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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,

We hope you enjoy a wonderful winter break. We are thankful for your continued commitment to health and safety.

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Ascutney Outdoors News: Community Rope Tow Days Friday February 12th and Friday February 19th from 2pm-4:30pm. Please be aware that as the Rope Tow Day gains popularity, we must all be vigilant not to overload the lift. It is imperative that no one gets on the rope tow until the person in front has reached the first tower. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We will have our regular weekend operations (T-bar and Tubing) from noon until 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. We will also be running the T-bar and Tubing Lift on Monday February 15th (noon - 4pm) As we go through the remainder of the season and the weather begins to change, please check our website www.ascutneyoutdoors.org for the operating schedule.

Senior parents - February 11th was the cut-off date for purchasing recognition ads online, but if you missed you can still purchase ads through RK! Space is limited and we are approaching our final deadline - act now so you don't miss out! Ads must be completed by March 12th. rkelly@wsesu.net

Yearbooks on sale - You can purchase a book online until February 26th at Jostens.com. *Not many extra books will be ordered so this is the only way to guarantee yourself a book.* Extra books will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Senior books will be covered by Project Grad. Email RK with any questions rkelly@wsesu.net

Reminders:

Sports Update: Per the governor today, Varsity & JV Games BKB games can begin next Friday, Feb. 12th. Online schedules will be updated shortly to reflect any further changes. NO spectators are allowed at any games, however most schools will provide some form of online viewing. For OUR home events, the games will be streamed live (and available to watch after the game) on each program's YouTube channel. Visit the links and subscribe.

Boys YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbtvFXeDvW6CiUM7HtGmFHg>

Girls YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2JvqISMNU5xINHvgF0d1tA>

Also, team pictures are scheduled for Monday, February 22nd. Information will be distributed next week and shared online.

Reminders for all:

Lebanon Opera House: During the February 15-20 school break, we are presenting a week-long run of ticketed, limited-capacity Zoom theater experiences in partnership with [Cahoots NI](#), Northern Ireland's leading children's theater company.

[The University of Wonder and Imagination](#) is an interactive adventure through a set of mysterious classrooms with surprises at every turn. The show is suitable for "students" of all ages and magical abilities. I've seen several theater productions using Zoom and this is one of the most innovative—and fun. The show has a Harry Potter vibe with lots of magic and illusion plus audience participation.

This is a great way for families to connect remotely! To keep it intimate, each show is limited to 10 households (a household is all under one roof, using one device for \$25). If folks would like a private experience, they can essentially buy-out a time slot for \$250 and share access with up to 10 other households

Parking Lot Update:

Sophomores parking is at the soccer field.

Juniors and Seniors park in the back row.

Faculty park in the first 3 rows.

Please make sure you have a parking permit.

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?

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@wsesu.net. Thank you for keeping our school healthy and safe.

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.

<https://accd.vermont.gov/covid-19/restart/cross-state-travel>

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](#)