

School Governance Council Meeting 1/15/2025

Attendance:

Dr. Stasaitis

Doug Cheatham

Jessica Gaddis

Isa Alves

Peggy Terhune

Daniel Cocchiola

Joarsis Hernandez-Tapia

Jazmin Alves

Hanalei Cocchiola

Mr. Cheatham – Welcome everyone! Started our meeting.

Mrs. Terhune - January 2025

WAMS / Palace

The Palace is busy this week with *The Addams Family*. We couldn't offer a Learning in the Wings internship for this show because of the two-week tech - that's too long to pull someone out of classes!

Also, this week is our Strategic Planning Retreat, and we are pleased that Dr. Stasaitis and Mr. Ferreira will attend representing WAMS, as well as Emily Mattina from Shakesperience.

As mentioned last month, WAMS was generous in allowing us to borrow some pieces of equipment over the holidays. All equipment has been returned, and we thank you for the partnership.

Looking ahead, we'll be seeing WAMS on stage for the Black History Month program and Harry Potter in March!

Ms. Gaddis - Shakesperience

At WAMS

- High school: *Merry Wives* is cast. Rehearsals starting this term

- After-school: Names have been collected of interested students. Justin Amenta is getting permission slips for them. 20 students are interested so far. 2-3 pm Mondays and Fridays January 13th –April 25th

At Shakesperience

- Winter Saturday term: Jan 4- Feb 14, middle and high schoolers are doing Julius Caesar, elementary are doing scenes from folktales
- Nine students are in the Ceasar class

Discussions over fate vs. free will

36 hour fundraiser in April

Miss Alves - midterms are going well. Volunteered for Winter Craft Night - 34 people attended. Ms. Betjemann visited a couple of libraries in the state of Connecticut and signed up to learn about different events. She is creating events and activities and sharing what she is learning with our families. Also, had a chance to help out with raffle prizes with Miss Hernandez-Tapia, another student volunteer.

Miss Hernandez-Tapia - finished FASFA application. A lot going on but good.

Miss Cocchiola - Harry Potter rehearsals have started. Will play the role of Scorpius. Will join Dr. Stasaitis on March 30th, for an interview with WFSB. Bottle tabs Wars ends on January 31st and Valentine's Day event coming up, possibly Roller Magic.

Mr. Cocchiola girls did a dance - having his two daughters engaged..... "it is super rich"

Dr. Stasaitis - great visions with Pathways. Dr. Gavin invites the arts into the classroom

Hall of Fame came out of SGC - Mr. Cocchiola

Miss Cocchiola - Idea - Lottery winners get 1 ticket with every acceptance letter

Dr. Stasaitis - we are following the district midterm schedule

Third marking period begins Friday, January 17, 2025 - A day

NYC trip 8th graders super excited about trip

Seniors trying to get back to an international trip

Mr. Cocchiola - theater department West End of London.

Dr. Stasaitis - WAMS 1100 applicants entered the lottery - most of any school

Great Day Connecticut Channel 3 WFSB- the segment will promote School Lottery and the segment in March will promote Harry Potter show lots of fun events coming!!!

Mrs. Alves - thanked Jazmin & Joarsis for volunteering for the Winter Craft Night. Encouraged Joarsis to talk about her experience with the internships that Mrs. Katz has helped her apply for

Hernandez-Tapia - has participated in internships at Waterbury Hospital and MASC - carpentry - building houses.

Dr. Stasaitis - Mrs. Katz continues to help our students in their internships, college, and career planning.

Miss Alves - received a letter from the Commissioner of Education.

Dr. Stasaitis - Commissioner of Education - encourages students to take higher level classes.

Important to have those conversations with counselors.

There may be a schedule block change.

Mr. Cocchiola - switching bell schedules is difficult for everyone.

6th grade has 84 minutes, which is a lot of teaching. Is there a way to help the teachers on the team?

Dr. Stasaitis - an advantage to the block scheduling - for example, to dance for 84 minutes "Wow!" Teachers are trained to keep working with the students and keep them moving.

Teachers have support for 6th grade. They continue to foster their development.

Mrs. Terhune - Discussed a Big Brother, Big Sister program. For example: Use as a flex day (no letter day) option - high school students can read to a 6th grader.

Mrs. Alves - There are so many great opportunities, partnerships, and resources to take advantage of at WAMS. We are having lots of success collaborating with Mrs. Betjemann-CCRC, Mrs. Labbe-PTSO President, Mrs. Katz - College and Career Specialist, and WAMS staff. The activities and opportunities range from Winter Craft Night, Book Club, internships, Camp Justice and so much more.

Dr. Stasaitis - collaborative team effort - embedding the culture - Parent Liaison working with PTSO and school staff.

Mr. Cheatham - Great meeting, opportunities, and planning at every meeting.

Next Meeting - Feb 19, 2023 @ 9:00 am

BOTTLE TAB WARS

*High School vs.
Middle School*



Information:

- Support the Middle or High School in the tab wars! By collecting soda can tabs
- Drop them off during cafe in the correct labeled bottle
- The winning grades will get something special during lunch



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Whether studying or rehearsing to perform for our diverse audience, the Shakespeare Approach focuses on creating thought-provoking, socially aware, and artistically excellent productions celebrating and using language to create action while developing a positive ensemble. Individual performers develop a defined sense of self through the creation of and interaction with a strong ensemble. Both actor and audience utilize their unique relationship to experience a heightened sense of reflection on the performance. Shakespeare Productions' professional artists create programming rooted in classical literature while celebrating, examining, and experiencing humanity and human experience.

OUR ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Emily Mattina:
Ms. Mattina earned a B.A. from the University of New Hampshire with a major in Theater and an M.A. in 19th Century English Literature with an emphasis on Shakespeare from the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England. A founder of Shakespeare Productions, Inc., she has led the art and education programs since the company's inception. She developed the Shakespeare Approach through the many workshops and residency programs under her direction.

FALL SESSION

October 12 – December 7
No class on Saturday November 30

Gift of the Magi

Students will perform alongside our resident professional actors to bring Emily Mattina's adaptation of the classic holiday tale to life.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio

Holidays with the Three Kings

Using their imaginations, students will watch dramatic readings of how Waterbury residents celebrate different Holidays during the winter season. Scenes based on interviews and research done at conjunction with our Neighborhood Program.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio



WINTER SESSION

January 4 – February 15
Snow date February 22

Exploring Folklore

Students explore characters and themes in folktales from many different cultures. Students are able to delve deeper into topics introduced in our Folklore Workshop.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio, Waterbury

Julius Caesar

This tragedy by William Shakespeare shows a fictional account of Caesar's rise to emperor, the conspiracy to his assassination, and the violence and war that follows all wrapped up in supernatural forces including a soothsayer and Caesar's ghost.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio

Contact us to register
for any of these classes!



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SPRING SESSION

March 8 – April 26
No class April 19

Exploring Mythology

Students explore characters and themes in myths from many different cultures. Students are able to delve deeper into topics introduced in our Mythology Workshop.

Grades 2-5, 9:00am-10:00am
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio
*Additional performance during Give Local

Shakespeare Title

By popular demand, this year will include TWO Shakespeare plays. This second play will be announced at a later date.

Grades 6-12, 10:30am-12:30pm
Cost \$300 (Scholarships Available)
Location Shakespeare Studio
*Additional performance during Give Local



A program designed to empower children from 5th to 9th grade with the skills they need to manage money confidently.

Program Details:

- Duration: 8 weeks (every Monday)
- Time: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Location: LEAD Community Center, 96 Bank St., Waterbury, CT



Objectives:

- Teach the basics of saving, budgeting, and financial decision-making.
- Develop practical skills to manage money responsibly.
- Build confidence and autonomy in financial matters from an early age.

For more information or to register, call 203-709-2137.

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Certificación en Manejo de Dinero

Un programa diseñado para empoderar a niños de 5° a 9° grado con las habilidades necesarias para manejar el dinero con confianza.

Detalles del Programa:

- Duración: 8 semanas (cada lunes)
- Horario: De 4:00 PM a 5:00 PM
- Lugar: LEAD Community Center, 96 Bank St., Waterbury, CT

Objetivos:

- Enseñar conceptos básicos de ahorro, presupuesto y toma de decisiones financieras.
- Desarrollar habilidades prácticas para manejar el dinero de manera responsable.
- Fomentar confianza y autonomía en temas financieros desde una edad temprana.

Para mayor información o inscripciones, comuníquese al 203-709-2137.

¡Empodera a los más jóvenes para un futuro financiero exitoso!

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WINTER CRAFT NIGHT

3-D ART | MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE | PAPER ART



TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025
5:30 - 7:30 P.M.

Join us for Winter Craft Night, sponsored by the WAMS PTSO, to create winter-themed projects. Choose from 5 different projects. A light dinner and hot chocolate will be served. The event will be held in the College & Career and Research (CCRC), room 109.

RSVP

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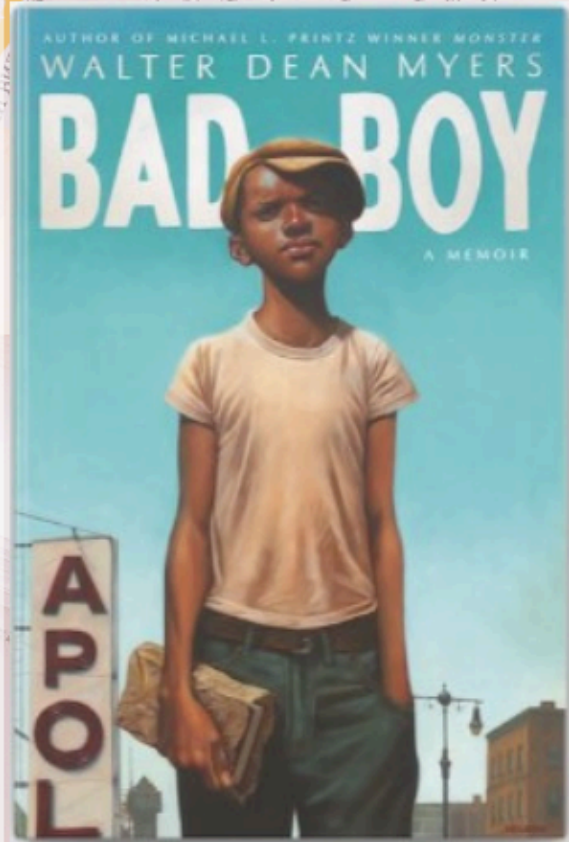
New Date!

**Tuesday, January 21, 2025
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

(Snow Date: Thursday, January 23)

In the CCRC, room 109
A light dinner will be served

**For questions or a copy of the book, please contact
Mrs. Alves at isa.alves@waterbury.k12.ct.us
or Ms. Betjemann at
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Urgent Crisis Center For Youth

Our Service

The Urgent Crisis Center (UCC) offers crisis stabilization support, comprehensive mental health assessment, short-term medication services, collaborative safety planning, collaboration with existing providers, and direct linkages to community services for youth ages 4-18.

Call 203-580-4298 to learn more about this service.

No appointments are necessary.

The UCC is located at 141 East Main St, Waterbury

What Are Some Reasons A Youth Might Come To The UCC?

- Thoughts of suicide or self-injury
- Feelings of depression, anxiety or hopelessness
- Behaviors that are out of control or challenging in home, school or community
- Concerns about substance misuse
- Any situation that a youth or family defines as an urgent, mental health crisis.

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Llame al 203-580-4298 para aprender más sobre este servicio. No hay necesidad de cita previa. El UCC se ubicado en 141 East Main Street, Waterbury

Cuales son las razones por la cual un niño vendria a el Centro de Crisis Urgentes?

- Pensamientos de suicidio o autolesion
- Sentimientos de depresion, ansiedad o desesperanza
- Comportamientos fuera de control o desafiante en la casa, escuela, o comunidad
- Preocupaciones de uso indebido de sustancias
- Cualquier situacion que un niño o su familia defina como una crisis urgente de salud mental=

Nuestras horas de operacion:

24 horas al día

7 días a la semana

365 días al año