



# WORCESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Strive, Support, Succeed!”

Fall, 2020 Newsletter

## SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Worcester Central School Families,

The 2020-21 school year was not one that any of us could have imagined. Despite the challenges, as we enter into the Thanksgiving Holiday we have a tremendous amount of things to be thankful for.

All of us at WCS are thankful for the opportunity to educate and interact with your children. Whether it be remote or in-person, we look forward to seeing your children every day.

We also are thankful for you, our parents and guardians, as essential partners in educating our students. With your cooperation, support and patience we have successfully navigated diverse modes of education and the many new protocols that keep our students and staff healthy and safe. So, thank you!

We do not know what the future will bring; however, I am certain that through continued collaboration with our great Worcester families we will meet any future challenges head on. Being ‘Worcester Strong’ is not just a phrase. It is what we each do every day to keep our school community the safest place for our students.

On behalf of all of us at Worcester Central School. I wish you all a very safe and relaxing Thanksgiving.

Respectfully,

Tim Gonzales



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## Halloween Fun

Students at WCS celebrated Halloween in style, masks and all! Even Wally joined in on the fun!



## January Regents Exams Canceled

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has canceled the January 2021 regents exams. No decisions have been made regarding the June and August 2021 administrations of regents examinations or any of the other state assessment programs. More information is available on the NYSED website.

## FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

**Criteria:** Superintendent's List: 95 and above  
High Honor Roll: 90 – 94  
Honor Roll: 85 – 89

### GRADE 12:

**Superintendent's List:** Lily Conroe, Maya Powers

**High Honor Roll:** Isaiah Haley, Casandra Haughn, Jenna Morell, Miriam Odell, Delimar Vega-Haley

**Honor Roll:** Alesa Chetty, Michael Countryman, Ethan Lengel, Jonah Meiser, Emily Rundblad, Chloe Sasso

### GRADE 11:

**Superintendent's List:** Hailey Bilby, Iriyah Haley, Sean Kersmanc

**High Honor Roll:** Shawn Butler, Malena Fisher, Owen Hogan, Destiny Koss, Maci Milavec, Kacey Scriber, Emily Thompson

**Honor Roll:** Nathan Cain, Michael Martin, Adrienne Rifenburg, James Sasso, Aydan Schultz

### GRADE 10:

**Superintendent's List:** Sophia Adams, Elizabeth Odell, Anna Serdy, Makenna Ventuleth

**High Honor Roll:** Tyler Beverland, Shanna Buck, Maurisa Ebert, Rylee Falcone, Connor Fancher, Alexis Howell-Manon, Kayla Keever, Jacob Sanders

**Honor Roll:** Tyler Banfil, Gwenivere Race

### GRADE 9:

**Superintendent's List:** Benjamin Ballard, Dominic Critti, Amelia Johnson, Evelyn Kersmanc, Lucas Roof, Elyza Schoeberl, Emma Serdy, Hailey Shalor, Samantha Tompkins, Juan Tovar-Zuniga

**High Honor Roll:** Sophia Armao, Peyton Armstrong, William Tyler Head, Jalen Reardon, Madison Schultz, Brooke Scriber

**Honor Roll:** Georgia Basso, Faith Meiser

### GRADE 8:

**Superintendent's List:** Delana Baldwin-Rhodes, Mariska Ball, Mariska Bellinger, Grant Beverland, Roy Reynolds Jr., Cheyenne Rifenburg, Rachel Schaffer, Edward Scriber IV

**High Honor Roll:** Cristian Conway, Isabella Head, Sarah Holcomb, Brianna Kelly, Giovanni McDonnell Malina Milavec, Angel Mravlja, Hayley Rundblad, Mason Sivacek, Katelyn Temple

**Honor Roll:** Sean Buck, Shawn LaRock, Isaiah Taylor, Jordyn VanSickle, Pauline Yearry

### GRADE 7:

**Superintendent's List:** Rowan Dunham, William Martin, Liam Serdy

**High Honor Roll:** Grayson Basso, Olivia Forte, Ashten Haley, Benjamin Meunier, Abigail Pasqualino, Matthew Sanders, Alexander St. Denis, Jeremy Strobeck

**Honor Roll:** Megan Bolton, Brandon Eager, Dawson Falcone, Melanie Felitti, Lucas Warren



## WCS STUDENT ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

Worcester Central School's 2020 winter and fall student athletes received special recognition from New York State Senator James Seward. The students were awarded a certificate of recognition for maintaining a 90 or higher grade point average during their sport's season naming each student to the Section IV Student Scholar Athlete Team.

Worcester Central School, was one of only two schools who achieved this honor in the section and was named a School of Distinction.

Senator James Seward's Office awarded each student athlete with a certificate of commendation. A ceremony was held to recognize the students' accomplishment.

### ***Section IV Student Scholar Athlete Team***

**Members:** Jenna Morell, Lily Conroe, Iriyah Haley, Miriam Odell, Elizabeth Odell, Mackenzie Sutliff, Hailey Shalor, Sophia Adams, Delimar Vega-Haley, Anna Serdy, James Odell, Jeremy Southworth, Jack Ballard, Michael Countryman, Jonah Meiser, Ethan Lengel, Ryland Evans, Isaiah Haley, Aaron Lorette, Dawson Rielly, Jacob Schoeberl, Marcus Mould, Jeffrey Kolka, Anna Cain, Leean Harris, Jenna Dasch, Kayla Keever, Alexis Manon, Gwen Race, Angelina Sasso.

## FIRE PREVENTION AT WCS

Elementary students PreK-6 were treated to fire prevention presentations this month. WCS seniors and student firefighters Ethan Lengel, Marcus Mould, and Jeremy Southworth, assisted Mr. Jeff Schoeberl of the Worcester Hose Company. The group provided important and possibly life saving information to our students.



## HOLIDAY TRAVEL GUIDANCE

As the holiday travel season approaches, we would like to remind families about the New York State travel advisory and how it can impact your child's ability to attend school. According to the governor's November 3<sup>rd</sup> press conference, non-essential travel is strongly discouraged, but if you must travel, the following guidelines apply.

### Scenario One

#### Your family travels to a State not bordering New York State\*

The New York State Department of Health requires anyone traveling out of the State with plans to return to NYS to complete a Traveler Health Form. It does not matter how your family travels (airplane, car, bus, train etc.). This form along with details about the travel advisory can be found online at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>.

**Failure to comply with the travel advisory could result in a mandatory quarantine order and a fine of up to \$10,000.**

If you wish to avoid a mandatory 14-day quarantine, you must show two negative COVID-19 tests, one dated 1-3 days prior to entering New York, and one 4 days after returning to New York. Upon results of 2<sup>nd</sup> negative test, you will be allowed to resume normal activities. Your child will not be allowed to attend classes until/unless both tests come back negative. Proof of negative tests must be provided to school nurse before returning to school.

If you do not get testing done, those who travel are expected to quarantine at home for 14 days. This means your child will not be allowed to attend in-person classes for the entire quarantine period.

If a family does not complete the Traveler Health Form, but it is discovered your child traveled to a bordering state, you will be contacted by the school and asked to pick up your child from school as soon as possible. Your child will be removed from their class and isolated until you arrive and pick him/her up.

Your contact information will also be shared with the Otsego County Department of Health. Someone will then contact you and go over the travel quarantine requirements including the date of completion.



Upon completion, you will be provided with a return to school/work letter stating your child has completed the required quarantine.

### Scenario Two

#### Your family hosts guests from another state not bordering New York State

Your guests should have completed the NYS Traveler Health Form before traveling. If your guests do not get a COVID-19 test 1-3 days prior to entering New York, they will need to quarantine for two weeks or the duration of their stay, whichever is shorter. If your guests get a negative COVID-19 test 1-3 days prior to leaving the state and another negative COVID-19 test 4 days after entering the state, they are eligible for release from quarantine. Once travelers complete the health form, they will receive a call from representatives of the Department of Health and instructed to check their temperatures, monitor symptoms\*\*, and respond to follow up daily for the length of their quarantine.

Your guests should minimize interactions with family during their stay. They should always wear a mask when interacting with family and strive to maintain a 6-foot distance from others. Your guests should also have a separate bathroom and bedroom to use whenever possible. Guests should not go shopping or leave the residence they are staying at for the duration of their stay or quarantine, whichever is shorter. Extra time should be spent cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces (doorknobs, faucets, handrails etc.).

Your child will be allowed to attend in-person classes but monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms is a must. If one of your guests becomes ill and gets tested for COVID-19 the results of the test could change your child's ability to attend in-person classes.

## **HOLIDAY TRAVEL GUIDANCE... (CONTINUED)**

If your guest receives a positive COVID-19 test your child will be required to quarantine for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test for your child. Also, all other family members exposed to the sick guest will be required to quarantine for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test.

At the end of your quarantine, you will be provided with a return to school/work letter stating your child has completed the required quarantine.

### **Scenario Three**

*You/your child/your guests travel within New York State/Bordering states\**

The New York State travel advisory does not apply to travel within New York State or those states that share a border with New York\*. However, bringing together family from different parts of the Region presents challenges. It is important to monitor different parts of the region for potential COVID-19 hotspots before traveling or having guests travel to you.

Please ask guests not to come if they are feeling ill or are traveling from a COVID-19 hotspot. Require guests to monitor themselves daily for COVID-19 symptoms\*\*. If symptoms begin, have your guests isolate themselves until they leave or get tested for COVID-19. This also applies to your family as well if you travel in the region to visit during the holidays.

If one of your guests becomes ill and gets tested for COVID-19 the results of the test could change your child's ability to attend in-person classes.

If your guest receives a positive COVID-19 test your child will be required to quarantine for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test for your child. Also, all other family members exposed to the sick guest will be required to quarantine for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test. In this event, a representative of the Otsego County Department of Health will contact you and go over the quarantine requirements, including the date of completion. Upon completion of your quarantine, you will be provided with a return to school/work letter stating your child has completed the required quarantine.

These guidelines are subject to change by the Government of New York. We will notify all our families of any changes to policy as soon as we are made aware of them.

*(\*Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Vermont*

*\*\* Fever over 100° F, subjective fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, headache, muscle aches, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, dehydration, fatigue, chest tightness, wheezing, runny nose, loss of taste, loss of smell)*

## **STUDENT DONATION LEADS TO NEW ARCHERY EQUIPMENT**

A competitive archery team has been a discussion over recent years at WCS.

Equipment was the first hurdle as it must be National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) approved and the cost of equipment can be expensive.

Thanks to WCS Senior Jeremy Southworth, and part of his Eagle Scout project funds, that hurdle has been cleared. Jeremy donated \$2700 to purchase NASP approved equipment. WCS is grateful for his generosity and thanks him for helping to get the archery program off the ground!

## **Congratulations Secondary Student of the Month Winners!**

### **October**

Liam Serdy  
Sophia Adams  
Malena Fisher

### **November**

Grayson Basso  
Dominic Critti  
Hailey Bilby

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## Approaching Events

### November

25– 27 Thanksgiving Break-No School

### December

16 Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafenadium

24 -January 1 Holiday Break-No School