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June 2017

A Nationally Recognized Leader in Urban Arts

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Principal's News

We have come to the end of another school year and are already preparing for the next one to start. Students will return to WAMS on Monday, August 28, 2017.

As a reminder to parents, when we begin the new school year in August, please be sure to return the Parent/Guardian form that comes home the first week of school and be sure that incoming 7th and 11th grade students have up to date physicals or they will not be allowed to attend school.

The final exam schedule is listed on the calendar at the end of the newsletter. We have several early dismissal days, so be sure to check the schedule.

Finally, letters with all Graduation information has been sent to parents/guardians via regular mail. The letter contains all needed information.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful summer.

- Lauren F. Elias, Principal

Middle School Minute

It is June 1st and we have only 13 school days until promotion. PLEASE check with your student, teachers and school counselor to ensure ALL has been done to fulfill promotion requirements. This school year has been so much fun and I am glad that ALL of the students and I have had a chance to get to know one another. We are also preparing for field trips, and the 8th grade formal. Please remind your student to study hard and keep an eye on the prizes that are coming at the end of this school year.

As the weather warms please keep an eye on your students dress and attire as the dress code is clear on appropriate style of dress.

Finally, let us make the final push of the school year a good one by being on time and in school to receive all of the wonderful things WAMS has to offer.

- Carey L. Edwards, Assistant Principal



Congratulations

A big shout out to **WAMS Teacher of the Year**, Cheryl Crossley. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor. Thank you for all that you do for WAMS and our students!!

PTSO News

The PTSO sponsored Senior Grad Night is scheduled for 6/21, the night of graduation. Graduating seniors should arrive at the school by 10 p.m. after graduation-for bus pick up to the Shelton Sports Complex, where they will enjoy a safe, overnight last night of fun with their friends. Food will be served. Ice-skating, laser tag, basketball, video arcade, mini golf and golf range, batting cages, are just a few of the night's events. Students will return to WAMS on 6/22 by 4:45 a.m. where they will have a continental type breakfast and raffles will be drawn. This will take approximately another half hour or 45 minutes (5:30 a.m. should be the final pickup time for parents) Permission slips are due back this week.

Also, we are looking for food and raffle donations (monetary or gifts) for the seniors to help give them a warm WAMS send off as we say bid them a fond farewell and good luck sentiment. **We are asking parents/guardians of Seniors to come to our next meeting, June 7th at 7pm for more information on this event.**

Note: If you cannot attend the 7:00 meeting, please feel free to join the 6:00 p.m. PTSO meeting in the Library instead and we can provide any information there as well.

Please contact Tricia Weaver (203-233-5773)



Help to Stock the Pantry!!!

The United Way of Greater Waterbury is beginning their 11th Annual Stock the Pantry Drive. We have been asked to help with this drive by donating needed personal care items:



- o Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- o Soaps/Shampoos
- o Hand Sanitizer
- o Deodorant

Please help by sending in the above needed items to school **before June 7th**.

Any questions, please call our Parent Liaison, Kim Effes, at 203.573.6317

Congratulations to the following DANCE STARS!!!

Dance awards went to the following students for the 2016- 2017 school year.

12th - Sydney Yargeau - Overall Excellence in Dance and Performance

11th - Samantha Ferguson - Dedication and focus in dance

10th - Erika Kenyon- Exceptional Achievement and Dedication in Dance

9th - Kylie Corriveau - Outstanding Commitment and Accomplishment in Dance



Congratulations



Brianna Crespo and Brock Sanford were the 2017 recipients of the "Outstanding Arts Award" and they were honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools Arts Award Banquet at The Aqua Turf in April.



Books and Blooms, a service group at WAMS, maintains the boxes in the courtyard.

Now that the senior tulip bulbs are done, the group weeded, planted and mulched. Great job girls!



WAMS Theatre News

CONGRATULATIONS:

Cast and Crew of Director's 2017 Showcase (KIM - I sent some pick's to choose from)

CONGRATULATIONS:

Cast and Crew of Shakespeare Studies "TAMING OF THE SHREW"

CONGRATULATIONS:

Cast and Crew of Middle School Spring Play "TWELFTH NIGHT"

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS FOR JUNE FINALS

- *FREAK
- *BREADCRUMBS
- *BURIAL AT THEBES
- *WITCH ON TRIAL

SIN-UP Now for WAMS Summer Arts Program in Theatre
Show Announcement "The Little Mermaid"

ANNOUNCING THE WAMS THEATRE DEPARTMENT MAINSTAGE 2017-2018 SEASON

"Appointment with Death" by Agatha Christie; Directed by Mr. Schulte - Nov. 3, 4, 5, 2017 PALACE THEATRE

"Beckett Shorts" by Samuel Beckett; Directed by Mr. Post - Jan. 18, 19, 20, 2018 APRON STAGE

"Memphis" by Joe DePietro & David Bryan; Directed Mrs. Smith - Apr. 6, 7, 8, 2018 PALACE THEATRE

2017-2018 MAIN-STAGE AUDITION DATES:

*Look for end of year June 2017 Auditions postings for "Appointment with Death"

*Auditions for "MEMPHIS" - MUST ATTEND ALL THREE DATES! SEPT 6th, 2017 = DANCE 2:15 - 6:00 Large Dance Studio; SEPT 7th, 2017 = ACTING & DANCE CALL BACKS 2:15-6:00 Drama Classroom; SEPT 8th, 2017 = VOCAL 2:15 -5:00 Choral Room

*Auditions for "Beckett Shorts" October 11th, 2017 - Drama Classroom 2:15 - 5pm

Congrats to all of the HALO Award Nominees and Winners on the next page!!



HALO AWARD NOMINATIONS AND WINNERS

BEST PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ACTOR IN A MUSICAL:

Eric Canfield as Happy McGuire in Steel Pier

BEST PERFORMANCE BY A FEATURED ACTRESS IN A MUSICAL:

Brianna Crespo as Precious McGuire in Steel Pier **WINNER!!!**

BEST COMIC MALE PERFORMANCE IN A MUSICAL:

Brock Sanford as Orin Scrivello in Little Shop of Horrors

BEST COSTUME DESIGN:

Brittany Romaniello for Little Shop of Horrors

BEST HAIR AND/OR MAKEUP DESIGN:

Rebekah Ross for Steel Pier/Little Shop of Horrors

BEST LIGHTING DESIGN AND/OR EXECUTION:

Tom Stoehrer for Steel Pier/Little Shop of Horrors

BEST SOUND DESIGN AND/OR EXECUTION:

Jia Stolfi, Michael Esposito & Rose Murphy for Little Shop of Horrors

BEST SCENIC DESIGN AND/OR EXECUTION:

Brock Sanford & Allah Hashim for Steel Pier

BEST PROPS DESIGN AND/OR MANAGEMENT:

Molly Cipriano for Little Shop of Horrors

BEST ORIGINAL PROGRAM COVER DESIGN OR ARTWORK

Rose Murphy for All The King's Women

BEST SPECIALTY ENSEMBLE:

Sofia Dadamo, Dania Frederick, Lillian Lopez, Julia Rocchio, Shannaya Rodriguez & Abby Rickevicius as The Ronettes in Little Shop of Horrors

BEST CHORUS:

Waterbury Arts Magnet School: Steel Pier

BEST PERFORMANCE BY A SUPPORTING ACTOR IN A MUSICAL:

Vincent Dadamo as Mick Hamilton in Steel Pier

BEST STANDOUT PERFORMANCE IN AN ENSEMBLE PLAY:

Shannaya Rodriguez in All The King's Women

BEST PERFORMANCE BY A LEADING ACTOR IN A CONTEMPORARY MUSICAL:

Michael Ramalho as Bill Kelly in Steel Pier

BEST PERFORMANCE BY A LEADING ACTRESS IN A CONTEMPORARY MUSICAL:

Julia Rocchio as Rita Racine in Steel Pier

BEST CONTEMPORARY MUSICAL:

Waterbury Arts Magnet School: Steel Pier

Music News

The WAMS Band, Chorus and Orchestra will all be participating in this year's **Music in the Parks** Competition in Massachusetts on Saturday, June 3rd. This all day event will culminate with some fun at Six Flags New England. Good luck to all!!



Garden of Flags



On Friday May 25th, High School US History students, along with the Junior Honor Society, planted 529 American flags at Hamilton Park, representing those from Waterbury who have given their life or are declared MIA since the revolutionary War to present.

Waterbury Arts Magnet School Summer Arts Program

Registration Now Open!!

For more information or questions, contact:

Holly Gillis hgillis@waterbury.k12.ct.us

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(4th of July holiday), 2017

Monday - Friday

8:00 am- 12:00 pm

\$125, cash or money order only



For more information contact Holly Gillis WAMS Program Coordinator
(203) 573-6301 or visit www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/wam/

Registration forms available at your school's main office and at www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/wam/



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



June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Junior/Senior Prom	3
4	5	6	7 8 th Grade Dance NHS Induction @ 7pm Apron Stage PTSO Mtg 6pm 7pm Grad Night PTSO Mtg - Cafe	8	9	10
11	12 Exam- Period 8 Senior Exam- period 7 and 8	13 Tri-M Induction Recital Hall Exam- Period 8 Senior Exam- period 7 and 8	14 Exam- Period 8 Senior Exam- period 7 and 8	15 Exams Period 1 & 2 Early Dismissal 11:55am	16 Exams Period 3&4 Early Dismissal 11:55am	17
18	19 Exams Period 5&6 Early Dismissal 11:55am	20 Middle School 8 th Grade Promotion 11:30am Palace Exam Period 7 Early Dismissal 9:30am	21 High School Graduation 5pm Palace Make up Exams Last Day of School Early Dismissal 11:55	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Notes: Have a great summer! School resumes on 8/28