

WHS Updates (01-05-24)

Dear Waterford High School Families,

Happy New Year! I hope this email finds you well. Here are a few updates about what is scheduled for the next few weeks:

- **Revised 2023-2024 School Year Calendar:** A second revision to the Waterford Public Schools calendar for the 2023-2024 school year was approved at the December 19, 2023, Board of Education meeting. Due to the rescheduling of the Presidential Primary from April 30, 2024, to April 2, 2024, there was an adjustment made to the April Professional Learning Day. April 30th will now be a full day (A-day) of school for staff and students and April 2nd will be a professional learning day for staff and no school for students. [Revised 2023-2024 SY Calendar](#)
- **2024-2025 School Year Calendar:** The 2024-2025 school year calendar was also approved at the December 19, 2023, Board of Education meeting. View the calendar at [2024-2025 SY Calendar](#). Please note the 4-half day professional learning days (October 31, 2024, January 9, 2025, March 6, 2025, and May 15, 2025) have been included in this calendar. On the half day professional learning days, students will follow the normal half day schedule and staff will work a full day (half day with students and half day of professional learning).
- **Whalers, Lancers & Saints Art Show:** Please join us for the opening reception at the Hygienic Art Gallery on Saturday, January 6th from 6:00-9:00pm. High school students from Waterford, New London, and Saint Bernard will be exhibiting their artworks at the Hygienic Art Galleries on Bank Street in New London. The show will run for two weeks; from January 6th to January 20th. The students' beautiful talents on display at the gallery stand as a testament to their dedication to the arts throughout their years in the Waterford Public Schools. We hope to see you there!
- **Clubs Picture Day:** This year we will be implementing a Clubs Picture Day on Monday, January 8th. Students should view the attached schedule to see their timeslot and be sure to go to the WHS Auditorium to be part of the group photo. Here is the [link to the schedule](#) for the day.
- **Women's Empowerment Club:** Our Women's Empowerment club is conducting a Period Products Drive and needs your help! Please consider donating period products that can be placed in our bathroom baskets. To learn more about this school drive, please click on the following link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CeVjKkT-AOyLmQUKwpQkRPXUqeBLQC4Y5nwJlpYswR0/edit?usp=sharing>
- **All Parents Welcome:** Our next Parents Advisory Coffee meeting is on Tuesday, February 6th, at 7:30 am in the Library Reading Room. Please join the WHS administrative team for an hour's conversation and coffee. We will share some information about the school year and some of our upcoming events, and as always, we will set aside some time for any questions you may have. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Go Lancers,

Kirk Samuelson, WHS Principal