

## WHS Updates (11-10-23)

Dear Waterford High School Families,

Here are a few updates about what is scheduled for the next few weeks:

- **Spirit Week:** Will take place next week between November 13 – 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting a series of school spirit activities throughout the week on the schedule below. As always, it is a week dedicated to demonstrating positive pride in your grade, school, and community, and it is going to be great. [Fall Spirit Week.png](#)
- **Homecoming Dance:** Our “Starry Night” Homecoming Dance will be held on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> in the Lancer Gym from 7:00-10:00pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and will be sold online or during all three lunch waves. [homecoming\\_dance.png](#) [WHS Homecoming Guest Form 2023.pdf](#)
- **School Safety Forum:** Waterford Public Schools and the Waterford Police Department will present a School Safety Forum for parents/guardians and the community on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00pm in the WHS Auditorium. Please join us for an informational night surrounding school safety, the roles of School Resource Officers, definitions of emergency situations, and the partnership between the WPS, WPD, and home. Event details to follow: [School Safety Forum – Save the Date](#)
- **11<sup>th</sup> Annual WHS 5K Turkey Trot:** WHS Class of 2024 is organizing the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Turkey Trot that will take place on Saturday, November 18 at 9:30 am at Great Neck. We are looking for sponsors and runners to participate in this walk/run.
  - Please register at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Waterford/WHS5KTurkeyTrot>
  - If you would like to be a sponsor for the race, please fill out the form: [Sponsorship Form](#)
- **Class of 2025 Holiday Vendor & Artisan Fair:** The Class of 2025 is looking for your support at our Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, December 3 from 10:00am – 3:00pm in the Lancer Gym. Shop over 60 vendors, including school groups. [2023VendorFairFlyer \(1\).jpg](#)
- **PJ Day for the Kids:** Since 2011, schools, businesses and civic groups across the state have worn PJs in support of kids at Connecticut Children's who wear their PJs for long periods of time while enduring treatment. To support this statewide initiative, WHS is accepting donations of \$1.00 or more in exchange for the privilege of wearing PJs for the day on Friday, December 8. Become part of this fun and impactful event that has raised over \$2 million dollars, funding vital childhood cancer research, clinical trials and care at Connecticut Children's.
  - You can donate using the link below or at the main entrances of the school: <https://give.connecticutchildrens.org/team/540556>
- **10<sup>th</sup> Niantic Jingle Bell 5K:** The Brian Dagle Foundation will host the 10<sup>th</sup> Niantic Jingle Bell 5K on Saturday, December 9. The Brian Dagle Foundation is a community partner that is dedicated to the healing of grieving adults as well as community education on mental health and suicide awareness. Please help spread the word for this festive holiday event. Please see the [Niantic Jingle Bell flyer](#) for more information. Registration can be found at <https://nianticjinglebell5k.itsyourrace.com/>
- **Senior Portraits:** Attention Seniors – your portrait for the yearbook is due to Miss Bono by Friday, December 1. You may submit it and find more information by clicking the following link: <https://forms.gle/NmwJT8CQfKCxww1CA>

- **PAC Meeting:** Our next Parents Advisory Coffee meeting is on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 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