

Watervliet Middle School

Weekly Announcements for February 11, 2018

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Announcements:

- Friday, February 15 is a 1/2 day of school with a 11:15 dismissal
- Bus passes will not be given to students. They must ride their regular bus. Students may not ride home with a friend or relative.
- All middle school students are required to have an independent reading book for their Language Arts classes as we will be reading in class daily. Students may check out books from the school library or the public library, bring their own books from home, check out books from the classroom libraries, or purchase books through Scholastic Book orders. Books must be chapter books, but students are allowed to choose which books they want to read.
- All ELA classes will be having a read-in on Friday, February 15. Students may pay \$1 to wear pajama pants that day and may also pay \$1 to bring a pillow or blanket to ELA classes. Money raised will be used to purchase new books for the ELA classrooms.
- Student Council is starting a school wide guessing game from Feb. 8 through Feb. 21. Students can pay 50 cents to guess how many Skittles are in a large jar. The student with the closest guess to the actual number of Skittles will win all of the candy. Student Council members will be working the game in different shifts before school and during lunch.
- Second Semester **Honor Club** Members: The time has come to put down your student's deposit for Mackinaw City. The deposit of \$100 is due by Friday, February 8 during Advisory. The first time that we will accept permission slips is during that Advisory meeting on Friday, February 8. However, you can deposit money into your student's account at any time. For Mackinaw City, the first 51 people to turn in their deposit will reserve a spot on the trip. We cannot add a second bus and keep the cost the same for all participants. Honor Club students will also be receiving a candle fundraiser on 2/8. Students can sell candles during the month of February to help pay for their spring trip. All money and forms are due on Thursday, 2/21. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Andrews or Mrs. Hickman.
- WMS will be collecting Box Tops for Education! Your child can bring in Box Tops to their 1st hour teacher starting October 1st! Each month the 1st hour class that turned in the most Box Tops (including any Bonus Box Tops) will get a treat/prize! Start saving those Box Tops we would love to use this money for different activities we do with our Middle School students throughout the year!
- **6th Grade Science**: Just an FYI the students will be working on Element Superhero or Villain poster and story that will be equal to test grade over the next week in class. Please remind your child to work diligently in class to be able to complete it.
- **7th grade parents**: February Scholastic Book Club order forms are available in Mrs. Henderson's room. Students can bring in cash, a check payable to "Scholastic Book

Clubs," or order on-line at: <https://orders.scholastic.com/GV8T6>. Orders are due by February 28.

- Hessler for President 2020 shirts are now available. Show your support for our favorite no-nonsense guy and help raise funds for the **Girl Power** Overnight. Order forms are available in the office and the deadline is February 15th. Any questions, see Mrs. Bostic.
- **8th grade students** received information about job shadowing. All 8th grade students are responsible for completing a job shadow and turning in the necessary paperwork by Friday, March 1.
- Watervliet Public Schools is looking for bus drivers. If you are interested in being a driver or a substitute driver please contact Mark Isbrecht at misbrecht2@watervlietps.org or by phone at 269-463-0720

Activities:

- Congratulations to January Students of the Month: Alyssa Brown, Trevor Tavalacci, and Reegan McConnell
- A special thank you to 7th grade students McKenna Kirksey, Karley Knight, and Lily Meschino for supervising children during the Elementary PTO meeting. You did a great job.
- Talent Show Practice Tuesday 2/12 3:15-4:15 and Friday 2/15 11:30-1.
- The WMS wrestlers were home last night. There were some great matches. Noah Brule, Riley Hess, Josh Sturdevant, Royce Daugherty, and Luke Isbrecht were undefeated.
- The 8th grade white team worked hard on Wednesday playing their zone defense. Unfortunately, they lost to Andrews Academy. Iannah Laratta played an aggressive defensive game. Scoring for the Panthers were Brianna Hoy with four points and Jaylie Querfurth with 2.
- After being off for over a week the 8th Maroon Lady Panthers came out ready to play and beat the Buchanan Buc's 36-20. Great half court defense and offensive rebounding helped the Panthers on their way to victory.
- The 8th grade white team fell to the Coloma Comets Monday evening. Brianna Hoy play very well on defense. Scoring for the Panthers were Jaylie Querfurth, Lyvia Summers and Ava Selby with 4 points each. Marleigh Schultz and Lydia Koshar each score a basket.
- The WMS wrestling team traveled to Comstock for a team tournament and finished 4th out of 16 teams. Wrestlers winning gold medals were Michael Melcher, Riley Hess, Royce Daugherty, and Cayden Wildeman. Earning a Silver medal were Dominick Morrison, Kameron Smith, Luke Isbrecht, Noah Brule, Noah Bentley, and Marco Veal. Jesse Edmonds, Julian Velez, Javier Gutierrez, Dillon Gardiner, Alex Mejia, Zach Radar, and Phillip Romano all wrestled very well.

- The 7th grade Maroon team defeated Andrew's Academy 20-0 last night. The girls played with great intensity on the defensive end.
- The 8th Maroon Lady Panther Basketball team won 2 games this past weekend at St. Joe while participating in the Berrien County tournament. In game one, the Lady Panthers beat Buchanan 36 to 20 and followed up with a 31 - 17 victory over New Buffalo. The 8th Maroon Lady Panthers will travel to Benton Harbor on Thursday to play in the Championship game. Good Luck Ladies. Nice work.
- The 8th grade Maroon Lady Panthers traveled to Benton Harbor last night to play the Tigers in the finals of the Berrien County basketball tournament. The 8th grade Maroon Lady Panthers got behind 5 - 0 early in the game but kept their composure and closed out the first quarter up 6 - 5. The Lady Panthers out scored the Tigers 7 to 2 in the second quarter leading 13 - 7 at the half. The Lady Panthers picked up the defensive pressure and turned on the fast break as they ran away with the game in the second half winning the championship 36-11. The Lady Panthers walked into the gym as ONE STRONG TEAM, and walked out even STRONGER.

Upcoming Events:

- February 8 MS Dance 3-5
- February 9 Basketball - Maroon Home
- February 11 Basketball - Maroon at St. Joe
- February 11 Basketball - White at home
- February 13 Basketball - White at home
- February 14 Wrestling - at Coloma
- February 15 Half Day of School - dismissal at 11:15
- February 18 Basketball - White at Fennville
- February 18 Band Concert
- February 20 Basketball - Maroon at Lawton
- February 21 Choir Concert
- February 21 Basketball - 8th Maroon at Lakeshore, 7th Maroon at home
- February 21 Wrestling - at Constantine
- February 22 WMS Talent Show - 6:00
- February 25 Basketball - White at Home
- February 25/26 Choir Festival TBD
- February 27 Basketball - Maroon at Schoolcraft
- March 1 Wrestling - Home (Watervliet Invitational)
- March 2 Basketball - White at Costock TBD
- March 5-8 Band Festival TBD
- April 12 MS Dance 3-5
- May 21 Band Concert
- May 30 Choir Concert