

November 19, 2020



Dear Families, Staff and Students,

We have successfully completed the first week of hybrid! I am pleased to share it went smoother than anticipated. I believe this in large part due to the exceptional safety protocols we have in place, and due to our staff's strong commitment to teach our students how to implement these new safety protocols.

I continue to stress the importance of two-way communication and taking a unified stand with teaching our students the importance of all the new safety protocols in school and on the bus. Please continue talking with your child/ children about doing their part. While the majority of our students are doing well with following these new safety guidelines, we do have some students who are not taking this seriously enough. It is important that students understand that they must follow the safety guidelines of social distancing in school, even if their families are allowing them to hang out with their friends in closer contact situations outside of school.

Our first week of hybrid included two fire drills at each school to ensure both Cohort A and Cohort B students had the experience. All six fire drills were successful!

As we round the corner to next week and Thanksgiving, I would like to remind families of a few things:

1. Next Week's Schedule: Monday and Tuesday are full school days, following your current cohort schedule; Wednesday is a ½ day, following your current cohort schedule; and Thursday and Friday are NO school days.
2. State Travel Guidelines: The Massachusetts Travel Guidelines require proof of a negative COVID test within 72 hours of returning, or a 14 day quarantine from all states, except Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Hawaii.
3. Per Massachusetts State Health Regulations: All students (Pre-K- 12) are required to have a Flu shot by December 31st. Questions need to be referred to school nurses.
4. New Immunization Requirements for Grade 7 and 11: Students must have a Meningococcal vaccine for this school year. Questions need to be referred to school nurses.

Congratulations to the following students that were selected for membership into the Webster Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society for the 2020-2021 school year:

7th Grade:

Nicholas Albright
Kenny Arpin
David Betancur
Leah Bouthillier
Nathan Chenevert
Nathan Cole
Aiden Cruz
Jayla Fowler
Rylee Fulmine
Gocelyn Gordon
Ashley Heath
Tyler Heath
Angelica Padilla
Eryk Piwowarczyk
Mason Sebastysanski
Gabriel Turcotte
Esmeralda Velez
Arianna Watson

8th Grade:

Faith Binney
Savannah Bjork
Gracien Boucher
Hope Cooper
Emma DeRoche
Colin Farraher
Taryn Gerber
Kira Gillette
Abigail Haynes
Ayden Heenan
Lexani Lewis
Maya Ortiz
Willis Perrault
Adam Phillips
Isabella Richards
Corey Scovil
Annika Stockhaus
Adam Urato
Isabella Vasconcelos
Dakota Vaudreuil
Amelia White
Cayden Young

Thanksgiving may look and feel very different than what we are all used to this year, especially if we are all going to follow the health expert's advice to limit our celebrations to those we live with. Even though it will be different, I know I will still be sharing with my own family how grateful and proud I am of the Webster Public School educators and staff I work with each day. I cannot stress enough how hard everyone has been working to keep things safe, and to ensure our teaching and learning model is successfully moving forward.

May everyone find some peace and time to rest over the upcoming Thanksgiving break.

Kind Regards,

Dr. Ruthann Petruno-Goguen

