

Monday Memo
9.18.23



Hello Wildcat Families and Students-

Our first full cycle is complete! By many accounts, this has felt like one of the best school openings ever. Our students have been working hard, settling back into school, and have been a pleasure to work with. We have a great ‘crew’ this year and have been quite impressed with our senior leadership. Keep it going ‘Cats!

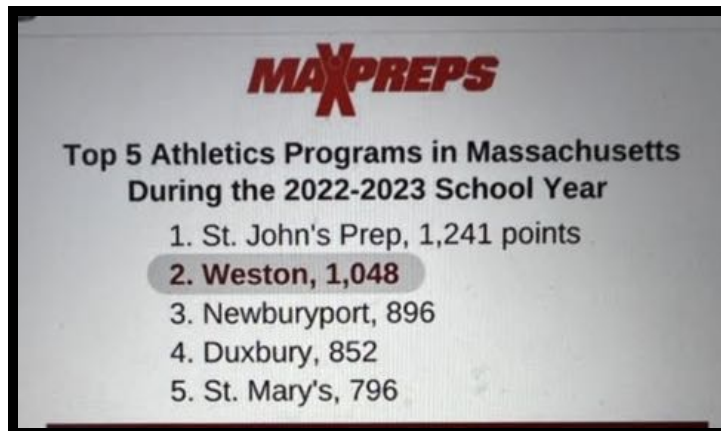
For our families that just observed Rosh Hashanah, we wish you a good and sweet year (“Shana Tova Umetuka”). There is no school on this upcoming Monday, 9/25 in observance of Yom Kippur and we say, happy, meaningful holiday (“chag sameach”).

In other news...

Student Achievement: The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced the selection of Ryan Chao, Daniel Y Gao, Jiahui Han, Alex Ko, Jonathan Lan, Ava Tillman-Schwartz, Eliana Tillman-Schwartz, Eric Wei, and Chloe Zhong as Semifinalists in its prestigious annual program.

Principal’s Coffee, 9/19: Join us tomorrow for our first Principal’s Coffee (BYOCoffee/Caffeine) in the auditorium from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The agenda includes administrative updates and a bit of 411/key people. We look forward to seeing you there!

Athletics: From our Athletic Director Mr. Mike McGrath, “I wanted to pass this information onto you. Last year (2022/2023) Weston High School was Ranked the 2nd best Athletic Program within the state by MaxPreps (recently posted their state by state best) and **Ranked #1** among public high schools in Massachusetts. This is an amazing accomplishment and I could not be more proud of our student-athletes, coaches and everyone that makes Weston Athletics so special. THANK YOU to each and every one of you for contributing to making us the BEST!”



Activities Fair: Once again, a reminder to all clubs that this Thursday, 9/21, WHS will hold its annual activities fair during activity block. For those new to the school, check out the list of clubs and activities [here](#). We are looking forward to seeing everyone get involved with at least one club this year.

Sophomore Boat Cruise: The Class of 2026 Boat Cruise will be held Saturday September 23rd. The boat cruise will start from the high school at 4:30 pm and be back to school around 8:30 pm. Please see [this link](#) for more information.

Parking Update: Parking has been finalized for the 2023-24 school year. Students are reminded that they are not permitted to park at the middle school, on the access road or faculty lots. Only students with a parking pass should park in the student lot and visitors spots may not be used unless directed to by administration. We wish we had spots for every student who needs one, but we are limited in terms of space. We thank you all for your understanding of our parking restrictions.

If visiting adults are on campus, please park in the circle or on sidewalks if visitor spots are unavailable. At this time, all numbered spots are assigned to faculty, staff or students. Parking in a numbered spot will impact those assigned.

Trips to Taiwan and Italy: Weston School Committee has approved two trips for WHS students- one to Taiwan and one to Italy. Both trips will happen in April, leaving a few days before April break and returning towards the end of vacation. Priority for enrolling on the trips will go to students enrolled in the WHS languages classes that are associated with those countries (Mandarin and Latin). Other students may also enroll if there is space available. More information will be coming out this week, along with the date for the student and parent info sessions. If you have any questions, please reach out to your world language teacher or to Ms. Baker, Director of World Languages, at bakerk@weston.org.

Pumpkin Fest: Pumpkin Fest is on October 14, 2023 from 11:00am - 2:00pm on the Town Green. All proceeds benefit Camp Sunshine, a camp for kids with life threatening illnesses. Bring your families and join the fun! More information to come. Students wanting to work the event, [please click here](#). Pumpkinfest is always a super fun day for both volunteers and attendees and would love your participation!

A Bit of New Furniture: Over the course of the past two years, we've had the opportunity to update and brighten ten classrooms with new sets of furniture. Check them out!



Sincerely,

Mr. Peri and Ms. Bairstow