

WHS Updates (12-01-23)

Dear Waterford High School Families,

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

- **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. There will be raffle prizes, kids' crafts, and a concessions stand too.
- **Stuff a Police Cruiser & Fire Truck Event:** Come get some free candy canes and see K-9 Hodges and K-9 Ginger at a joint event between Waterford Police and Waterford Fire on Sunday, December 3 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at Waterford Walmart. They will be accepting non-perishable food, toys, and clothing. All donations go to Waterford Youth Services for families in need. I'm told Santa will be stopping by too! [Stuff Crusier Fire Truck.jpg](#)
- **Music Department Concert:** If you want to see an evening of great musical performances, join us on Wednesday, December 6, at 7:30pm for our winter season concert. It will feature performances by the WHS Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Chamber Choir, and Chamber and String Orchestras. It is always a great night, and we hope you can join us for this free concert in the WHS auditorium. For those of you who are not able to attend, we will be livestreaming the event at: <https://youtube.com/live/LcVtuftfSBI?feature=share>
- **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>
- **10th Niantic Jingle Bell 5K:** The Brian Dagle Foundation will host the 10th 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/>
- **Lost & Found:** Is your child missing a shoe or a pair of pants or maybe a water bottle? If so, please have your child check our lost and found outside the Lancer Cafeteria. The number of items is growing, and we would like to get these belongings back to the rightful owners. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of this year.
- **PAC Meeting:** Our next Parents Advisory Coffee meeting is on Wednesday, December 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