



# Watertown Public Schools

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Dear Watertown Families,

Hope this email finds you all well. It seems the autumn temperatures and beautiful fall foliage are definitely upon us now!

Some important upcoming dates/events:

## **Calendar**

October 16	WHS Open House for 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade families 6-8:30 pm
October 19	ALICE / Evacuation drills
October 19	Progress Reports distributed
October 19	School Dance
October 24	Cluster 4 Project Adventure field trip
October 25	Cluster 3 Project Adventure field trip
October 26	Grade 7 STEM activity
October 29	Grade 7/8 Reading field trip
October 31	Picture Make Up Day
November 6	No School – Election Day – PD for teachers
November 7	Last Day of First Quarter: Grades Close
November 7	School Site Council meeting
November 8	First Day of Second Quarter
November 12	No School – Veteran’s Day observed

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 15 A day	Oct. 16 B day	Oct. 17 A day	Oct. 18 B day	Oct. 19 A day
Oct. 22 B day	Oct. 23 A day	Oct. 24 B day	Oct. 25 A day	Oct. 26 B day
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	Nov. 16 A day

**WHS OPEN HOUSE FOR 7<sup>TH</sup>/8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILIES:**

Dear 7th and 8th Grade Students and Families,

I would like to remind you all that you are invited to the 7th and 8th Grade Open House on this coming Tuesday, October 16th from 6:00 - 8:30pm at Watertown High School.

There will be visits to classrooms, opportunities to interact with teachers and students, exhibitions of student work to see, and an opportunity to ask a panel of parents of current WHS students any questions you may have about attending WHS. We look forward to seeing you! Light refreshments will be served.

Come visit WHS to see and learn about all of the exciting programs they have going on!

**ALICE / EVACUATION DRILL:** On Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be practicing our ALICE and short and long distance Evacuation drills. **Students should please dress warmly as we’ll be outside for a bit.**

- We will run three different ALICE scenarios, and the homerooms will have time between scenarios to re-group and go over any questions students may have.
- Once all scenarios are done, everyone will return to their homerooms and get ready for a fire drill. The Watertown Fire Department will activate the fire alarm and we will make our way to Moxley Field.
- After taking attendance at Moxley, we will walk over to the Watertown Public Library.
- Once there, each teacher will take his/her class to the proper location in the library, and take attendance. Once everything is cleared, we will head back to the WMS.
- All adults will keep a close watch on the students at all times, and give extra support to any student who may have questions or get upset. Safety is our number one concern.

**DANCE ON OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>:** The first school dance of the year will be on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at WMS. Tickets will be on sale this week during lunches and after school for \$6. NO tickets will be sold at the door. The doors of the dance will open at 6:45pm for 6<sup>th</sup> graders, and 7:00pm for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The dance will end at 10:00pm.

**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!

Best,

Donna Martin, Principal

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