FROM THE DESK OF **Superintendent DiLeo**

I hope this communication finds everyone enjoying the milder winter weather. In case there are any changes to your contact information, please make sure to inform your child/ren's school office so that you receive all pertinent messages that get sent home.





Playground & Track Initiatives

Other initiatives that the district will undertake this year to help with the health and well-being of our students is replacing the playground at SMK and building a new Pre-K playground. With the federal funds that we received to address issues related to COVID, some of those funds will be utilized for these two initiatives. In addition, the replacement of the track will begin in June utilizing the same funding to get this update completed. Not only will this help with the health and well-being of our students, but also with the community-at-large as the track is used often by residents.



Welcome Mr. Fredette!

We are pleased to announce Mr. David Fredette as the new Assistant Principal at WJSHS!

Mr. Fredette comes to us from Worcester Public Schools where he was the English Language Arts Liaison. His work in education spans from being a teacher to an elementary principal over the course of 21 years.

Mr. Fredette shares, "Building strong, meaningful, positive relationships with students, staff and families is the key to everyone's success."

Read more about Mr. Fredette on our website.

IMPORTANT DATES

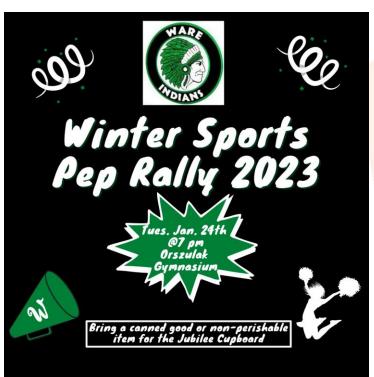
HALF DAY
Wednesday, February 8th

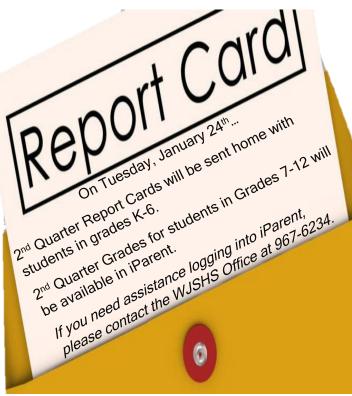
Dismissal Times: WJSHS @ 11:15 SMK & WMS @ 12:00 Ware Middle School

WACKY Hair Day

Wednesday, January 25th







DIAPER
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To benefit the Ware Jubilee Diaper Mission

WHAT WE ARE COLLECTING:
DIAPERS
BABY WIPES
MONETARY DONATIONS

Donations can be
dropped off at any
school office until
Friday, February 17

For more information, contact:
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We Want Your Input for Our School District's Next Strategic Plan!

As the district works to complete our Strategic Plan, we need your feedback. Please consider filling out the survey, which can be found here, to provide us feedback needed in constructing the plan. It will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Whether you are an employee, a parent/caregiver, student, or a community member without children in the schools, your opinion matters!





Congratulations to the students who completed their CNA course at WJSHS! On Tuesday, January 18th, they received their certificates and pins. This course is made possible through a partnership with Baystate Health and Holyoke Community College. Through this semester long course, students learn skills and knowledge through academic and interactive hands-on coursework. There is a great need for nurse aids and after taking this course students can apply for their license to be eligible to work as a CNA.

Students interested in this program, who will be a Junior or Senior next year, are encouraged to talk to their guidance counselor about signing up for the course.



On Wednesday, February 8th, the WJSHS Guidance Office will be taking a field trip to the Palmer Public Library for a Career Fair.

Trades and STEAM careers will be highlighted. WHS students interested in signing up should see their counselor.

Provide Feedback on MCAS

The Department is inviting students, parents, education professionals, and community members to participate in a <u>survey</u> that will provide feedback on the MCAS program and help inform improvements. The Department is seeking stakeholders' input in several areas, including communications and support, data and reporting, and release of test questions. The survey will close at **5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 27**th. Please contact mcas@doe.mass.edu with any questions.