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Mt. Ascutney School District Vision

To honor, encourage, and celebrate the excellence, diversity, and aspirations of each learner through creative and motivating challenges.

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Dear Windsor Parents, Guardians, & Caregivers,

Wow. It looks like a Winter Wonderland in our beautiful town. We hope you are enjoying your snow day. We hope to see lots of pictures of fun in the snow.

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New Information:

Senior parents: Postcards have been mailed regarding the purchase of senior yearbook recognition ads. Visit JostensAdService.com. Deadline is February 11th. Email RK at rkelly@wsesu.net with any questions.

Also, information regarding senior yearbook pages has been emailed to all seniors. Deadline for turning in senior portraits, etc. is January 4th. We are also looking for "throwback" pics from elementary and middle school.

Community News from Ascutney Outdoors: Ascutney Outdoors will be providing Free community Fridays starting January 8th. Parents are responsible for providing transportation as the school will not be providing transportation this year. While they are encouraging the use of your own equipment if possible, you can email Laura at jlfarrel@gmail.com to make arrangements for individual fittings.

Reminders:

Calendar changes:

Please see the latest email from Dr. Baker that includes an updated calendar change. December 21 and 22 will now be in person school days. December 23 will be no school for students. The week of January 4th will be all remote. **(HACTC students follow the Hartford Calendar).**

Semester 2 Plans

The second semester starts January 25 and we are in the planning stages now. If your student is interested in changing their current status to remote or in person, please email Angela Ladeau (aladeau@wsesu.net) and your building principals(cdeschamp@wsesu.net and kryan@wsesu.net) as soon as possible so we can begin the process. We are happy to answer any questions.

Student Parking Lot Changes - Please see Wendy Moody for a parking permit if you have not done so already. We may have to adjust parking space and location to accommodate the number of cars in the parking lot. These changes will include assigned rows to park as well as expanding our parking to the soccer field. Our current information, based on parking stickers, tells us that this is not necessary but our reality shows us otherwise. Getting a parking sticker is important to proper planning.

Employment Opportunity:

WSESU is hiring for part time support staff positions working with students in several grades. If interested please apply directly with your cover letter, resume and three references directly to Katie Ahern, Interim Director of Special Services, katie.ahern@wsesu.net, 674-8108

From Nurse Martens:

Questions at health check:

Do you have any of the following symptoms of COVID? (Chronic conditions such as seasonal allergies do not need to be counted)

Chills

Shortness of breath

Fatigue

Muscle aches

Headache

Loss of taste or smell

Congestion/runny nose

Nausea/Vomiting

Diarrhea

New rash

Have you come into contact with anyone who has COVID within the past 14 days?

Have you traveled for non-essential travel or have you engaged in multi-household social gatherings?

Please remember that students should not bring medications of any kind into the school. This includes both prescription and over the counter medications along with vitamins. All medications that need to be taken during the school day require written permission from parents/guardians and must be kept in the health office. Students should never share medications with other students at any time. If you have any questions please contact the school nurse at 802-674-8313 or elizabeth.martens@wesu.net. Thank you for keeping our school healthy and safe.

Your help is appreciated if you can share your tentative travel plans, if occurring outside of Vermont, during the upcoming holidays. This data can help us plan accordingly for the safe return to school after the holidays for all students and staff.

Travel Guidelines - The Health Dept. encourages school administrators, school nurses, and designated school personnel to share the link to the travel map/info on the ACCD website with parents and families. We encourage you to consult the map before planning a trip outside of VT. [Here is the link](#) to the map. It is updated on Tuesdays. If you are traveling over the Winter break, please share with the administration and/or school nurse.
<https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

Important Dates

12/21-12/22 - In person learning
12/23 - No school for students, Teacher Inservice
12/24-1/3 - Holiday Recess, No School
1 /4 - 1 /8 -Remote Learning

Weekends Are For Family and Wellness

Over the weekends this year, we will be encouraging our staff and families, as well as ourselves, to practice taking time for personal wellness and family connections while minimizing screen time. To this end, we will be offline as much as possible over the weekends and be back, refreshed and ready to go, when school is back in session at the start of each week. If there is an emergency however, always feel free to contact Colleen DeSchamp or Kate Ryan.

Helpful Links

[School Website with daily bulletin](#)
[WSESU 2020-2021 School Calendar](#)
[Health & Safety Handbook](#)
[VT Dept. of Health - Travel Guidelines](#)

[Mt. Ascutney School Board Meetings](#)

[Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union School Board Meetings](#)

[Vermont Physician Groups Letter](#)

