

January 29, 2018

Dear Students, Teachers and Families,

The Opioid Awareness presentation that occurred last week at BHS provided us with valuable information regarding addiction and prevention. A special thank you to Deputy Michael Shaw of the Webster Police, the Webster Opioid Task Force, and the A.E.D. Foundation for organizing this event. Many local agencies were present to share valuable information with parents, students and community members.

We heard from Michelle Dunn's powerful story about her daughter Alyssa's struggle with addiction, Jackie's story as peer recovery counselor and recovering addict, along with District Attorney Joseph D. Early's work that supports community awareness around the dangers of opioid drugs. The Dunn's have created the A.E.D. Foundation in memory of their daughter and they serve as a resource to others struggling with the addiction;

<https://www.aedfoundationinc.org/>

The Massachusetts Department of Health statistics of # of opioid deaths in Webster are listed below:

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
5	3	4	6	5	4

If you or someone you know is looking for assistance with the living with the disease of addiction, please do not hesitate to reach out to the guidance staff or administrators at our schools, the Police, Fire, or EMT Departments, the Webster Opioid Task Force, or the A.E.D. Foundation. As Michelle Dunn noted, reaching out for help could save a life. Please know the Webster Community is committed to work together to provide support and help with addiction.

If you missed the presentation, it made the news!

<http://www.fox25boston.com/video?videoId=689012536&videoVersion=2.0>



**New Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Math and Science will be joining us on February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Mrs. Jill Chapdelaine comes to us from Chicopee and will be starting on February 5<sup>th</sup>. She will be working closely with our teachers, Interim Curriculum Director Janice Daniels, Director of Student Services Kathy Baris, and myself with a clear focus on Math and Science.

**Three finalists for Commissioner of Education were interviewed on Friday:**

<https://livestream.com/accounts/22459134>

The DESE Board meets today to discuss the three finalists:

- **Angelica Infante-Green**, the New York State Education Department deputy commissioner of the Office of Instructional Support P-12 since 2015 and a former teacher and administrator in New York City public schools
- **Jeffrey C. Riley**, a former chief innovation officer at Boston Public Schools who since 2012 has worked as the superintendent/receiver of Lawrence Public Schools, which has 35 schools and 14,000 students
- **Penny Schwinn**, a former Baltimore teacher who founded the Capitol Collegiate Academy in Sacramento, she now serves as the Texas Education Agency's chief deputy commissioner of academics and former associate secretary of education in the Delaware Department of Education

**Athletic Schedule this week:**

Monday 1/29

Boys Varsity & JV Basketball teams travel to Fitchburg to take on St Bernard's High School. JV- 5 p.m. Varsity 6:30p.m

Girls Varsity & JV Basketball teams also are on the road to Blackstone Millville Regional. JV - 5pm- Varsity 6:30 pm

Tuesday 1/30

Boys Freshmen Basketball hosts AMSA (Advanced Math & Science Academy). 3:30pm

Girls & Boys Basketball teams travel to Millbury to take on the Middle school Woolies. Boys 3:30pm

Girls 4:30pm

Wednesday 1/31

Girls Varsity & JV Basketball teams travel to Oxford to take on the Lady Pirates. JV- 5 p.m. Varsity-6:30 p.m.

Boys Varsity & JV Basketball teams welcome the Pirates of Oxford HS in a pivotal League as well as post season implications. JV Tip @ 5p.m- Varsity 6:30 p.m.

SPECIAL!! FIRST 50 STUDENTS TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE BOYS BASKETBALL GAME VS. OXFORD WILL RECEIVE A FREE BARTLETT T-SHIRT.

PRE-SALE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS OFFICE STARTING TODAY. STUDENT TICKET PRICES ARE \$3.

Thursday 2/1

Girls & Boys Middle School Basketball travel to Spencer and take on Knox Trail.

Girls at 3:30 p.m.- Boys at 4:30 p.m.

Friday 2/2

Boys Freshmen Basketball host the Pioneers from Southbridge. 3:30 p.m.

Girls Varsity & JV Basketball teams take to the road and travel to Warren to take on the Cougars from Quaboag HS. JV 5 p.m.- Varsity 6:30pm

Be Well,

Ruthann Goguen, Superintendent