



Wagner Weekly

Nov 10-14

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Message From Mrs. Pratt



Happy Friday!

Families, please remember that TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 is Veterans Day, so there will be NO school on Tuesday.

Meet Our School Resource Officer

We're excited to introduce **SRO Chris McCrillis** as Wagner Middle School's School Resource Officer.

Deputy McCrillis grew up in Pittsfield, Maine, and graduated from Maine Central Institute. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Norwich University and began his law



enforcement career in 1997 with the Vermont State Police, serving as a member of both the Highway Interdiction Unit and the Scuba (Underwater Recovery) Team.

After transferring to Maine in 2009, he served as a patrol officer and school resource officer with the Newport, Searsport, and Bucksport Police Departments—gaining over ten years of experience as an SRO. He has also served as a judicial marshal for the state courts and as a federal security contractor attached to the U.S. Marshals Service in Bangor.

Deputy McCrillis joined the Waldo County Sheriff's Office this past summer. He shares, "Being an SRO has been the very best experience I've had in law enforcement, and I look forward to working with and serving the Winterport and Frankfort area."

Veterans Day Parade-Greater Bangor Area

The Greater Bangor Area Veterans Day Parade will happen the following day, Monday, Nov. 11, kicking off at 10:15 a.m.

The parade will march down Wilson Street and across the Chamberlain Bridge, taking a right and down Bangor's Main Street, and then onto State Street before finally ending on Exchange Street. Prior to the Parade, the Rotary Club of Bangor Breakfast will be serving up pancakes and all the fixings at Jeff's Catering at 15 Littlefield Road in Brewer. It's all you can eat \$7 for Adults, \$4 for kids and veterans eat free! The hours are 7 until 10 a.m. and of course it's open to the public!

Belfast Veterans Day Parade

Belfast Veterans Day Parade. Starts at 11am. Starts at the High School and ends at the Waterfront. A ceremony will take place after.

Report Cards

Report cards are coming home today for students in grades 6-8. Be sure to check those backpacks!



Have a fantastic weekend,
Angela

Conferences

This year, most staff are teaching many grade levels, so it makes it impossible to meet with all of your child's teachers during one conference time. So when signing up for conferences, please be sure to select all teachers with whom you would like to meet. As always, this is NOT the only time you can request to meet with your child's teachers! We are always open to meeting with our families when a need arises.

Warmly,
Angela

The Parent/Teacher Conference link is now available below! As parents of middle schoolers, here are some questions you could ask at your conference to gauge your's child's performance &

wellbeing:

1. Is my child performing at grade level?
2. Ask about your child's math pathway/class (grades 6-8 have "Pathways")
2. What is my child's behavior like at school?
3. How is my child doing socially?
4. What can we as parents do to support our child at home?

Parent/Teacher Conference Link 📌 📌



PTCFast.com

Welcome to the Samuel L. Wagner Middle School parent-teacher conference scheduling system. All teachers will meet with parents/guardians individually. Please select your student's teacher(s) with whom you would like to meet below:

[🔗 ptcfast.com](https://ptcfast.com)

We look forward to meeting with all of our families!

Joint Statement from Maine Education Organizations on Potential Lapse in SNAP Benefits

Maine Educators, including the Maine Education Association (MEA), Maine School Boards Association (MSBA), Maine School Superintendents Association (MSSA), Maine Principals' Association (MPA), Maine Curriculum Leaders Association (MCLA), and Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities (MADSEC), recognize the serious impact that the disruption in Federal Nutritional Programs will have on our students and their families, especially those already facing food insecurity.



No Maine child should ever go hungry. Research consistently shows that food insecurity affects nearly every aspect of a child's physical and mental well-being. As Educators we believe our state must do everything possible to ensure every child is well-fed and ready to learn.

We are thankful that Maine has already invested in programs such as School Meals for All and are encouraged to hear that school meal programs will not be disrupted, ensuring that Maine students will continue to receive meals during the school day.

However, we know this does not address the need for food at home, on weekends, or during school breaks. Our groups remain committed to working with our community partners, the state legislature, and our federal delegation to find sustainable long-term solutions to support students and families and ensure they receive the support they need.

Here's how all Mainers can help and where families can turn:

- **Support Your Local Food Pantry:** Connect with your local pantry to learn what items are most needed or how you can volunteer. Many pantries are working overtime to meet increased demand. [Use this link to find a pantry near you.](#)
- **In-School Food Pantries and Backpack Programs:** In communities across Maine, schools are a crucial social hub. Many schools have established food pantries or weekend backpack programs. Some educational associations also offer gift cards to families in support. If your school has any of these resources, help spread the word so families know these resources are available.
- **Schools Can Help Promote Other Community Resources:** Local businesses, churches, and organizations often provide free meals, community suppers, and other support. Schools can play a vital role in making sure families are aware of these opportunities.
- **Let Us Know How You Are Supporting Your Communities:** During this time of need, Maine's educational organizations want to lift up and support the efforts of our local school districts – and share these approaches with other communities. Share the approach at your school by [submitting your story at this link.](#)

Where to get help: If you or someone you know needs assistance accessing food or other resources, please contact **211 Maine:**

- <http://211maine.org>
- Call 211
- Text your zip code to 898-211

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Hampden Food Cupboard

We are a low barrier pantry - the only demographic info we request is name, address, date of birth, phone number and food allergies.

If a family is not able to make it during those times, they may send a proxy. The proxy may be a friend, neighbor, case worker, RSU22 employee. To set up a proxy arrangement, either they need to call us at 862.5248 or have a case worker call.

Hampden Food Cupboard

**(Located at 101 Main
Rd North, Hampden)**

Hampden
Neighborhood Food
Cupboard is open to all
residents of the four
RSU22 towns as well as
families of RSU22
employees and families
of non-resident RSU22
students.

Open on Wednesdays from 10:00-10:30
am and again from 4:30-6:00 pm and
on Fridays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.
Families may access food weekly.



Holiday Boxes

We are here to help get you the support you may need. Please scan the following document to get signed up for holiday help.



N4N Waldo County NEIGHBOR FOR NEIGHBOR Coalition

HEROES HUNGER

Christmas Gifts for Children & Holiday Food Boxes!

The Neighbor for Neighbor Coalition wants everyone to enjoy meals around the table and gifts under the tree this holiday.

2025 Neighbor for Neighbor Holiday Assistance Application



Registering is easier than ever. Scan the QR code with your phone to begin, or visit waldocap.org for a link to the online registration form.

WCAP 60 YEARS Anniversary

WENTWORTH FAMILY Grocery

Paper applications are also available at public locations like your local town office or can be picked up at Waldo Community Action Partners at 9 Field Street in Belfast.

For questions or assistance with this application process, please call Waldo CAP's Neighbor for Neighbor line at (207) 338-4944, or email N4N@waldocap.org.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgzQcqnPWNrDKcbJLLWQFSFdpFSWS?projector=1&messagePartId=0.2>

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Upcoming Events

November 10 (Rain Date 11/12) Grade 7 Crab Trip (Invasive Species-report findings to GMRI)

November 11: NO School-Veteran's Day

November 14: Picture Retakes

November 21: Trimester 1 ends (grade 5) and Grade 8 to UTC

Parent/Teacher Conference link

November 20: Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30-6:00

November 24: Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30-6:00

November 25: Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-2:30



November 25: Students released at 11:40

November 26-28: NO School. Thanksgiving Break



Student Success

Busted Slip Winners

All week, staff are on the lookout for students who are "busted" showing Wagner PRIDE (see the matrix at the bottom of this newsletter) and give these students Busted Slips. All of these slips go in grade level buckets and winners are drawn at lunch. Winners then choose a prize from the treasure chest.



Congratulations to our Busted winners!

Attendance

Our Attendance Rate this week is 95%!

Our continued thanks goes out to our families as you support the message that it's important to be in school every day 🙌📖



Clubs



Be sure to be one time when picking your child(ren) up from a club or an athletic event!



Landscape Art

Mondays: 2:15-4:00

Homework Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 2:15-3:15



Drama Club

Tuesday and Thursday 2:15

Jazz Band: Mondays and Wednesdays @ 7am
Show Choir: Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 7am





Art Club

Tuesdays @ 2:15-3:15

Grade 5 Early Bird Gym

Start at 7:00am on Fridays



Student Support

Is your child feeling uneasy about coming to school? We want every student to feel comfortable and happy here. In addition to a dedicated school counselor, we have a full-time social worker available to provide support. Please don't hesitate to reach out if your child could use a little extra help adjusting or feeling confident at school.



Counselor: Emily Armour earmour@rsu22.us

Social Worker: Lisa Melendez lmelendez@rsu22.us

For more information on our [website](#), click [here](#)

Health Topics for October (grades 6-8)

Grade 6

Grade 7

Grade 8

PRIDE Pack

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 12th @ 6pm at Wagner Middle School.



Officers

Here are your Pride Pack Officers for the 2025-2026 school year!

President: Mike Shaw

Vice President: Tisha Clark

Secretary: Shilo Burnham

Treasurer: Desiree Wilson

Bottle Drive!

We now have a permanent structure at Wagner for year-round bottle and can collection. Please bring your bottles to the collection bin in the parking lot at Wagner or bring them to RaceShop Redemption at 5 Staples Road in Winterport and let them know they are for the 2025 8th grade trip account.



Athletics

Wagner Athletic Director: Mason Walling (mwalling@rsu22.us)

Winter Athletics Schedules

Please Remember...

Students who are absent from school on the day of an after-school athletic event, concert, dance, or special event are ineligible to attend these events. Special circumstances may arise and will be considered by the building principal to enable students to participate.



Tardiness: Students will be considered tardy if they arrive in their homeroom later than 7:40 AM for the start of school. Students who are tardy need to report to the office to update attendance and lunch count information. Students need to bring a written excuse signed by a parent/guardian or parents should call the office stating the reason for the tardiness. Excessive unexcused tardiness may result in disciplinary consequences. In the event your child is involved in a co-curricular or extra-curricular activity they must be at school by 7:40AM of that day in order to participate.

Winter Sports

Registration:

[Family ID](#)



WINTER SPORTS OFFERINGS:

1.) BASKETBALL (5th graders can participate on B teams)

[Basketball Schedule](#)

2.) CHESS (5th graders can participate)

[Chess Schedule](#)

3.) CHEERING (5th graders can participate)

[Cheering Schedule](#)

4.) UNIFIED BASKETBALL

What: It is a combined Wagner and RB middle school basketball team organized through Special Olympics. It has players with disabilities and players without disabilities working together on the same team.

Who: Any 6th, 7th, or 8th grader who is not already a part of the middle school basketball program can participate.

When: The season will mimic the high school Unified Basketball team

5.) MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL -

Safety and Wellness

What's For Lunch?

Beyond the Bandaid

No Outside Food to Share

Families,
Please remember that no outside food can be brought in to share with a class. This is extremely thoughtful of you to do, but with food allergies, we can't allow students to hand out treats to their class. Thank you for helping us with this.



Safety Protocols

Cologne, Perfume, Aftershave

Parents, please be sure your child heads out the door without any cologne, perfume or aftershave applied.



2025-2026 School Calendar

District Calendar

This calendar is continually being updated as events are added. This is a great calendar to always check!

[Click Here For Student Handbook](#)

[Click here for Community Events](#)

This link contains events happening in the Bangor area that you may want to participate in.



Angela Pratt

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