

School Governance Council Meeting 5/8/2024

Attendance:

Doug Cheatham

Jessica Gaddis

Isa Alves

Joseph Nole

Samantha Nicolasora

Peggy Terhune

Daniel Cocchiola

Mary Case

Mrs. Case - Welcomed everyone and officially started our meeting.

WAMS' Orchestra, Band, and Chorus will be participating in ***Music in the Parks***. The students will spend the day at Six Flags New England after their performance in Holyoke, MA. This is an enjoyable event for the staff and students! The awards take place at 6:00 pm.

SpringFest - Band and Orchestra will take place on May 14, 2024.

Thursday, May 23rd, GEAR UP trip to Five Points Arts Center and Gallery
Depart time: 8:45 am Return time: 1:45 pm

Ms. Gaddis - Shakesperience

WAMS

- Romeo and Juliet had their performances
- Sadako and the 1,000 Paper Cranes are in rehearsals. They finished staging and are doing scene work.

Shakesperience

- We had a successful Give Local fundraiser
- Our after-school programs and Saturday classes all have performances next week
- We have started work on Romeo and Juliet in the Litchfield Hills and need volunteers to help with set and costumes

Mrs. Terhune - May 2024

WAMS/Palace

- The weeklong tech and performances of Newsies in April were a big success, with almost 100 students involved onstage and backstage.
 - 4 performances and 3 days of rehearsals on stage.
- WAMS Honors students just sorted the recyclables last Friday with Palace volunteers. Proceeds are returned to the Honors Society.
- Two WAMS students, Patricia Kershaw and Jayden Greenlaw will be joining the tech crew for ***Mean Girls*** through our Learning in the Wings program next week.
- WAMS Dance rehearsal and concert May 1-2.
- WAMS Academic Awards May 9.
- WAMS Band rehearsal and concert May 13-14.
- We are hosting the Waterbury Teacher of the Year Awards on May 21.
- WAMS Chorus concert May 23.
- We are in the midst of 3 afternoon/evenings of HALO rehearsals, the awards will be May 28-30.
- WAMS 20th Birthday Celebration and tech May 31- June 1.
- WAMS graduations June 11-12.
- We are still working out the details for our technical theater programs this July, with the possibility of a student showcase.
- Our 2024-2025 season is booked! For the education program, we've applied for the grant again from the American Savings Foundation and we're hoping to again include two shows. The program will be in March.

Mrs. Terhune – Is conducting a survey for technical theater or dance. She will send the information via email.

Ms. Gaddis – Romeo and Juliette performance on Aug 7th- 11th in Washington Depot
Looking for help with costumes, building, and painting sets.

Mrs. Terhune - May have some in mind for the Shakesperience project

Mr. Cocchiola – Newsies Palace was full!!!! Magliaro did an outstanding job. Really appreciated all the hard work and the addition of a second dance team!!! Halo Awards – partnership with 7 Angels and Palace. They do a lot with student programs!!!! Pull from the region – there is a place that can help students attend WAMS. Scott wants to expand (7 Angels with WAMS).

Mr. Nole – expanding the program is a great idea.

Mrs. Case - concerned about the orchestra program depleting. We need a feeder for the elementary to participate in strings. Mrs. Case spoke about the “new teacher” who will be taking over. She is a former and wonderful student. WSO – is willing to form a partnership -we need more students in the classes.

Mr. Cocchiola - 20 year celebration looking forward to performances –
Cocchiola / Case – Rotella – instrumental teacher & or vocal teacher

Miss Nicolasora – Seniors - busy time of year. There are many activities, 15 page papers, AP exams, and lots of final projects. Added additional ideas for the

Shakesperience project: Wood shop – possibly willing to help and Key Club – is making a mural - they could also be an additional resource

Mr. Nole – Prom was wonderful. High School day – Friday, May 3, 2024.

Upcoming events:

AP testing

Military breakfast

Hamilton

Art exhibits

Holiday Hill

Juniors Lake Compounce

***Reached out to Mr. Rossi to ask about Shakesperience project in Washington Depot

Mr. Alves - Completed events and activities for students and families for this school year 2023-2024. Parents and students participated in the Financial Literacy Night, Book Club, and STEAM Night. WAMS hosted ***The Social Chase Autism Awareness Event***. This was the 3rd annual event educating families about Autism.

I want to thank all of the families that participated in all of our events. A special thanks to all of the students who volunteer and make WAMS a special place!!! Below are some of the activities we had.



Personal Finance Matters

M O N E Y

Topics

- Budgeting
- Credit Management
- Retirement
- Wills vs Trust
- Debt Reduction
- Investing

Presenter
Naciki Reid

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024
Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30pm
Location: WAMS -Cafeteria

SANN ENTERPRISES




3RD AUTISM EDUCATION AND AWARENESS FORUM

FREE!
FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
BREAKFAST/LUNCH INCLUDED

SAT, APRIL 27 - 9AM - 3PM

LOCATION:
WATERBURY ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL
16 SOUTH ELM STREET
WATERBURY, CT
FREE PARKING IN GARAGE

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - NO WALK-INS:
WWW.THESOCIALCHASE.ORG



SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS

- Darlene Borre - Micro-business - Yes, they can do it
- Dr. Jamie McPartlan - Yale - Benefits of Autism Research
- Julie Swanson - The 10 Areas of Life Skills and How to Incorporate in Your Child's IEP
- Steven L. Rubin, Esq. - Drazen and Rubin Law - ABLE accounts and Special Needs Trust
- The Autism Mom Coach - Lisa Candra - Taking Care of YOU
- Walt Glomb - Beyond the PPT: Life After High School
- Focus Center for Autism - Self Advocates Autism Unplugged Panel
- Speaker Jamie McPartlan Yale - Benefits of Autism Research
- Dr. Nichole Collins - Self-Advocacy: Helping your loved one find their voice and use it effectively
- Casey Brophy-Transcend ABA - Benefits of ABA therapy for families
- Pay It Forward Parent Panel

WYTH & NEWS HOST
SARAH CODY



RESOURCE VENDORS

- Sun, Moon & Stars
- Waterbury Police Department
- CT Family Support Network
- SPARK at Yale
- CT Parent Advocacy Center
- Focus Center for Autism
- Ability Beyond
- Speakers and More



Because Home Matters








Student and Parent

BOOK CLUB



- Tuesday, March 26, 2024
- Tuesday, April 30, 2024

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
in the cafeteria

A light dinner will be served

RSVP Today!





Miss Cocchiola – Expressed her appreciation and was touched by event

Mr. Cocchiola - Has been promoting the opportunities at WAMS with friends and families. Wanted to know how out of state interest works for families. Mr. Cocchiola's friends are closing on a home in Watertown to have access to all of the opportunities that are available at WAMS.

Miss Nicolasora – share past activities like “WAMOS” – random recognition of Mr. & Mrs. WAMS!!! Share with the team that when students want something to happen – teachers allow it to happen!!!! Surrounded by the Arts here at WAMS.

Mr. Nole – Very thankful for all the teachers who volunteer for clubs, activities, etc. Thank you to all!!!

Parent Square weekly update:

Dr. Stasaitis - Congratulations to our staff and students on the success of this week; Band/Orchestra show, the Choreography showcase and we honored Nicholas Alziphat and Patrick Oliveira at the BOE meeting.
17 more days as of Monday, May 20, 2024!
Monday 5/20 B Day

Tuesday 5/21 A Day
NGSS (Grade 8 and Grade 11)

Wednesday 5/22
Garden of the Flags field trip with Mr. Butler
Accepted Students Night for new students to WAMS

Thursday 5/23
Pizza with the Principal for students of the month
Chorus show at the Palace
Art Show at WAMS
Seal of Biliteracy Ceremony at Crosby HS
Mrs. Melissa Labbe begins at WAMS as our new secretary!

Friday 5/24
Waterbury Promise \$5 College Shirt Day

Save the Dates for the Remainder of May:

May 21 Teacher of the Year Scott Schulte is honored at the Palace

May 21 Grade 8 NGSS (8-10AM)

May 20-24 NGSS Grade 11

May 22 Accepted Students Evening

May 23 Chorus Show/ Art Show

May 28 Holiday Hill Grade 8/ Honor Society Ceremonies

May 29 College Acceptance Breakfast

May 29 Halo Awards

May 29 Perfect Attendance Celebration! We will honor 31 students with ice cream for perfect attendance

May 30 Holiday Hill Grade 12/Lake Compounce Grade 11/Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

Summer Programs are as follows:

Encore – June 17- June 28 M-F (8 am-12 pm)

Transition program

Grade 6 – July 8 – August 1 M-Thursday (8 am-12 pm)

Grade 9 – July 8 – August 1 M-Friday (8am – 12 pm) Friday's are field trips!!!!

SGC – Next meeting September 2024 - TBA