

**Windham High School
Eagle News
December 2018**

IMPORTANT DATES

December 5	Early Release (Grades 6-12)
December 9	Progress Reports Due
December 24 – Jan1	Winter Break
January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
January 22-25	Mid-Term Exams

From The Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of Windham High School,

December will be a very busy month at Windham High School. The short break for Thanksgiving, and the early snow, gave all of the students and staff a boost of excitement for the holiday season that is upon us. It is hard to believe that there are only 13 more school days remaining in 2018. We have quickly moved into the heart of the second quarter and the four weeks of instruction between the breaks can have a tremendous impact on the outcome of the school year for many students. I encourage you to help your students stay engaged in their academics during this time.

Progress report grades for the second quarter will be available in Infinite Campus on Friday, December 9th. In the same fashion as on the first quarter progress reports, the second quarter reports will include up to date student grades for each class as well as information in regards to habits of work. I encourage you to go to the parent portal and view your student's progress, and to help them set goals for the New Year.

Midterms are scheduled for January 22nd to the 25th. As you work to develop your family calendar for the month of January, please do your best to limit absences and appointments during this time period. Additional information about exam times and schedules will be published in the January Eagle News.

Windham High School is proud to recognize **Mikayla M. Baiguy** as a Commended Student in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. A certificate of Commendation from the high school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, has been presented to Mikayla along with other scholastically talented seniors across the country. Only 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation have been recognized for this level of exceptional academic promise. Commended students like Mikayla placed among the top three percent of more than 1.6 million students who entered the competition by taking the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall of 2017.

I would like to share a few words of congratulations to all of the participants in the production of *The Little Mermaid*. It was great to see the cast have the opportunity to present their work to so many packed houses. The sets, songs, and music of the production were a testament to the theatrical talent that we have here at Windham High School. A special thank you to Rob Juergens, CJ Payne, Dr. Nickerson and the countless other volunteers who built sets, sewed costumes, choreographed, and mentored our students over the weeks of the production.

Congratulations to the Windham Chamber Singers and all of those involved in hosting another wonderful American Family Holiday Concert. Our community is so lucky to have so many talented students and staff members.

It has been exciting to reconnect with so many members of the community at many events this fall.

The winter sports season is about to go into full swing, and I encourage you to come out and support our student athletes at the pool, the track, the rink, or the gymnasium.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Windham High School, I would like to thank our community for all of your help and support throughout the past year. As we look into 2019, I wish all of our students and families a safe and relaxing holiday season and a very happy new year.

Thank you,

Ryan Caron

Senior Capstone Project

Seniors are well on their way to completing the Senior Capstone requirement at this point in the year, and many are at the point where they are seeking community help with their projects. Help us make the capstone project as beneficial to our students as possible! Use the link below to share your thoughts and get involved: [SeniorCapstoneProjectSurvey](#)

If you have not already, you will soon be hearing from senior students about the Senior Capstone requirement. With every senior looking to connect with a mentor for the project, it will require the support from the whole community. To make the Senior Capstone the best possible learning experience for our seniors, we are asking for additional insights and contacts within the local community. A mentor is a point-of-contact for a particular industry. Mentors agree to be in contact (email is often just fine) with a senior and help guide them towards useful contacts, learning, and opportunities in the industry. When possible, they also attend the final presentation (though this is not strictly required). For additional information regarding the Capstone Project, please go to [SeniorCapstoneProject](#)

Students Take Time To Be Thankful

In November, students had the opportunity to say thank you and send a note of appreciation to those who have made a difference in their lives. During advisory periods, student were given postcards to send to someone who they wanted to recognize and tell them how thankful they are for that person. Students wrote to parents, relatives, friends and teachers. We have many thankful students here at Windham High School.

With the Holidays upon us, Be The Influence reminds you that...



BABY ADS: Due December 10th

The Windham High School Yearbook (The Windonian) is selling baby ads. Baby ads are a picture of a senior from when they were young and a message you write to them. These ads are purchased and count as a fundraiser for yearbook.

The sizes, prices, and options are:

1 full page -\$200 Please send a drawing of how you want this entire page to look.

1/2 page -\$100, 3 pictures and 156 words, 2 pictures and 212 words, or 1 picture and 368 words

1/4 page -\$50, 2 pictures and 156 words, or 1 picture and 212 words

1/8 page -\$25, 1 picture (slightly smaller than a wallet) and 156 words the picture must be high resolution if you are emailing. The pictures will be cropped depending on the size of the ad you purchase. The pictures can either be mailed in or emailed in (see below). The ads are full color. It is helpful if you type your message so it is easier to read.

STEPS TO SUBMITTING BABY AD:

Step 1 - Use the link below to submit your message! Be sure to proofread your message before submitting. The yearbook staff will copy and paste your message from this form.

<https://docs.google.com/a/grsu14.org/forms/d/1wSZMRn97fGb32vPvS4UpiuDElukIpA3j0Q9mvkoa2rA/viewform>

Step 2 – Email your photo to jsullivan@rsu14.org OR mail your photo to

WHS c/o Jen Sullivan

406 Gray Rd

Windham, ME 04062

Step 3 – Submit your applicable payment. Please make checks payable to Windham HS. Checks may be mailed or dropped off in the main office care of Jen Sullivan.

If you have any questions please email: Jen Sullivan at jsullivan@rsu14.org.

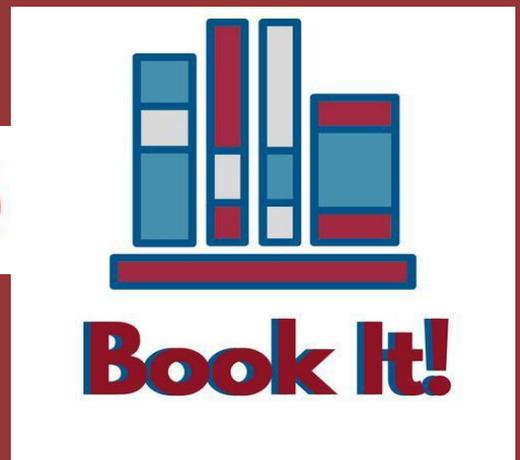
****IMPORTANT: If you mail in your photo: to ensure your photo is safely returned to you please enclose, with your picture, a self-addressed stamped envelope. Or you can send your son or daughter to pick up the picture.****

The deadline for purchasing a baby ad is December 10th 2018.

Thank you ~ Jen Sullivan and The Yearbook Staff



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We have a new Book It! initiative which encourages students to put down their devices and read every day. It has been a great success thanks to many of our dedicated teachers who have found time during their busy classes to have students read quietly.

This has increased our circulation statistics considerably! Compared to last year, students checked out triple the number of books:

*September 2017 = **110**

* October 2017 = **37**

*September 2018 = **309**

* October 2018 = **133**

We now have a designated space in the back of the library for students to read quietly. Please encourage your kids to put down their devices for a while and spend their free time reading a good book.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Click on the Book It! image above to read about the benefits of students reading during school time.