



WATERBURY  
ARTS  
MAGNET SCHOOL

# IN THE LOOP

16 South Elm Street, Waterbury, CT 06706 ♦ (203)573-6300 ♦ (203)573-6325 Fax

A Nationally Recognized Leader in Urban Arts

## February 2016



**Lauren F. Elias**, Principal  
**Patricia K. Moore**, Assistant Principal  
**Joseph E. Nole**, Assistant Principal  
**Holly M. Gillis**, Interim Assistant Principal

### Principal's News

Greetings,

WAMS will hold its first ever Color Run on May 21, 2016, 11:00 am at Wilby High School. The color walk/run features a designated 5k course. During the race, participants are doused with color at various color stations ending with one final color celebration at the finish line. There is no time limit; however, all racers must be present at the race start time to participate in the run. After the race, there will be food trucks set up offering food and beverage options for purchase.

All participants (parents and students) must have a completed registration form to participate in the event. The registration fee includes run/walk registration, individual color packet, race bib, and a My School Color Run t-shirt. Race bib, color packet, and t-shirt are only guaranteed if registration and full payment are received by May 9, 2016.

Early Registration (\$20) ends April 28, 2016 – Late Registration (\$25) ends May 9, 2016. Please send payment to:

Waterbury Arts Magnet School  
Attn: Lauren Elias  
16 South Elm Street  
Waterbury, CT 06706

Attached you will find the WAMS Color Run Registration Form and the Volunteer Form. There is a high need for volunteers to make this event a success. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 203-573-6300 or lelias@waterbury.k12.ct.us.

- Lauren F. Elias, Principal



### “Songs from the Heart” Habitat for Humanity Coffee House

Come and see our amazing talent at our next Coffee House on **February 10<sup>th</sup> in the Atrium from 5:30-7:00.**

Admission is \$5 and there is a bake sale and free coffee. All proceeds go to the Habitat for Humanity of Greater Waterbury.

### PTSO News

- The PTSO Monthly meeting will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Library. Join us to find out what exciting things are planned for the rest of this year!



The WAMS National Honor Society will be sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive at the Waterbury Arts Magnet School on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 1 PM in the school gymnasium. Students 17 years of age or older that meet the weight requirements for their height will be eligible to donate. In addition, the families of WAMS students may also donate if they wish to. Any family members that decide to donate will need to contact the main office at (203) 573-6301 between Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> to schedule an appointment.

Donors should try to eat healthy, iron-rich meals and drink plenty of fluids such as water for two days prior to making their donation. Caffeinated beverages such as coffee and tea should be avoided. In addition, they should get at least eight hours of sleep the night prior to donating. When arriving to the school to donate please wear appropriate clothing that allows easy access to the upper arm.



National School Choice Week was founded in 2011 to promote the concept of all forms of school choice: district, district magnet, charter, private and also home schooling. National School Choice Week is a national event held every January to recognize the effective educational options for children. This year there were more than 16,000 events planned across the country. Over 232 Mayors have issued proclamations across all 50 states – including Waterbury!

Our event featured performances from some of our students along with a Flash Mob done by the Senior Class (pictured below).



# THE BIG KNIFE

Directed by Bruce Post

Come out and see our students perform in The Big Knife this weekend!

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm  
Apron Stage

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. You can purchase tickets during lunch waves this week or at the box office at performance time.

## COLLEGE INFORMATIONAL DAYS

### Attention Seniors:

The following colleges will be here this month to give out some information and talk to you about their schools.

February 2	Post University
February 3	Porter & Chester Institute
February 11	Tunxis Community College

In addition, we have a field trip planned for Feb. 23 to Naugatuck Valley Community College where students will get to tour the campus and talk to representatives from various departments about anticipated majors. Sign up sheets are available in Guidance for all of these events.



## “Enlightening the Mind”

Middle School Book Club

- **FREE** Books! One per family/WAMS Student per month
- **FREE** Dinner!
- After-school, non-academic, **fun** reading and discussion group. Activities and discussions are inspired by the books that all participants have read.
- All student participants **keep the books** they have read.
- **Dinner** is served.
- Meetings are the **3rd Tuesday** of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Next meeting is February 23.
- **REGISTRATION** is required. We still have a few spots left!
- For more information, contact:  
Kim Effes, Parent Liaison  
keffes@waterbury.k12.ct.us  
(203)573-6317

## KIDS’ LIT QUIZ 2016

The Kids' Lit Quiz is a major national celebration of books and reading. Teams of four students work together to answer 100 wide ranging book related questions arranged in ten categories. This event is supported by the School of Education & Professional Studies and the Department of Literacy. For the first time in the history of the contest, Waterbury was represented by 2 teams from WAMS on January 27<sup>th</sup> – thanks to our wonderful librarian, Doreen Lopez! Way to go!!!



Pictured above: Fiona Byers, Caelyn Dorsey, Joshua Lizasuain and Eric Siu



Pictured above: Julia Payne, Edis Arslan, Rebecca Dorsey and Zoe Neuhausal

## WAMS NEASC CORNER

You can stay updated with all things NEASC here at the NEASC Corner in the WAMS Newsletter!

- **During the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> marking periods, students at WAMS will be using the new WAMS school-wide assessment rubrics representing our new 21<sup>st</sup> century learning expectations. Students will be assessed as effective readers, effective writers, creative problem solvers, self-directed learners, collaborative workers, and effective communicators. Teachers will report scores directly to students using Progressbook on a scale of 1-4. Look for an assignment title matching our learning expectations: effective reader rubric, effective writer rubric, etc. A score of 4= Exemplary, 3= Proficient, 2= Developing, and 1= Beginner. The rubric score will not affect the students' grade point average for that class. The rubric scores are an indication of each student's progress towards the learning expectations. During the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period, students will complete a self-assessment based on their participation in school/community based events. The data collected will be reported to our school community right here in the WAMS NEASC CORNER of our newsletter. The data will also help us to make the best decisions regarding what is best for policy, student learning, and performance here at WAMS.**

Waterbury Arts Magnet School is a safe and encouraging learning community that promotes 21<sup>st</sup> century academic and artistic rigor by providing a diverse group of students the opportunity to develop skills and character needed to be responsible, respectful, and productive citizens in a global community.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Expectations

#### Academic and Artistic Expectations: **Preparation**

*Provide a rich academic and artistic foundation for all students*

- Effective Reader
- Effective Writer
- Creative Problem Solver
- Self-Directed Learner

#### Civic Expectation: **Service**

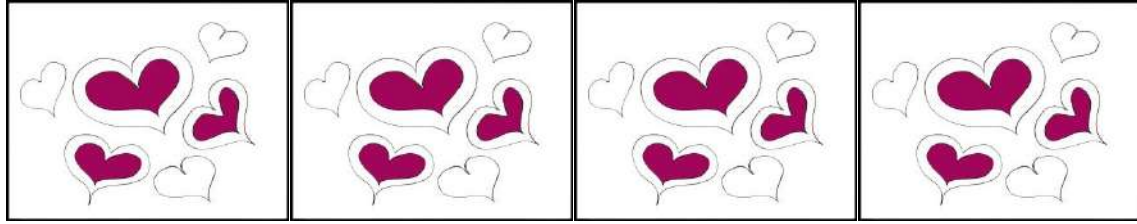
*Partner with the community to promote character in our students*

- Community Participant

#### Social Expectations: **Integrity**

*Encourage students to demonstrate respect and responsibility*

- Collaborative Worker
- Effective Communicator



February 2016						
<a href="#">← January</a>						<a href="#">March ►</a>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> The Big Knife, 7pm Apron Stage	<b>5</b> The Big Knife, 7pm Apron Stage	<b>6</b> The Big Knife, 7pm Apron Stage
<b>7</b> The Big Knife, 2pm Apron Stage	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Habitat for Humanity Coffee House 5:30pm Atrium	<b>11</b> PTSO Meeting 6:30pm Library	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> No School	<b>16</b> No School	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> National Honor Society Blood Drive	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Middle School Book Club 6:30 Atrium/Library	<b>24</b> Early Dismissal	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Notes:</b>				