



Watertown Public Schools

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Dear Watertown Middle School Families,

Happy December! I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving weekend and were able to relax and rejuvenate with family and friends.

Some important upcoming dates/events:

Calendar

December 7	Progress Reports distributed
December 7	School Dance 7-10 pm (see pickup info below)
December 10	Watertown School Committee meeting - 7pm - Town Hall
December 10	School Site Council meeting – 7pm in the library
December 11	Winter Concert 7pm
December 12	PTO Meeting – 7pm in the library
December 14	Geography Bee Preliminaries
December 14	Hour of Code
December 14	Winter Concert In-School Assembly
December 21	Geography Bee Finals Assembly
Dec 24-Jan 1	Winter Recess – No School
January 2	School Resumes
January 2	School Site Council meeting – 7pm in the library

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dec. 3 B day	Dec. 4 A day	Dec. 5 B day	Dec. 6 A day	Dec. 7 B day
Dec. 10 A day	Dec. 11 B day	Dec. 12 A day	Dec. 13 B day	Dec. 14 A day
Dec. 17 B day	Dec. 18 A day	Dec. 19 B day	Dec. 20 A day	Dec. 21 B day
Dec. 31 NO SCHOOL	Jan. 1 NO SCHOOL	Jan. 2 A day	Jan. 3 B day	Jan. 4 A day
Jan. 7 B day	Jan. 8 A day	Jan. 9 B day	Jan. 10 A day	Jan. 11 B day

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.

SCHOOL DANCE: The next WMS Dance will be held on Friday, December 7th from **7-10:00pm**.

***Starting with this Friday's dance, in order to alleviate traffic concerns and ensure the safest experience for all families during pickup, we have a new plan for after dance dismissal. If you are the parent/guardian of a 6th grader, you will continue to pick up your daughter or son in front of the school at 10pm as always. If you are the parent/guardian of a 7th or 8th grader we will dismiss your son or daughter through the Bemis Street door. Please pick them up on Bemis Street. Dance drop off will be the same, in front of the school.

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.

Also, please see the attached flyer with important information about the Flu! [Flu Guide for Parents.pdf](#)

LUNCH AIDE POSITIONS: We are looking to hire two lunch aides to help with the three lunches here at the middle school. To view the job posting, here is the link: <https://www.schoolspring.com/jobs/job.cfm?jid=3008045&>

Here is an overview of the position:

Essential Functions:

- With other lunch aides, supervise students during three consecutive lunch periods per school day
- Assist with delivery of lunches if a student requires help
- Assure student safety in the cafeteria or hallway near cafeteria
- Assist in the clean-up of the lunch areas (may include collecting trays, wiping tables, etc.)
- Other related duties as assigned by Administration

WMS FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS: There are many updates in the department! Click on the following link to read all about them, including the recent newsletter: http://watertownms.ss19.sharpschool.com/news/what_s_new/w_m_s_fine_and_performing_arts

I am looking forward to the concert on Tuesday, December 11th!

GEOGRAPHY BEE AND HOUR OF CODE: More information coming soon on these exciting events! I know I have been involved with the Geography Bee for the last 20+ years, but I hear there's nothing like the WMS Geography Bee! Looking forward to it!

COATS FOR KIDS: Our annual Coats for Kids Drive has started! From 10/1/18 through 1/3/19, 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!

Best,

Donna Martin, Principal

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