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ALICIA ROSE VICTORIOUS FOUNDATION- BANDANA DAY

On January 24, 2020 WDMS Student Council will once again participate in "Bandana Day" to help raise awareness about the ongoing struggles of teen cancer patients. The Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation provides funding for the specific purpose of creating a new, non-existing Teen Lounge, or enhancing/renovating an existing Teen Lounge in local area hospitals. It is all about enhancing the quality of life for teens with cancer during their many visits and stays at the hospital.

Alicia Rose was a teen who lost her battle with cancer at the age of 17. "Even though I would wear bandanas and hats to cover my dome, not everyone was well informed of my condition and I was humiliated and intimidated when I was asked to take off my hat because of school policy." – Alicia, 2002. After Alicia lost her battle with cancer, her friends felt as though students needed to raise awareness about the struggles that teen cancer patients face. "Bandana Day" is just one of many opportunities students have to help raise awareness for teens battling life-threatening illnesses.

Bandanas will be available to purchase in homeroom beginning January 21 through January 24, 2020. On Friday, January 24th staff and students will wear their Victorious Bandanas to school to show support for teens battling cancer. Bandanas are \$3 each and will be available in a variety of colors.

Thanks to the dedication and support of our students and staff, last year we were able to donate \$4,150 to the Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation!

For more information on the ARVF, please visit their website at <https://www.victoriousfoundation.org>

WDMS DRAMA CLUB TO PERFORM "AT THE BANDSTAND"

When the Rockin' Robins, hosts of the hit TV show *At The Bandstand!*, announce an on-air dance-off to join the popular Bandstand Kids, Cindy and her gaggle of girlfriends jump at the chance! However, in order to succeed, Cindy will need to outshine the spoiled daughter of the show's corporate sponsor. Sing along with familiar '50s songs, watch out for clever characters, and laugh at the hilarious punch lines! We cannot wait to "Shake, Rattle, and Roll" with you on January 29th! (Snow date: Feb. 5). The show will begin promptly at 6:00pm with the doors opening at 5:30pm. Tickets will be \$5 per person and will be available at the door. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2

School re-opens full day

January 7

PTO Mtg-WDMS library 6:30

January 9

School Wide Spelling Bee

January 9

Session I afterschool clubs end

January 9

Countdown to Camp Mason mtg, 6:30pm WDMS Café

January 13

Geography Bee finals, period 1

January 14

Learn & Serve trip to Animal Shelter

January 15

Team & Group pictures

January 16

PTO Magazine Drive begins

January 17

Full day teacher in-service school closed for students

January 20

School closed for MLK Day

January 21

Session II Afterschool clubs begin

January 21

Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation Bandana Sale begins

January 22

2nd Marking Period Ends

January 23

7/8 gr Algebra Midterm

January 23

8th gr Geometry Midterm

January 24

8th gr Spanish Midterm

January 24

Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation Bandana Day

January 24

7th grade visits WDHS 12:30-2:30

January 24

PTO Magazine Drive ends

January 27

Phila. Orchestra visits- 5/6 choir

January 27 & 28

Steered Straight Assemblies

January 29

WDMS Drama Club performance, 6:00pm

January 29

PTO Wendy's Night 5-8pm

January 30

Report card distributed via email

January 31

Last day to order yearbooks

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS-SESSION II

Session II of our afterschool club program will begin on January 21, 2020. Parents may select ONE club, per day, per session. All students must be registered for a club prior to attending. Session II clubs run Jan. 21 – April 23, 2020. Clubs run Tuesday – Thursday from 2:45 pm – 3:35pm. Every club (except Homework Club) is offered one day a week. Homework Club is offered every Tuesday - Thursday. Bus transportation is provided for bus-riding students involved in any of our after-school programs (buses depart at 3:45pm). Students must report directly to their club immediately after retrieving their belongings from their lockers at school dismissal. After school clubs are a privilege. Students must be engaged in the club and respectful to those around them. Students that are distracting or disrespectful will receive no more than two warnings from the club advisor, after which time they will no longer be able to attend that club. Multiple removals from clubs will result in the student being excluded from clubs for the remainder of the club session. Session II Club sign-ups can be found on the WDMS website under the "Clubs/Activities" tab.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Yearbook orders will be accepted now through January 31st. You can place your order in school or online. To order online go to the "For Students" tab on the WDMS website or click [HERE](#). Orders will be accepted in school every Friday during homeroom in Mrs. Ward's room E12. In school orders must be placed in person, not in staff mailboxes. Yearbooks cost \$42 and can be purchased with cash or check. Please make checks payable to WDMS.

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER
IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020**

COUNTDOWN TO CAMP MASON 2020

Attention 5th Grade Parents: The countdown for your 5th grade student to attend Camp Mason 2020 is on! Please mark your calendar to attend the informational parent meeting to be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Middle School café. During this meeting, you will learn about the trip including dates, cost, activities, parent chaperone lottery, and much more! We look forward to seeing you!



FROM THE WDMS HEALTH OFFICE

It's cold and flu season! Below are some helpful tips for keeping your child healthy during the school year.

- ✓ Frequent handwashing is one of the simplest-most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. The Mayo clinic suggests soaping up for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice
- ✓ Use hand sanitizer
- ✓ Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough
- ✓ Keep hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth
- ✓ Stay current on all childhood vaccines including the flu shot

Students should stay home from school for at least 24 hours if they have:

- ✓ A fever of 100 degrees or more
- ✓ Chills
- ✓ Sore throat or cough
- ✓ Diarrhea or vomiting

7th GRADERS TO VISIT WDHS

On January 24th the entire 7th grade will visit WDHS to participate in an informal "meet and greet" with staff and students from WDHS. During their visit, 7th grade students will tour the building and learn about course selections, extracurricular activities and high school athletics. High School course selections usually begins in early spring for 8th grade students. We hope after visiting WDHS, our 7th grade students will be better equipped as 8th graders to make the decision regarding which high school they will attend. More information will be available in the next few weeks.



SORRY, SON... THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

No child will be permitted to ride on other buses for any reason. Each student can only ride the bus they are assigned to ride. If you have a one day childcare issue, the person watching your child should pick them up at the school. No students are permitted to switch between buses.

Students will NOT be given permission by WDMS administration to walk to any other location except home. (i.e. ice cream stand, pizza place or a friends)

For additional transportation information, please visit our district website at:

http://www.wdptford.k12.nj.us/district_info/transportation

LATE BUSES

Late buses are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Late buses should depart at 3:45pm. Late bus runs are typically longer as there are only four late buses covering a larger area. Students may not stay after school unless they are supervised by a teacher. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria to allow for students to check for their missing items daily. Any found eyeglasses, purses/wallets, cell phones, or other electronics are kept in the main office until they are claimed. Once a month we notify students and parents that the lost and found is full and all unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

STAYING CONNECTED AT WDMS

Please register for a PowerParent account in the main office, if you do not have a PowerParent login. Also, our school website is a great resource to help you stay up-to-date. Almost every piece of vital information, from either the staff or main office, is posted on the WDMS website. It is important to stay on top of your student's grades, attendance, and school events. In addition, you can stay connected with WDMS via our Official Facebook and Twitter pages.

The majority of WDMS correspondence will be done through the School Messenger Notification System. Please make every effort to alert our main office immediately with any email or phone number changes. Incorrect information will delay the ability to receive important information from the WDMS staff. If you are not receiving our School Messenger text and email notifications, please contact the main office at 848-1200.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

At this time of year every WDMS Social Studies class conducts the Geography Bee. The contest begins in the individual Social Studies classes with the classroom winners advancing to a grade level competition. The top three contestants from each grade level advance to the school-wide competition to be held on January 13, 2020. Good luck to our young geographers!

PTO NEWS – JANUARY 2020

7 - PTO Meeting 6:30pm, WDMS Library
16 - PTO Magazine Drive begins
24 - PTO Magazine Drive ends
29 - Wendy's 5pm-8pm

Save the Date: February 21, 2020
Designer Bag Bingo & Basket Auction

Designer Bag Bingo & Basket Auction tickets will be on sale until the day of the event. The PTO is looking for basket donation items and volunteers for this event. Please contact Patty Watts @ thewattsfamily@msn.com for additional information on how to volunteer or donate.

BOX TOPS and other fundraising efforts...

WDMS is collecting box tops and soda tabs. Box tops are used by the PTO as another source of revenue. To encourage students to participate, we have monthly contests to see which homeroom collects the most Box Tops. The students in the winning homeroom each receive a free pretzel. Soda tabs are also collected in each homeroom and will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in late spring.

The PTO also participates in a number of **FREE School Support Programs** such as Shoparoo, Amazon Smile, Ebates/Rakuten and Coke Rewards. Please click [HERE](#) or visit our WDMS website for additional information on these programs.

Thank you for your continued support!



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Individual sport schedules and coach contact information are available on the WDMS website under the Athletic tab. Athletic late buses depart WDMS at approximately 4:30pm. Students may not stay after school without teacher supervision. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event. In the event an athletic event is postponed or canceled at the last minute, a "Remind" message will be sent from our Athletic Coordinator and a message will be posted in red at the top of the WDMS website. If interested in receiving Remind texts regarding the WDMS Athletics, please text @wdmsath to 81010 to sign up for Remind Text from our Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Jakubowski.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Time	Versus	Location
01/03	3:45 PM	Audubon	Audubon MS
01/06	4:15 PM	Delsea Reg	WDMS
01/09	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	WDMS
01/14	4:00 PM	Collingswood	WDMS
01/16	3:45 PM	Paulsboro	WDHS
01/21	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	WDMS
01/23	4:00 PM	Woodbury	WDMS
01/28	3:45 PM	Gateway	Gateway
01/30	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	Lindenwold
02/04	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp MS
02/06	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	WDMS
02/11	3:45 PM	Audubon	WDMS
02/12	4:00 PM	Gloucester City	WDMS
02/13	4:00 PM	Hammonton	WDMS
02/18	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Haddonfield MS
02/20	3:45 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood

GOALS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Date	Time	Versus	Location
01/03	3:45 PM	Audubon	WDMS
01/06	4:15 PM	Delsea Reg	Delsea MS
01/07	4:00 PM	Pitman	WDMS
01/09	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Haddonfield MS
01/14	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood MS
01/16	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	Paulsboro MS
01/21	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	Pine Hill MS
01/23	4:15 PM	Woodbury	Woodbury HS
01/28	4:00 PM	Gateway	WDMS
01/30	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	WDMS
02/04	4:00 PM	HaddonTwp	WDMS
02/06	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	Atlantic Ave Elem
02/11	3:45 PM	Audubon	Audubon MS
02/12	4:00 PM	Gloucester Cty	Gloucester City
02/13	3:45 PM	Hammonton	Hammonton MS
02/18	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	WDMS
02/20	3:45 PM	Collingswood	WDMS

WRESTLING

Date	Time	Versus	Location	Date	Time	Versus	Location
01/03	4:00 PM	Gateway	Gateway	01/17	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	Riverwinds
01/05	9:00 AM	Bound Brook	Bound Brook HS	01/24	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	Riverwinds
01/06	4:30 PM	Hammonton	Riverwinds	01/29	4:00 PM	Haddon Heights	Haddon Hts HS
01/08	4:00 PM	Audubon HS	Riverwinds	01/31	4:15 PM	Sterling	Riverwinds
01/10	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp	02/05	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Haddonfield MS
01/15	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Riverwinds	02/08	9:00 AM	Colonial Conf Championships	Paulsboro HS
				1/22	4:00 PM	Wash. Twp	Wash. Twp HS