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Images New Format

Terry L. Urquhart, Superintendent



Images will be taking a different format this year. In the past this district newsletter has been used as an information newsletter letting you know about bus routes, school calendars and other useful bits of information. While this information is important and will continue to be published by your student's school, we have decided to give Images a new purpose.

We would like Images to give you an insight into what is actually happening in your student's school. So when its "what's new" with the PTO, or what improvements have been made to the building, or what new programs are being offered, we hope Images will be the publication that provides that information.

Students and parents are always trying to find out how to join a particular club or what is the upcoming season looking like for your favorite athletic team. Again, we hope that we have the answer in the new Images.

Our 1st edition will preview in mid-September and will be available through the website and at your student's school. Let us know if you

Waverly's New Childcare Program: Student Centers

Waverly Student Centers before and after school program is now in operation at the Colt Early Childhood Education Center, Elmwood and Winans Elementary Schools. The program will also be available (only as an after school program) at East Intermediate School.

The program is fully licensed by the State of Michigan.

For registration, hours, fees, and other questions, please e-mail Nikki LaMaster @ nlamaster@waverlyk12.net or call the building office at:

East 321-3987

Elmwood 321-6896

Colt 321-1255

Winans 321-6809

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District Wide Activity Calendars

September, 2016

- 1st Varsity Football @ Home vs. Eastern
- 2nd No School
- 5th No School—Labor Day
- 7th Delayed Start
- 8th Girls Varsity Swimming @ Home vs. Williamston
Boys Varsity Tennis @ Home vs. DeWitt
Girls Varsity Golf @ Home vs. DeWitt
- 12th Boys Varsity Tennis @ Home vs. Charlotte
- 13th Boys Varsity Soccer @ Home vs. Ionia
- 14th Varsity Volleyball @ Home vs. Owosso
- 15th Boys Varsity Soccer @ Home vs. DeWitt
- 19th Board of Education Meeting—6:30 PM
Varsity Volleyball @ Home vs. DeWitt
- 20th Boys Varsity Tennis @ Home vs. Mason
Girls Varsity Golf @ Home vs. Mason
Cross Country CAAC Jamboree
- 21st Delayed Start Day
- 22nd Girls Varsity Swimming @ Home vs. Eaton Rapids
- 23rd Varsity Football @ Home vs. St. Johns
- 26th Board of Education PD Day—9:00 AM
- 27th Boys Varsity Soccer @ Home vs. Mason
Cross Country—All City Meet—Grand Woods Park
- 28th Colt Open House/Ice Cream Social
- 30th Homecoming—Parade & Football @ Home vs. Mason

October, 2016

- 5th Student Count Day
Waverly Band @ Grand Ledge Invitational
Varsity Volleyball @ Home vs. St. Johns
Winans—Picture Day
Colt—Walk to school day
- 6th Girls Varsity Swimming @ Home vs. Mason
- 11th Colt—Picture Day
- 14th Varsity Football—Senior Parent Night @ Home vs.
Lake Fenton
- 15th Marching Band Festival @ Jackson Northwest
- 17th Board of Education Meeting—6:30 PM
- 19th Delayed Start Day
Varsity Volleyball @ Home vs. Mason
Colt—Littlest Warrior Dash
- 20th W.H.S. Choir Concert—6:30 PM
- 22nd Band Apple Pie Making Day
- 26th ExtravaBANDza—6:30 PM
Varsity Volleyball—Senior Night @ Home
vs. Haslett
Cross Country—James Clyde Invitational @ Grand
Woods Park
- 28th Colt—Kindergarten Classroom Harvest Parties



Waverly Homecoming Parade



Waverly Warrior Football

District Wide Activity Calendars

November, 2016

- 2nd Delayed Start Day
- 6th Daylight Savings Time Ends—Turn your clocks back
- 9th W.H.S. Orchestra Concert—6:30 PM
- 10th W.M.S. Orchestra Concert—6:30 PM
- 16th Delayed Start Day
- 17th East Intermediate Choir Concert—
5th Grade—6:00 PM
6th Grade—7:00 PM
- 18th Lansing Silver Bells Parade—Featuring the W.H.S.
Marching Band
- 21st Board of Education Meeting—6:30 PM
- 24th Thanksgiving Day—No School
- 25th No School

December, 2016

- 5th Board of Education (PD) 9:00 AM
- 6th East Intermediate Band/Orchestra Concert
5th Grade—6:00 PM
6th Grade—7:00 PM
- 7th Delayed Start Day
Winans Choir Concert—6:30 PM
- 8th W.H.S. Band & Choir Holiday Concert—7:00 PM
- 12th Board of Education Meeting—6:30 PM
- 13th W.H.S. Orchestra Concert—6:30 PM
- 14th W.M.S. Choir Concert—6:30 PM
- 15th W.M.S. Band Concert—6:30 PM



Top photos: Waverly Marching Band in the Silver Bells Parade & Waverly East Band Students

Bottom photos: Waverly High School Reflections Choir & Winans Elementary Choir Concert





Outdoor Learning at Colt Early Childhood Education Center

Waverly Community School's Littlest Warrior Pre-school follows a developmentally appropriate early childhood curriculum geared to ages 3-5. Our curriculum helps us treat each child as an individual and is respectful of all learning styles. We connect learning across domains including language and literacy, early math, motor skills, classroom participation and social skills. Instruction occurs in small groups, large groups and play centers as a way to teach and reinforce important skills and concepts necessary for success in Kindergarten and beyond. In keeping with the Littlest Warrior mission, which is to empower all young children to become effective, enthusiastic, and socially competent learners, we have created and implemented an Outdoor Classroom, to help the children experience nature as a tool for individual growth and development. The Outdoor Classroom is a project-based approach, which includes multiple learning stations as well as an area for reflection and observation. It contains both natural materials like dirt, trees and stones, along with man-made materials like bird houses and tables. There is an outdoor kitchen, musical and weaving walls, and of course a water wall. On the days when the Outdoor Classroom is open, the students in our Early Childhood Special Education Program participate fully in the learning environment. This experience affords all of the students a chance to apply, reinforce, and enrich traditional skills in the outdoor setting. It also increases engagement and motivation through hands-on play and real world learning.





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Elmwood Elementary

The Maker Movement Coming to Elmwood

The maker movement has been trending in recent years in the education technology world. The idea is to encourage our children to explore, learn and think about problems and solutions in new and creative ways. Students at Elmwood, under the guidance of our new technology teacher Mrs. Beauchamp, will begin the edventure this year at school.

“We are excited to challenge our students to think, create and problem solve in order to strengthen their twenty-first century skills,” said Beauchamp. At our school it is important that we inspire children to think in new ways and solve problems collaboratively. We have written several grants over the past year and in cooperation with Waverly Community Schools technology department we have purchased thousands of dollars in new and exciting technology for our students.

If You
Let Them
BUILD IT,
They Will
LEARN



Look at what's new at Winans!



New classroom furniture and carpeting also arrived this summer! Each classroom space has new carpeting, student and teacher chairs, reading table furniture, storage spaces, and new furniture for the classroom learning spaces. Teachers chose between tables and desks to meet their students' needs – all designed to enhance the learning environment for our students. For increased safety, our library well has been leveled and the entire space given new carpeting to match classroom spaces. Winans is looking great from both the outside and the inside to welcome students back for the 2016-2017 school year!



What's New at Winans?!

Great news for our families who frequently use the parent pick-up side of Winans! Our **parking lot has been extended** this summer, easing the congestion for our very busy arrival and dismissal times. In addition to the extra parking spaces, our sidewalk has been extended, with the installation of a crosswalk from the walk to the parking lot. New trees have been added along Michigan Avenue, bringing new green growth to the perimeter. We're thrilled to have the additional space, making it a safer, easier place for our kids and families every day.

Waverly East Intermediate

Student Council at Waverly East



Waverly East is very proud of our Student Council Organization!

Each year, Waverly East holds a Student Council election in the fall. Officer positions are voted on by our student body and then representatives from each classroom are selected. Once elected, this group meets monthly with Mrs. Kochheiser, their adviser, to plan

events for our school as well as community outreach projects.

Some examples of activities planned and carried out by our East Student council include our Student Staff Basketball Game, East Student Talent Show, Pennies for Patients, Clothing Bank Drive, Humane Society Supply Collection, and Homecoming and Winterfest activities for students and staff.

By participating in this organization, our students get the chance to experience leadership roles and also take part in the support and enrichment of both our student body and community. While some may think that 5th and 6th graders are too young for such an intensive leadership experience, it simply is not true!

Collaborative Working Areas at Waverly East

As a part of the Waverly Technology Bond that our voters so graciously passed a few years ago, Waverly East was able to design and create four collaborative working areas in our hallway spaces. These spaces are not only an extension of our classrooms, but also a space where students can work in groups on project based learning in a very nontraditional space.

When designing these spaces, many things were taken into consideration. The ultimate goal was for groups of students to have a space where they could work together outside of the traditional classroom in a comfortable and collaborative environment. Flexibility of furniture design as well as comfort were both taken into consideration as was proximity to the actual classroom. We also wanted these spaces to be inviting, both aesthetically and functionally, to our preteen student population. Another important component was the addition of technology – each area has a large monitor mounted on the wall that students can utilize in their collaborative project work.

Our students love to work in these collaborative areas! The booths which were installed are a particular favorite as they are both comfortable and enable groups of 6 or more students to sit together and work at the same tabletop. Students are drawn to the Caribbean colors and flexible furniture arrangements – both of which are very nontraditional and not something one would normally find in a school setting. These learning spaces are an awesome addition to Waverly East Intermediate!





Collaborative Spaces

Here at the Middle School, we have seen the use of collaborative spaces increase and have had great results in student engagement and achievement. These spaces were created from the Bond that was passed and dedicated to technology and infrastructure upgrades to support those new technologies. Project based learning in the form of "Genius Hour," has taken root in our 8th grade English classes. The purpose of Genius Hour is for students to work collaboratively for a defined research purpose. Along the way, students research, examine and look at their project from all angles. The culmination is a presentation to staff and students on the results of their projects. Medical needs of cities, urban infrastructure and how to make a stop animation film are among the many project ideas that have been proposed, researched and studied. The collaborative spaces afford the opportunity for several classes to work together with mobile technology, while still receiving direct instruction from our dedicated teaching staff.

Waverly Middle School

Community Service

Waverly Middle School has done some excellent work in the areas of volunteering and community service over the past year. Student Council, Builders Club and National Junior Honor Society have taken lead roles in serving their immediate community. These fine students have embraced a sense of giving back and have made their school very proud of their efforts. Cheryl Frank (NJHS) and Kevin Kacel (Student Council) do a great job in guiding these students. They have helped out at various spots like Goodwill and the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Kristen Hood and Jeremiah Baynes (Builder's Club) have led efforts to raise money for Ele's Place, a healing center for grieving teens and children. We will look to continue our involvement with the greater community and to strengthen our school in the process.





Waverly High School



Waverly High School Staff is World Class

The year 2016 has already been a wonderful year for Waverly High School as both students and staff have been honored for their accomplishments. We frequently recognize the accomplishments of our students, but equally impressive has been the accomplishment of our staff. Truly, Waverly High School students have an opportunity to learn from some of the best teachers in the nation! Here are a few examples:

In late May, History teacher Todd Simon was selected by the College Board to spend a week in Louisville, Kentucky, to serve as a “reader” of student essays from around the nation on the Advanced Placement United States History test. Students who are successful on this test are awarded credit in college. This experience not only speaks highly of Mr. Simon’s teaching ability, but also provides an opportunity to gain in “insider’s” perspective on how AP essays are graded. WHS students will surely benefit from Mr. Simon’s selection by the College Board.

Orchestra teacher Jenny Bonner was notified in March that she was selected as a Quarterfinalist for an Educational GRAMMY by the Recording Academy and GRAMMY Foundation. While over 3,300 educators were nominated nation-wide, fewer than 290 were selected as Quarterfinalists. Ms. Bonner is only 1 of 13 music teachers in the state of Michigan to be chosen. This award is given to recognize educators who have made significant and lasting contributions in the field of music education. We won’t know until 2017 how far Ms. Bonner makes it in the process, but we wish her luck!



WHS students and staff were surprised by a special guest at the Underclass Awards Ceremony in June. Michigan State University Head Basketball Coach Tom Izzo made a surprise appearance to award the Michigan Lotto “Teacher of the Year” award to Spanish Teacher Dan Carr. Mr. Carr was the overall winner of this award among all teachers in Michigan. He was presented a trophy and check for \$10,000 in front of our student body. Mr. Carr is just one reason we are all proud to be Warriors!

In late July, History teacher Robert Lurie traveled to Washington, DC to study at the Library of Congress as a part of the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute. Mr. Lurie was one of only 26 teachers from across the nation selected to participate. Teachers had access to thousands of primary resources and were able to collaborate on the most up-to-date instructional practices for using primary resources.

While all WHS staff members are excellent in their own right, this sampling of teachers truly reflects the excellence and dedication of WHS Staff to provide a world-class educational experience for Waverly High School students.

Waverly High School

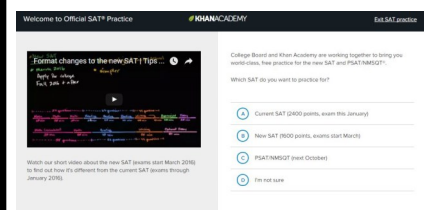
What is PRIDE Period?

WHS Students will notice a change in their schedules this fall. One of their 7 class periods has been designated as “PRIDE Period.” The acronym “PRIDE” reflects the values of WHS, such as being **Prepared**, **Respectful**, having **Integrity**, being **Determined**, and **Engaged**. This period is meant to be responsive to the needs, interests, and goals of WHS students.

In a regular class, students learn about just one topic. The PRIDE Period is meant to expand across multiple disciplines and expose students to learning opportunities that may not be included in the traditional curriculum. Thanks to the devices provided through the Technology Bond, students have unprecedented access to learning resources beyond the walls of WHS. This flexible and self-directed format lends itself to the real-world conditions students will find in their college and post-secondary experiences.

Some of the focal points of the PRIDE Period will be mentoring, academic support, college and career preparation, global competency, teambuilding, and acceleration. WHS teachers will be working with students to serve as mentors, monitoring their progress and achievement, assisting in study skills, and building relationships with students. Since all students are assigned to a PRIDE Period at the same time, it is possible for students to have access to all their teachers during the school day should they need support.

Free, online resources such as Khan Academy provide learning modules based on specific topics in each subject area. These re-



sources provide an additional learning experience to supplement classroom instruction. In addition, Khan Academy has partnered with the College Board to provide free tutoring to students preparing for the PSAT and SAT college-entrance tests. Students’ scores can be uploaded to the website and Khan Academy tailors a specific skill-building program based on the focus areas indicated from the students’ test results. Within the PRIDE Period, students will be able to sharpen their skills to perform as well as they can on these very important college-entrance exams.

With the advancement of technology, more and more post-secondary opportunities are calling for students to be able to function in a global society. While we are very fortunate at Waverly High School to feature vast cultural diversity, students entering the global society will need to be ready for world-wide competition. We will use the PRIDE Period to build our students’ global competencies and expose them to the problems and solutions of emerging international issues. Extra-curricular activities at WHS are reflective of our cultural diversity. There is truly something for everyone at WHS. Until now conflicts with after-school jobs, athletics, performances and lunch periods have not made those extra-curricular organizations available to all students. Within the PRIDE Period, all students will be able to participate and find their niche at WHS.



Students who are looking for more rigor and challenge will be encouraged to develop an independent study practicum with the help of their mentor teacher or enroll in online courses. With the availability of technology at WHS, there are essentially no limits to the resources needed to excel and learn about subjects or topics that may not be offered as classes at this time.

The PRIDE Period is also an opportunity to connect with our community. We welcome adults and community organizations to participate in this initiative to help our students understand what it takes to be successful once they graduate. If you or your organization have a program or experience you would like to share with WHS students during the PRIDE Period, please contact WHS Principal Chris Huff.

Fall Sports Preview

GIRLS SWIM

2016 Season Preview

We expect this year's Girls swim team to have about 15 members, comprised of students from both Waverly and Lansing Catholic High Schools. Many of our students are long time members of the Waverly Piranhas Swim Club.

Last year we had an excellent season, going 6-3 in dual meets and placing 2nd in the CAAC Red Division. Our girls posted a cumulative grade point average of 3.76, which was the 4th highest among all Division II girls swim teams in the State of Michigan.

We strive for continued improvement and we feel we can challenge for the League championship this year.



Rita Eljbeily, Junior, is our top returning swimmer. Rita is a two-time state meet finalist and 5 time CAAC champion. She was named to the Lansing State Journal Girls Swimming 'Dream Team' as both a freshman and sophomore.



Marie Kohrman, Junior, also had a great sophomore season. Marie earned 1st team All-CAAC honors in 4 events, last year.



Kelly Ray, Junior, will also make great contributions to the team this year. Last year, Kelly was third on our team in scoring, earned 1st team All-CAAC honors in two events, and honorable mention All-CAAC honors in two events.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

8/24 - 38th Howard Comstock Waverly Relays

9/8 - Dual meet with Williamston; they were the only Red Division team to beat us last year.

11/4 & 11/5 - CAAC Red Division Championships.

Fall Sports Preview



FOOTBALL 2016 Season Preview



The Warriors varsity football team looks to build on last season's 4-5 record, by returning to the playoffs in 2016. In order to do that, the Warriors will utilize an up tempo offense that features a talented group of skilled position players.



SPEED IS A STRENGTH - Leading the offense is third year varsity running back Jaden Sutton, who many consider to be the best at his position in the area. The wide receiver group expects to be explosive with veterans Mikhail Tackett, Michael Thornton and newcomers Kenny Brewer and Keshawn Harris.

NEW LEADERSHIP - Taking over the helm at quarterback this year is Lucas Leak. Lucas was first team all-conference as a tight end last season. Leak, a 3.9 student and all CAAC academic recipient, is the perfect leader for Waverly's up tempo spread offense. Protecting Leak on the offensive line will be returning starters Garrick Bradley, Everett Thomas and Tyler Rowden. Xavier Johnson and Malik Norris figure to be key contributors at the tackles.

WARRIOR DEFENSE - On defense the Warriors will be strong holding the edges with both corners Jordan Robinson and Mikhail Tackett returning. The linebacking core returns Shazon Crutcher, Tyler Rowden, Homer Allen and Luke Craig. Look for hybrid player Wanya Sanders to make big plays at both corner and safety. The special teams unit will be led by senior kicker Sharbel Dahar and the dangerous Jaden Sutton as kick returner.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Waverly opened the season on the brand new turf at Lansing Catholic High School August 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Other home contests include:

9/1/16 Eastern

9/23/16 St Johns

9/30/16 Mason (Homecoming)

10/14/16 Lake Fenton (Senior Parent Night)

Welcome New Staff Members

Help us welcome the following new staff members to Waverly Community Schools



Emma Rentfrow
Bookkeeper—Administration Bldg.



Nicholas Sauve
Technology Teacher - Colt



Jacklyn Paris
Teacher—Elmwood Elementary



Nicole Hall
Teacher—Elmwood Elementary



Neele Holmes—
Teacher—Colt



Tonya Droessler
Counselor—Waverly High School



Elizabeth Tompkins
Teacher—Elmwood Elementary



Melissa Lamb—
Psychologist—Winans



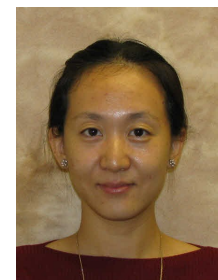
Rosaline Kuiper—Teacher—
Waverly Middle School



Tiffany Wright
Director of Special Education—Admin.



Jessica Dillon
Teacher Elmwood



Jing Gao—Chinese Language & Culture-
Teacher—Winans, East, Elmwood

Welcome New Staff Members



Brenda Brock
Bus Driver



Wesley Houghton
Bus Driver



Melissa Burghdorf
Parapro—Colt

Not Pictured:

Angela Cheritt
Teacher—Winans

Miriam Lynch
Teacher—Colt

Audrey Hager
Teacher—High School

Angela Moore
ELMS—Colt

Stephanie Brokstad-Franks
Counselor—High School

Michelle Wanbaugh
Teacher—Colt



Joseph Thornton
Teacher—Elmwood



Scott Casteel
Athletic Director



Margaret Galey
Lunch Asst.—Waverly East



Roderick Cantu
Parapro—Elmwood



Lee Halbin
Custodian—WHS, WMS, Colt



Jeanne Vogelheim
Head Secretary—W.H.S.



Amber Carter-Stairs
Parapro—Colt



Vonnie Barbour
Head Secretary—Elmwood



District Contact Information

Waverly High School

Main Office—323-3831
 Counseling Office—321-2189
 Attendance—321-3307

Waverly Middle School

Main Office—321-7240
 Attendance—323-2133

East Intermediate

Main Office—484-8830, Option 4
 Attendance—484-8830, Option 2

Elmwood Elementary

Main Office—321-3383
 Attendance—321-3385

Winans Elementary

Main Office—321-2371
 Attendance—321-2645

Colt Early Childhood

Education Center

Main Office—323-3777
 Attendance—323-3777, Option 2

Administrative Center

Main—321-7265

Transportation and Maintenance Building

Main—321-1088



Hope to see you at any
 or all of these events!

2016-2017 Board Members and Schedule

The Waverly Community Schools Board of Education meeting Calendar for the 2016-17 school year has been established as follows:

Britt Slocum

President

Angela Witwer

Vice President

Mary Ann Martin

Secretary

Alan Wright

Treasurer

Joe Chahine

Vice Secretary—

Treasurer

Calvin L. Jones

Trustee

Melissa Sherry

Trustee



2016

September 19	October 17	December 5 (PD)
September 26 (PD)	November 21	December 12

2017

January 23	March 20	June 19
February 27	April 17	
March 6 (PD)	May 15	

All regular meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Administrative Center's Board room unless noted otherwise. Prof. Dev. (PD) Meetings start at 9:00 a.m. at Waverly East Intermediate. A special organizational meeting of the Board of Education for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.