

## WHS Parents

As we near the end of September, I have a few updates for you about what is going on in Lancer Nation:

- WHS hosted a debate between First Selectman candidates Beth Sabilia and Rob Brule in the WHS Library on Thursday, September 26. The debate was organized by WHS Civics teachers Brett Arnold and Doug Sherman, along with the students in their Civics classes. To prepare for the debate, Civics students researched local government, economic development, environmental, and quality-of-life issues and composed a list of questions for the candidates about each of these issues. Mr. Arnold moderated the debate between the two candidates, which was attended by well over 100 WHS students – as many as we could fit into the library to hear them. As I watched the debate, I couldn't help but appreciate the fact that both candidates have clearly given a lot of thought to the needs and interests of young Waterford residents. I also felt a real sense of pride in our students due to the fact that recent members of Lancer Nation are key members of both candidates' teams – Beth Sabilia's running mate Joshua Steele Kelly is a member of the WHS Class of 2013, and Rob Brule's campaign manager is WHS Class of 2017 alum Eddie Aledia, who came back to watch the debate with us. Regardless of your political affiliation, it is great to see young Waterford residents taking such an interest in our community's future!
- Tuesday, Oct. 8, is going to be a busy day for students at WHS! We are hosting the annual Lancer Fair for Clark Lane Middle School's 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for the first half of the day, and right after that we will be setting up for the College and Post-Secondary Options Fair that we will hold for students during last block. We expect to have representatives from at least 100 colleges, career training opportunities, and branches of the military presenting at the fair. The focus is on post-secondary planning for seniors and juniors, but other students may be able to attend as well if their class schedule permits.
- Our next Parent's Advisory Coffee will be on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 am in the Library Reading Room. Based on parent questions at our open house, we will have World Languages department chair Amanda Marchese present information on the Seal of Biliteracy, and there will also be updates on recent and upcoming events, plus time for you to ask the administrative team any questions you may have. Please join us!
- As a response to the concerns about Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)-positive mosquitoes in many southeastern Connecticut communities, we have cut back on evening outdoor events at WHS this fall. The most noteworthy area is in games and athletic practices, and we appreciate everyone's understanding and flexibility as we have changed schedules to address this issue. This will all hopefully end after the first real frost this fall, but until then, keep checking calendars and messages from coaches to stay up to date on your kids' schedules.

Have a great weekend, and go Lancers!

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