

WINDSOR SCHOOL

Mt. Ascutney School District



Principal's Monthly Report- September 2019

The Mt. Ascutney School District is committed- To honor, encourage, and celebrate the excellence, diversity, and aspirations of each learner through creative and motivating challenges.

Windsor experienced one of the smoothest transitions into the new school year ever! We kicked the year off with our new teacher's orientation on Monday, August 26th where new faculty across the supervisory union received an overview of the priorities within the SU and their respective buildings. Faculty and staff started their first day on Tuesday, August 27th, followed by our annual WSESU kickoff with Superintendent Baker on Wednesday, August 28th in the Lois F. White Theater at the high school. Students arrived for their first day on Thursday, August 29th.

Every year Windsor offers a special orientation for all seventh and ninth graders on the first day of school. The event is lead by our Student Council and provides an opportunity for students to meet the faculty and engage in community building activities.

Our kindergarten students and parents were eased into the school year with a reduced day. Monday, September 9th is our kindergartens first official full day of school. Kindergarten offers a nice balance between play, self exploration and foundational academics. Friday, September 13th marks the first day of Forest Friday where our students engage in place based learning in Paradise Park.



In the spirit of providing flexible pathways and authentically rich real world learning experiences, I have opted to have two high school interns this year who are interested in leadership and student activism. The interns will be participating members of the Portrait of a Graduate Design Team, Windsor's Creative Communities Network, the school leadership team and a variety of other teacher committees. My hope is that the Mt. Ascutney School Board will consider allowing the interns to sit as non-voting members of our school board and welcome them to attend monthly meetings. Each intern, Miranda Todt, and Virginia Snyder, will use a portion of their internship time working on tasks related to their Senior Capstone projects. I'm very much looking forward to working with these young and ambitious students.

We have several important events taking place in September.

Freshman Academy Open House

On Thursday, September 12th, all freshman and their parents are invited to join our Freshman Academy Advisors for an evening of food and fun!
The event will take place in the high school from 6:00-8:00 pm.

7th & 8th Grade Farm and Wilderness Overnight

All 7th and 8th grade Windsor students will be heading off to Farm & Wilderness for an overnight on September 19th and 20th.

Student Reflections on 2018 F&W Trip

“The best part of the trip was being outside and connecting with people I didn't know and getting closer to some of my friends. We went swimming, slept in open cabins, and even worked on the farm on the property. This experience really connected us with nature and provided us with experiences I would have never had if I didn't go on this trip.”

“My favorite experience from this trip was having fun being in nature. From canoeing in the ice cold water, to digging potatoes in the pouring rain. I thought people were crazy because they were braving the cold water and going on the rope swing. At Farm and Wilderness, there is never a dull moment. Sure, you are away from the comforts at home, but something about that makes the experience much more enjoyable and new. Even though the rain was wet and every time you stepped the water sloshed out of your shoe, the weather did not dampen our spirits. It's like exciting things are waiting to happen every turn you take at Farm and Wilderness.”

“My favorite memory was sitting on one of the docks at night and gazing at the stars as the night went on. In Windsor you can't look at the stars like you can at Timber Lake. The stars were bright and there was no light pollution at all in the sky.”

K-12 Open House

Windsor School will be open to all students and parents/guardians interested in learning about all of the amazing programs we have to offer from 5:30-7:30 pm on Thursday, September 26th.

Veggie Palooza and Coffee House will both be taking place this evening.
We hope you stop by!

Homecoming Weekend

Homecoming weekend is a long standing tradition at Windsor School. It is a time when Alumni return to town and show their support for our school and young athletes. All of our athletic teams will be playing in a home game this weekend.

The weekend will be kicked off with our Varsity Field Hockey team vs. Woodstock at 4:00 pm, followed by a community Bonfire.

Saturday, September 28th athletic competitions

Boys Varsity Soccer vs Sharon Academy @ 11:00 am
Varsity Football vs Mill River @ 2:00 pm
Girls Varsity Soccer vs Black River @ 4:30 pm

PUPIL ENROLLMENT						
8/30/2019						
	30-Aug	30-Aug	30-Aug	30-Aug		
GRADE	HES	WES	ABS	SSS	TOTAL	
K	27	22	10	36	90	
1	27	27	9	44	107	
2	15	26	8	33	82	
3	40	19	4	27	90	
4	34	31	6	37	108	
5	36	27	9	29	101	
6	36	24	14	46	120	
7	35	26		37	98	
8	25	29		39	93	
TOTAL	275	231	60	242	889	
Windsor H.S.	30-Aug	30-Aug				
GRADE	RES.	N.RES.				TOTAL

7	30	7				37
8	33	6				39
Sub Total	63	13				76
9	31	28				59
10	40	24				64
11	38	29				67
12	26	23				49
Sub-Total	135	104				239
TOTAL WHS	198	117				315
GRAND TOTAL K-12 (All Districts)						1,204