Here are your weekly flyers:

Newsletter 12.8.23.pdf

Thank you for a nice week.

This week we celebrate an applaud Cayden Welcome, a 5th grader, who has been chosen to "Light Up the Night" at the Waterford Tree Lighting on Jordan Green tonight from 6-9pm. Cayden was chosen due to his kindness, respect, and overall great nature when working with staff and students alike. Congratulations Cayden! Well deserved!

Thank you to all that contributed donations for PJ Day to support Connecticut Children's Foundation.

Your child received their report cards to take home today. Please reach out to their classroom teacher if you have any questions.

Have a nice weekend!



Oswegatchie Elementary School Newsletter

470 Boston Post Road, Waterford, CT 06385 Phone: 860-442-4331 Fax: 860-447-6261



DECEMBER 8, 2023

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

osw.waterfordschools.org



<u>SAVE THE DATE:</u>

- DEC. 13 OSO MEETING 5:15PM
- DEC. 15 OSO MOVIE NIGHT 6:30PM

DEC. 22 HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS, 12:25

DISMISSAL

DEC. 23-JAN 1–WINTER BREAK, NO SCHOOL



Joseph Macrino Principal jmacrino@waterfordschools.org Kathy Kerwin Secretary kkerwin@waterfordschools.org Wendy Doyon School Nurse wdoyon@waterfordschools.org 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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING LOST AND FOUND!!

OUR LOST AND FOUND BIN IS OVERFLOWING. WE WILL BE PUTTING ALL ITEMS OUT ON TABLES TO DISPLAY NEXT WEEK. CHILDREN CAN COLLECT THEIR ITEMS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY AND PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME LOOK THROUGH THE LOST AND FOUND **ONLY** BEFORE SCHOOL (BETWEEN 7:30-8:15AM) OR AFTER SCHOOL (BETWEEN 3:25-4PM) STARTING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH. ANY ITEMS THAT ARE STILL UNCLAIMED WHEN WE START WINTER BREAK WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY.

OSO Updates—12/8/23

Events/Meetings/Happenings:

OSO Holiday Focus: Madeline's Wish Toy Drive! Send a new, unwrapped toy in with your student. They can drop off in box in hallway outside of main office. See flyer in school newsletter.

Wednesday, Dec 13, 5:15pm, OSO Meeting (library & Zoom Link: bit.ly/osomeeting) Bring your ideas & hear updates from Mr. Macrino & OSO!

Friday, Dec 15, 6:30pm - Movie Night—"Home Alone!" Come with your family to watch a movie in the gym and enjoy treats! (Yes, the students voted for this one, LOL)

Spirit Wear for the Holidays orders are Due Today—Dec 8! See flyer in School Newsletter or on our Facebook page to order.

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.



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







The OSO's Holiday Focus this year is Madeline's Wish Toy Drive!

Send in a new, unwrapped toy with your OSW student and they can drop them off in the big blue box outside of the Main Office. Let's keep Madeline's Wish alive and spread Holiday Cheer to children who are in the hospital during the Holiday Season!

Light up the Night! Waterford Tree Lighting

Friday, December 8th 6pm to 8pm at the Jordan Green

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















Teams / Costumes Welcome

DISCOUNTED RATES: EARLY Registrants, Military,

and Virtual Participants



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.

4 and up, registration is required. Please only register for one session of cookie decorating.

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

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.













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 We was light 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.



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).

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 fac-



es. 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



@waterfordpubliclibrary

@waterfordlibrarvct

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

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.



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









Saving lives, restoring hope and changing the future



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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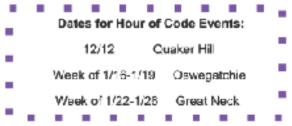
2023-24 Hour of Code

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



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



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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.







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.



Store

Shop your school for books, clothes, and more.





Replacement Charger

View Details



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.



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Mobile App



Monitor Your Child's Online Activity During After School Hours









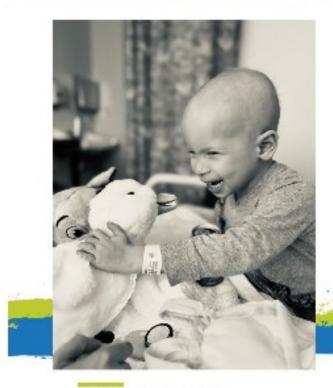
Please complete our online survey



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 <u>//mv.BeTheMatch.org/strongestbov</u>

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

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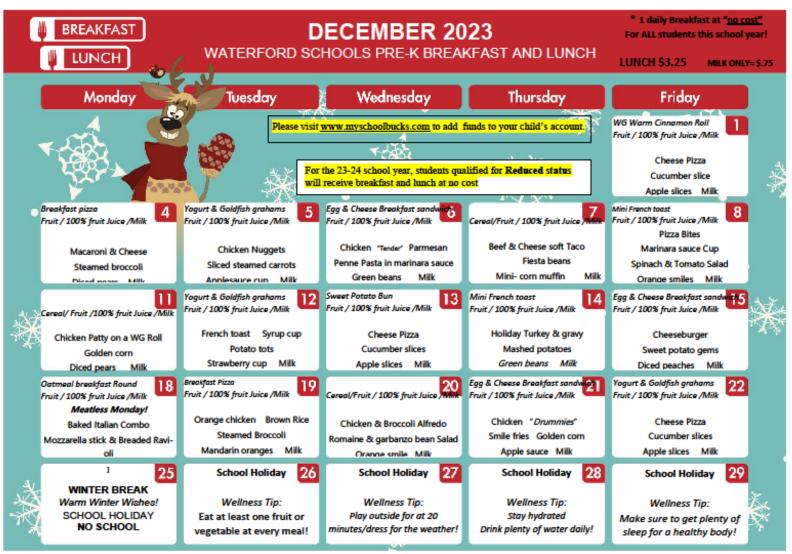
Join the Be The Match Registry" on behalf of Tiago today!





Pre-K Breakfast and Lunch

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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 TH/S INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER *Menus are subject to change



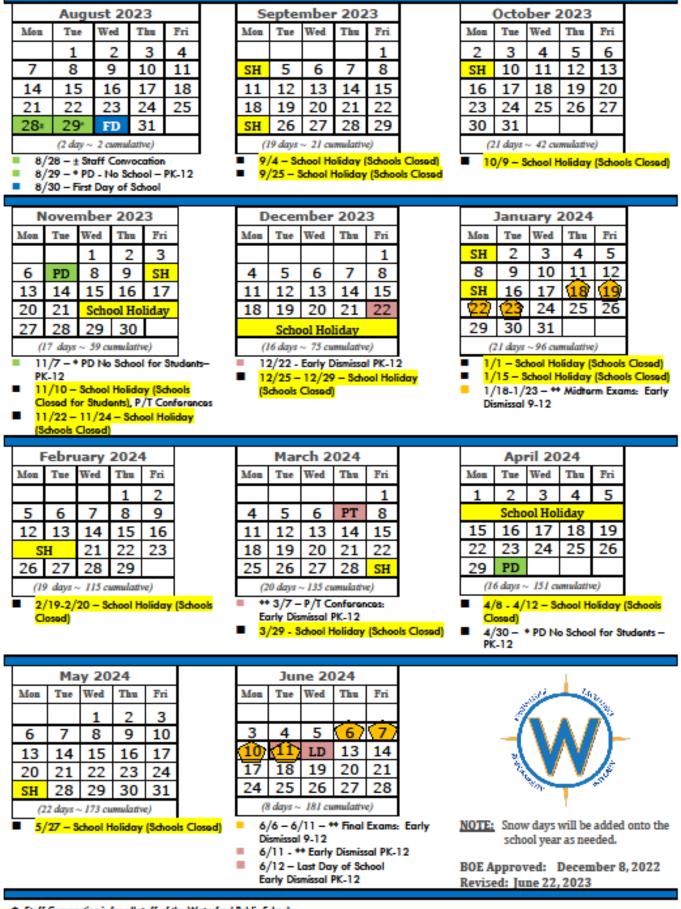
ALL Grain-based items offered at breakfast are Whole Grain Rich which means that at least 50% of the grains in the items are whole grain and all other grains are enriched *Milk Choices: 1% white or Fat Free Flavored * A variety of breakfast options offered daily *All breakfast includes 1 cup of fruit & 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"



All grain-based items offered at lunch 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 VARIETYOF FRESH FRUITS OFFERED DAILY "Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness" Alternate Choice Yogurt Meal available daily = Yogurt, Mozzarella string cheese, baby carrots, craisins, goldfish crackers, dinner roll, milk Milk choices: 1% White or Fat Free Flavored Additional Fruit & Vegetables offered daily THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER "Menus are subject to change

Waterford Public Schools

2023-2024



± 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 Paraprofossionals

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