

FROM THE DESK OF *Superintendent DiLeo*



Diaper Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated to the National Honor Society's Diaper Drive.

With your generosity, they were able to donate over 1,000 diapers and over 1,000 wipes to the Jubilee Diaper Ministry.

National Honor Society Officers helped drop off the donation.

Photo (L-R):
Victoria Thresher (Vice President),
Natalie Silverio (President), Callie Orszulak (Treasurer),
and Rachel Desjardins (Secretary)

WJSHS Spring Sports

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS TODAY, MARCH 17!



Boys JV & Varsity Baseball

JV & Varsity Softball

Boys JV & Varsity Volleyball

[Click Here to Register](#)

Season starts March 20, 2023!



*If you have any questions, contact Thomas Shamgochian, Athletic Director
413-967-6234, extension 4228 or tshamgochian@ware.k12.ma.us*



Contact Information

Please make sure to inform your child/ren's school office of any changes to your contact information so that you receive all pertinent messages that get sent home.

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WHS Student Council

Recently, the Ware High School Student Council attended the annual MASC Spring Conference at Cape Cod. The trip was a huge success and the 19 students who attended were treated to excellent speakers, workshops, and renewing their commitment to student leadership.

The Council earned a Gold Council of Excellence Award for their submission of the Excellence Book. This is the fourth time they have received Gold for our council. They scored 49 points out of 50 points on the excellence rubric. We are thrilled with this award because now Ware High School joins 36 other schools in the Commonwealth in being a Gold Council of Excellence. Two other Western Mass schools received golds as well and that was Minnechaug Regional and Greenfield High schools.

Additionally, the Council earned a Top Ten Project Award for the Haunted Locker Room held on Friday October 28, 2022 at the Ware Middle School. Only ten schools are picked for the top projects of the year.

The Council is planning their fifth Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8 at the track. The hours will be 11:00-12:00 noon and it is open to ages 1-12. There will be a bake sale, face painting and a special visit from the Easter Bunny, Spring Duckling and Spring Chicken.

The Student Council is currently planning Autism Awareness Day and additionally on that day they are having the entire student body take a pledge in the cafeteria for the annual “Spread the Word to End the Word” campaign showing how detrimental the word ‘retarded’ can be. Both events will be held on April 4, 2023.



CLASS OF 2026
BASKETBALL
GAME
 FUNDRAISER

WJSHS GYM
MARCH 17
7:00 PM
ADMISSION \$5

WARE POLICE VS **WARE FIRE DEPT.**

WMS Leadership Council
SPRING FLING

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH
 6 to 8 pm - WMS Gym

ADMISSION - \$5
 Snacks & drinks also available for purchase

WMS STUDENTS ONLY
MUST BE IN SCHOOL THAT DAY TO ATTEND

Students will need a behavior contract signed by teachers and parents.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Troy Jurczyk, grade 8 student and Project 351 Student Ambassador, has collaborated with Cradles to Crayons for a Clothing Drive. This clothing drive will help support more than 300,000 children in Massachusetts in homeless or high-risk economic circumstances. Donations of new or gently used children's clothing in sizes newborn to adult medium can be dropped off from March 21-23 in the collection boxes located in the WJSHS Main Entrance.

WMS March Madness Spirit Days

Wednesday, March 22
COLOR WARS
 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6

Wednesday, March 29
 Wear Your Favorite Holiday



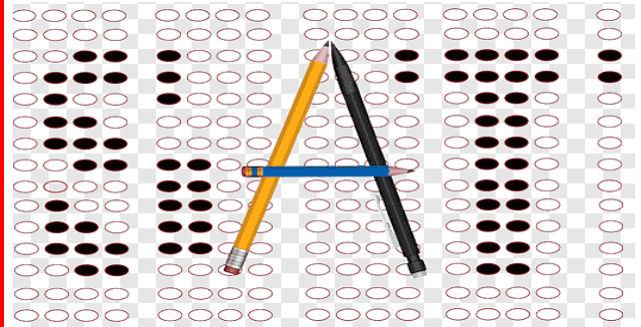
The Springfield Thunderbirds Stick to Reading program promotes literacy amongst students in the Western Massachusetts Community. Join us on a 6 week reading quest to academic excellence. All made possible by our friends at MassMutual.

- Read with Boomer and Friends
- Meet Thunderbirds Players
- Earn a FREE Game ticket & program rewards!

SMK & WMS Students...

Don't forget to read and keep track of your time by filling in your Reading Log and turn it in to your principal by March 31st. Students with at least 6 hours of reading will get a chance to see Boomer when he visits the school to present certificates to those who completed the program!

When the program ends, the game ticket will be sent to the email address provided on the reading log..



The WJSHS Guidance Department will be administering the SAT in school for students in grades 11 & 12.

When: Tuesday, April 25

Cost: \$60

(waivers available for those who qualify)

Sign up with the Guidance Department by Thursday, March 23.

See your Guidance Counselor for more information

Are you in grades 9-12 and interested in a career in healthcare?

If so, talk to your guidance counselor about signing up to attend the upcoming Healthcare Career Fair on April 12.



HEALTHCARE CAREER FAIR

Wednesday - April 12, 2023

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Palmer Public library

Healthcare provides a variety of essential and rewarding career opportunities. Join us to learn more & connect with local employers.

STCC SIMS Lab
EMT/Paramedic
Pharmacist
Physician Assistant
Athletic Trainer

Lab - Prep Technician
Mental Health
Dietitian
Medical Assistant
Nursing

Students who attend will each receive a gift and a chance to win a Nintendo Switch™

See Ms. Racine or Ms. Griffith to sign-up for the field trip



The 2023-2024 Academic Calendar was approved by the School Committee on March 15, 2023.

You can find the calendar below and on our website at https://www.wareps.org/for_parents/district_documents.

Ware Public Schools 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

Legend: SD - Student Days per Month

First Days
 No School
 Half Day
 Early Dismissal
 Graduation
 District Closed

July 2023						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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August 2023						
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September 2023						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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22-23 Teacher Orientation
 24 First Day Students Grades 1-12
 30 First Day Kindergarten: Last Name A-M
 31 First Day Kindergarten: Last Name N-Z

4 Labor Day - No School
 5 First Day Preschool

October 2023						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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November 2023						
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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December 2023						
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31						SD 15

9 Columbus Day - No School
 27 1st Quarter Grades Close

2 PD .5 - Half Day for Students
 3 Report Cards Issued
 10 Veterans Day Observed - No School
 22-24 Thanksgiving Break

7 PD .5 - Half Day for Students
 21 Early Release Day #1
 22-29 Holiday Break

January 2024						
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February 2024						
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March 2024						
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31						SD 20

1 Holiday Break
 12 Early Release Day #2
 15 M.L. King, Jr. Day - No School
 16 2nd Quarter Grades Close
 23 Report Cards Issued

8 PD .5 - Half Day for Students
 19-23 Winter Break

8 Early Release Day #3
 26 3rd Quarter Grades Close
 29 Good Friday - No School

April 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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May 2024						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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June 2024						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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2 Report Cards Issued
 15-19 Spring Vacation

3 Full PD - No School
 27 Memorial Day - No School
 31 PD .5 - Half Day for Students

1 Graduation
 14 Last Day of School - Half Day
 (assumed 5 snow days)

	<u>Bus Arrival Time</u>	<u>Class Times</u>	<u>Early Dismissal</u>	<u>Half Day Dismissal</u>	<u>Phone</u>
SMK	8:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	967-6236
WMS	8:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	967-6903
WJSHS	7:45 a.m.	8:00 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.	12:25 p.m.	11:15 a.m.	967-6234
SMK Morning Preschool Session		9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	N/A	N/A	
SMK Afternoon Preschool Session		12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	No Afternoon Session	No Afternoon Session	967-4087

Students will attend 180 days. This calendar may be changed by the Ware School Committee or by inclement weather conditions. Such changes will be announced and posted on the district website at wareps.org.