



Watertown High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As Watertown moves from late fall to winter and the end of Term One, I would like to inform and invite you to our upcoming events, activities and school happenings.

Please mark your calendars for these most important dates:

November 4-6	ELA MCAS Retests	
9	School Committee Meeting 7:00 pm	Town Hall
12	End of Term 1	
13	Start of Term 2	
11	No School: Veteran's Day	
9&10	MCAS Math Retest	
13-15	Fall play "The Importance of Being Uncle Harvey"	Shaw Auditorium
19	Report Cards Issued	
19	Coffee with the Headmaster 8:00 am	Alumni Room
25	Thanksgiving Recess begins at Noon	
December 1	School Reopens	
3	Honor Roll Breakfast	7:30 am Kelley Gym
3	Parent/Teacher Conferences	7:00-9:00 pm
5	SAT Testing	(Not at WHS)
17	Financial Aid Night	7:00 pm Lecture Hall
17	Winter Concert	7:00 pm Shaw Auditorium
18	Progress Reports Issued	Mid Point of Term 2
23	Graduate feedback Panel	9:00 am Kelley Gymnasium
23	December vacation begins	at the close of school: 2:30 pm
January 4	School Reopens	

Monday, November 30, 2009, marks the beginning of our winter sports season. These talented student athletes practice long and hard as they compete in the very competitive Middlesex League. Our sports teams include: boys/girls hockey, boys/girls indoor track, boys/girls basketball and wrestling. If you have time, please stop by the gym, rink or track and support our students. They love playing to a 'full house' of supporting parents, students and staff. Winter sports schedules are available on www.highschoolsports.net. Come out and show your **"RAIDER PRIDE"**

First Term will end on Thursday, November 12th and report cards will be sent home on Thursday, November 19th. To celebrate the success of those students who make Honor/High Honor Roll and for those "Students of the Month" for September and October, there will be an Honor Roll Breakfast on Thursday, December 3rd at 7:30 am in the Kelley Gymnasium. A letter will be sent to invite students and parents to join the faculty as I present certificates to acknowledge our high achieving students.

My second "Coffee with the Headmaster" will be on Thursday, November 19th at 8:00 am in the Alumni Conference Room. The agenda is "open" as the purpose is to give parents an opportunity to share their questions and concerns to the high school. In addition, Parent Teacher Night is set for Thursday evening, December 4th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This is the opportunity for parents to have individual, brief conferences with you child's teachers. Please take these two opportunities to visit WHS and meet with the staff..

The Drama Department will be presenting our fall play, "The Importance of Being Uncle Roscoe" later this month. Our students have been practicing diligently every afternoon in preparation for "opening night". Performances are Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14, at 7pm, and Sunday, November 15 at 2pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Please mark your calendars for a wonderful evening of theatre.

I would like to once again remind all senior parents and students of the Class of 2010, that there are specific requirements in order to participate in the graduation festivities in June. Some of these include community service hours, senior thesis paper, and the successful completion of all course and school requirements. My goal is to have **ALL** of our seniors participate in **ALL** of our senior activities. Please be advised that Watertown High School does not sponsor or promote any "senior trips". The school does not encourage these student-run activities in any way. Any drug/alcohol infractions or involvement in senior pranks will jeopardize your child's participation in all graduation exercises.

Please remember to register for iPARENT. This is your easy access to your child's daily attendance, report card, progress report and biographical data. Go to our web site www.watertown.k12.ma.us and "click on" iPARENT. After you have submitted the requested information, it will be verified and approval will be granted. Please make every effort to enroll. With this link, I will be able to expand the communication between the high school and home. If you have any questions or problems "logging on" to iPARENT, please contact my office.

In our continued effort to provide a safe secure environment, the high school, along with the Watertown Police and Fire Departments will conduct a "mock evacuation" and a school lockdown later this month. Just as periodic fire drills are held, these "practice events" are vital in keeping both staff and students safe.

Just to update all parents; the H1N1 flu virus has been slow to impact the high school. The attendance for students has been 95 % or higher daily for the first 8 weeks of school. However, the administration and health services are monitoring the situation closely and maintaining the CDC standard of dismissing students with temperatures over 100 degrees and requiring students to stay home for the additional 24 hour period. If your child is out sick with "flu-like" symptoms, please call the office (617-926-7730) and relay this information to the secretary.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support and confidence in the staff and administration of Watertown High. Please contact me or either of my Housemasters, Ms DiNardo or Mr. McDermott if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Yours truly,

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