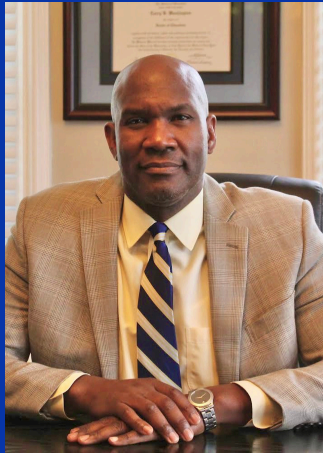


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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Larry Washington, Superintendent of Schools

As we prepare for the holiday season to spend quality time with loved ones, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude for all your unwavering support. It has been a wonderful year so far for the district, and I am proud of all the academic achievements and personal accomplishments our students and staff have made so far. I look forward to seeing all the great things they will continue to do in the new year.

Going into the new year, we move forward with our mission to fully utilize our energy and resources. Focusing on the three pillars of academic excellence, student experience and community connection will help us deliver success for our students.

During a recent school board meeting I discussed Community Connection. This initiative includes not just educators, but also parents, agencies and the broader community in working together to support student success. I encourage all to [view the presentation here](#).

As we get ready to celebrate the holidays with our loved ones, I encourage everyone to take a moment to reflect on what truly matters: spending quality time with family and friends, and cherishing the special moments that this season brings.

I look forward to welcoming our students back to school on January 6th, refreshed and eager to continue their educational journey. With your continued support, we will strive to provide them with the best education and opportunities for success.

Wishing you all a joyful and healthy holiday season.

ENERGY SAVINGS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY

The Washingtonville Central School District has been installing solar panels on the roofs of the high school and middle school as well as on the hill behind the high school. The WCSD Energy Savings Project will significantly enhance energy efficiency, lower operational costs, and modernize crucial infrastructure. The suite of Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs) include a solar photovoltaic (PV) system, energy-efficient roof replacements, LED lighting retrofits, upgraded unit ventilators, and high-efficiency transformers.





WINTER BAND CONCERTS CELEBRATE SEASON

Parents and families filled the Washingtonville High School auditorium to support their students performing in the annual Winter Chorus Concert on December 10 and the Winter Band Concert on December 11. The celebrations were a perfect way to get everyone in the holiday spirit.



On Wednesday, the Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Concert Band performed. Band Directors Nicole Redeker and Ari Contzius recognized new inductees into the Tri-M Music Honor Society. The honor society is designed for students in grades 6 through 12 and focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy.

Please view a copy of the evening's program [here](#) and visit the [WHS photo gallery](#) to see photos from the band concert.

Little Britain Honors Veterans during annual breakfast

Student drawings of American flags and eagles with messages of gratitude lined the walkway leading into Little Britain Elementary School, welcoming veterans and their loved ones to the annual Veterans Day breakfast. Thursday morning's event welcomed attendees with an arrangement of musical performances by the West Point Brass Quintet.

[Read more here.](#)



Taft marks holiday with annual Balloons over Broadway parade



Second grade students at Taft Elementary School proudly waved their decorated balloons in the air as they walked through the hallways. The Balloons Over Broadway Parade is an annual tradition at Taft, transforming their school into their own Thanksgiving Parade. [Click here to read the story and view the gallery!](#)

Round Hill gets a special visitor from Whoville

Shouts of joy could be heard throughout the halls at Round Hill Elementary School as a special guest made their way into classrooms saying hello to students before the holiday break.

[Read the full story here!](#)



NHS WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS IN 57TH ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

The soft echo of chatter drifted throughout the auditorium of Washingtonville High School as students, parents, and families were welcomed to the school's 57th annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

[Learn more here.](#)



WMS CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS

Spirit week was in full swing at Washingtonville Middle School, gearing up for the holiday break! Monday was Candy Cane Day, where students and staff were encouraged to wear red and white. Tuesday was Mistle "Toed," decking out in their most festive socks! Wednesday, participants wore pajamas for Cozy Day and on Thursday, their shiniest holiday accessories for Sparkle and Shine Day. The week wrapped up with Ugly Sweater Day.

THE SPORTS PAGE: WIZARDS NATION

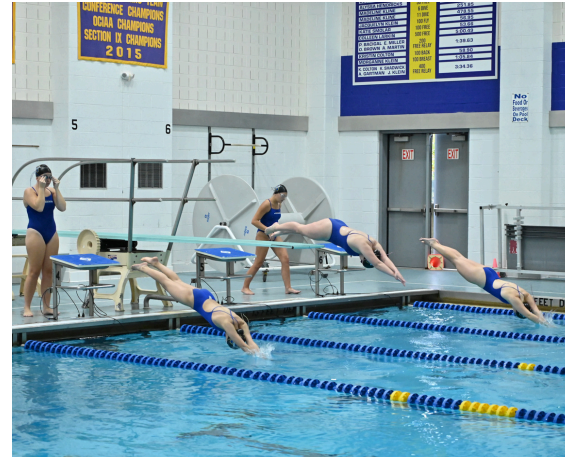
Congratulations to all athletes who were honored at the December 12 Board of Education meeting for their accomplishments and dedication throughout the Fall 2024-2025 season.

The Wizards girls Swimming & Diving team placed fourth out of 20 teams in the Section IX Championships. The team won the Section IX Championships in the 200 Free Relay and 400 Free Relay; and Bella Briceno was the Section IX champion in the 200 IM, finishing second overall in the OCIAA Championships.

Washingtonville High School Varsity Cheerleading team had a successful season, with 14 of the athletes being named All American. Congratulations to our Wizards on this wonderful accomplishment!

Our boys and girls Cross Country teams had an exceptional season; with the boys placing second in the Section IX Championships and the girls placing fourth. A round of applause for our talented runners!

The Washingtonville Wizards football players have received numerous awards this season, including Best 22 Players in Section IX and Exceptional Senior All Star Game Selections. Congratulations on all your accomplishments!



WIZARDS ENJOY PUMPKIN RUNS

The top 20 student placements from each of the Washingtonville Central School District elementary schools' annual Pumpkin Runs gathered at Washingtonville High School for the districtwide cross-country Pumpkin Run. [View the full story here!](#)



UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES

January 9

- BOE Work Session

January 13

- Round Hill PTA Meeting

January 16

- BOE Business Meeting

January 20

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - no school

January 21

- Round Hill Winter Concert

January 22

- Taft Winter Concert

January 23

- Little Britain Winter Concert

January 29

- Lunar New Year - no school

January 31

- End of 2nd Marking Period/Semester Deadline for Level Changes

February 3

- Round Hill PTA Meeting

February 14 -17

- February Recess

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