

# FROM THE DESK OF *Superintendent DiLeo*

## Innovation Pathways Planning Grant

We are excited to share that Ware Public Schools has been awarded an Innovation Pathways Planning Grant in the amount of \$10,000! This grant will be used in the planning process to develop an Innovation Pathway in Healthcare and Social Assistance. This Pathway would provide students with a knowledge base so they can make informed decisions about their career choices. Students would be exposed to the many career opportunities in the healthcare and social assistance fields that are in high need areas of the job market sector right in our area.

## Superintendent's Award Recipient

This year's Ware recipient of the Superintendent's Award is Tony He. Tony is an energetic and self-motivated young man who is highly regarded by faculty, staff and peers. For these reasons and many more, Tony was unanimously chosen to receive this prestigious award.

Tony is a remarkable student who is very involved in his school and community. In addition to his academic excellence, he is a valuable member of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society as President, Student Council, Domestic Violence Task Force, and has been involved with various community service projects. He has also managed to be an asset to both our Varsity Volleyball and As Schools Match Wits teams during his time here at WJSHS. Moreover, Tony works long hours to help run and maintain his family's business. He is truly dedicated to all that he does and works to constantly better himself and take on additional responsibilities.

Tony has worked extremely hard to get where he is today. He is constantly pushing himself academically and striving for improvement, taking high-level courses throughout his high school career. Tony's rigorous academic schedule has challenged him, but he has always risen to the occasion and excelled. This year, he has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a Commended Scholar. He has an admirable work ethic and superior time management skills, among many others. Tony currently maintains a 4.7 GPA, earning him the Valedictorian spot in his competitive senior class. We are so proud of his accomplishments and believe him to be truly deserving of this award.



## As Schools Match Wits

**Ware High School** will be competing against **East Granby (CT) High School** on "As Schools Match Wits" this Saturday night, February 4.

Tune into Channel WGBY57 at 7:00 p.m. to support Nick Bousquet, Josh Musnicki, Noah Fales and Kyle Safford, along with their ASMW Advisor Mr. Vantangoli, in their pursuit of academic excellence.

As Schools Match Wits is a local academic quiz competition, which has aired since 1961, and is open to both public and private high school students

throughout western New England. Each season, area high schools go head-to-head in qualifying matches to see which team can earn the most points. The highest scoring teams then compete in playoff matches to determine the season's champion. Contestants are quizzed about literature, history, current events, sports, entertainment, art, music, science, and general knowledge.



## Ware Middle School 100 Cup Challenge

WMS students were challenged to work together to build a structure from 100 cups to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school!



SMK students celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with various activities from counting pennies, making hats and dressing as a 100 year old!





**NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING**  
 FEB. 6-10, 2023 **WEEK**

School Counselors:  
 Helping Students  
 Dream Big

**CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
 WE'RE ALL EQUAL

**Chess is FUN!**  
 Beginners are welcome!



Open to  
 grades 2 & 3

Starting  
 February 6

Join the SMK Ware Chess Club  
 Meets every Monday at 3:30 - 4:00 in the cafeteria  
 If you would like to sign your child up-please email [mdurr@ware.k12.ma.us](mailto:mdurr@ware.k12.ma.us)  
 Please notify your child's teacher or office that they will be staying for Chess Club.  
 Let us know who will be picking up your child.

**WJSHS Spirit Week – Grades 9-12**

**Monday,  
 February 6**



**Tuesday,  
 February 7**



**Wednesday,  
 February 8**



**Thursday,  
 February 9**



**Friday,  
 February 10**



Ware Middle School PTO

**OPEN**  
 Gym



**Friday, February 10, 2023**

6:00 - 8:00 PM

\$5 Admission ~ Snacks & Drinks available for purchase

Grades 4-6 Students Only ~ Drop Off Event ~ Parents Must Come In To Pick-up

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*Winter Carnival*  
 Grades 9-12

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

- 7:00 a.m. - Cupcake Wars
- 8:00 a.m. - Basketball
- 9:15 a.m. - Kan Jam/Cornhole/  
 Phone Booth/Arm Wrestling
- 10:00 a.m. - Speedball
- 11:30 a.m. - Capture the Flag
- 12:30 p.m. - Dodgeball
- 2:30 p.m. - Tug of War
- 3:30 p.m. - Musical Competition
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Dance



## Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Career Exploration Program

WJSHS will be offering the ASVAB CEP Test to students in grades 10-12 on February 15, at 8:00 a.m. This test is sponsored by the Department of Defense to provide a career exploration service to students and qualified leads to military recruiters. You do not necessarily need to be interested in joining the military to participate in this test. Regardless of post-secondary plans, military or otherwise, the ASVAB CEP will help to accurately identify strengths. If a student decides to test, they will gain access to the career exploration resources after receiving their scores. From there, they will be able to independently (or with the help of their Guidance Counselor) explore any careers that interest them, including those that may be found in the military. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Racine ([sracine@ware.k12.ma.us](mailto:sracine@ware.k12.ma.us)) or Mrs. Griffith ([kgriffith@ware.k12.ma.us](mailto:kgriffith@ware.k12.ma.us)).

WJSHS National Honor Society

# DIAPER DRIVE

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:  
Jesse Trzpit at  
[jtrzpit@ware.k12.ma.us](mailto:jtrzpit@ware.k12.ma.us)

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Grades 7 & 8  
**VALENTINE'S  
DANCE**

FEBRUARY 17  
6:00-8:00PM  
WJSHS Cafeteria

\$5 Admission  
Refreshments will also  
be available for sale

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Many acts of kindness and support can be observed on any given day in all three buildings; however, we don't get to see them all. If you see an act of kindness or a good deed in the Ware Learning Community, we want to hear about it! Share it with us by completing our form [WARE Positivity Shines](#).

**WARE**  
Positivity  
Shines

## IMPORTANT DATES

HALF DAY

Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

*Dismissal Times:*

*WJSHS @ 11:15*

*SMK & WMS @ 12:00*



## Contact Information

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.