Monday Memo
10.7.24

Hello Wildcat Families and Students,

It is really feeling like fall and things are definitely busy at the high school. We are halfway through the first quarter and progress reports will be posted on Infinite Campus on Friday evening.

Our 11th graders were able to enjoy a morning at Launch on Thursday morning. Special thanks to Jeff Dias and Jess Arena, the 11th grade faculty advisors, as well as the other faculty chaperones, who made it possible.

This Thursday, we will be running our first advisory of the year. Students can check IC for their room assignments. Advisors are excited to meet their students.

Have a good week,
Ms. Bairstow and Mr. Whitten

NEWS & UPDATES

Cell Phone Procedure Feedback: We are noticing that cell phone use in the hallways and during class time has decreased this year at the high school! According to the handbook, our procedure is for students to put their phones in the phone hotel at the start of class and leave them there for the duration of class. Students may use their phones while at lunch, between classes and during study halls. We'd love to know your feedback about this procedure. Please fill out this form to let us know how things are going.

Open Mic Night, 10/9: Wednesday, October 9 at 7pm the student Open Mic returns at Weston's Arts and Innovation Center. All high school aged students of all abilities are welcome to come and perform. The link to sign up is here.

Getting Started with College Guidance Network (CGN) 10/9: We are excited to invite you to a "Getting Started with College Guidance Network (CGN)" night from 7:30 - 8:30 PM. This virtual event is designed to help parents and students navigate the college and career planning process using CGN's expert-guided resources. Learn how to set up your account, explore personalized roadmaps, and access live and on-demand content from top college and career experts. Don't miss this opportunity to unlock valuable tools for your student's future success! **Register here** for this informative event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pumpkinfest 2024: It is that time of year again when we host the annual Pumpkinfest non-profit fundraiser on Town Green to raise money for Camp Sunshine. The event will take place on October 19th, and we are looking for volunteers from 9:00am-3:30pm. You are not required to stay the entire day, but please fill out the form to tell us when you are available and what activities you hope to help out with! We hope you will join us on this fun day with lots of games, sports, and of course pumpkin carving!

Pumpkinfest organizers are also in need of **parent volunteers** for the grill at this event. Please let us know if your parents can help on Oct 19th by having them fill out this form. Thank you for your consideration.

Athletic Updates: Click here for a calendar of all WHS sports for this month.

The Academic Support Center is now open in room 234 in the library. Teachers and peer tutors are available every block of the day and ready to work with students who need help with schoolwork. Students may access the center during study halls or free blocks. If you have any questions about academic support please contact Ms Erin Patterson (pattersone@weston.org)

Haunted House 10/26: Purchase your tickets TODAY for The Premiere of Haunted Hollywood! Presented by the Class of 2027. Saturday 10/26, 6-8pm at WHS. All proceeds to benefit the sophomore class. The price of admission is $13 per person/$40 per family. Wanna expedite your time in line? Get VIP access by paying in advance with MySchoolBucks to skip the registration table! Or, for standard admission, pay at the door with cash or credit card. There will also be a child-friendly Children's Area and Friendly Graveyard Walk, designed for younger children. Chick Fil-A and theater concessions will be for sale. Visit us on Instagram **@whshaunted** for more details. Please note that if you cannot attend but would like to support this fundraiser, you may click HERE to donate.

No School, 10/14: School is closed on Monday, October 14th. As a result, there won't be a Monday Memo sent out on the 14th.

Astronomy Night, 10/15: Please join the Science Department for Astronomy Night on Tuesday, 10/15 starting at 5:30 at the high school. There will be a guest speaker from the Boston Museum of Science and an inflatable planetarium. There will be activities for students of all ages. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

Upcoming Concerts. 10/16 and 10/17: Please join our amazing musicians for the Masquerade Concerts next week. You can see the orchestra on Wednesday night (10/16) at 7:30 and the band on Thursday (10/17) also at 7:30. Both shows will be in the high school auditorium.

Picture Retakes 10/29: For students who missed or want their photos redone from picture day, retakes will be taken on the morning of Tuesday, October 29th.

Announcement from WEEFC: Many thanks to the WHS families who joined us this past WEEFC Weekend! If you weren't able to attend this weekend, it's not too late to support WEEFC through our online fundraiser, which is open until tonight, Monday, October 7th, at 11:59pm. The fundraiser includes several opportunities geared towards high school students and families, including drawings for: 2025 graduation seats; a 2024-2025 WHS parking spot; VIP seating for String Fling, Spring Sing, and Band Fest; and a sign-up for gingerbread house decorating with Dr. KZ, School Committee Chair Maija Gooch, and WEA President/FS Fifth Grade Teacher Patty Desmarais.

To sign up and/or to enter a drawing, please visit the event website. If you haven't yet registered, simply click "sign-in" in the upper right-hand corner. All proceeds from the online fundraiser and weekend events will go towards funding innovative enrichment programming that enhances the curriculum at all five Weston Public Schools. On behalf of the WEEFC Board, thank you for your continued generosity!

GRADE 12

Guidance Reminder: 12th graders should be going to see their Guidance Counselor with the necessary forms for college applications 3 weeks before their first deadline. Please see your counselor if you have any questions.

GRADE 11

PSAT, 10/17: The PSAT (practice SAT and National Merit Qualifying Test) will be administered to juniors DURING THE SCHOOL DAY on Thursday, October 17th at Weston High School. Registration is through Weston's *My School Bucks* and the cost is $25 if paid by October 9th, after which the online payment option is closed. Payments may also be made by check (made payable to the Town of Weston) or cash. Students eligible for a fee waiver should see their counselor to register. Please reach out to your counselor if you have any questions!

GRADE 10

Haunted House Announcement: 10th graders are busy preparing for the HAUNTED HOUSE!!! All **students working on a scene** should be gathering needed props and costumes for their group, AND should be planning out their short script. **Tour guides and Children's Area/Graveyard volunteers** will have a meeting this week - time TBD. Stay tuned! IF there are any 10th graders who would like to serve on a **"stage crew",** please contact Kait Whitworth at kaitlinwhitworth@gmail.com. Our next full group meeting will be on **Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7:45am**. This meeting will be for ALL students involved. We need everyone there! We will run through the script for all scenes and responsibilities of all Tour Guides and Children Area/Graveyard volunteers. We will also host a **3:15pm meeting** that same day for anyone who cannot attend the 7:45am, as a "catch up" for what was learned at the morning meeting.

10th Grade Parents: Thank you to those of you who have already donated to our Haunted House fund and to those of you who have volunteered to help set up the event or help during the event!! But we still need more help! So if you can join us, please sign up here.

GRADE 9

Advisory: Advisory at the high school is similar to what you experienced at the middle school. Our goal in advisory is to help students and faculty build positive relationships outside of the traditional classroom. We want all members of our community to feel connected with each other and the school at large. We hope you will laugh and connect with each other, while also getting to know students you might not have the opportunity to interact with due to your schedule.

Your advisory will have other 9th grade students and an advisor. You can find your advisor by checking IC and should report to your assigned classroom. Please come with an open mind and be willing to participate in the activity or discussion that your advisor has planned.