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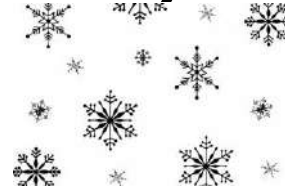
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Principal's News

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! The Waterbury Arts Magnet School will once again be participating in the National School Choice Week Celebrations during the week of January 23rd-27th. WAMS is one of more than 12,000 schools participating in National School Choice Week. The goal of the Week is to shine a positive spotlight on all types of education options for children—from traditional public schools to public charter schools, magnet schools, private schools, online learning and homeschooling. WAMS will hold a special event to celebrate National School Choice Week - This event will feature student performances focusing on the theme of "Choices".

I would like to remind everyone that the 2016-2017 Midterm Exams are scheduled to begin on January 12th. Please see the attached Midterm Exam Schedule. Thank you.

- Lauren F. Elias, Principal

Middle School Minute

I hope everyone had a restful vacation and a happy New Year; and for those of you traveling, that you had a safe and enjoyable journey. As we approach the mid-point of the school year. I'd like to share some helpful tips for middle school homework success.

1. Keep to a routine for a homework. Whether your child needs a break after school or does the best work as soon as they get home, stay with a regular time frame.
2. Find the correct environment. Some children need a well-lit, quiet environment, while others work better with a little background noise.
3. Show interest. Keep up on what your child is learning and discuss it together from time to time.
4. Be an organization consultant. Help your child develop an organizational system that allows them to be successful.

- Carey L. Edwards,
Assistant Principal



SAVE THE DATE

The High School Snow Ball will be held on Friday, February 24th from 6:30-9:30pm.

Tickets will be on sale the week of February 16th. They will be \$15 each and must be purchased in advance.

Direct any questions on this event to Ms. LeBlanc



PTSO News

➤ The PTSO will have their monthly at 6pm in the Library



2017 MIDTERM SCHEDULE

2 Hour exams half day 4 Day schedule

DAY 1 January 12, 2017

7:20 – 7:30 Homeroom

7:35 – 9:35 **EXAM PERIOD 1**

9:45 – 11:45 **EXAM PERIOD 2**

11:50 *Student Dismissal*

DAY 2 January 13, 2017

7:20 – 7:30 Homeroom

7:35 – 9:35 **EXAM PERIOD 3**

9:45 – 11:45 **EXAM PERIOD 4**

11:50 *Student Dismissal*

DAY 3 January 17, 2017

7:20 – 7:30 Homeroom

7:35 – 9:35 **EXAM PERIOD 5**

9:45 – 11:45 **EXAM PERIOD 6**

11:50 *Student Dismissal*

DAY 4 January 18, 2017

7:20 – 7:30 Homeroom

7:35 – 9:35 **EXAM PERIOD 7**

Student Dismissal (except for WAMS)

9:45 – 11:45 **EXAM Period 8(WAMS)/ EXAM MAKE UP 1**

Student Dismissal (WAMS)

11:50 – 1:50 **EXAM MAKE UP 2**

LATE OPENING

***In the event of a delayed opening, a full day schedule will be in effect with the following schedule:**

9:20 – 9:30 Homeroom

9:35 – 11:35 **Exam 1 – Period Designated for Day as exam 1**

11:45 – 1:45 **Exam 2 – Period Designated for Day as exam 2**

1:50 *Student Dismissal*

2nd Marking Period will end on January 18th

WAMS Student Council European Conflict Tours Exhibit

Mattatuck Museum will host a month long exhibit of WAMS Student Council European Conflict Tour I, II, and III, beginning Jan. 13th 2017 and ending Feb 26th 2017.

The tours took place in 2011, 2013, and 2015. The exhibit will be featuring over 100 student photographs of World War II and Cold War sites located in, Paris, Normandy, Berlin, Munich, Warsaw, Krakow, Salzburg, Prague, Amsterdam, Dachau and Auschwitz. There will also be a student produced documentary with holocaust survivors.

School groups are welcome to view the exhibit during regular museum/school hours. Opening night is Jan 13th 5:30-7:30 pm and both student travelers, and teachers; Mrs. Licia A. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Domenic Quattrociochi will be on hand to speak about the experience. Light refreshments will be served.



Thank you to all those who donated to the National Honor Society's Toys for Tots Drive. Each year this event gets more and more successful!!!



WAMS THEATRE NEWS

- **Save the date:** "Steel Pier" directed by Mr. Post, will go up March 2017 at the Palace Theatre
- **Date change:** "All the King's Women" WAMS Senior Showcase will be postponed until Spring 2017
- **Field Trip:** January 26th to Long Wharf Theatre to see "EndGame" written by Samuel Beckett. See Mrs. Smith for any questions on the trip

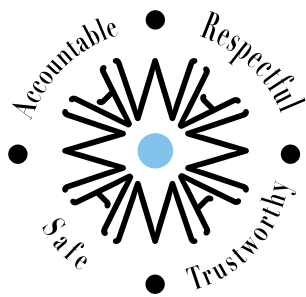
WASAP!

Waterbury Arts Magnet School After School Arts Program

ALL WASAP! Programs will resume on Monday January 9th.

Programs run on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:15-4:30PM. Students are reminded that they do not need an addition permission slip if they are returning to the same program.

Also Students **are not** allowed to leave campus for any reason prior to WASAP! For more information contact the main office or Holly Gillis at hjillis@waterbury.k12.ct.us



WAMS PBIS News (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)

The WAMS PBIS Team has created a new logo for students. Here at WAMS, our students are Accountable, Respectful, Trustworthy and Safe. Students have recently signed the PBIS Expectations Contract which sets out the criteria needed to participate in the PBIS events.

Should you wish to have a copy of these contracts, please reach out to our Parent Liaison, Kim Effes.

SAVE THE DATE!

The TRI M Honor society will be having a fundraiser at

MOE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Queen St., Southington (Exit 32 off of I-84 East)

Wednesday,
January 25, 2017
5-9 P.M.

BE THERE, HAVE A GREAT MEAL & HELP OUR WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION REACH ITS GOALS!



Dance News



Modern 1-4 and Ballet recently completed a short residency with Haley **Zdebski**, a Connecticut native, and Stafford Academy alum, who graduated Magna Cum laude from SUNY, The College at Brockport, with a BFA in dance in the Spring of 2014. During this time she had the privilege of working with world-renowned teacher/choreographer Bill Evans and former Trisha Brown Company Dancer, Mariah Maloney. She had the opportunity to have her choreography showcased in venues around New York. Haley attended the American Dance Festival on full scholarship in 2013, where she reconstructed and performed Merce Cunningham repertoire. She worked at the Bolshoi Ballet Summer Intensive in CT as a modern teacher, and senior staff member in 2014. She has also worked at New England Dance Conservatory under the direction of Shelley Ziebel and Ken Lipitz. Haley is a teaching artist for Judy Dworin Performance Projects in the Hartford Public Schools for the moving matters and Bridging Boundaries programs. She dances professionally in CT and MA with DancEnlight, Judy Dworin Performance Projects, and the Legible Bod(y).



Senior Choreography 1 and 2 students perform 'My Shot', from the musical Hamilton, at the Bushnell in Hartford to honor the teacher of the year. My Shot choreographed by WAMS student Ryan Rabuska.





WAMS NEASC CORNER

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

- During the 2016-17 school year, students at WAMS will be using the new WAMS school-wide assessment rubrics representing our new 21st 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 4th 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 21st 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.

21st 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



January 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 No School Three Kings' Day 	7
8	9	10	11 PTSO Meeting 6pm Library	12 Early Dismissal HS Midterm Exams	13 Early Dismissal HS Midterm Exams	14
15	16 No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 	17 Early Dismissal HS Midterm Exams Book Club 6:30pm Atrium/Library	18 Early Dismissal HS Midterm Exams	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Notes:			