

**To: Parents and Guardians**

**From: Ruthann Goguen, Superintendent**

**Date: November 3, 2017**

**Re: Weekly Update**

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**GREAT WEBSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS TO SHARE:**

**Athletics:**

The Cheerleading team won the SWCL East Championship and they were crowned overall champions from their performance! Congratulations! They now advance on the regional competition.

The Golf team wrapped up there season with Alex Hetherman competing in the Division 2 State Tournament

Girls Soccer team wrapped up there season with an exciting win over Southbridge 4-3

Boys & Girls Cross Country teams qualified for District play and will run at Gardner golf course on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>

Boys Soccer team will compete in post season play with an opening round home game vs. Tynsboro High School at 2:00 p.m. Friday

Football team is in the Division 8 District playoffs and will travel to #2 seed St. Bernard's Friday night for a 7:00 pm kick-off.

Webster Middle School Soccer & Football programs concluded the season and the teams were very competitive.

Webster Middle School Basketball try-outs will take place Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Girls at WMS from 2:30-4:00 p.m. and Boys will have try- outs at Bartlett's gymnasium from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

**John and Abigail Adams Scholarship**

I am pleased to share 27 students have earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship and were recognized by administration, guidance and their families on October 30<sup>th</sup> at BHS. This scholarship provides BHS Seniors tuition waivers for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. The scholarship covers tuition as long as students maintain a 3.0 GPA and complete an annual FAFSA. Students earn this scholarship by scoring Advanced and Proficient on their grade 10 MCAS and being in the top 25% with their results. With college costs rising, this is a tremendous opportunity for our students.

**Congratulations to the Class of 2018**  
**John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients:**

Brandon Anderson  
Kyara Binienda  
Connor Brennan  
Abigail Brodeur  
Patrick Burns  
Elisabeta Cojocar  
Jared Drisco  
Alejandro Espino  
Caitlin Frabotta  
Avory Gagnon  
Madison Johns  
Noah Karlon  
Phuong Le

Megan Marrier  
Cameron McLaughlin  
Lays Napoli  
Christopher Place  
Alexander Polanco  
Kelsey Prince  
Samantha Proulx  
Nicholas Rockwood  
Christopher Silva  
Owen Simonis  
Dylan Thomas  
Zoe Thomas  
Jonathan Truscott  
Alyssa Ward

**National Honor Society Inductees**

Last night, 14 students were inducted into the Webster Chapter National Honor Society. The ceremony was very well done and led by the National Honor Society President Jonathan Truscott, Vice President Alyssa Ward, Secretary Phuog Le and Treasurer Kyara Binienda.

**Congratulations to the Inductees Class of 2019**

Viola Appiah- Daquah  
Leighah Beausoleil  
Mariah Belletti  
Ashlee Cuellar  
Julie Dwyer  
Allison Grzembski  
Brian James

Caitlin Kotorba  
Summer Lamprey  
Bradley Markiewicz  
Brandi Mercer  
Patryk Piwonwarczyk  
Julia Podedworny  
Johnathan Wilson





### MCAS

The Parent Reports on the 2017 MCAS results have been sent home. Please bring your questions about your child's /children's results to your teachers and building administrators. As a reminder there is a MCAS link on our district website that includes an interactive guide to understanding the Parent Reports.

<http://websterps.schoolfusion.us/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=336765&sessionid=6f8f75d71e1e2e96ac1d7789c5eed5e7&sessionid=6f8f75d71e1e2e96ac1d7789c5eed5e7>

On the November 2<sup>nd</sup> ½ day of In-service, our teachers and administrators at WMS and PAE began a deeper exploration of the new Next Generation MCAS results. They are working on creating action plans that will be implemented in the classrooms to address the areas of weakness as noted in the student achievement results. On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the high school teachers and staff participated in a Keys to Literacy Workshop and they will be analyzing MCAS results at the next ½ day of In-service.

### Superintendent's Roundtable Discussions and the WMS & PAE Report Card Meetings

Thank you to the parents/guardians who attended these sessions and Thank you to the NHS Students, Emily Fitzgerald, Kelsey Prince and Abigail Brodeur for providing babysitting.

The following topics were discussed:



1. The desire to have more communication coming home to parents from classroom teachers on learning objectives for the week
2. The lack of consistency with the district's Writing Program
3. Positive comments about the recent changes with the report card at WMS & PAE
4. The need to improve communication with families during critical times of transitioning new students into our schools and transitioning our students to another school in the district

Be on the look out for a parent survey which will be sent out sometime next week to gather more feedback.



**SAVE THE DATE:** Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Goguen's Roundtable at BHS will start at 5:00 p.m. and the BHS Administration will host a forum on the Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) in place. While I recognize, high school students tend not to want their parents involved with their schooling, I strongly encourage high school parents to attend this session and bring your questions and ideas that evening.

**We need you!** The Home / School Connection

It is crucial that parents/guardians attend the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences on to learn more your child's academic progress. Please contact your child's/children's school to schedule these important meetings. The stronger our home to school connection is the better off our students are!

**We need volunteers!** BHS School Council

BHS is looking for parent volunteers to join their School Council team. Please contact Principal Steve Knowlton if you are interested.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Bartlett Drama Presents



Written By L. Frank Baum

Friday, November 17th @ 7PM

Saturday, November 18th @ 7PM

Performances held in Bartlett's Jacqueline D. Puliafico Theater

Tickets pre-purchased \$7

At Door - \$10

Take Care, Mrs. Goguen

