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September 21, 2022

Superintendent Information

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School Committee Information

The School Committee welcomes parents and community members to attend School Committee meetings held on alternate Monday evenings at 7:00, unless otherwise posted. Please refer to a meeting's agendas and supporting documents via the town's [Document Management System](#)



Teacher Assistants – Msg. from Supt. Chew 9-13-2022



As many of you are aware, there is a nationwide critical shortage of staff members in the field of education and Westford Public Schools is no different as we too are experiencing the same challenge. While there is specific schooling and certification needed for teaching positions, we have other support positions available that are critical to the work that we do for and with students. If you might be interested and available during the school day to join our team as a Teaching Assistant, either for the short term or for the full school year, please submit your letter of interest to Courtney Moran, our Director of Pupil Services, at cmoran@westfordk12.us. If you have questions or would like more information, don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your consideration and anticipated interest.

Parent Connection Events

Roudenbush Parent Connection has three events scheduled for the Fall!

Mon, Sep 12 at 7pm at 65 Main Street, Westford, MA

[Roudenbush Parent Connection - Financial Independence and steps you can take](#)

Tue, Oct 04 7pm at 65 Main Street, Westford, MA

[Roudenbush Parent Connection: Ready to pay for College?](#)

Mon, Nov 14 7pm at 65 Main Street, Westford, MA

[Roudenbush Parent Connection - Understanding Medicare](#)



Ceremony to Honor Captain Joseph Read, Participant in the Boston Tea Party



The Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum (306 Congress Street, Boston MA) is hoping to find and honor the participants of the Boston Tea Party by placing a special medallion at their gravesites in time for the 250th anniversary of the famous American historical event. On December 16, 1773, the Sons of Liberty and their supporters protested "taxation without representation" by boarding a ship at Griffin's Wharf and dumping 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor (about 45 tons, worth over one million dollars today). The event was considered to be the first major act of defiance to British rule and it inspired and rallied the 13 colonies in the fight for American independence.

One of the men on board that night has been verified as Captain Joseph Read (1716-1795) who is buried at Fairview Cemetery in Westford. Captain Read, who fought in the Revolutionary War and was a member of the Massachusetts Third Provincial Congress, was at 57 one of the oldest of the known Tea Party participants. The Westford Cemetery Department, the Veterans Services office, the Westford Historical Society & Museum, and the Westford Minutemen will be pleased to host representatives from the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum and see Captain Read receive the honor.

The Westford Cemetery department and the Veterans' Services office invite you a ceremony to place Captain Read's medallion on **October 15, 2022 at 1 PM in the Old West Division at Fairview Cemetery** (close to the middle entrance). We thank the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum for making this happen.



Blanchard Booster Bash - Fundraiser

Blanchard parents - if you haven't yet, please take a quick moment to [register your student here](#) to participate, or follow the simple instructions on the [flyer](#). Once [registered](#), feel free to check out the fun video made by Blanchard students! Thank you for your support!

J. V. Fletcher Library – Book Groups

Fletcher Library Book Groups – Registration for book clubs now! [More information](#) →



J. V. Fletcher Library – Building the Future!

Westford has received a provisional grant award from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) that it is now in line for \$7,851,944 of state grant funds under the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program. The community has six months (until January 9, 2023) to approve the future Library Building Addition and Renovation Project and critical votes will occur on **October 17, 7 PM at the Special Town Meeting** at Westford Academy Gymnasium and on **November 8 via the Local Ballot Vote on a Debt Exclusion**. Learn more about the [Library Building Project](#). ~ Ellen Rainville, Library Director

Learn about Town Meeting at the Next League of Women Voters' Civic Social



Of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts, most of the towns – like Westford – are governed by open Town Meeting. All registered voters may attend, speak, and vote at these meetings. But if you've never been, Town Meetings can be a little intimidating. That's where Town Meeting mentors come in.

Join the League of Women Voters of Westford via Zoom on **Wednesday night, September 21, at 7:30** for the League's first Civic Social of the season. Town Moderator Angela Harkness will discuss Town Meeting mentors and their role in making these events more accessible. Town Meeting mentors were in place at the Town Meeting in June and will again be available at the upcoming Special Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, October 17. This is also an opportunity for everyone to learn more about how Town Meeting works.

Register to attend the Civic Social via Zoom here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIkfuCpgT0uGtTiR20IDfwi49jaiaaMmH8U>. For more details, go to [Westford League of Women Voters | Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy](#) or [Town Moderator | Westford, MA \(westfordma.gov\)](#). The addition of Town Meeting mentors was suggested by the Access To Town Meeting Committee. For more information about the ATM Committee, go to [Access to Town Meeting \(ATM\) Committee | Westford, MA \(westfordma.gov\)](#).



Westford Education Foundation - Fundraiser

Westford Education Foundation is excited to host their annual fundraiser and family fun event. WESTFEST will be held on **Saturday September 24th from 12-4 at Stony Brook Middle School**. There will be food trucks, DJ, face Painting, pie-in-the-face, trackless train, carnival games, shopping and much more. Please check out westford.org/wef and consider volunteering for this fun event! Sign up for volunteering, sponsors or if you are part of a club or organization you can fundraise at this event too as part of the funfest! All profits go to Westford Education Foundation and back into our public schools as grants for innovation in education!

Westford Recreation

WPC After School Enrichment with Westford Recreation for Grades K-5

The [Westford Partnership for Children After School Enrichment program \(WPC\)](#) provides a stimulating and fun environment for Westford's school children, grades K-5, during the after school hours. Locations: Abbot, Crisafulli, Day, Miller, Nabnasset, and Robinson. Programs run M-F, from school dismissal to 5:45 PM, with flexible scheduling options. [Register online at westfordrec.com](http://westfordrec.com).

Please note: *There will be a delay in the opening of the [WPC Stony Brook After School Enrichment Program for grades 6-8](#) due to a staffing shortage.*

Westford Recreation Special Program – Enjoy a Full Day of Fun in Salem MA, K-8

On Wednesday, **October 5**, Westford Rec will offer a [Special Program](#) at the **Real Pirate Museum**, along with more Salem intrigue throughout the day.

Westford Recreation Programs Starting Soon

[Programs](#) include CPR, AED and First Aid with Mike Votano (September 19); Seth Dichard Golf; Pickleball; and Marcus Lewis Tennis.

Westford Partnership for Children (WPC)

After School Program is Hiring Counselors 16 and older

Interested? Give Westford Rec a shout: fill out and email a [Recreational Program Job Application](#) to Recreation Director Michelle Collett at mcollett@westfordma.gov.

After-School Care Assistance



Through ARPA funding we are proud to announce that we will be reviewing applications for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for a \$400 credit per child for the Recreation Department After School Program (starting August 31st, 2022). [Eligibility for this program is income and Westford residency based](#). If have previously received ARPA funding this year for summer assistance or after-school care, you will not be eligible to apply. Applications should be emailed to bnash@westfordma.gov or hand-delivered to the Westford Town Hall, Health Department Attn: Brittany Nash. Applications are funded on a first-come, first basis. Please make sure to read carefully through the application and send in the required documents, incomplete applications will be delayed. If your application is approved, you and the Westford Recreation Department will be notified. Once you are notified you will receive further instructions regarding the next steps in the process. This application is confidential within the Town Departments approving and administering these funds. The information in this application will be used to determine your family's eligibility for assistance based on your present gross household income that falls at or below 300% of the federal poverty level (see income eligibility chart on application).

Additional income information must accompany your application and can be found on page 7 of the application. If you are interested in seeing if you qualify for assistance, the application can be found by clicking >> [After School Care Application](#)

If you have any questions, need assistance, or require an application in another language, do not hesitate to contact Brittany Nash at (978) 399-2564 or bnash@westfordma.gov. Thank you!

Westford Health Department - Notifications



Westford Health Department is sponsoring several programs this fall and winter, please see Westford Health Department website for further information <https://westfordma.gov/215/Health-Department> or <https://www.facebook.com/westfordhealth/> <https://westfordma.gov/235/Flu-Clinics> or by calling 978-692-5509.

Flu Clinics:

Thursday, October 6, 2022	Millennium School	6:00 pm-8:00 pm pre-register
Tuesday, October 18, 2022	Westford Academy	6:00 pm-8:00 pm pre-register
Thursday, November 3, 2022	Westford Academy	6:00 pm-8:00 pm pre-register

Pre-registration @ <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/westford>

Until Help Arrives:

Trauma is the leading cause of death in the U.S. for those who are under the age of 46. This three-hour class highlights five essential steps that would help a bystander intervene within the first crucial minutes to save a life, before trained rescuers arrive. Details available at <https://community.fema.gov/until-help-arrives>. Please call to register by September 16 at 978-692-5509.

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2022, 6:00-9:00 pm @ Westford Town Hall, 2nd floor

Cost: Free

RSVP: September 20** by calling the Westford Health Department 978-692-5509

Heartsaver CPR/AED Class

The Westford Health Department and the Upper Merrimack Valley Medical Reserve Corps will offer residents a CPR/AED Heartsaver class which also covers choking for adults, child, and infants. Pre-registration for this program is required. **RSVP** by February 1, 2023, by calling 978-692-5509.

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023 from 6:00-9:30 pm @ Westford Town Hall, 2nd floor

Cost: Free (maximum class size: 14)

RSVP: February 1, 2023 by calling the Westford Health Department 978-692-5509

Nashoba Youth Hockey



Learn to Play Hockey: This program is designed for boys and girls who are looking to learn the game of hockey and develop their hockey skills. Prior skating skills are required. The program is designed for skaters who have not previously been and are not currently on a hockey team.

Dates: **Begins Saturday October 15th** and runs for 9 Saturdays. Skipping the week of 10/29.

Time: 7:40am to 8:40am - Participants in Learn to Play Hockey must already know how to skate.

Location: Skate 3 Ice Arena in Tyngsboro - Cost: \$180

Equipment Needed for Learn to Play Hockey: Hockey helmet with cage (mandatory), skates, shin pads, hockey socks, elbow pads, shoulder pads, athletic supporter with cup, hockey pants, hockey gloves and stick. For more information please contact Initiation Programs Director: Amy Lowe email: alowe@nashobahockey.com; phone: 978.846.4616

We invite you to request postings that comply with our [notification regulation](#) by sending requests to the Superintendent's office at nmangan@westfordk12.us