Thank you for a nice week. You are getting the newsletter one day early this week. Here are the weekly flyers:

#### Newsletter 12.1.23.pdf

I have copied our Report Card Handbook for your review below. Report cards go home next Friday. Please reach out to the classroom teacher if you have any questions when you receive them.

#### **ELEMENTARY REPORT CARD INFORMATION**

The elementary report card is designed to help parents and guardians understand their child's progress toward established grade level standards. Waterford standards identify the skills, knowledge, and understandings that each student should acquire in order to have a firm foundation for future learning and be college or career ready after high school. These standards describe what students should know and be able to do by the end of each grade level in the core academic areas.

#### How will you know if your child will meet a standard?

Report cards are designed to inform parents and guardians about their child's progress relative to the end of the year grade level standards. These performance standards can not be compared to a numeric average or letter grade. Rather, they communicate which skills the child has mastered or where he/she is currently working within the end of the year grade level expectations.

#### **Connecticut State Department of Education Standards and Grade Level Expectations**

Performance Indicators: (as they appear on the report card)

- M Meeting the standard consistently and independently
- T On track toward meeting the standard independently or with minimal teacher support
- P Progressing toward meeting the standard with frequent teacher support
- B Beginning to progress toward meeting the standard with extensive teacher Support
- NG Not graded at this time

#### What student evidence determines progress?

As students work toward achieving grade level expectations in all curriculum areas, teachers carefully consider the following in order to determine progress:

- A collection of work over time
- Daily written or oral tasks
- Application of skills
- Formal and informal classroom assessments and observations

What academic subjects are assessed?

- Language Arts Reading
- Language Arts Writing
- Mathematics

#### What special areas are assessed?

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education/Health

#### **Academic Performance Indicators:**

- M Meeting the standard consistently and independently. This is the goal for the end of the year grade level expectation.
- T Ontrack toward meeting the grade level standard independently or with minimal teacher support. This is the goal throughout the year and should be celebrated.
- P Progressing toward meeting the standard with frequent teacher support
- B Beginning to progress toward meeting the standard with extensive teacher support
- NG Not graded at this time

#### **Effort Key for Learner Behaviors / Science / Social Studies/ Technology:**

- 3 The student consistently demonstrates effort
- 2 The student inconsistently demonstrates effort
- 1 The student seldomly demonstrates effort

#### **Teacher comments may address:**

- Student strengths and/or areas of concern, both academic and behavioral
- Individual student goals or an action plan regarding what is necessary to meet grade level standards
- Specific content area units being studied and assessed during the trimester



#### Oswegatchie Elementary School Newsletter

470 Boston Post Road, Waterford, CT 06385

Phone: 860-442-4331 Fax: 860-447-6261



December 1, 2023 School Hours 8:25 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.



Joseph Macrino

**Principal** 

jmacrino@waterfordschools.org

Kathy Kerwin

Secretary

kkerwin@waterfordschools.org

Wendy Doyon

**School Nurse** 

wdoyon@waterfordschools.org



Our school is participating in the state wide pajama day on December 8th for Connecticut Children's Medical Center and all donations towards this day can be made to our school's page by scanning the QR code OR going to the website and searching for 'Oswegatchie Elementary School'. The proceeds will go towards CCMC to fight childhood cancer. Please see the flyer in today's newsletter. We hope together we can raise funds to support such an important cause that is near and dear to many of our hearts. Feel free to share our code or our school's fundraising page with your friends and family!



Dear OSW Parents,

Please provide and maintain a complete and seasonally appropriate change of clothing for your child in school at all times. The Health Room CANNOT be responsible to provide or support your child in this matter.

Cold weather is here and your child is outside for recess and a variety of school activities. It is suggested they have a warm jacket, as well as a set of gloves/mittens and a hat when in school.

If you need any assistance in providing these items for your child, please reach out to the Health Room and/or School Social Worker Aja Filardi directly.

ANNUAL PRE K INFLUENZA VACCINATION is a REQUIREMENT for school attendance, and proof must be provided in writing prior to December 31, 2023 to allow your child to return from the Holiday break. Please schedule your PreK student for their vaccination early.

Thank you, Wendy Doyon RN School Nurse



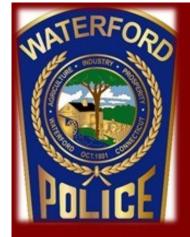
Dec. 5 First grade field trip 9am

Dec. 8 Second grade field trip 9:15am

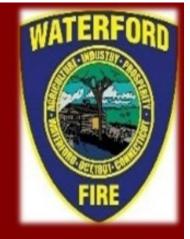
Dec. 13 OSO Meeting 5:15pm

Dec. 15 OSO Movie Night 6:30pm









# **Police Cruiser & Fire Truck**



Annual Food, Toy & Clothing Drive Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10AM-2PM at Waterford Walmart

All donations go to Waterford Youth Services to provide to families in need.

Free Candy Canes! K-9 Hodges & K-9 Ginger! Santa!







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# ARTISANS VENDOR FAIR

WATERFORD HIGH SCHOOL WATERFORD, CT

PROFITS SUPPORT THE CLASS OF 2025

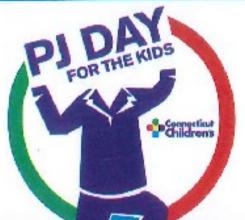
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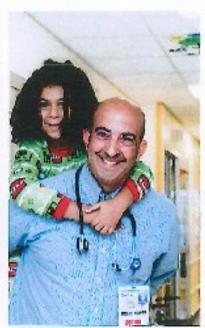
A statewide initiative raising funds, spirits and awareness for kids battling cancer.

Oswegatchie Elementary School

Friday, December 8, 2023









Supporting Connecticut Children's Since 2011

Donate \$1, or more, to wear PJs in support of kids at Connecticut Children's who wear their PJs for long periods of time while enduring treatment.

Scan to Donate, or visit www.pjdayforthekids.org

Team Name: Oswegatchie Elementary School



PJ Day for the Kids has raised nearly \$3 million dollars, Connecticut funding vital childhood cancer research, clinical trials and care at Connecticut Children's.

FOUNDATION





FEATURING: DJ PIX AND A HEARTWARMING HOLIDAY CHORUS

YUMMY TREATS AND HOT COCOA

LUMINARIA DISPLAY CREATED BY WATERFORD STUDENTS

OUR WATERFORD OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HERO

VISIT WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS!

General parking at Waterford Public Library and Waterford Community Center. Handicap parking available at Jordan Green

## proudly present by

















McCook Point Park • Niantic

**Teams / Costumes Welcome** 

#### DISCOUNTED RATES:

EARLY Registrants, Military, and Virtual Participants



## Happy Feet Are Warm Feet!

Winter is quickly coming. Women, men and their children sometimes have to leave their homes with only the clothes they are wearing at the time. The generous support of the community is appreciated to help meet their immediate needs.

#### Can you spare a pair?

- New Warm Socks.
- New Slippers
- Also collecting New Scarfs and Mittens/Gloves

All sizes

For Women, men and children until Dec. 14







Safe Futures provides shelter and support to families affected by domestic violence and abuse.



For questions & pick up call Royce Hoffman 860-460-8869

Formerly the Women's Center of Southeastern CT Saving lives, restoring hope and changing the future



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# Shoebox Santa



Imagine having to leave your home with just the clothes on your back. If you only had a shoebox to pack with a few items, what would they be?

The idea is very simple. Cover an empty shoebox with holiday paper, determine whether you are making the box for a mom, dad, boy or a girl and fill the box with your creativity and thoughtfulness!

- FIND A MEDIUM SIZED EMPTY SHOEBOX
- WRAP THE LID AND BOX SEPARATELY IN WRAPPING PAPER
  - FILL THE BOX USING THE LIST BELOW FOR IDEAS & INSPIRATION:
    - ✓ PERSONAL ITEMS (SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, HAIRBRUSH, KLEENEX, ETC.)
    - √ THINGS TO LOVE (MUSIC, TOYS, BODY LOTION, ETC.)
    - √ THINGS TO DO (PEN, PAD, NOTE CARDS, CRAYONS, PUZZLE BOOK, ETC.)
    - √ THINGS TO WEAR (JEWELRY, HAT, GLOVES, MAKE-UP, NAIL POLISH, ETC.)
    - ✓ FOR THINGS THAT DON'T FIT IN THE BOX (GIFT CARD TO WAL-MART, TARGET, GROCERY STORE, GAS CARD, SUBWAY)
- LABEL YOUR SHOEBOX (GENDER, AGE)

Shoeboxes will be picked up Thursday, Dec. 14th
All items should be new, unwrapped & age appropriate
No perishables or food items please!

Thank you for your generosity this holiday season!

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#### 2023-24 Hour of Code

Students in grades PreK-5 in Waterford will again be participating in the 2023-24 Hour of Code Event to celebrate Computer Science. Hour of Code is a global movement introducing tens of millions of students worldwide to computer science, inspiring kids to learn more, breaking stereotypes, and leaving



them feeling empowered. We know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works.

More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code. Our schools are making a statement that Waterford is ready to teach these foundational 21st-century skills. Students will participate in a one-hour introduction to computer science during the school day, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Coding requires discipline, attention to detail, perseverance, the ability to predict an outcome and problem solving skills. These are skills we want all of our students in Waterford to fully develop.

A website to supplement our event has also been created and will be a resource for age appropriate coding activities during the months of December and January. Students will have access to the site here at school and at home. Students can use the devices they have at home to access the links and videos. We encourage families to join in and code right along with your child/children. The website will be live starting Dec. 1st. You will be able to access it from:

#### Mrs. McCue's District Webpage (Elementary Technology Specialist)

\*locate Hour of Code 2023-24 at the top

If you are interested in reading more about the Hour of Code event and the benefits of coding, visit <a href="http://hourofcode.com/us">http://hourofcode.com/us</a>.





#### **Events and Meetings:**

Garden Committee—please email us if you are interested in being on the email list for the Garden Committee. We will send out an email to kick off the committee tomorrow.

Spirit Wear for the Holidays is Available Now! See flyer in School Newsletter or on our Facebook page to order.

Wednesday, December 13, 5:15pm, OSO Meeting (library & Zoom Link: bit.ly/osomeeting)

Bring your ideas & hear updates from Mr. Macrino & OSO!

December 15, 6:30pm - Movie Night in the school gym!

Come with your family to watch a movie and have treats!

5th graders will chose 3 movies and then the school gets to Vote

Find "Oswegatchie School Organization" on Facebook and "Like" the OSO page to see pictures, updates and announcements. Find other important info (calendar, forms, meeting minutes, etc.) about the OSO at our website:

bit.ly/OSOwebsite or use the below QR code.

#### Garden Committee is starting!





The Oswegatchie School Organization (aka "PTA") is open to any parent, guardian or other caregiver for a current student attending Oswegatchie School. Please contact us if you are interested and feel free to contact us with ideas, thoughts and questions!

Email: oswegatchieschoolorg@gmail.com

## Waterford Schools Core Values:

Excellence Knowledge Integrity Responsibility

#### OSO Website QR Code





# Oswegatchie School Spirit Wear!

Sweatshirts, t-shirts, long sleeves, and sweatpants available!

Items will be delivered directly to the school. Use the link or QR code below to order.













oswegatchie2023.itemorder.com

Please note that there is a \$6.95 processing fee per order.

#### Calling All Parents/Guardians!!

Your child's teacher may be looking for parents to be:

"Oswegatchie Class Coordinators" (aka Class Parents)

Our teachers do an amazing job of leading our children to academic, social and intellectual success - Parent/Family involvement further enriches our students' lives!

Estimated time commitment—1 to 2 hours a week

Each Class Coordinator's role will be slightly different depending on the needs of the particular teacher/ class as the needs of each grade level are different. In essence, you will be a partner with your child's teacher and help enrich the children's experience at OSW School. Here are some ideas of the difference you could make as a CC for your child's classroom:

- Help your teacher in class on projects/needs/fun going on in classroom
- Let OSO know of needs for your child's classroom (be the connection that helps fulfill those needs!)
- Help your teacher create field trips to support your child's curriculum (help your child's class have fun, rewarding trips outside of school!)
- Reach out to new families at your grade level and answer questions (ease a new family's transition to the OSW Community)
- Find out what "Cool Things" parents/guardians in your child's class do and help create in-class experiences (be the Cool Parent!)
- Whatever you and your child's teacher come up with!

# Teachers who still need a Classroom Coordinator: Ms. Zaccaro Ms. Missios-Bonadies Ms. Concascia Ms. Guarraia Ms. Trott Ms. Edwards Ms. Servideo Ms. Castelpoggi Ms. Pegram Ms. Swanson Mrs. DiMarco

Teachers who have a Classroom Coordinator:

Mrs. Mellon

Ms. Chaney

Ms. Bocian

Ms. Costa

Mrs. Hannaford

Ms. Hullivan

Mrs. Saucier

# Jody's Wish

Jody's wish ornament was created as a memorial ornament to honor and remember Jody Nazarchyk. Jody dedicated her life to helping and serving others.

Jody's wish was that all children would have whatever they needed. The thought of a child being sad or disappointed because they did not get a special gift or could not afford the equipment to play a sport was heartbreaking to Jody. Jody always tried to find a way to make it happen for the children. The proceeds from these ornaments will help us continue making Jody's Wish come true. All of the proceeds will be donated to Waterford Youth and Family Services to help make children's dreams come true. Thank you!

To get your Jody's Wish ornaments please contact Ethel Reed at Ethel.d.Reed@gmail.com





Suggested minimum donation: \$10.00

# Waterford Little League

# Register online now for Spring Little League Season!

We are currently updating our website so to register for the upcoming season please scan the QR code

or go to



2024 Spring Season Registration fees:

Majors/Minors - \$150 Coach Pitch - \$100 Co-ed Tee Ball - \$85

> Payment Plans available! Family discount for families with 3 or more players.

Important Registration Dates:

Majors/Minors \$25 late registration fee begins 1/1 Registration closes 1/15

Coach Pitch \$25 late registration fee begins 2/1 Registration closes 2/15



Please email Registration@wllct.org with any registration questions. CONNECT WITH US











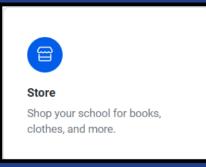


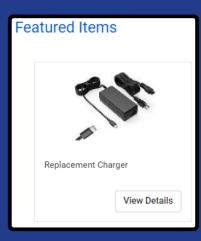




# UPDATED POLICY FOR PURCHASING A CHROMEBOOK CHARGER

Replacement Chromebook
chargers for school-issued
devices should now be
purchased from
MySchoolBucks. Once payment
has processed, the charger will
be delivered to the student's
school. Please allow for fee
processing and delivery time.









# INTRODUCING TO FAMILIES OF 4TH - 12TH GRADERS...

The Waterford Public School district is excited to announce its partnership with Securly in safeguarding our students, your children. Securly Home was chosen because we shared a vision of a safer, more productive digital world for our students.

Now parents of students in grades 4-12 can get the same peace of mind when school devices come home. See your child's online activity during after-school hours, pause your child's device, and turn off online access.

Through this partnership, the students of Waterford will be protected everywhere, on any school-issued device. You should have received a welcome email that provided you with instructions on how to download the app and connect with your child's online activity, so please be sure to locate it if you missed it!

Further information about Securly Home can be found on our WPS district website (Technology > One-to-One Device Program Information). There are resources there to help you become more familiar with Securly Home and how to use it.



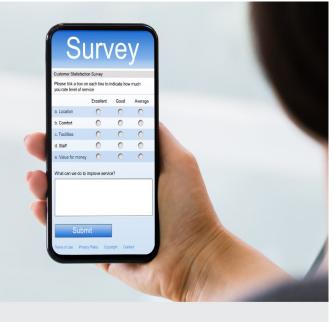






# We want to hear from you!





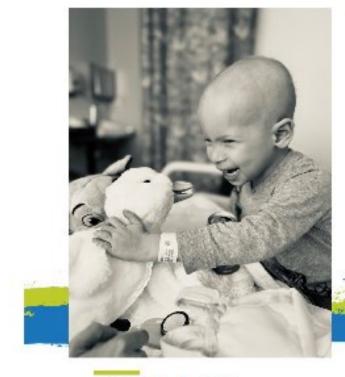
Please complete our online survey



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 //my.BeTheMatch.org/StrongestBoy 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 search ng patient

Join the Be The Match Registry<sup>®</sup> on behalf of Tiago today!





# Pre-K Breakfast and Lunch menus-December



All grain-based items offered are whole-grain rich which means that at least 50% of the grains in the item are whole grain (WG), all other grains are enriched

A VARIETYOF FRESH FRUITS OFFERED DAILY "Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness"

Alternate Lunch Yogurt Meal available daily = Yogurt, Mozzarella string cheese, baby carrots, craisins, goldfish crackers, dinner roll, milk

Milk is 1% White THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER \*Menus are subject to change



ALL Grain-based items offered at breakfast are Whole Grain Rich which means that at least 50% of the grains in the items are whole grain and all other grains are enriched

\*Milk Choices: 1% white or Fat Free Flavored 
A variety of breakfast options offered daily 
A variety of breakfast options offered daily 
All breakfast includes 1 cup of fruit & 8 oz. Milk 
Menu subject to change 
This institution is an equal opportunity provider 
"Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness"



#### Waterford Public Schools

#### 2023-2024

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

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- 9/25 School Holiday (Schools Closed

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- 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)

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- 12/25 12/29 School Holiday (Schools Closed)

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- 1/18-1/23 \*\* Midterm Exams: Early Dismissal 9-12

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- 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
- Profossional Development is for Administrators, Teachers, Paraprofessionals 8 AM-3 PM
- \*\* Full day for Paraprofessionals

### 2023-24 Elementary Letter Rotation Schedule

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■ No School

\* Early Dismissal