

## WHS Updates (8-25-23)

Dear Waterford High School Families,

I hope this email finds you well. Here are some reminders and updates about what is scheduled for the next few weeks:

- **Chromebook Information** – All students will have a district issued Chromebook that they should bring to and from school daily. Chromebooks should be fully charged each day, and students should also bring their charging cord with them. Minimal loaners are available to borrow during the school day if a need arises, but they must be returned by the end of the school day.
  - New Students to WHS – should report to the library to be issued a Chromebook at any time on or after August 30 (the first day of school).
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students – As part of the WPS 1:1 Devise Plan, all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be issued a new Chromebook at the start of the year. They will keep these Chromebooks throughout their time enrolled at WHS. Chromebook distribution will occur during English classes on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (students should bring and use their current Chromebooks for the first week of school). On the day of distribution, students MUST have their previously issued Chromebook and charger in order to receive their new one. Chromebooks will be evaluated for damage upon return and fees assigned based on BOE Policy. Students must also turn in their charger or payment for replacement will be assessed.
- **Speak Up for Safety** – We want to remind everyone of our anonymous reporting system that allows students and parents to report issues relating to bullying, threats to the school or towards others, statements of self-harm, drug/alcohol abuse and other dangerous or urgent situations. Reports can be made via phone or text to 860-909-4004 or via email at [speakup@my.waterfordschools.org](mailto:speakup@my.waterfordschools.org)
- **Lancer Blanket Fundraiser** – Click on the following link to purchase a NubaySoft D-Luxe Lancer blanket: <https://sites.google.com/spectatorblankets.com/waterford-lancers/home> We plan to place all orders by September 4<sup>th</sup> for an early November delivery.
- **Pack the Police Car School Supply Drive** – The First Selectman's Office and the Waterford Police Department are accepting donations of school supplies. You can bring donations to the First Selectman's Office or the lobby of the Police Department. For more information, please click on the following attachment:
  - [School Supply Drive.jpg](#)
- **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 additional information on school meals and access to free or reduced cost meals, please click on the following attachment:
  - [School Meals Information and Application.docx](#)
- **Picture Day Information** – Schoolgraphics (Frausini Photography) will be taking school pictures on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. 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](https://docs.google.com/document/d/19Y-zYf5xNjwz66JhaSp3o8ekQWb_3AS0HgW0Mnt7zQg/edit?usp=sharing)
- WHS' **Back-To-School Night** parents open house will be on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 pm in the auditorium. After a 15-minute greeting from the high school administration team, the evening is an open-house format from 5:45-7:00 pm where you can visit the teachers you wish to in the order you prefer.
- Our first **Parents Advisory Coffee** meeting of the school year is on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 am in the Library Reading Room. Please join the WHS administrative team for an hour conversation and coffee. We will share some information about the start of the school year and our school goals for the year, and as always, we will set aside some time for any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

Go Lancers,

Kirk Samuelson

WHS Principal