



Oswegatchie Elementary School Newsletter

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School Hours 8:25 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.



DECEMBER 22, 2023



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



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,
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School Nurse

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Kathy Kerwin
Secretary
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SAVE THE DATE:

DEC. 23-JAN 1—WINTER BREAK, NO SCHOOL

**BE SAFE, HAVE FUN AND
ENJOY THE TIME OFF!**



OSO Updates—12/22/23

**HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR OSWEGATCHIE
COMMUNITY FOR FILLING
Madeline's Wish Toy Drive's
ENTIRE BOX!**

We truly have a caring community here!

Go to the OSO Facebook Page for videos of all of the wonderful performances at the Holiday Celebration on Wednesday. What a strong Music Program we have at Oswegatchie School!!

***The OSO wishes everyone a
Happy, Healthy Holiday Season!***

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 with planning & design! Email OSO if you want to join the email list for updates. Look for our Seed Sale fundraiser after the break!



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**



Revised Waterford Public Schools Calendar for the 2023-2024 School Year

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 cumulative)
- 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	School Holiday		
27	28	29	30	

- (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
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
School Holiday				

- (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	11	12
SH	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

- (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
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
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

- (20 days ~ 135 cumulative)
- ** 3/7 - P/T Conferences: Early Dismissal 9-12
 - 3/29 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

April 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	PD	3	4	5
School Holiday				
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

- (16 days ~ 151 cumulative)
- 4/2 - * PD No School for Students - PK-12
 - 4/8 - 4/12 - School Holiday (Schools Closed)

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	7
10	11	LD	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

- (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
Revision Approved: December 19, 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

Revised Elementary Letter Rotation Schedule for the 2023-2024 School Year

2023-24 Elementary Letter Rotation Schedule

August 2023					September 2023					October 2023				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
									1 C	2 B	3 C	4 D	5 A	6 B
						5 D	6 A	7 B	8 C		10 C	11 D	12 A	13 B
					11 D	12 A	13 B	14 C	15 D	16 C	17 D	18 A	19 B	20 C
					18 A	19 B	20 C	21 D	22 A	23 D	24 A	25 B	26 C	27 D
		30 A	31 B			26 B	27 C	28 D	29 A	30 A	31 B			

November 2023					December 2023					January 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 C	2 D	3 A					1 D		2 D	3 A	4 B	5 C
6 B		8 C	9 D		4 A	5 B	6 C	7 D	8 A	8 D	9 A	10 B	11 C	12 D
13 A	14 B	15 C	16 D	17 A	11 B	12 C	13 D	14 A	15 B		16 A	17 B	18 C	19 D
20 B	21 C				18 C	19 D	20 A	21 B	22 C*	22 A	23 B	24 C	25 D	26 A
27 D	28 A	29 B	30 C							29 B	30 C	31 D		

February 2024					March 2024					April 2024					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
			1 A	2 B					1 D	1 D		3 A	4 B	5 C	
5 C	6 D	7 A	8 B	9 C	4 A	5 B	6 C	7 D*	8 A						
12 D	13 A	14 B	15 C	16 D	11 B	12 C	13 D	14 A	15 B	15 D	16 A	17 B	18 C	19 D	
			21 A	22 B	23 C	18 C	19 D	20 A	21 B	22 C	22 A	23 B	24 C	25 D	26 A
26 D	27 A	28 B	29 C		25 D	26 A	27 B	28 C		29 B	30 C				

May 2024					June 2024				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1 D	2 A	3 B					
6 C	7 D	8 A	9 B	10 C	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 A	7 B
13 D	14 A	15 B	16 C	17 D	10 C	11 D*	12 A*		
20 A	21 B	22 C	23 D	24 A					
	28 B	29 C	30 D	31 A					



■ No School
 * Early Dismissal
 Updated 12/20/2023

SPRING 2024

WATERFORD YOUTH LACROSSE

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

www.waterforyouthlacrosse.org

Grades K-8

Instructional (K-2): \$30

Equipment available to borrow for the season. No USA Lacrosse Membership or Uniform required.

Travel Teams: \$185 *Includes Uniform*

10U Grades 3-4

12U Grades 5-6

14U Grades 7-8

****NEW Custom & Personalized Uniforms for all Travel Players****

All travel players must have a valid USA Lacrosse Membership

www.usalacrosse.com

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON 2/1

**Grab your stick and
let's dominate the field
in the 2024 season!**



**Recruit a
friend...score a
WYLA gift!**



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WATERFORD
Youth & Family
Services

Winter Afterschool Programs

10 week programs start week of Jan 8th

**Healthy Snack
Provided each
class!**

Waterford Public
School students can
take bus from school
directly to the
Community Center!

**Classes fill up
quickly, be sure to
create a profile
using the link
below.**



Dungeons and Dragons

Are you ready to embark on an epic journey filled with mythical creatures, daring quests, and endless adventure? Join our after-school Dungeons & Dragons classes and unleash your imagination in a world of magic and mystery! Throughout the program, you'll learn the art of teamwork and creativity, working with fellow adventurers to overcome challenges, create unforgettable stories, and develop unique characters with their own backgrounds and abilities. Sharpen your critical thinking and

decision-making skills as you face unexpected situations in a dynamic and ever-changing world. Every week, embark on thrilling campaigns filled with epic battles, intriguing NPCs, and epic quests!

- **Mondays 4th & 5th Grades [Dismissal—5:45pm]**
- **Tuesdays Middle School A [Dismissal—5:30pm]**
- **Wednesday Middle School B [Dismissal—5:30pm]**
- **Thursday High School [Dismissal—5:00pm]**



FINE ARTS AND ANIME

Unleash your creativity in a captivating artistic journey that blends the best of Western fine arts with the enchanting world of Japanese influence and anime. Our art program is designed especially for middle to high school students, offering a unique opportunity to explore the rich traditions of both worlds while embracing modern pop culture.

Tuesdays Middle School [Dismissal—5:30pm]



MIXED MEDIA ART

We're calling all elementary schoolers to embark on a vibrant journey into mixed media art! Discover the thrill of combining paint, paper, fabric, and more to breathe life into your imagination. Our expert instructors will guide you through hands-on projects, from captivating collages to whimsical 3D creations. Boost your creativity, problem-solving skills, and passion for art in this unforgettable artistic adventure. Join now and let the magic of mixed media art unleash your inner artist! **Wednesdays 1st thru 5th grade [Dismissal—5:30pm]**



Cooking with Class

Discover the art of cooking with our Middle School Chef Program! Join our expert chef to learn essential skills, explore flavors, and create delicious meals! Tuesdays: Grades 6th thru 8th.

Tuesdays Middle School [Dismissal—5:30pm]



Waterford Whiskers: Baking 101

Unleash your baking talents with our Waterford Whiskers Program! Discover the joy of creating sweet masterpieces, gain essential skills, and let your creativity rise to new heights! Tuesdays: Grades 3rd thru 5th

Wednesdays 1st thru 5th grade [Dismissal—5:30pm]



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Create a profile and register here: waterforyouthfamily.recdesk.com/Community/Home or scan the QR code to the right.

JANUARY PRE-K

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

BREAKFAST		LUNCH		JANUARY 2024					* 1 daily Breakfast at "no cost" for all students this school year! LUNCH \$3.25 MILK ONLY \$.75 Milk choices: 1% White or skm	
Please visit www.myschoolbucks.com to check balance and/or add funds to your child's account										
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		
SCHOOL HOLIDAY!		Confetti Pancakes 100% juice Milk	Cheesy-pull-a-parts Marinara sauce Broccoli & Ranch dip Diced peaches Milk	Early Riser Egg/ Hashbrown 100% Fruit Juice Milk	Soft Chicken & Cheese Taco Corn Applesauce Milk	Egg & Cheese on a roll Applesauce cup Milk	Spaghetti & meatballs Green beans Pears Milk	Banana Bread Milk Cheese stick Apple slices	Chicken nuggets Smile fries Peas Milk	
Cereal Milk Orange smiles	Pizza square Cucumber Wheels Diced peaches Milk	Banana Bread 100% juice Milk	French toast sticks Potato tots Strawberry cups Milk	French Toast Sticks Blueberry Cup Milk	Chicken Drumsticks Corn Applesauce Milk	Yogurt/mini muffin Apple slices Milk	Sun butter Sandwich Mozzarella string cheese Cucumber slices Milk	Cereal Banana Milk	Cheeseburger Oven fries Baked beans Milk	
SCHOOL HOLIDAY		Cereal Milk Orange smiles	Chicken Nuggets Mashed potatoes Applesauce Milk	Banana Bread Milk Cheese stick apple slices	Soft beef & Cheese Taco Brown Rice Orange Smiles Milk	Cereal Banana Milk	Pizza Slice Cucumber slices Apple slices Milk	Yogurt/mini muffin Apple slices Milk	Chicken Patty on a WG Roll Potato wedges diced carrots Milk	
Cereal Milk 100% Fruit Juice	Pizza Bites Milk Cucumber wheels Fresh broccoli Ranch cup	Mini muffin/cheese stick Strawberry cup Milk	Sun butter Sandwich Mozzarella string cheese Cucumber slices Milk	Cereal Banana Milk	Pasta with meat sauce Garden salad Diced Peaches Milk	Banana Bread Milk Cheese stick Apple slices	Soft Taco Brown rice Orange smiles Milk	Cheese omelet 100% juice Goldfish grahams Milk	Chicken Drumsticks Sweet potato fries Applesauce Milk	
Yogurt/mini muffin 100% Juice Milk	Macaroni & Cheese Steamed broccoli Diced pears Milk	Cereal Banana Milk	Cheeseburger on a WG Roll Baked beans Applesauce cup Milk	Oatmeal breakfast round Apple slices Milk	Chicken & waffles Green beans Milk	For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for Reduced status will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost				

All grain-based items offered are whole-grain rich which means that at least 51% of the grains in the item are whole grain (WG), all other grains are enriched
 A VARIETY OF FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES OFFERED DAILY "Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness"
 Alternate Choice Yogurt Meal available or Alternate Salad meal offered when available (See kitchen manager)
 Yogurt Meal -Yogurt, Mozzarella string cheese, baby carrots, raisins, goldfish crackers, dinner roll, milk Salad Meal-Garden salad with egg, cheese stick garlic knot, fruit choice, milk
 Allergy Warning: Menu items may contain or come in contact with wheat, eggs, soy, nuts, and milk *Menus are subject to change
 THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER

JANUARY K-12 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

BREAKFAST				
JANUARY 2024 WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12				
One daily Breakfast at NO charge to all students this 2023-24 school year!				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <i>School Holiday!</i>	2 Confetti Pancakes Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	3 Early Riser Egg/ Hashbrown Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	4 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	5 Banana Bread Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice
8 Maple Waffle Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Strawberry cup 100% Fruit Juice	9 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	10 French Toast Sticks Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	11 Mini Cinnamon Rolls Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	12 Early Riser Egg /Hashbrown Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice
15 <i>School Holiday!</i>	16 Early Riser Egg/ Hashbrown Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	17 Goody Breakfast Ring Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	18 <i>WHS midterm exams</i> Egg & Cheese on a Roll Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	19 <i>WHS midterm exams</i> Maple waffle Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice
22 <i>WHS midterm exams</i> Early Riser Egg/ Hashbrown Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	23 <i>WHS midterm exams</i> Apple Frudel Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	24 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	25 Banana Bread Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	26 Cheese Omelet Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice
29 WG Blueberry munchkins Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	30 Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	31 Cinnamon Oatmeal Breakfast Round Or assorted WG Muffins Or cereal Choice Milk Fresh Fruit 100% fruit Juice	Alternate choice of assorted cereals and muffins Available daily/Fruit & milk included	

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

All grain-based items offered are whole-grain rich which means that at least 51% of the grains in the item are whole grain (WG), all other grains are enriched
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LUNCH				
JANUARY 2024 WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12				
LUNCH PRICES Elementary \$3.25 CLMS \$3.50 WHS \$3.75 *Second Meal-\$4.25 - Adult Meal \$5.00				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <i>School Holiday</i>	2 Marinara sauce Cheesy Italian -pull-a-parts Marinara sauce Broccoli with ranch cup Cucumber slices Diced peaches Milk	3 Diced chicken Taco salad Tostitos salsa Golden corn Black beans 100% frozen fruit juice Sidekick Ice Cold Milk	4 <i>National Spaghetti day!</i> Meatballs & sauce Green beans Garlic knot Diced pears Milk	5 Chicken Nuggets Smile fries Peas Warm Dinner roll Applesauce Ice Cold Milk
8 <i>Meatless Monday!</i> Cheese pizza Square Baby carrots Cucumber wheels Ranch dressing Diced peaches Milk	9 <i>"Brunch for Lunch"</i> French toast Sticks/syrup Chicken sausage links Potato tots Mango juice Strawberry cup Milk	10 Chicken tenders Potato wedges Golden Corn Oven baked biscuit Apple sauce Ice Cold Milk	11 <i>"Italian Combo"</i> Breaded Ravioli Mozzarella sticks Marinara sauce WG Breadstick Green beans Diced pears Milk	12 Cheeseburger Sandwich salad cup (Lett & Tom) Baked beans Oven fries 100% Frozen fruit juice Sidekick Ice cold Milk
15 <i>School Holiday</i>	16 <i>"Yang's"</i> Orange chicken Brown Rice Green beans Warm dinner roll Applesauce Milk	17 Beef & Cheese Tacos Brown Rice Fiesta beans Mini corn muffin Mango juice Milk	18 <i>WHS exams</i> Big daddy Cheese Pizza Broccoli Cucumber slices Ranch cup Apple slices Ice cold Milk	19 <i>WHS exams</i> Crispy Chicken patty on a WG Roll Potato wedges Diced Carrots Orange Smiles Milk
22 <i>WHS/exams</i> <i>Meatless Monday!</i> Pizza Bites Cucumber wheels Fresh broccoli Ranch Dip Cup Apple juice Milk	23 <i>WHS/exams</i> Hotdog on a roll Oven fries Baked beans 100% frozen fruit juice Sidekick Ice Cold Milk	24 Pasta with Meat sauce Garden salad Garlic knot Diced peaches Ice Cold Milk	25 Beef Nachos Cheddar cheese sauce Fiesta beans Brown Rice Corn muffin Mango juice Orange smiles Milk	26 Grilled chicken on a WG Roll BBQ sauce cup Sweet Potato Fries Broccoli Applesauce Milk
29 <i>Meatless Monday!</i> Macaroni & Cheese Steamed Broccoli Sliced Carrots Warm Dinner Roll Diced Pears Milk	30 Cheeseburger Sandwich Salad Cup Baked Beans Oven Fries Apple Milk	31 Chicken & Waffles Syrup cup Sweet Potato Fries Green beans Apple sauce Milk	For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for Reduced status will receive one lunch at no cost per day.	

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FAMILY PROGRAMS

Friday, December 29, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

Family Movie Matinee

Join us during your school vacation for a family friendly movie. Bring your blankets, pillows, and snacks down to the meeting room for a cozy winter afternoon. All ages are welcome, no registration required. Check our website for movie details.

Saturday, December 2, 10:30AM - 11:30AM AND Saturday, December 16, 2:30PM - 3:30PM
Read to Scout

We are excited to welcome a new certified therapy dog to the library! Come practice your reading skills and give Scout a cuddle in the Children's Room. All ages are welcome, no registration required.

Tuesday, December 5, 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Read to Hodges

Stop by the Children's Room anytime between 4:00 and 5:00 pm to read to our favorite furry friend, Officer Hodges! No registration required, all ages welcome.



Monday, December 11, 4:00PM - 5:00PM

Fantasy Book Club

Bring your favorite fantasy book to life with fellow adventurers - you choose the book! We will also make a fun craft. See you in the realm of fantasy! Recommended for ages 9 to 12 years old, registration is required.



Tuesday, December 26, 1:00PM - 2:00PM AND 4:30PM - 5:30PM

Cookie Decorating

Bring your culinary creative vision to life with our holiday cookie decorating program! For ages 4 and up, registration is required. Please only register for one session of cookie decorating.



Wednesday, December 27, 3:00PM - 4:00PM

Local Author Visit

Join us for a fun and interactive visit from local author Judy Ricketts-White! Judy will share her stories and lead the group through some writing and drawing activities. Copies of her Slater Mountain series and coloring books will be available for purchase. Recommended for ages 8 and up, registration recommended.

Thursday, December 28, 2:00PM - 3:00PM

Fossils to Footprints

Join presenters from the Niantic Children's Museum for this fun, hands-on event. Go back to prehistoric times to discover what fantastic creatures roamed the earth! Find out what they may have looked like, acted like, and ate. Recommended for ages 5 and older, no registration required.

Mondays, December 4, 11 & 18, 10:30AM - 11:00AM

Family Storytime

Get ready to read and get your wiggles out! Join Ms. Jenna at the library for some fun stories, songs, and dancing. Recommended for ages birth to five years old with a caregiver. No registration is required.



All programs are free and open to the public

DROP IN CRAFTS

Monday, December 4, 4:00PM - 6:30PM

Drop In STEM Adventure: Grow a Rainbow Experiment

Join us in the Children's Room between 4:00 and 6:30 pm to create a stunning rainbow using water, markers, and tissue paper! Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required.



Tuesday December 12, 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Build Club



Stop by the Children's Room anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 pm to build with a variety of STEM sets that we have!

Recommended for ages 4 and older, no registration required.

Monday, December 18, 4:00PM - 6:30PM

Drop in Craft: Snowglobe Ornament

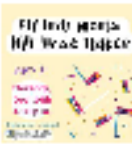
Join us in the Children's Room anytime between 4:00 and 6:30 pm to create an adorable Holiday Snowglobe Ornament. Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required.



Thursday, December 14, 4:30PM - 5:30PM

DIY Instruments: NYE Noisemakers

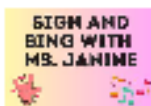
Ready to create, play, and dance? Join us for this DIY instrument program in which kids will learn how to make noisemakers for New Year's Eve! Registration required. Recommended for children ages 6-10 years. All materials will be provided.



Saturday, December 16, 10:30AM - 11:00AM

Sign and Sing

Join Ms. Janine for Sign and Sing! This fun storytime will include basic signs that both children and their caregivers will benefit from knowing. For ages birth to 5, no registration required. Thank you to CT Humanities for providing funding for this program.

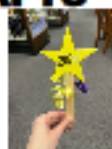


GRAB & GO CRAFTS



Acorn

Dec 2 to Dec 15



New Year's Eve Craft

Dec 16 to Dec 29

Pick up supplies in the Children's Room to make Grab & Go crafts at home, while supplies last.

Step-by-step video tutorial on our Facebook page

([@waterfordpubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/waterfordpubliclibrary)).

TEEN CORNER

Thursday, December 7, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Craft Night

At this craft night, participants will learn how to make a mini mechanical sculpture featuring flying snowy owls! All materials will be provided. Recommended for ages 11 and up. Registration required.

Thursday, December 21, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Teen Drop In Craft

Drop in to the Teen Section of the library anytime between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. to make a Winter Solstice craft. Ages 12 and up. No registration required.



Thursday, December 28, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

Teen Bullet Journal Class

Do you want to get organized and motivated for the New Year? Join Miss Ashlee and learn how to create a bullet journal for 2024! All materials will be provided. Registration required. Ages 12-18.



Friday, December 8, 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Toddler Craft: Snowman Photo Craft

Join us for a fun-filled crafting session where the little ones will use their creativity, and fine motor skills to put together a snowman and give it a personal twist with their adorable faces. Please bring a photo of your face to make it uniquely yours! For ages 3 to 5 years old, no registration is required.



Friday, December 15, 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Story and Sensory Play

Join Miss Ashlee for a story and then explore multiple sensory stations! Recommended for ages 2 to 5 years old with a caregiver. No registration required.

Wednesday, December 20, 11:00AM - 11:45AM

Toddler Art

This hands on art session is for young ones to explore through process art with the help of their adult. Miss Ashlee will start the session with a short story! For ages 3 to 5 years old, registration is required.



To keep up with all our activities follow us on Facebook and Instagram



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[@waterfordlibraryct](https://www.instagram.com/waterfordlibraryct)

Either call the library to register or go to our Calendar of Events page on our website.
www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org 860-444-5805, Adult Ext 2, Youth Services Ext. 3

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.

Dates for Hour of Code Events:	
12/12	Quaker Hill
Week of 1/16-1/19	Oswegatchie
Week of 1/22-1/28	Great Neck

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 <http://hourofcode.com/us> .



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

<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/waterfordct>

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.


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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.



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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.



Securly Home



Mobile App



Monitor Your Child's Online
Activity During After School
Hours



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 [//my.BeTheMatch.org/strongestboy](http://my.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](http://my.BeTheMatch.org/StrongestBoy) for more information on this life saving program and for the process to become a donor.



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