



Wareham High School Good News Letter



IMPORTANT DATES

November 2016

2nd-4th – MCAS Retest - ELA
 3rd – Term 1 Report Cards Issued
 8th – Staff Inservice – No School
 9th & 10th – MCAS Retest - Math
 11th – Veterans Day
 23rd – Half Day
 24th 27th - Thanksgiving Recess

December 2016

6th – Early Release
 22nd – School Closes end of day
January 2017
 3rd - School Opens
 13th – Term 2 Ends
 16th – Martin Luther King Day
 17th-20th – Mid Term Exams
 26th – Term 2 Report Cards

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

September - Congratulations Natlia Moulding! Natalia single-handedly organized a community service project, asking for the help of her fellow students and our faculty in collecting useful items to support our country's service men and women. She started the collection drive with Project 351, a national youth service group, collecting bars of soap, single serve microwaveable meals, gum, and patriotic thank you cards that went to active duty service members and local veterans in need. Additionally, Natalia is an excellent student; she challenged herself last year as a dual enrollment student, earning 20 high school credits while still an 8th grade WMS student.

October – Congratulations Cienne Fernandes! Cienne has been a consistent and supportive role model as this year's Field Hockey Captain, both on the field and off. She is an all-star player on the field and an all-star student in the classroom as well as the various clubs an outside activities she is a part of!

SCOTTY AWARD

September – Congratulations Gwendolyn Miceli! Gwen Miceli is a student who always goes above and beyond. She is the definition of the Scotty Award. She is kind, compassionate, considerate, and always looking to help others. She is a dedicated part of Best Buddies, DECA, and Yearbook, just to name a few. She has the sweetest soul and never asks for more.

October – Congratulations Scott Hatfield! Scott is as selfless as they come. He always puts other's needs before his own. On many days he can be seen riding his bike to and from school being one of the first to arrive and one of the last to leave. He volunteers for every community service project that the JROTC does: the ALS walk along the Cape Cod Canal and the Onset Beach cleanup being the most recent. He is also an integral member of the JROTC Drill and Ceremony Team practicing during the week and competing on Saturdays. If all this wasn't enough, Scott is a major contributor with the drama and music departments, and he works part time during the week and on weekends. Watching him in the classroom, he is seen as always upbeat and a great source of encouragement with his classmates.

VIKING SHIP AWARDS

Term 1 Wareham Viking Ship Awards go to the following students for their accomplishments in the area of Scholarship: Lauren Anderson, Julien DePina, McKenna Fitzgerald, Ge'ana Fonseca, Teaven Harper, Joseph Hogan, Madeline Howard, Cameron Keith, Ariel Lemieux, Ruben Rouke, Katelin Russo, Kiaralyz Suarez. Citizenship: Ge'ana Fonseca, Joshua Gallagher, Ruth Gonzalez, Scott Hatfield, Cameron Keith, Gwendolyn Miceli, Natalia Moulding, Katelin Russo, Matthew Vroom. Sportsmanship: Cienne Fernandes. Craftsmanship: – Brett McSherry

WAREHAM STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE Nine students at Wareham High School earned AP Scholar Awards, and three students earned the AP Scholar with Distinction Award in recognition of exceptional achievement on AP Exams. **Paige Fehskens, Joseph Nash, and Noah Wambolt** qualified for the **AP Scholar with Distinction Honor Award** by earning an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams

taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Six WHS students qualified for the **AP Scholar Award** by completing three or more AP Exams with scores of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are **Kiah Heron, Samantha King, Brett McSherry, Madisen Semple, Jayla Silva and Erica Trask**. AP provides willing and academically prepared students with the opportunity to earn college credit or advanced placement and stand out in the college admissions process. An additional 23 WHS students earned qualifying scores of 3 or higher on at least one AP exam this year: **Jarred Bettencourt, Ryan Bonfiglio, Letitia Bottino, Joshua Childress, Kaitlin Dobbins, Hannah Eddleston, Catalina Giron, Jack Goodwin-Gilson, Elizabeth Griffith, Kendal Haley, Madison Hough, Madison Koslowsky, Allison Maxim, Kaylee McManus, Joanna Mears, Alisha Papadakis, Evan Russell, Mikayla Sequeira, Lily Shepley, Sara Tyma, Jackson Wallace, Yesenia Wallace, and Lisa Wynne**.

IRELAND/SCOTLAND TRIP – Mrs. Freitas will be escorting 20 travelers, consisting of WHS students, a few teachers and guardians, to Ireland and Scotland during the April vacation week of 2017. This trip has been in the planning stages since the fall of 2015 and will include many historical sites in Dublin, Belfast, and Edinburgh. Registration will be closing on November 26th, so if you are interested, please go to the tour website: www.eftours.com/1698569FA, email dfreitas@wareham.k12.ma.us, or call 291-3510, X725.

JROTC - JROTC has started the year off strong. The Battalion Leadership Team consists of the commander - Tyler Litchfield, the executive officer - Kelsey Edwards, the command sergeant major - Bradley Harunkiewicz, the personnel officer - Tanajisha Gordon, the security officer - Amber Borden, the operations officer - Evan D'Olimpia, the logistics officer - Ana De Oliveira, and the public affairs officer – Mike Roesch. The company command team for alpha company: commander - Scott Hatfield, and first sergeant - Sean Holmes, and bravo company commander - Raven Jones, and first sergeant - Josh Lima. Cadets have planned, organized, and executed two community service events already this year. The ALS Cliff Walk along the Cape Cod Canal and the Onset Beach Clean-up. The Drill Team under the leadership of team captain Brad Harunkiewicz, and Color Guard under the leadership of team captain Andy Thompson have begun its competition season, at Brockton High School on Sat, 15 Oct, Lawrence High School on 29 Oct, and Revere High School on 19 Nov. Both teams have been practicing relentlessly preparing for these events. Finally, the JROTC will be helping with the school open house on 20 Oct, the Town Meeting on 24 Oct, and will be marching in the Veterans Day Parade and helping to serve the Veterans Lunch on 11 Nov.



KEY CLUB - After a summer of planning for the upcoming school year, the first semester has been a busy one for the Wareham Key Club. Key Clubbers started the school year with four members spending their Labor Day weekend at Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine. They served as camp counselors for families who have kids with life threatening illnesses. The club then planned and executed a school-wide Project Happiness in Sep, writing "notes of positivity" for each student's locker. This was followed by a fundraising car wash that raised money for community service

events. Seventeen Key clubbers then withstood a driving rain storm as they volunteered at the Cranberry Harvest Festival at AD Makepeace on Sunday 9 Oct. The students continue their efforts in October and conducted their annual fundraising campaign from now until 28 Oct. Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF had Key Clubbers collect loose change to donate towards eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus around the world. Their goal this year is \$300. They are then volunteering at the Wareham Free Library on Sat, 22 Oct to help landscape and paint areas that need work, as well as volunteering to help serve veterans during a community luncheon on Veterans Day.



CODE CLUB – Code Club will begin its annual can drive to benefit Damien's Pantry. The Advisory that brings in the most cans will win a pizza party. A Code Club representative will collect donations from advisories on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The last day to donate is November 22, 2016.

STUDENT COUNCIL- Student Council will be collecting school supplies for homeless children until November 4th and will be bringing them to their fall SEAMASC conference on the 8th of November.

ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT – **Important Dates:** Meet the Coaches Night, November 16th at 7 PM in the WHS Gymnasium. Winter Season and tryouts for all sports start November 28th. For more information please contact the coach. **The Wareham Vikings Varsity Football Team** has won a share of the SCC Title with their victory over Case. The victory has also earned them the 4 seed in the Division 3A South playoff bracket. This is the Vikings first playoff appearance in 10 years (2006).

SENIOR PICTURES – Senior pictures are due **Friday, November 4th 2016**. The requirements for the pictures are:

- Must be 300 or higher resolution
- The bigger the file the better
- CD or flashdrive only please
- Photos must not be any lower than the waist and props are not allowed
- Photos can be sent directly to WHS c/o Ashleigh Salerno, 7 Viking Drive, Wareham MA 02571

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS - The following new policies have been adopted by the Wareham School Committee and are available on the district website or you may contact your child's school office for a printed copy.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited

<http://warehamps.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Alcohol-Tobacco-and-Drug-Use-by-Students.pdf>

Teaching about Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

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FUNDRAISERS - The Gateway Tavern hosted their 10th Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday 10/23 to support the Wareham High School

Library Media Center. The goal for this year was "\$10,000 for year 10". The checks are still coming in...hoping we make it!

GUIDANCE NEWS

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT - The Guidance Department's annual Financial Aid Night was held on Thursday, October 27th in the high school auditorium at 7 pm. A financial aid expert from MEFA, together with WHS guidance counselors, conducted this informative session for parents/guardians and students of WHS planning to attend college. An overview of financial aid and step by step instructions on completing the FAFSA was included.

SAT UPDATES - Approximately 30 seniors will be taking SATs at WHS on Saturday, November 5th. For seniors who missed the fall SATs, the late registration deadline for the December 3rd test at Tabor Academy is November 22nd. There is no longer walk-in (stand by) registration, but students may sign up on line for "wait list" opportunities up until five days prior to the actual testing date. Late registration and wait listing require additional fees. The January 21st test registration deadline is December 21st. In the spring, guidance counselors will give information to all juniors on registering for the May 6th SAT to be given at WHS. Additional SAT opportunities are offered on March 11th and June 3rd at various schools in the area.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS PRESENTATIONS - In September, seniors participated in group sessions conducted during their advisory periods. Topics covered: college visits, applications, the college essay, recommendations, testing, financial aid, interviews and senior year timeline. All seniors received a college handbook with critical college application materials and information. This handbook is also available to students online. Juniors will participate in an introductory college presentation in the spring. Seniors also received training on the new Naviance system which will be used to send all teacher and counselor recommendation letters and transcripts.

COLLEGE/MILITARY VISITS – College visits have been ongoing since September and will continue regularly. Juniors and seniors may sign up in the Guidance Office. A variety of colleges come to present information sessions during advisory period. We have seen a great increase in student attendance at these college information sessions! We have also had a variety of military personnel in to talk to students during lunch period about possible of military opportunities.

ASVAB TEST - Any student interested in taking the ASVAB test to see what their career interests might be or whether they qualify for the different branches of the Armed Forces may sign up in the Guidance Office to take the test on December 7th, 2015 starting at 7:45 AM in the WHS Cafeteria.

UPWARD BOUND- Upward Bound is a federally funded program which serves high school students from low income families and/or students from families in which neither parent has a Bachelors (4-year) degree. Upward Bound addresses critical issues to success in high school and college: time management, self-discipline, responsibility, self-esteem, multicultural knowledge, social justice and respect. Students must have a strong desire and commitment to pursuing a college education. Come to Guidance for an application!

SAIL (Successful Adaptable Innovative Learning) Program – is up and running! This after school program offers enrichment courses and homework help which can count towards credit retrieval and/or elective credits. The program has three 8-week sessions: Oct 11-Dec 1; Dec 12-Feb 9; Feb 27-Apr 27. Students can choose the day(s) and class(es) they will attend, and on those days they will be in homework help from 2:10-3:10 and in the chosen class from 3:15-4:45. Classes currently offered: Strategic Gaming, History of Pop Music, Drama/Set Building, Guitar, How to Fish, and E2020 online classes. A snack and transportation home are provided. See Ms. Santos in Rm. 214, Ms. Mackerron in the Principal's Office, or your guidance counselor for registration forms.



