

WHS Updates (8-11-23)

Dear Waterford High School Families,

I hope your summer has been a great one and you are enjoying our typical New England weather! We still have some summer vacation left, but the WHS faculty and staff have been busy getting ready for the school year, and I have a few updates to hopefully help you get prepared too:

- **Parent and Student Portals** - Will open on Tuesday, August 15th after 3:00pm with your class schedules for the 2023-24 school year. You can log on with the same username and password as last year, and if you have any questions about what you see, feel free to reach out to our school counselors for answers. Your child's counselor assignment can be found with their schedule information.
- **Summer Assignments** - Learning doesn't have to stop just because school did, and I hope your children have been reading over the summer. Remember that some of our more challenging courses have summer reading or work assignments, so check with your kids to see if they have any, and how that work is going.
- **Tax-free shopping week** - and all the back-to-school shopping that it spurs - is coming soon, so here is a copy of the WHS Dress Code brochure which spells out what is and isn't permitted for student attire.
 - [WHS Dress Code 2023-24.pdf](#)
- **School Meals Application** - We are pleased to announce that all students will be able to receive one daily nutritional school breakfast meal at no cost. For information on additional school meals and access to free or reduced cost meals, please click on the following attachment:
 - [School Meals Information and Application.docx](#)
- **Freshman Orientation** - If you are the parent or guardian of an incoming 9th grader or a student who is transferring here from another high school, please join us for our Freshman Orientation on Wednesday, August 23rd in the WHS auditorium. This is an event for both students (starting at 3:45 pm) and parents/guardians (with a separate program starting at 5:30 pm), and it is a great way to get to know a little more about our school community before the first day of school, so I hope to see you there!
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RLfhZ7bzdHfnbrSsUnKx8vbUCZ7GiNC_hXhz2sDtOTM/edit?usp=sharing
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FtQIzYfFD_5Q2NW0xUz0p97vNuC5CAC3by3PMjRf_MU/edit?usp=sharing
- **Picture Day Information** - Schoolgraphics (Frausini Photography) will be taking school pictures on Wednesday, September 6th and Thursday, September 7th. We encourage all students to have their photo taken even if you are not planning on purchasing a picture package. This helps us keep an updated photo in PowerSchool.
- **Senior Portrait Information** - Seniors, if you are not using our school photographer and plan to have your portraits taken by your own photographer, here are some helpful suggestions to follow.
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/19Y-zYf5xNjwz66JhaSp3o8ekQWb_3AS0HgW0MNt7zQg/edit?usp=sharing

Go Lancers,
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