



# 2020-2021

**Newsletter #19**  
**January 19th-22nd**

**Westport Schools COVID Reporting Hotline: if you've tested positive or have been directly exposed to a positive case, please call: 203-341-1016**

**DISTANCE LEARNING  
TECH HELP CENTER**

## NEW ITEMS

**[UPDATE FROM THE PRINCIPALS: FULL OPEN MIDDLE SCHOOL MODEL INFO \(linked here and below\)](#)**

Now that both middle schools are open, we are actively planning for full time in-school learning for all students at both town middle schools noting that the distance learning option will remain available through June. Based on the positive record of cooperation on behalf of our awesome students, families, and staff, we strongly believe that we can increase the in-school student population and maintain safety for all. Presently, the middle schools are gearing up for the transition from the Hybrid School Model to the Full-In School Model starting Monday, February 1st; please read this [memo](#) sent to all parents/guardians on 1/22/21.

Please stay tuned for updates from Superintendent Scarice, the Board of Education and the middle school leadership.

## **IMPORTANT STUDENT TECH REMINDERS!**

Students need to bring their school-issued Chromebooks to school CHARGED and in the protective case every day. BMS does not have spare devices or chargers on hand. Students are not permitted to bring their personal devices to school, however, they are welcome to use them at home on distance learning days.

- If students have a technical or physical issue with their device, they can report to the LMC, and the LMC staff will evaluate it and troubleshoot. If the device can not be repaired by the LMC staff, they may swap it out with another device OR provide a loaner while the device is being repaired by a Westport Public School IT technician.
- Please remember that if students have technical issues while learning from home an adult at home can contact the Distance Learning Tech Support. Here is a link (it is also a button on the bottom left of the BMS homepage): <https://bms.westportps.org/fs/pages/3689>

## **BACK IN ACTION: Comic Book Club**

Mr. DeRosa's "COMIC BOOK CLUB " will meet every Monday from 2:45-3:30 in person in room 276 starting on 2/1. Interested students must email Mr. DeRosa and include their "first and last name" plus "comic book club" in the subject line. Students will receive the Google Classroom Link in an email response from Mr. DeRosa.

Description of Club: This year long course is an in-depth study of the creation of comic books devoted to beginners. Scholars will be made aware of significant artists, genres and styles throughout the last century and be responsible for creating their own characters, storyboards, and narratives that will

lead them through the development of their own collaborative, online, comic-zine! New students as well as those who attended from previous years are highly encouraged to participate.

**REPOST: ATTENTION 8th GRADE STUDENTS & FAMILIES: Transition to Staples High School**

The grade 8 counselors and teachers will be working with our students next week on the transition to Staples High School process. Students will be introduced to the SHS Program of Studies and the pre-registration process. **[LINK: TRANSITION LETTER SENT FROM SHS TO ALL 8th GRADE FAMILIES](#)**

<b>NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE: JANUARY 25th-29th</b>		
<b>DAY, DATE</b>	<b>IN-SCHOOL HYBRID COHORT</b>	<b>SCHEDULE ROTATION</b>
Monday, 01/25/2021	Cohort A is in school full day	B-Day
Tuesday, 01/26/2021	Cohort B is in school full day	A-Day
Wednesday, 01/27/2021	REMOTE LEARNING ½ DAY	C-Day
Thursday, 01/28/2021	Cohort A is in school full day	E-Day
Friday, 01/29/2021	Cohort B is in school full day	D-Day

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