

WMHS Leadership Update
January 13, 2020
By Charles Lomonte

Our **Choral and Band Concerts** were huge successes this past Holiday Season. Our students performed to a packed house as elementary, middle, and high school parents and students enjoyed the melodic tones! Ms. Brewer did it again. She did a tremendous job with them.

Did you happen to get to our amazing **Art Show** before break? The artwork throughout the school added beauty and highlighted our students in a special way. The work showed a diversity of media types and highlighted a spectrum of grade levels. Special thanks to Ms. Chasse for her on-going commitment in supporting our students. It was wonderful to see..

In an effort to begin review of our current **graduation requirements** I would like to meet with each department in early January. Please refer to the following schedule:

ELA- Wednesday, Jan 8th

Math- Monday, January 13th

SS- Tuesday, January 14th

Science- Wednesday, January 15th

VPA- Thursday, January 16th

Health/PE- Wednesday, January 22nd

** All meetings will begin at 2:35 in the administrative conference room**

Our **2nd Quarter Ends** next Friday January 17th. Final assignments are due from students January 16th.

Our **Winter Session Credit Recovery** program is scheduled for the week of February vacation. M-TH from 8-11 A.M.

Staff are beginning preparations for our **2nd Annual WMHS Poetry Recital**. A date in February/ March will soon be selected. Students continue to draft poems in hopes to participate. This is a great way for our students to express themselves. If you would like to help with this event see Ms. Fraser or I shortly. Thanks.

This year **Winter Carnival** will have a "Kick Off" Assembly on February 10th, 'dress up' School Spirit Days will be on February 10,11,12,13 & 14 with February 14th as a full Winter Carnival Day. (See schedule) The Winter Carnival "Snow Ball" Dance wraps up the week with the crowning of the Snow Ball King and Queen the evening of February 14th!

Special thanks to all for your cooperation in our **new dismissal procedure**. Outside staff are reporting it was a success and allows for a much safer dismissal. Below are the final results.

Attention all staff: **BRCTC (our HS voc. program)** has officially changed its name to "Bath Tech". They are rebranding and moving into a brand new facility. The transition will take place over the next year and by February Vacation of next year will be complete. Bath Tech will also kick off a new Cosmetology Program the following fall. Our Bath Tech end of year Summer Bridge Program will be offered to our Grade 9 and Grade 10 students interested in exploring a vocational path. Stay tuned for more details.

Our next **early release** is this Wednesday, January 15th. We will begin our session as a full staff in the library and break into content areas for a "data dive".

Our **professional development day** on January 17th will begin at 8:00 A.M. with 2 hour and a half sessions of "an expert down the hall". Special thanks to all staff that are devoting their time and effort in preparation for this day. Staff should select one session for each time slot by Wednesday to allow presenters to prepare. The afternoon will be divided by MS/HS. The draft schedule will be shared with all of you but is still being finalized.

This Thursday, January 9th we conducted interviews for a new **Librarian**. Thanks to those of you that gave us your feedback. Special thanks to Ms. Townsend, Ms.Orne, and Mr. Keyes for their participation on the hiring committee.

Our next **Parent Advisory Council** is scheduled for this Thursday, January 16th @ 5:00 P.M. in the administrative conference room. All are welcome to attend.

**Board Report
January 14, 2020**

By

Ken Spinney II, Special Education Director

of Students Enrolled in Wiscasset Public Schools=

of Students with IEP's in Wiscasset Public Schools=

of Students with Section #504 Plans in Wiscasset Public Schools=

Update:

- I am very proud of the special education staff for their ongoing commitment and support for students with special needs. We have an excellent special education staff.
- We are taking a close look at the continuum of special education services in the Wiscasset Schools to better meet the needs of children with behavioral challenges and autism.
- Recently, we submitted our final documents to the Department of Education for our Corrective Action Plan that was part of our Special Education Review in 2018. This plan requires our district to follow state and federal procedural guidelines and have appropriate forms that completed accurately. A big "Thank You" goes out to Chrissy for her assistance with this project.
- Our Special Education Team has been going through training on IEP development and Written Notices. Roberta Lucas from the Department of Education recently provided an excellent training for all case managers in our district.
- We are looking at our State Agency Clients and how we may acquire funding through this potential funding resource where appropriate.
- We have a few open positions at this time. These include: (1) Ed. Tech III at WMHS for the remainder of this school-year, (2) Ed. Tech III at WMHS to provide support for a student, and (3) Part Time Bus

Assistant to support a student with a van run in the morning and afternoon.



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Transportation -

- Plans to renovate/update the Director's office and driver's room at the garage are underway. Paint, flooring, etc. is badly needed and will hope to schedule for end of year or the summer
- The new fuel distribution system is working very well. All driver's and town departments have been issued keys and the system is in full service
- The tire balancer is also on the blink. We had a service provider come to the garage. He feels there appears to be several contact switches that are not working. He tried a new switch, no change. The switches, if available are around \$300.00 each. This model is obsolete so I will be budgeting for a new tire balancer
- I will be working with our mechanic and discussing the need for newer up to date diagnostic software. This will be a topic for budget discussions

Facilities -

- Paving: I am meeting with the Road Commissioner to get his perspective, and ideas on upgrading/improving our driveways/parking lots and sidewalks
- Roofing: Our roofing systems are very old. We had 2 more service calls on the ballasted roofs both at WES and WMHS. I will be soliciting bids for replacement of the roof on the 1951 section of WES for the next budget
- Replaced the snow blower at WES
- There has been 2 more service calls recently for roofing issues on our two oldest roofs at WES and WMHS. These are the last two ballasted roofs that we have left in the district. These particular roofs are over 20 years past their expired warranty periods which was 1998.
- Piping associated with a roof drain in the Phys. Ed office at WMHS has rusted from the inside out, fortunately discovered by staff before too much water damage was done. A temporary repair is in place. A permanent repair will be included in the next budget.
- Preventive maintenance on the boilers was completed in December. PM's, adjustments, and lubrication of HVAC components will be ongoing.



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School Nutrition Update

•Enrollment

We currently are at 50% Free and reduced students in the district. 239 free & 27reduced. Total enrollment 526

•Over Due Lunch Bills

We are still struggling to get over due accounts paid up. The total at WES is -4076.10 with a total of 65 students that owe. At WMHS is -3638.80 with a total of 70 students that owe.

•Parents

I would like to continue to stress again for parents to be aware that we feed every student that comes to us. If they do not want their child to eat breakfast or lunch we need a signed letter from them stating their wishes. We are still getting calls from parents asking why they are getting a bill when they are sending a lunch daily with their child.

•Substitutes

We are still in need and are looking for substitutes in both kitchens.

Thank you,
Lorie Johnson
School Nutrition Director

