# FROM THE DESK OF **Superintendent DiLeo**



This week we have experienced an increase in students who have the flu and other seasonal illnesses. Student attendance in all three schools throughout the week has been under 90%. It appears that the flu bug as also caused a slight disruption with teachers and staff. Having healthy teachers and staff is imperative to receiving students daily.

As I move throughout the buildings, I have noticed an increase in mask wearing and have started to wear my face mask around again in hopes of helping me stay healthy through this surge. To help mitigate these seasonal issues and COVID, wearing a face mask is optional if you feel your child/ren needs additional protection. The December edition of <a href="Months form the Nurse">News from the Nurse</a> has lots of great information to help guide us through this season of colds, flu, and COVID.





Another mitigating strategy to help protect us through these illnesses is hand washing. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

If you are interested in getting vaccinated, you can use the state's <u>vaccine finder website</u> to find clinics convenient to your location.

# **WJSHS Fitness Area**

This week the new flooring to the fitness area at the JS High School has been installed. In addition, the walls received a fresh coat of paint, and the lighting will be updated to LED shortly. The original completion date was for the end of January; however, it appears that we may complete the room project sooner than anticipated.

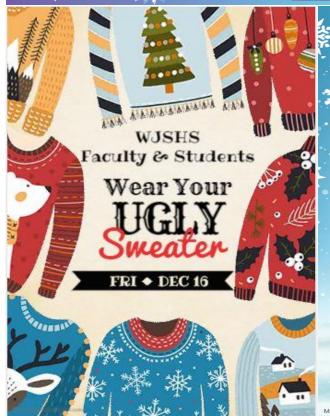
Thanks to Joe Vadnais, Bill Deschamps and Thomas Shamgochian for their due diligence in getting the necessary pre-work completed so we can receive the new equipment in a timely fashion. The company we purchased the equipment from, GRONK, has all the items we ordered in stock except one. Students are excited to hear of the remodeling and are looking forward to the new equipment.

### **Strategic Task Force Survey**

Be on the lookout in January for a for a survey from the Strategic Task Force.

This survey will be conducted to obtain stakeholders' input.





SMK PRESENTS

MONDAY DECEMBER 5TH - FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

All the items collected will be donated to the Juiblee Cupboard in downtown Ware to help restock their shelves after Thanksgiving.

#### NONPERISHABLE AND CANNED GOODS ONLY!

The cans will be collected and sorted by grade and the grade that collects the most cans will win a special prize!

Last year we collected 1,916 cans, think we can top it?

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# SMK Winter Concerts

Thursday, December 15 Grade 2 @ 5:00 p.m.

Grade 3 @ 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20 Kindergarten @ 9:55 a.m.

Grade 1 @ 2:10 p.m.

#### WARE MIDDLE SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

## MONDAY, 12/12

Dress Like a Holiday Helper

### **TUESDAY, 12/13**

Rock Your Favorite Holiday Socks

# WEDNESDAY, 12/14



Wear Something Shiny & Bright

#### THURSDAY, 12/15



Wear Your Holiday Sweater

### FRIDAY, 12/16 Flannel Friday



Saturday December 10th 10:00 AM To 3:00 PM Sunday December 11th 11:00 AM To 3:00 PM Raffles. Bake Sale. Kids Karaoke. Decorate A Cookie. Kids Crafts & Music FREE ADMISSION

All proceeds benefit the Ware Center Meeting House & Museum





# **MEETING NOTICE**

Ware Department of Special Education

Special Education Parent Advisory Council

December 15, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

# Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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Phone Conference ID: 464 214 219#

#### Agenda

Reestablishing the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)



If you require translation or interpretation services, please e-mail the Office of Special Education at ibolduc@ware.k12.ma.us

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# IMPORTANT DATES

EARLY RELEASE DAYS Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

> Dismissal Times: WJSHS @ 12:25 SMK & WMS @ 1:25

### HOLIDAY BREAK

December 23<sup>rd</sup>-January 2<sup>nd</sup> Students return to school January 3<sup>rd</sup>



With the winter weather upon us, please make sure your contact information is updated with your child(ren)'s school office to ensure you are notified of delays or closures.



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