess
Nov. 26 A day	Nov. 27 B day	Nov. 28 A day	Nov. 29 B day Early Release	Nov. 30 A day

STEM WEEK: Last week there were several successful activities at Watertown Middle School to help recognize STEM week in Massachusetts. A group of Mr. Loughran's 8th graders went to the three elementary schools to work on a critical thinking, problem solving activity with the 5th graders, and then a group of Ms. Rotondo's WHS students came to WMS to work on the same activity with the 7th graders. It was certainly a challenging problem, but the students used the information and limited materials in front of them to come up with several creative solutions! Also, Ms. Ferguson-Maltman and Ms. Tammaro took a group of students to visit Thermo Fisher Scientific and be scientists for the day! We are looking forward to incorporating even more STEM activities into STEM week next year, as well as all throughout the year whenever possible!

PARENT CONFERENCES: Cluster teachers will be reaching out to parents soon to begin to schedule the afternoon and evening conferences.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS: On Wednesday, October 31st students and staff are encouraged to wear **PINK** to help support Breast Cancer Awareness. Additionally, the WMS Student Council will be selling beads and ribbons, and all proceeds will go to a Breast Cancer Research Fund.

MUSICAL AUDITIONS: Auditions for this year's musical, "Once on This Island," will be held on Monday, October 29th and Thursday, November 1st.

COATS FOR KIDS: Our annual Coats for Kids Drive has started! From 10/1/18 through 1/2/19, we will be collecting gently used coats for cleaning and distribution to needy families in the greater Boston area through Anton's Cleaners. We ask that you look in your closet and donate gently used winter coats of all sizes, from infant snowsuits to XXL adult coats, but please remember this is a coats-only drive. Please do not donate hats, mittens, scarves and other winter apparel. Our goal is to collect at least one coat for every student here at the school!

Have a great week!

Best,

Donna Martin, Principal

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