



Worcester CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Winter 2024-25 Newsletter

Superintendent's Message



WCS students visited the Worcester Hose Company for fire prevention presentations.

Dear Worcester Central School Families,

As we close out 2024 and welcome in the new year, I hope this winter break and the holiday season offer quality time with your family and friends. Looking back at our first semester, I am very proud of our students, faculty and staff who worked so hard. It was a semester packed with exciting learning opportunities, another amazing musical, sporting events, concerts, and great harvest festivities.

As we enter the next semester, I am looking forward to opportunities for continued learning and activities for our students. We will be introducing a revised student use of personal technology policy, and kicking off our capital construction project. In addition, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funded walking trail and pavilion project will also begin. So pardon our future dust!

On behalf of all of us at the Worcester Central School District, we look forward to continuing to be part of your children's educational experience. We are grateful for your ongoing support and collaboration and will continue to work hard to make the Worcester Central School District a place of pride within our community.

Respectfully,
Tim Gonzales, Superintendent

SAVE THE DATE!



Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Worcester CSD Budget Vote and Board Election



WCS proudly welcomed our Veterans for the annual Veterans Breakfast.



WCS Students Advance to Regional Spelling Bee



Spelling Bee Class Representatives and Participants

On December 5th, Worcester Central School hosted their annual Spelling Bee for grades 5-8. Thirteen students participated in this year's event due to scoring well on the qualification test. Congratulations to eighth grader Hailey Zabelicky for her 1st place finish and 7th grader Annika Penn for finishing 2nd. Hailey and Annika will represent WCS at the Regional Spelling Bee at SUNY Oneonta in February.



Annika Penn (2nd place) and Hailey Zabelicky (1st place)



"Rock, Paper, Scissors" for Charity

WCS Student Council raised funds in a tournament of "Rock, Paper, Scissors". All grade levels participated and the championship rounds were held in the gym. The event raised over \$600 to be split between the Worcester Food Pantry and the Susquehanna SPCA.

Guidance Department "Heads Up" Dates

- Clark Scholarships Completion Deadline - Jan. 31st
- Senior Class / Alumni Luncheon - Jan. 8th
- 10th Grade Visit to ONC BOCES - Jan. 16th -17th
- Regents January Exam Dates - Jan. 21st - 24th
- Junior Leadership Conference - Feb. 6th
- Upcoming ACT Test Dates - Feb. 8th, June 14th
- ASVAB Exam - March 11th
- Upcoming SAT Test Dates - March 12th, May 3rd, June 7th
- 9th Grade visit to SUNY Cobleskill - March 2025
- 10th Grade Visit to Hudson Valley Community College - March 2025
- Junior to Senior Transition Night - March 2025
- Junior Leadership Conference - Apr. 8th
- 11th Grade Visit to Russell Sage College & SUNY Albany - Apr. 2025
- Clark Scholarship Recipients Interviews - Apr. 2025
- Regents June Exam Dates - June 10th - 25th

Students Earn Funds For a Cause

Congratulations to our Varsity Leadership Club and our presenters, Mason, Delana, Alex, Bella, & Dakota on their excellent presentation for Student Voices, Student Choices. A special thank you to Julia Ralph, their advisor, and Dody Lindberg, our community partner. The students presented their idea for a hygiene closet to provide hygiene products to students in need at WCS. They are working with the Worcester Food Pantry to access donated supplies and will use the \$2,500 prize funds earned to supplement items for the closet





Use of Personal Technology Policy Revised

To assist our students in establishing healthy boundaries and a balance of in-person and digital connections, the Worcester Central School District has adopted a revised policy for use of personal technology, including cell phones, during the school day. Over the last few Board meetings, WCSD has reviewed cell phone survey data and comments from students, staff, and parents, as well as the current WCSD Use of Personal Technology Policy. Taking into consideration the feedback submitted from the surveys, the revised Use of Personal Technology Policy was adopted at the December board of education meeting. The new policy will be in effect as students return on January 6th. For additional information on the revised policy visit www.worcestercsd.org

Holiday Fun!



Elementary Band and Chorus
Holiday Concert

Holiday Spirit Week

Junior and Senior High Holiday Concert

Future Farmers of America Club Puts On Harvest Festival

On October 19th, the Worcester FFA Harvest Festival took place at Worcester Central School. FFA students provided fall themed activities and contests for the community. There was face painting, games, scarecrow building, pumpkin carving contests and a giant pumpkin competition. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to Savannah Hornbeck, the winner of the largest pumpkin weighing in at 202 pounds!



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Winter 2024-25

Mark your CALENDAR



January

- 20 No School - M.L. King Jr. Day
- 22 Board Of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m., WCS Library
- 24 End of 2nd Quarter
- 29 No School - Lunar New Year
- 30 All County Festival @ 3 p.m., WCS

February

- 1 All County Festival @ 7 a.m., WCS
- 5 Early Dismissal 12:15 p.m./Professional Development
- 17 No School - President's Day
- 18-21 Winter Recess
- 26 Board Of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m., WCS Library
- 28 3rd Quarter Progress Reports



WCS performed three showings of the musical Rock of Ages

WORCESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL 1ST QUARTER

HONOR ROLL 2024 - 2025

CRITERIA:

Superintendent's List: 95 and above
High Honor Roll: 90-94
Honor Roll: 85-89

GRADE 12:

SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST:

Grant Beverland, Angel Empie, Isabella Head, Angel Mravlja

HIGH HONOR ROLL: Alexander Adams, Delana Baldwin-Rhodes, Lia Boyton, John Brady, William Brady, Sarah Holcomb, Griffin Kelley, Malina Milavec, Nickolas Race, Mason Sivacek, Emily Sweet, Katelyn Temple
HONOR ROLL: Mariska Bellingier, Lucas Evans, Giovanni McDonnell, Jordyn VanSickle, Sabrina Vital

GRADE 11:

SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST:

Grayson Basso, Lola Kelley, William Martin
HIGH HONOR ROLL: Brandon Eager, Melanie Felitti, Alena Hahn, Abigail Pasqualino, Matthe Sanders, Liam Serdy, Jeremy Strobeck Jr.
HONOR ROLL: Rowan Dunham, Leslee Yearry

GRADE 10:

SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST:

Lilly Sivacek
HIGH HONOR ROLL: Michelle Arias, Shea Davis, Lilly Dorsch, Lukas Dolan, Conner Land, Derek Land, Caden Lengel, Gabrielle Manchester, Logan Palmatier, Julia Roof
HONOR ROLL: Anabelle Davis, Zach Eager, Landon Gates, Josh Head, xaria Jester, Ciara Kaltenbach, Sam Millias, Ryan Prince, Arletta Yearry

GRADE 9:

SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST:

Anna Larrabee, Julianne Militello, Brooke Moser, Payton Proctor, Abigail Rifenbark
HIGH HONOR ROLL: Casandra Bellingier, Sylvia Brady, Ciara Decker, Julianna Everson, Logan Gates, Zoey Griffin, Spencer Head, Arianna Lengel, Azaleah Lorette, Sophia Millias, Kylie Palmatier, Nolan Stroosnyder
HONOR ROLL: Justin Frost, Alexis Lysogorski, Hunter Romaine, Alourha Zdeb

GRADE 8:

SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST:

William Reed, Quinn Serdy, Hailey Zabelicky,
HIGH HONOR ROLL: Vivian Adams, Reagan Proctor, CeCeilia Eager, Rostlyn Parslow, Raegan Proctor, Aiden Schmiedel, Vanessa Sutliff, Lily Tolbert, Angielina Zdeb
HONOR ROLL: Brian Hogan

GRADE 7:

SUPERINTENDENT'S LIST:

Abigail Conroe, Alexis Head, Hailey Head, Natalie Schmiedel, Paul Hahn, Savannah Hornbeck
HIGH HONOR ROLL: Andrew Conroe, Emma Clark Jaquish, Tallulah Kelley, Michael Parslow, Annika Penn, Alyssa Roof
HONOR ROLL: Ella Carrasco, Landon Egnaczak, Emily Everson, Anna Gage, Anthony Reed, McKenzie Sweet, Baylee Zaengle