



WESTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Wildcat Families-

“Yesterday’s the past, tomorrow’s the future, but today is a gift.
That’s why it’s called the present.”

-attributed to Bil Keane, Eleanor Roosevelt, Master Oogway, and others...

Since our first day of school on September 15th, we have found each day spent with students, to be a gift. With the unknowns and fragility of the current state of affairs, we cherish each moment we have with students in the building and physically with us in the classroom. Last week several students began to voice their frustrations regarding the choices, decisions, and actions some of their classmates are allegedly making when not in school. Students shared that they are hearing about or witnessing behaviors outside of school that are making them nervous with respect to coronavirus safety. Reports (that do not identify individuals) are coming in of kids getting together in groups or at parties without social distancing or masks. It has been shared with our student body that the well-being of our community, educators, fellow students, loved ones, athletics, events, etc is put into jeopardy when unsafe choices are made.

As one teacher shared with me, “We may need to start sending a message to kids and their families that keeping school from going remote in Weston is going to require that we all pull in the same direction. Some kids may think that remote school sounds great to them, but I think most kids agree that coming to school, even part time, is much better than fully remote.”

Thank you for all of the efforts out there to help keep one another safe!

In other school news:

-Back to School Night has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 28th. The event will be virtual/remote, and will look very different than any other Back to School Night any of us have ever experienced before. WHS looks forward to connecting you with our educators who will introduce themselves, discuss classroom expectations and curriculum, will answer questions, and will share how to best get in touch with them moving forward. A stand alone communication will be sent later this week with specifics.

-[Pumpkin Fest](#)-Weston High School’s 15th annual (COVID-adapted) Pumpkin Festival in support of Camp Sunshine, a camp for terminally ill children in Casco, Maine. Please click on the link for more information.

-School Council-WHS is happy to share that three candidates were in the running for two open seats and the results between the candidates were remarkably close. Due to this close race, we are going to invite all three candidates to join WHSSC. Those candidates are Mai Luo, Yongcheng Wang and Tricia Liu. Please join me in welcoming them!

-Student Survey-Several individual students have been reaching out to their administrators, teachers, and counselors and have shared their experiences, both good and bad, with our current schooling model. It has prompted us to dive deeper into this anecdotal data and give our larger student body more of a voice. A student survey will be sent out soon, looking to gather information, thoughts, feelings, experiences, best practices, etc.

-Voter Registration from our History/SS department-

You must register to vote by October 24th in order to vote in the November 3rd Election. (If you turn 18 on November 3rd or prior to this date, you may vote in this election if you are a US citizen).

Visit the state's online link <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/OVR/>

You'll need:

- a valid driver's license, learner's permit, or State ID, and
- a signature on file with the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

If you don't have an ID, you can print and fill out [this form](#) and mail it.

Thank you so much for reading all the way to this point!

Truly and sincerely,

Paul Peri and Kelly Flynn

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