
Welcome Back Class of 2024!

SENIOR YEAR!



HERE WE GO!



Brody and Sarah's Jr. Yr. Recap

**Congratulations,
Principal Twomey!**



Lauren Clark, Director of School Counseling

Save the date!

Post-Secondary Planning Seminar:

- For seniors: in-house field trip

Tuesday, 9/12 during B block (2nd block)

AND pushing into Eng 12 classes ***9/18-9/20***

- Parent/Caregiver College Application Seminar: ***Tuesday, 9/12***
at 6:30pm in the PAC
- MEFA Financial Aid Night: ***Wednesday, 10/11 at 6:30pm*** in the PAC



Communication:

laurenclark@westfordk12.us

978-692-5570 x 7419

- Newsletters
- SCOIR emails
- Principal Twomey's Friday email
- WA Counseling website
- Google classroom for students

**Email to be sent tomorrow
which will include
information on:**

- Seminar information
 - Senior meeting info
 - Senior checklist
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Betsy Murphy, Class of 2024 Dean
Lynn Bonakdar and Mr. Claycomb, Class Advisors



MORE Communication for a busy senior year

Email links and extension:

- [Ms. Murphy](#) (978)692-5570 x7416
- [Mrs. Bonakdar](#)
- [Mr. Claycomb](#)

- Principal's Friday Email (E Alerts) - Please sign up on WPS Website/Blackboard
- Parent emails through SCOIR
- Class of 2024 Google Classroom Posts and Instagram, and 2024 Class Gmail list



A few SIMPLE facts...

378

Seniors

45 less than last year's class at WA

92%

Complete

See! Already starting off with an "A!"

180

Days of School

Remaining in your k-12 public education

6/7

Graduation

Rain dates 6/8 and 6/9



And a few Simple GOALS for YOU this year...

- Sense of BELONGING
- Have some FUN
- Bring back some
WA SPIRIT!



We have a NEW mascot and a GREAT, OLD fight song!

A sign with a black background and white text. The sign is shaped like a speech bubble or a signpost. It features the lyrics of the Westford Academy Ghosts fight song. On the right side of the sign, there is a small illustration of the white ghost mascot. At the bottom of the sign, there is a logo for 'WESTFORD ACADEMY GHOSTS' and a banner that says 'FIGHT SONG'.

WESTFORD IS OUR ALMA MATER,
WE ARE PROUD TO CHEER!
NEVER BEAT US,
CAN'T DEFEAT US,
BETTER EVERY YEAR!
FIGHTING, WINNING,
WINNING, FIGHTING,
ONTO VICTORY!
WE ARE THE BEST IN THE LAND,
WESTFORD ACADEMY!
W-E-S-T-F-O-R-D,
LET'S GO!

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OK...let's keep going!

TONIGHT's AGENDA

- Student Handbook HIGHLIGHTS

Attendance

AI

Sportsmanship

Senior Privilege

Cafe/deliveries

Driving/Parking at WA

- Capstone/Yearbook
- More FUN!
- Get to the finish line...GRADUATION!



Handbook/Reminders For Seniors

By this point, SENIORS **know the rules and expectations**, what is right or wrong and should understand the **choices** made could impact many aspects of their final year at WA!



SENIORS ARE THE LEADERS
OF OUR SCHOOLS!

BUT...let's review the basics :)



Attendance/Tardies

- **Excused absences (Please continue to call Attendance Line)**

Doctors notes

Religious reasons

College Visits with Documentation

Family situation

- **Driver's Ed is not an excuse**
- **Leaving school grounds without permission**
- **Excessive will result in OD's and/or community service**



BLOCKSI

Blocksi Manager features a dashboard to help filter students that are in school, as well as those signing in remotely, track their device and detect signs of cyberbullying and/or any type of harm within their WPS Google Domain. Additionally, Blocksi uses AI scanning to activate alerts that are sent directly to the school principal.

When student searches are deemed inappropriate or having concern for students physical and mental health, a notification is printed out and discussed by the students school counselor, Dean of Students and also may involve parental / caregiver communication based on the content of the inquiry.

WHAT
IS
AI?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

EXAMPLE OF A SYLLABUS w/a PROHIBITIVE STATEMENT:

"The use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT to write, create, or inspire work does not meet the learning goals for this class. Submitting any AI work as your own is considered plagiarism and violates academic integrity."

EXAMPLE OF A SYLLABUS w/a CITATION STATEMENT:

"Submitting any work produced by any artificial intelligence engine such as ChatGPT as your own is considered plagiarism. Any text, images or other creations of AI must be properly cited in any assignment or project."



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY (AI)

- **You are here to learn and be college/world ready.**
- **Doing your own work is your job as a student**
- **Cheating might jeopardize your college process/recommendations**
- **Just because you can, doesn't mean your should**
- **Character COUNTS!**

MAKE GOOD DECISIONS with AI



SPORTSMANSHIP!

- **SENIORS NEED TO BE THE LEADERS OF THE CROWD!**
- **Cheer for the Westford Academy Teams!**
- **No “Chirping” or gestures directed at opposing players**
- **You don’t want to be asked to leave something fun.**



COMING SOON.... WA SPIRIT TEAM!

Senior Privilege will begin Qtr 2

- **History of Senior Privilege**
- **Until Qtr 2, student's with a Qtr 1 DLT may arrive late during 1st block ONLY.**
- **Students with attendance, discipline and/or academic issues may be denied access to this privilege when Qtr 2 begins, or may lose anytime after for the same reasons.**
- **Students must always sign in when arriving to school - with Mrs. Brown with our without privileges.**



No Food Delivery during school hours



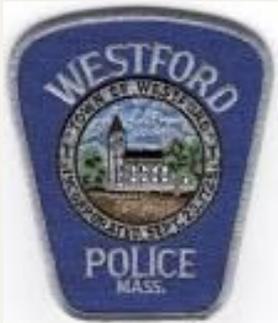
Driving/Parking at WA

- Is a PRIVILEGE, not a right.
- Passes must be displayed
- Student lot only
- Accidents happen
- Crosswalks- crossing guards
- Traffic
- First Bell at 7:30 AM!
- ALWAYS TRAFFIC 7:15-7:30
- School grounds=School rules apply.
- Passes can be pulled at any time - as can Senior Privilege



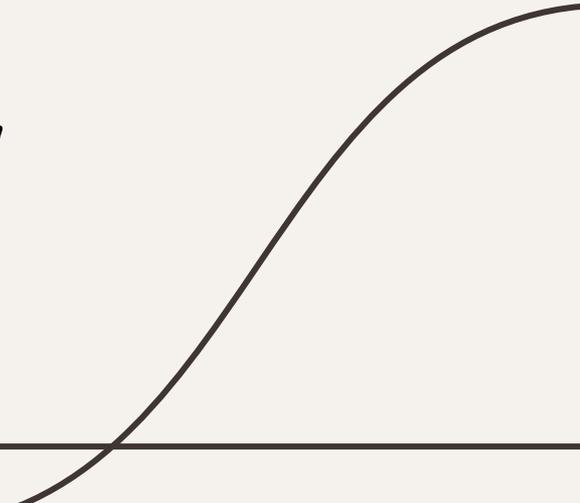
Detective Bernadin - SRO @ WA

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Social Host Laws
- Driving
- Food Delivery Not allowed



Capstone Experience-Start Planning

APRIL WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

- Network for opportunities (People you may know, job shadow contacts, Class of 2023 Capstones)
 - Research topics
 - Brainstorm ideas with your parents/guardians, school counselors, and or teachers
 - 25% of senior year! Make it count.
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If you want a GREAT Yearbook ...Due dates matter!

Date	What Is Due
10/13/2023	<p>Senior Paragraphs Due. Again, no exceptions to this date. Please use the online form provided in order to submit your senior paragraph to us. You will be limited to 450 character max including spaces. Click here for more information. Click this link to complete the google online form now.</p> <p>We do NOT accept handwritten paragraphs or word documents. You must complete the google form above using your westfork12 user account ONLY. Thank you for your cooperation on this.</p>
10/30/2023	<p>Remember When and Friends Forever pictures are also due. Link is pending to upload digital photos directly to our site. Please check back in early September. Please share with the following Shared Drive on the Josten's website for WA only. Photos MUST be .jpg or .png format please. Link is pending here.</p>
12/1/2023	<p>Senior Portraits Due. There are no exceptions to this date so PLEASE do not delay. If you fail to meet the deadline, we will use your junior year portrait or senior badge photo. There are a number of different methods of submitting your picture. Click here for more detailed information Please email ALL senior portraits directly to Mrs. Mustoe. Thank you for your cooperation!</p>
12/15/2023	<p>Parent's Displays of Affection (PDA) are due. Parents PLEASE do not delay! New this year, parents will be asked to create a login and create their own ads using this site. More information will be available and the link to create your ad will be added early September. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.</p> <p>LINK</p> <p>Click here for more details.</p>
Ongoing	<p>Yearbook pricing is \$75 for the entire year. Make sure you order your book early so that we print enough copies! Click here for the link to the site to order online.</p> <p>If you prefer to purchase the book directly through the school, please send your payment and student information directly to Gina Mustoe in Room 207.</p> <p>We accept checks written out to "WA Yearbook" or cash. Thanks so much!</p>
1/26/2024	<p>Last day to order your yearbook online with customizations.</p>



***Please bookmark
this site for
Westford Academy
Yearbook
Information and
Deadlines***



And, remember, **MAKE TIME FOR FUN** along the way! It's your last chance as attend these as a WA student...

- Attend a WA athletics event
- See a WATA Show or music concert
- Participate in Spirit Week
- Meet fellow classmates
- Try a new club or activity
- Attend a school DANCE!
- Participate in Class Activities
- Volunteer within the WA Community



Class of 2024 Officers, Leaders and Advisors

Class Officers:

President - Devesh Khamitkar

Vice President - Tarun Sreekanth

Secretary - Yash Sawhney

Treasurer - Mitali Deshmukh

Cabinet Members: Shreya Voruganti and Meghan Lu

Student Council – Marisa Cline, Ally Lombardo, Kendall Moran, Pramodh Pappu, Alex Popelka, Leah Spinney

Members at large: Urvi Pai, Eva Underhill

Student Senate – Brandon Murphy and Sai Datla

Student Advisory Committee – Mysha Khan

CLASS of 2024 ADVISORS: Lynn Bonakdar and Pat Claycomb

Senior Shirts \$20

- ❑ Order and pay by Friday, Sept. 8th
- ❑ Link to order in Google Classroom and Class Instagram
- ❑ Name change? Complete additional form by September 8th

Scan to Order Your Shirt!



Holiday Bazaar Silent Auction

- ❑ Gift baskets, event tickets, getaways, lessons, gift certificates, etc.
- ❑ Proceeds go toward events for the class (like the BBQ on Thursday, lower prom costs, etc.)
- ❑ Email Mrs. Bonakdar or Mr. Claycomb for more information or to donate!
 - ❑ Lbonakdar@westfordk12.us
 - ❑ PClaycomb@westfordk12.us



Communication

- ❑ Google Classroom
 - ❑ wotnsd5
- ❑ Class Instagram
 - ❑ waiclassof2024



Upcoming Events

- ❑ Senior BBQ!
 - ❑ Thursday, Aug. 31st
 - ❑ 5-8
 - ❑ Inflatables, Twizted Pickle, yard games
- ❑ Senior Sunrise
 - ❑ Friday, September 8th
 - ❑ 6am!
- ❑ Spirit Week and Rally
 - ❑ October 16-20
- ❑ Celtics, Red Sox, basketball and dodgeball tournaments, winter dance, PROM, beach trip and more!



Purchasing a Parking Pass Tonight

\$200.00

Checks payable to: Westford Public Schools

Location: Main Gym

(for unpaid)

Hallways near cafe



PARKING PASS DISTRIBUTION

Prepaid Passes - My School Bucks

Last Name A-L @ Social Studies Hallway

Last Name M- Z @ Cafeteria Hallway

Paying Tonight via Cash or Check = MAIN GYM

A-F - Ms Candlin

N-S - Mr. Scully

G-M - Dean Welch

T-Z - Mrs. Brown

REMINDER

ALL Students need registration form completed & proof of license at table for pick up

OBLIGATIONS

Any student that has an obligation must turn in their owed item or pay their outstanding debt to Mrs. Curtis in the School Counseling Office to receive a pass



Here's to a great
year!