GREAT NECK NEWSLETTER

September 29, 2023

20th 20th 20th 20th 20th 20th 20th 20th

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

October 2-6 Scholastic Book Fair

October 5 PTA Back to BBQ GN Playground 5-6:30pm
October 11 PTA Meeting GN Library 5:30pm
October 22 Trunk or Treat GN parking lot 11am-1pm

Get a glimpse of what's going on inside the school by clicking <u>here</u>

Note from The Ruse

Attention all preschool parents!

As per State regulation, your pre-school child will need to obtain an influenza vaccination by the end of this year.

Proof of vaccination must be handed in to the nurse no later than December 31st 2023.

Thank you,

Margaret Goldschneider RN

Great Neck Elementary School Nurse

860-442-2593 ext. 3104

Fax: 860-437-3326



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Reminder ~

Children who ride
their bicycle,
skateboard or
scooter to school
must wear a helmet
and have
a note
from



home.



Waterford Public Schools

2023-2024

August 2023						
Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri						
	1	2	3	4		
7	8	9	10	11		
14	15	16	17	18		
21	22	23	24	25		
28±	29	FD	31			
	(2 day ~	2 cumu	lative)			

- 8/28 ± Staff Convocation
- 8/29 * PD No School PK-12
- 8/30 First Day of School

September 2023					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
				1	
SH	5	6	7	8	
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
SH	26	27	28	29	
(19 days ~ 21 cumulative)					

- 9/4 School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 9/25 School Holiday (Schools Closed

October 2023				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
SH	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			
(21 days ~ 42 cumulative)				

10/9 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

November 2023					
Mon	Tue	Wed Thu Fri			
1 2 3					
6	PD	8	9	SH	
13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	Scho	ool Ho	liday	
27	28	29	30		
0	(17 days ~ 59 cumulative)				

- 11/7 * PD No School for Students– PK-12
- 11/10 School Holiday (Schools Closed for Students), P/T Conferences
- 11/22 11/24 School Holiday (Schools Closed)

December 2023						
Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri						
4	5	6	7	8		
11	12	13	14	15		
18	19	20	21	22		
School Holiday						
(1	(16 days ~ 75 cumulative)					

- 12/22 Early Dismissal PK-12
- 12/25 12/29 School Holiday (Schools Closed)

January 2024					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
SH	2	3	4	5	
8	9	10	1,1	1,2	
SH	16	17	18	(19)	
(22)	(23)	24	25	26	
29	30	31			
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- (21 days ~ 96 cumulative)
- 1/1 School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 1/15 School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 1/18-1/23 ** Midterm Exams: Early Dismissal 9-12

February 2024					
Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri					
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5	6	7	8	9	
12	13	14	15	16	
S	SH 21 22 23				
26	27	28	29		
(19 days ~ 115 cumulative)					

2/19-2/20 — School Holiday (Schools Closed)

March 2024					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
				1	
4	5	6	PT	8	
11	12	13	14	15	
18	19	20	21	22	
25	26	27	28	SH	
12	(20 days = 135 cumulative)				

- ** 3/7 P/T Conferences: Early Dismissal PK-12
- 3/29 School Holiday (Schools Closed)

April 2024						
Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri						
1	2	3	4	5		
	School Holiday					
15	16	17	18	19		
22	23	24	25	26		
29 PD						
a	(16 days ~ 151 cumulative)					

- 4/8 4/12 School Holiday (Schools Closed)
- 4/30 * PD No School for Students PK-12

May 2024					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
		1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10	
13	14	15	16	17	
20	21	22	23	24	
SH	28	29	30	31	

(22 days ~ 173 cumulative)

5/27 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

June 2024					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
3	4	5	(6)	$\overline{2}$	
(10)		LD	13	14	
17	18	19	20	21	
24	25	26	27	28	
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(8 days ~ 181 cumulative)

- 6/6 6/11 ** Final Exams: Early Dismissal 9-12
- 6/11 ** Early Dismissal PK-12
- 6/12 Last Day of School Early Dismissal PK-12



NOTE: Snow days will be added onto the school year as needed.

BOE Approved: December 8, 2022 Revised: June 22, 2023

- ± Staff Convocation is for all staff of the Waterford Public Schools
- Professional Development is for Administrators, Teachers, Paraprofessionals 8 AM-3 PM
- ** Full day for Paraprofessionals

OCTOBER 2023

WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12

Milk only: \$.75

Second Breakfast Price: \$2.75

Friday

Breakfast Pizza

Fresh fruit Choice

100% Juice Milk

Or

WG Maple Waffle

Diced peaches

100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal 20

Or

Oatmeal breakfast Round

Mozzarella string cheese

Fruit 100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal

Or Egg & Cheese on a Roll

Fresh Fruit Choice

100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal

Choice of: Muffin. Cereal

Monday

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Egg & Cheese on a WG Roll Fresh fruit Choice 100% Juice Milk

School Holiday

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal] Hardboiled Egg Giant goldfish grahams

Banana 100% juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal 23 Or "Early Riser" Egg-hash brown Patty Apple slices

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Egg & Cheese on a WG Roll Fruit 100% Juice Milk

Meatless Monday!

Cheesy Italian pull-a-parts

Marinara sauce cup

Broccoli w/ranch cup

Connecticut Cucumber slices

Diced peaches

Milk

School Holiday!

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK!

Warning/excessive gaming

LEVEL-UP W/LUNCH!

Meatless Monday!

Mac & Cheese

Baby Carrots

Assorted fresh fruit

Milk

Meatless Monday!

Pizza bites

Marinara sauce cup

Spinach Salad

Diced peaches Milk

Goldfish crackers

Peas

100% Fruit Juice Milk

Tuesday

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal or 3 Syrup cup Diced peaches 100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Sausage Biscuit Applesauce 100% Fruit juice

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Banana Bread

Fresh Fruit Choice

100% Juice Milk Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Hardboiled Egg

Giant goldfish grahams Banana 100% juice Milk Choice of: Muffin, Cereal

Or Pumpkin Bread Fresh Fruit Choice 100% Juice Milk

Wednesday Thursday

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal

Sweet potato Roll

Fruit Cup

100% Juice Milk

Or

Cinnamon French Toast

Fresh Fruit Choice

100% Juice Milk

Or

Scrambled Eggs

Fresh Fruit

100% Fruit Juice Milk

Or

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal

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Choice of: Muffin, Cereal

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal "Early Riser" Egg-hash brown Patty Apple slices 100% Fruit Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or Assorted Yogurt Giant Goldfish Apple slices 100% Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal Or "Early Riser" Egg-hash brown Patty Apple slices 100% Fruit Juice Milk

Choice of: Muffin, Cereal 95 Or Cheese Omelet Wrap Fresh fruit Choice

100% Juice Milk

Assorted Yogurt Giant Goldfish Apple slices 100% Juice Milk

One FREE breakfast for all

students daily.

Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to add funds to your child's account.

For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for Reduced status will receive one lunch at no cost per day

OCTOBER 2023

CT Grown for Kids Week! Popcorn Chicken/ dipping sauce Smile fries Locally grown squash Dinner roll Applesauce

Level One Pasta & Fire Balls 'Penne' with meatballs

Game Zone Garden salad Joy sticks (bread stick) Princess geach(es)-diced Mario Milk

Hotdog on a WG Roll Baked beans Sweet potato fries Orange smiles Milk

Orange chicken Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Diced carrots Mandarin oranges Milk

National Taco day!

Soft Tacos with Cheese Garden Fresh Lettuce & Tomato Brown Rice Salsa Cup Fiesta Beans Farm fresh Pears Milk

> "Angry Birds" Chicken Drummies Game on emoji fries pellets (corn) Shields (dinner roll) Yoshi eggs (grapes) Mario Milk

Chicken tenders Mashed potatoes & gravy Dinner roll green beans Peaches or craisins Milk

Nachos with Cheese Lettuce & Tomato Salsa Cup Fiesta Beans Pineapple cup Corn Bread Milk

Put local on your Tray! Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo Pasta Ct grown Romaine Salad Garlic Knot Locally Grown Fresh Fruit Choices

Milk

Power Up Pizza Slice Hardcore Baby carrots/ranch Saved Game Spinach Salad Golden Apple Mario Milk

Pancakes Syrup cup Potato puffs Sausage patty Cinnamon apple slices Mango wango Juice Milk

Chicken & Waffles Syrup cup Potato puffs Cinnamon carrots Diced pears

CT Grown for Kids Week! Pizza square Ct Grown Kale Caesar Salad Baby carrots/Ranch cup Farm Fresh Apple Milk

Pacman Chicken patty Bonus Baked beans Sweet Potato Gems Good Game Side kick Mario Milk

Cheeseburger Oven baked Fries Lettuce & tomato Cucumber slices Fresh Fruit Milk

Turkey & Cheese Grinder Cucumber slices/ranch WG Doritos Chips Dragon Punch/ 100% juice Fruit Choice Milk

Meatless Monday!

Baked Italian Combo Mozzarella stick & Breaded Ravioli Caesar Salad Bread stick Diced pears Milk

Bat Shaped Chicken nuggets Sweet & sour sauce Cup Ghostly Mashed potatoes Ghoulish Golden Corn Jack o' lantern Roll

EEK! Sidekick /100% Ezn Juice

Mummy Milk

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3RD GRADE DICTIONARY PRESENTATION

On Thursday, September 28th, members of the Waterford Rotary Club distributed dictionaries to all third grade students at Great Neck. Thank you Waterford Rotary!



Mrs. Dempsey's 3rd grade class.

Mrs. Degiacomo's 3rd grade class.







Ms. Craddock's 3rd grade class.

BACK TO SCHOOL





OCTOBER 5TH 5-6:30 PM

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS
PLEASE SIGN UP HERE:
HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/GNBBQ2023

PTA NEWS



OUR GREAT NECK SPIRIT WEAR SHOP IS NOW OPEN!!

GREATNECK.SPIRITSALE.COM

SHOP CLOSES OCTOBER 12TH

ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL APPROXIMATELY 2
WEEKS AFTER SHOP CLOSES.

ROOM PARENTS NEEDED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING A ROOM PARENT FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR PLEASE SIGN UP HERE:

TINYURL.COM/GNROOMPARENT2023

Addy's Run 5k



Join us for the 6th annual Addy's Run to help raise awareness for CLOVES. Adalynn "Addy" is a local Waterford resident born with CLOVES in 2017. Our mission is to educate the community about this rare disease and help those who are affected by it through donation, support and awareness.

Proceeds from this race will be donated to the CLOVES community towards research to help find treatment options for this incurable disease Contact info: Karen Mackinnel kmack100811@gmail.com OCTOBER 15 10:00am

Wee Run @ 9:30am

Great Neck Elementary School Waterford, CT

REGISTER AT RUNSIGNUP.COM OR WITH QR BELOW



Every year, 18,000 patients are diagnosed with life-threatening blood cancers or other blood disorders that could be cured or treated with a blood stem cell transplant. But 70% of them don't have a fully matched donor in their family. They depend on Be The Match® to find an unrelated donor. Adapted from //mv.BeTheMatch.org/strongestboy

The Waterford community, including families within our district (see below), have been impacted by these cancers and are looking to raise awareness regarding the Be The Match® program and the need for donors for bone marrow transplants.

Please visit <u>//my.BeTheMatch.org/StrongestBoy</u> for more information on this life saving program and for the process to become a donor.



YOU COULD BE THE CURE FOR TIAGO



Tiago, Waterford, CT searching patient

Join the Be The Match Registry® on behalf of Tiago today!









PARENT TRAINING INSTITUTE Sept. 2023 - June 2024

PURPOSE: THE SCSU Parent Training Institute will offer monthly virtual training sessions, and helpful resources on a range of topics that can help parents support their child's academic, social, and emotional development.

- WHO: Open to parents of children of all ages.
- WHERE: All parent workshops will be held virtually.
- HOW: Our online workshops will be recorded for use by registered attendees, including those who
 are unable to attend live.
- WHEN: Starts September 26, 2023. Runs monthly on Tuesdays between 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm.
- CERTIFICATE: Every registered attendee will receive a "certificate of completion."
- COST: \$100 including full access to 10 live and recorded workshop series.
- · For more information, email Dr. Olcay Yavuz at yavuzo1@southernct.edu

REGISTER HERE: https://bit.ly/3MMxOzF

PROGRAM DATES/TOPICS:

2023:

September 26 @7pm Understanding the USA Education System: Parents' Rights and Responsibilities

October 24 @7pm Raising College-Ready Children

November 21 @7pm Understanding College Funding, FAFSA, Scholarship Opportunities and Loan Types

December 12 @7pm Helping Your Child Become Career & Job Ready (Resume, Career Branding, Interview)

2024:

January 30 @7pm Protecting Your Child from Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

February 27 @7pm Utilizing English Second Language Learner, Special Education, and Student Services

March 26 @7pm Supporting Your Children's Executive Functioning, 21. Century and Soft Skills

April 23 @7pm The Roles of Parents to Plan Effective Summer Programs for

Children and Youths

May 28 26 @7pm Raising Socially, Mentally and Emotionally Strong Children

June 11 @7pm Dealing with Drug Internet Addiction, and Cyberbullying





Pay for 2023-24 School Meals and WPS Device Protection with Our New Payment System!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've teamed up with MySchoolBucks, an online service where you can easily and securely pay for school meals and WPS Device Protection using a credit/debit card or electronic check.

Using MySchoolBucks you can:

- Add funds to your student's meal account
- View meal balances & cafeteria purchases
- Receive low balance alerts
- Purchase WPS Device Protection for your child's school issued device for the 2023-24 school year

Easily pay online for school meals and WPS Device Protection for students in Grades 4-12! Create your free MySchoolBucks account to conveniently and securely pay online or download the mobile app to make payments from anywhere!

Get Started Today:

- Go to myschoolbucks.com or download the mobile app
- Create your free account and add your students using their school name / student ID
- 3. Add funds to your student's meal account or add items from the School Store section
- Check out using your credit / debit card or electronic check (A program fee may apply)

Thank you,

WPS Food Services and WPS IT Department



UCFS Healthcare's School-Based Health Centers and Your School!

The UCFS school-based health centers (SBHC) are a doctor's office inside of your school. The services are provided by an APRN (advanced practice registered nurse)/PA (Physician Assistant) and licensed behavioral health clinician who are experts in adolescent health and are employed by UCFS. The intention of the UCFS SBHC is to supplement the care your child receives at their pediatrician's office.





Services Provided

- Yearly well-child examinations
- Vaccinations
- Sports physicals
- Acute care visits (e.g. sick visits, lacerations, injuries, etc.)
- Chronic care visits (e.g. asthma, ADHD, etc.)
- Mental Health Assessments
- Substance Abuse Screenings
- Counseling (individual, group, and family)

Top 5 Reasons to use the School-Based Health Center

- · Convenient same day appointment.
- Removes barriers to care such as lack of transportation.
- Decreases time away from the classroom which improves academic success.
- Improves student's achievement by taking care of behavioral health needs that can make learning difficult.
- · Connects students and their families with insurance coverage.



Referrals are easy ...

- Behavioral Health Referrals can come from students, teachers, counselors, administrators as well as parents/guardians of students.
- Medical visits can be coordinated through the school nurse or
- directly with our family engagement/medical assistant.
 Working collaboratively with school personnel, families, and local youth services has helped to maximize student support.

To learn More ...

School-Based Health Centers are located at Waterford High School and Clark Lane Middle School and are open to all Waterford Public School students.

Scan here to learn about the School-Based Health Center at your school! SBHC line - 860-822-2803



Your child can get a flu shot at the Waterford Public Schools School-Based Health Center



Did you know?

The CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease.

How do I sign my child up for the flu shot?

In order for your child to receive a flu shot, you must fill out an enrollment form and flu vaccine consent form. Enrollment forms can be found on the UCFS Healthcare's website -

https://www.ucfs.org/services/school-based-health-centers/

or by scanning the QR code

Please call the SBHC Line at 860-822-2803 to schedule an appointment.



Bring the whole family out!



WATERFORD'S WICKED WONDERLAND

October 29, 2023, 1-4pm



Trunk Contest



Fun Activities



Music by DJ A-Bomb



Neurodivergent friendly 1-1:30p



Officer Hodges

Waterford High School Circular Parking Lot

Contact Joe Trelli for questions or donations at: 860-444-5848

 Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times

Bring your own bag to collect candy

Sign up to be a trunker!

Decorate your trunk and have fun passing out candy

*Event is FREE to the public!

Sponsored by:







CONCESSIONS:

Hot Chocolate



Hot Cider



Dessert



Using MySchoolBucks you can:

- Purchase Device Protection in our WPS online store
- Pay invoices (new charger, etc.)

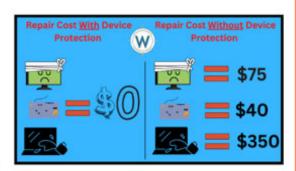
Get started in 4 easy steps:

- 1. Download the MySchoolBucksmobile app or visit myschoolbucks.com
- 2. Create your free account
- 3. Add your student
- 4. Browse the WPS online store to locate WPS Device Protection



Store

The district is only offering this until Oct. 15th, so don't miss out on this opportunity. After that date, families will not be able to purchase this protection for the 23–24 school year and will be responsible for the full cost of repair on your child's school issued device.





2023-2024 WATERFORD RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL SEASON

REGISTER ONLINE NOW! WATERFORDRECBASKETBALL.COM



LEAGUE BREAKDOWN

INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE
BOYS & GIRLS GRADE 1-3
INSTRUCTIONAL REGISTRATION FEE - \$50

RECREATIONAL LEAGUES
BOYS GRADE 3/4/5 - GIRLS GRADE 3/4/5
BOYS GRADE 6/7/8 - GIRLS GRADE 6/7/8
BOYS SENIOR LEAGUE GRADE 9-12

TRAVEL LEAGUES
BOYS & GIRLS 4-8

* TRYOUT & EVALUATION TIMES WILL BE RELEASED SHORTLY

RECREATIONAL REGISTRATION FEES

1ST CHILD: \$100 2ND CHILD: \$80 EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD: \$65 FAMILY MAXIMUM: \$245

> **REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID LATE FEES

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

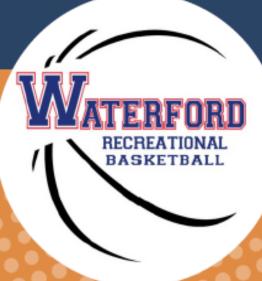
TRAVEL REGISTRATION CLOSES OCT

RECREATIONAL CLOSES NOV 12TH \$20 LATE FEE AFTER OCT 16TH

*TRAVEL MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE REC PROGRAM BY 10/16/23

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO:

<u>@GMAIL.COM</u>



CONNECT WITH US













A CELEBRATION OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Saturday, September 30th

At The Waterford Public Library

2:30 to 4:30 pm Free and open to the public.

Una celebración del Mes de la Herencia Hispana Sábado 30 de septiembre 14:30 a 16:30 en la biblioteca pública de Waterford ¡Gratis y abierto al publico!







860-444-5805 49 Rope Ferry Road Waterford, CT www.waterfordpubliciibrary.org



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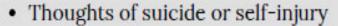


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<u>Urgent</u> response for children's mental health crises.



- Feelings of depression, anxiety or hopelessness
- · Out-of-control behaviors
- Substance misuse
- · Any mental health crisis



No appointment needed

At the four walk-in **Urgent Crisis Centers (UCC)** for children and adolescents ages 18 and under, trained staff will:

- De-escalate the crisis
- Complete an evaluation
- Connect youth to services

Urgent Crisis Centers



1680 Albany Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105 (860) 297-0520 thevillage.org/UCC



141 East Main Street, Waterbury, CT 06702 (203) 580-4298 wellmore.org/urgent-crisis-center

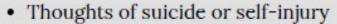


255 Hempstead St, New London, CT 06320 (860) 437-4550 childandfamilyagency.org/urgent-crisis-center

YaleNewHavenHealth
Yale New Haven Children's Hospital

20 York Street, New Haven, CT 06510 (203) 688-4707 ynhh.org/childrens-hospital/ services/emergency-services

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