

Thank you for a nice week! Here are your flyers:

[Newsletter 3.8.24.pdf](#)

I hope those of you who had conferences with teachers received the information you needed to illustrate the level of growth your child is making this year.

We are very excited about our growing number of students who speak more than one language. We will be holding a coffee hour for multilingual families on March 27. More info will be sent to those families soon.

Information on Summer Academy and Extended School Year will be sent out to families by teachers over the next few weeks. Summer Academy provides extra support to some students already receiving tiered intervention or special education services. Reach out to your child's classroom teacher if you have questions.

Here is an important message from our art teacher, Ms. Heikkinen

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Late last week I sent out an email to announce the restart of an art fundraiser partnered with the OSO called Square One Art, where students can create an artwork and family can later purchase those works as various products/formats for gifts. This year we are also inviting parents to be a part of the artmaking process, where you both can create a work of art with your child to create a lasting memory! I want to send a reminder that there is still time to sign up and take part! There are specific dates and times for the artmaking lesson, so please be sure to check that email prior to signing up! If you would like to join us during the Square One Art lesson, please fill out the Google RSVP form below (Do note: If you are joining more than one session, please submit one form per student):

<https://forms.gle/WtchMPvawtxmDAWr9>

If you have any questions, need the original email again, or would also like to have the opportunity to participate in lessons outside of the Square One Art Fundraiser, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sheikkinen@waterfordschools.org](mailto:sheikkinen@waterfordschools.org).

Sincerely,

***Sarah Heikkinen***

Art Teacher

Have a great weekend!



# Oswegatchie Elementary School Newsletter

470 Boston Post Road, Waterford, CT 06385

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

[osw.waterfordschools.org](http://osw.waterfordschools.org)

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



**MARCH 8, 2024**

## KINDERGARTEN

REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE. PLEASE STOP IN TO THE MAIN OFFICE TO PICK ONE UP IF YOU WILL HAVE A STUDENT IN KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR.

# MARCH

### International Day of Awesomeness is Sunday, March 10th

An International Day Of Awesomeness is a day that we can definitely get behind! It is a celebration of everything that is awesome, including yourself!

After all, people are awesome every single day, yet they don't recognize it. On this day, though, it is different! Awesomeness in all forms should be appreciated.

*"No one's perfect, but everyone can be awesome."*



**Joseph Macrino**

**Principal**

[jmacrino@waterfordschools.org](mailto:jmacrino@waterfordschools.org)

**Kathy Kerwin**

**Secretary**

[kkerwin@waterfordschools.org](mailto:kkerwin@waterfordschools.org)

**Jayne Hill**

**School Nurse**

[jhill@waterfordschools.org](mailto:jhill@waterfordschools.org)



### SAVE THE DATE:

MAR.11—BINGO IN CAFETERIA 6PM

MAR. 19—OSO MEETING 5:15PM **NEW DATE!!**

# ANNUAL CLMS BASKET BONANZA

**Friday March 22, 2024**

**Doors Open 5:00 - Drawings Start at 6:30**

**Clark Lane Middle School Field House  
105 Clark Lane, Waterford**



- **Amazing baskets and gift cards donated by local business**
- **Epic classroom baskets donated by our CLMS parents**
- **Pizza will be available for purchase**
- **50/50 Raffle \$1 each**
- **A Sheet of 25 basket tickets for \$10**
- **Cash, Checks and Credit Cards accepted.**

**Come show your support for the Clark Lane PTO, our school,  
our students and our community!**

# WHS CULTURAL NIGHT

HOSTED BY THE CULTURAL DIVERSITY ALLIANCE AND WATERFORD RISE



FREE ADMISSION TO FOOD,  
PERFORMANCES, AND ACTIVITIES  
TO CELEBRATE LOCAL CULTURE!



FEEL FREE TO COME IN CULTURAL ATTIRE!

MARCH 23, 2024



5:00 PM

Waterford High School

20 Rope Ferry Rd, Waterford, CT

06385

Inquiries: [culturaldiversityalliancewhs@gmail.com](mailto:culturaldiversityalliancewhs@gmail.com)



## **Complete this Application to Apply For FREE Summer Sailing Program**

The Niantic Bay Sailing Academy (NBSA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization based at the Niantic Bay Yacht Club in Niantic, CT.

We offer a 4 or 8 week summer program (June 21 – August 13) providing instruction for ages 7 – 18. All abilities are welcome - from beginner sailors to those who seek more competitive racing. Classes meet several times per week for several hours depending on ability. Participants must be able to swim and pass a swim test before they can begin sailing. Boats are provided.

Full or partial scholarships for the 4 or 8 week program are available to students from New London, East Lyme, Waterford and Old Lyme. We are especially seeking local youth who may not have otherwise been exposed to sailing, a sport which offers camaraderie, fun, competition and the development of life-long skills.

The Niantic Bay Yacht Club (NBYC) has been a leader in junior sailing nationally and internationally for over 50 years. Sailors from NBYC's Junior Program have gone on to compete in High school, collegiate, national, and world competitions as well as the America's Cup.

Equally important are the countless young men and women who have taken their experiences at NBYC and gone on to make sailing a lifelong passion, whether it be cruising, competitive racing, day sailing, or just enjoying the outdoors on the water.

For more information about junior sailing on Niantic Bay (or to register without the scholarship) go to [www.NianticSailing.org](http://www.NianticSailing.org).



# OSO Update— 3/8/2024

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## **The OSO Needs Your Help!**

**~ Board Members for 2024-25 year ~**

(See attached description of the roles—you can volunteer for just one event!)

**Put your skills to work for the kids!**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, March 11, 6:00pm—BINGO!**

**Family Night—Free Event—Bingo Night in OSW Cafeteria!**

**Change! Tuesday, March 19, 5:15—OSO Meeting**

**Zoom—[bit.ly/osomeeting](https://bit.ly/osomeeting) and in Library—Garden Update**

(Nominating Committee to identify possible OSO Board members—please consider being on the Board or on a Committee 2024-25!)

**Week of April 15-19—Garden Building Week (tentative)**

**Change! Tuesday, April 23, 5:15—OSO Meeting**

**Week of April 22-26 “Circus Week” at OSW School!**

**Friday, May 3, Movie Night!**

**4th Grade picks 3, then school votes for choice**

*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](mailto:oswegatchieschoolorg@gmail.com)*

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**Waterford Schools**

**Core Values:**

Excellence

Knowledge

Integrity

Responsibility

**OSO Website  
QR Code**



**OSO**

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**If you are interested in any of the positions below for next school year, please email the OSO at: [Oswegatchieschoolorg@gmail.com](mailto:Oswegatchieschoolorg@gmail.com)**

## **Available OSO Board Positions 2024-2025 School Year**

**President(s):** Sets the Agenda for the monthly OSO meetings; Seeks interesting programs/opportunities for Oswegatchie students; Works with School Administration, OSO Board and parents to pursue OSO Agenda

**Vice President:** Conduit to Class Coordinators; Supports OSO efforts to offer enrichment opportunities to Oswegatchie students and promote Community; Works with President to assist Single Event Coordinators

**Secretary:** Keeps the official minutes at OSO meetings; Conduit to Social Media Coordinator and Sign-Up Genius Coordinator; Supports OSO efforts to offer enrichment opportunities to Oswegatchie students

**Treasurer:** Maintains the OSO Ledger and OSO Budget and manages cash inflows and outflows for the OSO. Presents the Budget at monthly OSO meetings. Maintains binder of all forms with receipts/invoices related to deposits and/or payments to individuals or organizations. Works with OSO Board to create future budgets. Training available

**Social Media Coordinator(s):** Works with Secretary to create content and posts to online platforms: Facebook, OSO website, Remind, etc. (this is a work from home role) Training available

**SignUpGenius Coordinator:** Uses online tool, Sign Up Genius, to create and manage sign-ups for various OSO events: OSO BBQ, Book Fair, Pool party, etc. (this is a work from home role) Training available

## **Single Event Coordinators**

**Back to School BBQ & Car Show** – September 2024: Work with OSO Board, Social Media Coordinator and Sign Up Genius Coordinator to recruit volunteers for food shopping, set up, grill, buffet management and clean up. (Guidelines/Instructions available)

**Laps with Lance** – September/October 2024: Work with PE teacher to support her coordination of this event. Assist with Ice Cream party for class that fundraises the most money

**Book Fair** – October/November 2024: Work with OSO Board, Scholastic Rep, Social Media Coordinator and Sign Up Genius Coordinator to recruit volunteers for set up, staffing event and clean up. Work with OSO Treasurer to keep track of the money. (Guidelines/Instructions available)

**Movie Nights** – Winter 2024-25: Work with OSO Board and Social Media Coordinator to pick 4-5 monthly movie themes during winter months, pick movie dates, and send movie choice list to OSW for students to vote on final title. Recruit 1-2 volunteers to set up computer & speaker for event. (Guidelines/Instructions available)

**Pool Party** – Winter 2024-25: Work with OSO Board and Waterford Rec & Parks to determine how many to host and cost. Work with Social Media Coordinator and Sign Up Genius Coordinator to promote event and create online sign up (and waitlist). Recruit 1-2 volunteers to work first 30 minutes of event to check in attendees. (Guidelines/Instructions available)

**Oswegatchie Class T-shirts** – Works with the Treasurer to manage the ordering and distribution of color specific t-shirts to Oswegatchie students. New students to Oswegatchie receive a shirt shortly after enrollment and current students can purchase new (usually larger) shirts in the Autumn (and maybe Spring). (Guidelines/Instructions available)

**New Event/TBD** – If you have an event idea the OSO would love to hear about it and work with you to make it happen.

**Waterford Public Schools Announces Open Registration For Incoming Kindergartners and Detailed Information on Kindergarten Waiver and Assessment Process for Early Admission Students.**

Waterford Public Schools is announcing open registration for children entering Kindergarten in the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. Based on Public Act 23-208, beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, all students are required to have reached the age of five on or before September 1, 2024. This law has also been adopted into Board Policy 5015. Please see below for documentation required for Kindergarten registration:

- **Child's Birth Certificate** - Connecticut law requires public schools to be open to all children who reach the age of 5 on or before the first of September of any school year. Board of Education [Policy 5015](#).
- **Physical Examination Form** - completed and signed by the child's doctor, dated within 12 months of the date of entry into school (*please note that parents may drop off registration paperwork prior to having health assessment documentation. Health assessment documentation must be submitted prior to the start of school*)
- **Proof of Residency** - per Board of Education [Policy 5270](#); which includes a valid lease, mortgage, or residency affidavit.

Kindergarten Registration Packets are available on the Waterford Public Schools' website at [https://www.waterfordschools.org/parents\\_family/information/registration\\_forms](https://www.waterfordschools.org/parents_family/information/registration_forms) or by request via the elementary school offices (contact information listed below). To assist in projecting enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year, parents are asked to return registration paperwork to the school by March 8, 2024. Please note that incoming Kindergarten students can continue to register after the March 8<sup>th</sup> date at all of the elementary schools.

Great Neck Elementary School  
Principal: Ms. Billie Shea  
165 Great Neck Road  
Waterford, CT 06385  
860-442-2593

<https://gn.waterfordschools.org>  
[bshea@waterfordschools.org](mailto:bshea@waterfordschools.org)

Oswegatchie Elementary School  
Principal: Mr. Joseph Macrino  
470 Boston Post Road  
Waterford, CT 06385  
860-442-4331

<https://osw.waterfordschools.org>  
[jmacrino@waterfordschools.org](mailto:jmacrino@waterfordschools.org)

Quaker Hill Elementary School  
Principal: Mr. Chris Discordia  
285 Bloomingdale Road  
Quaker Hill, CT 06375  
860-442-1095

<https://qh.waterfordschools.org>  
[cdiscordia@waterfordschools.org](mailto:cdiscordia@waterfordschools.org)

**Kindergarten Waiver and Assessment Process**

For families affected by the new Kindergarten eligible date, in accordance with state statute, the district will assess a child who does not meet the statutory age requirement if the child's parent/guardian has submitted a written request to the principal of the school seeking early admission to the District. Waiver requests must be received by the building principal to initiate the assessment process no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> for current residents and no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> for new residents (who move in to the district after May 1). For families who have submitted a waiver request prior to the above noted deadlines, an assessment screening will be scheduled in May/June for current residents and on an ongoing basis for new residents. Screenings will assess students based on the [Connecticut Early Learning and Developmental Standards](#). Families will be contacted as soon as possible with feedback from the assessment and the recommendation from the screening team. Please see the attached Kindergarten Waiver Process for an outline of key dates and requirements.

Please note that Kindergarten orientation (see dates below) will be open to all Kindergarten eligible students as well as the students in the waiver process. Information will be sent out to parents/guardians at a later date.

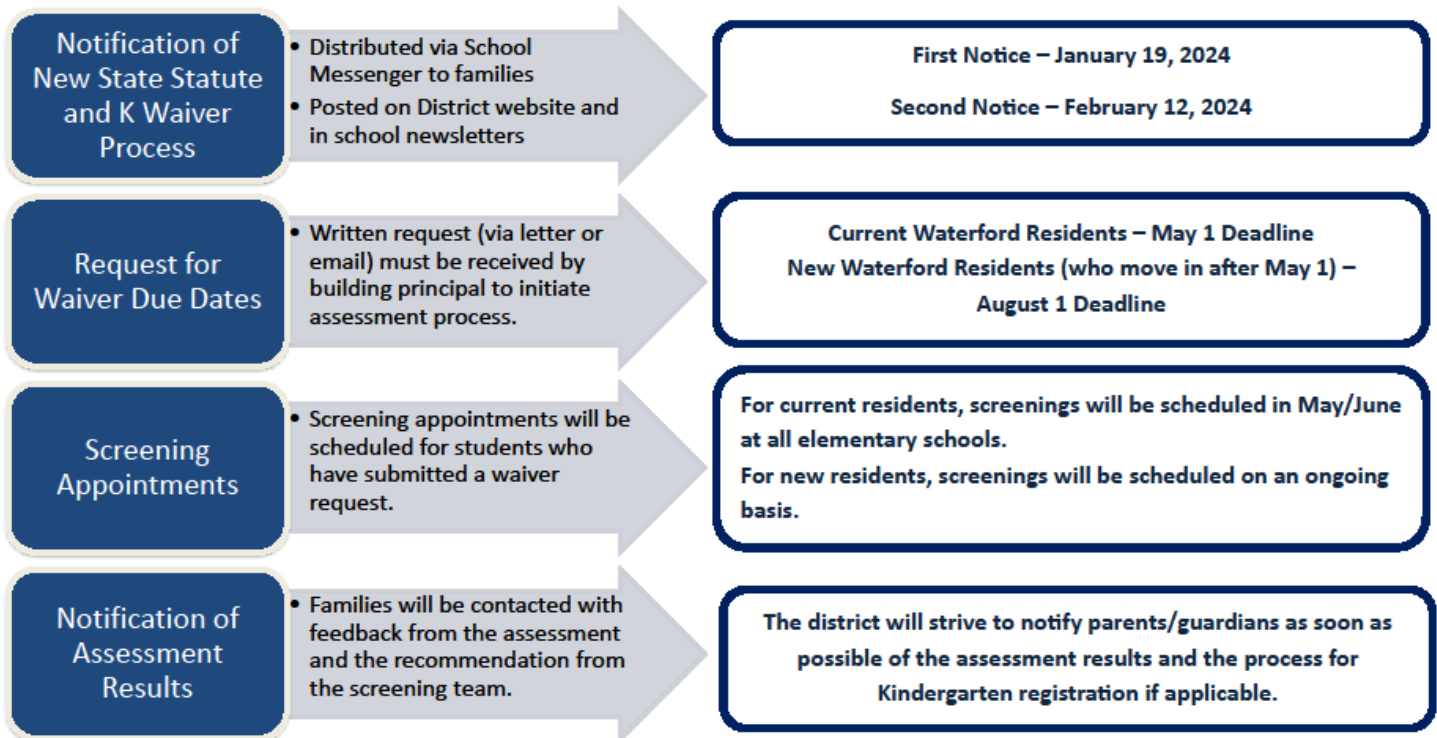
Great Neck Elementary School  
K Orientation Date – May 24, 2024

Oswegatchie Elementary School  
K Orientation Date – May 24, 2024

Quaker Hill Elementary School  
K Orientation Date – May 20, 2024



## WPS Kindergarten Waiver Process



*Kindergarten registration for students who turn 5 on or before September 1, 2024, will be eligible to register starting February 12, 2024. Parents/guardians of age eligible Kindergarten students are asked to return registration paperwork by March 8<sup>th</sup> to assist in enrollment projections in the 2024-2025 school year. More information on registration can be found on the district website.*



Please join the fifth graders at

## **Bingo night!**

This is a free event but there will be drinks and snacks to purchase.

March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

In the Oswegatchie cafeteria



# STAYCATION CELEBRATION!



## Open Gym For Waterford Teens

Join us for an open gym sessions designed exclusively for Waterford teens, where you can hangout with friends and make new ones in our welcoming and inclusive environment. Come work on your free-throw, stay active, and have fun at our open gym time! No sign-up required.

*Wednesday and Thursday April 10th and 11th*

11:30pm to 2:30pm (Ages 14+) Free and only for Waterford Residents

## D&D "One Shot" Campaign

Step into the realm of fantasy with our 'One Shot' Dungeons & Dragons campaign, a self-contained adventure ideal for both new and seasoned players. In this single-session journey, you'll explore dungeons, battle fearsome monsters, and weave tales of heroism—all within a condensed and accessible format designed for quick, memorable gameplay.



*Wednesday April 10th*

2:00pm to 5:00pm (5th to 12th grade) \$15 per student



## Fortnite Tournament

Join the exhilarating battle in Fortnite's RED VS BLUE showdown—a thrilling 2v2 dash where strategic prowess and lightning reflexes reign supreme. Aim for victory as teams compete to reach 20 eliminations, propelling themselves forward into the next bracket of the Round Robin tournament.

And fear not, for even in defeat, there's a chance at redemption through the intense challenges of the loser's bracket. Prepare for the ultimate test of skill and teamwork!

*Thursday April 11th*

2:00pm to 5:00pm (5th to 8th grade) \$10 per team

## Cartooning Workshop

Dive into the colorful world of cartoons with our Cartooning Workshop, tailored for aspiring artists of all ages and skill levels. Unleash your creativity as you learn fundamental techniques, character design, and storytelling, turning your imagination into captivating illustrations and comic strips under the guidance of seasoned cartoonists.



*Thursday April 11th*

10:00am to 12:00pm (3rd to 8th grade) \$15 per student

## Waterford Whisker Baking Workshop

Calling all young bakers to Waterford Whisker's Elementary Baking Workshop! Join us for a fun-filled exploration of baking delights tailored just for kids. Embark on a magical journey through batter, flavors, and decorations, where every creation becomes a masterpiece. Let's whip up some fun and delicious memories together!



*Thursday April 11th*

- 12pm to 2pm Lava Cakes \$10
- 2pm to 4pm Oreo Stuffed Brownies \$10
- 4pm to 6pm Red Velvet Cupcakes \$10



Sign up online using the link below, or scan the QR code with your smart phone  
[WaterfordYouthFamily.recdesk.com/Community/Program](https://WaterfordYouthFamily.recdesk.com/Community/Program)

Space is limited!

For any question, please call 860.444.5848, or email Mr. Joe at [JTrelli@Waterford.cog](mailto:JTrelli@Waterford.cog)

# MATH

# News

## Ways to Help Your Child Build a Love of Mathematics



## Make Math Fun!

Play games, do puzzles, and make up math challenges! Try a family Game Night, learn to play Sudoku or Yatzee!



## Explore Math

Show your child how math is relevant to their daily lives, and how they can apply it. When cooking, measuring ingredients, and dealing with finances, for instance, it is important to understand the concept of math.



## Make Connections

Tie your child's interest to math. Put math in context of something that interests them!



## Model a Positive Attitude

Modeling a positive attitude toward math is crucial for your child's academic success. You can inspire your child to approach math with a curious and confident mindset.



## CELEBRATE

Celebrate progress and achievements no matter how small they seem. This can help your child build confidence and motivation. It is more beneficial to emphasize the journey rather than the outcome.





# Waterford Police

# BINGO

# Fundraiser

**Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM-8:30PM**  
**at Waterford Raymour & Flanigan Showroom**  
**917 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford CT**

**Entry tickets are \$30.00 for 10 Games! Additional Game Cards can be purchased for \$10.00 each. Prizes given out for each game! Soft Drinks and food also provided.**

**All proceeds will be used for Community Engagement/Officer Wellness efforts.**

**Tickets can be purchased at the Waterford Police Department (41 Avery LN, Waterford CT). A limited number of tickets may be available on the night of the event. Cash only for tickets.**

**Any questions contact Officer Fredricks at [efredricks@waterfordct.org](mailto:efredricks@waterfordct.org)**

**Raymour & Flanigan**  
FURNITURE | MATTRESSES ®

Saturday, March 9, 10:30AM - 12:00PM

### Hodge's Birthday Bash!

We had so much fun last year so we just had to do it again! Stop by the library meeting room anytime between 10:30 and noon to celebrate police comfort dog Hodge's birthday! We will have pup themed crafts, photo ops, activities, and of course some special treats. All ages are welcome and no registration required.



Saturday, March 23, 10:00AM- 11:30AM

### Owls!



Join us for a talk about owls with two guest owls Minnie Mae and Clyde. We welcome back Freedom First Wildlife Rehab of Waterford. Freedom First Wildlife Rehab Inc as a 501(c)(3) non profit charity organization. They are federally and state permitted to care for birds of prey with a focus on owls. They depend upon community donations to do this important work! All ages, no registration required.

Tuesday, March 19, 5:30PM - 6:30PM

### Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Join us for a cozy bilingual pajama storytime! Ms. Emy will read books and sing songs in English and Spanish. No registration required, this program is aimed towards ages birth to five but all families are welcome to join. Thank you to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut for providing funding for this program.



**BILINGUAL  
PAJAMA  
STORYTIME**

Monday, March 25, 5:00PM – 6:00PM

### Junior Thrills and Chills Book Club

Join us as we delve into the exciting action, adventure, and mystery of your favorite book together! Bring any book from the thriller genre to share with the group then we will do a fun activity. Recommended for ages 6 to 8 years old, no registration is required.

Wednesday, March 27 5:30PM - 6:30PM

### Chess Club

Join us for our monthly Chess Club! Students from Waterford High School will be teaching basic chess skills as well as offering a space for more advanced students to practice against one another. Ages 6 and up, no registration required.



Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21 & 28, 4:00PM - 6:00PM



### Study Buddies

Need some extra assistance completing your school work? Stop by the library between 4:00 and 6:00 pm for our weekly Study Buddies Club, run by tutors from the Waterford High School Honor Society. Students in elementary and middle school are welcome, no registration required.

Saturday, March 30, 2:30PM- 3:30PM

### Learn About the Eclipse!

Join Dr. Leslie Brown, a professor from Connecticut College, to learn about the upcoming total solar eclipse which will take place on April 8! Find out how you can safely view the eclipse and the exciting science behind the event. This program is open to all ages, no registration required. Attendees at this program will receive a pair of solar eclipse glasses, limited to four per family.



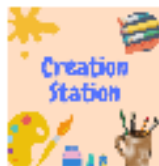
All programs are free and open to the public

## DROP IN CRAFTS

Tuesday, March 5, 4:00PM - 6:00PM

### Drop In Creation Station

Stop by the Children's Room anytime between 4:00 and 6:00 pm for a fun craft and to get your creativity flowing! Recommended for ages 5 and up. No registration required.



Monday, March 11, 4:00PM - 6:30PM

### Drop in Craft: Pot of Gold

Join us in the Children's Room between 4:00 and 6:30 pm to make a St. Patrick's Day Pot of Gold craft! Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required.



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

### Drop In STEM Adventure: Straws & Connectors Kit

Join us in the Children's Room between 4:00 and 6:30 pm to build with the Straws & Connectors Kit! Recommended for ages 5 and up, no registration required.



Tuesday, March 26, 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.

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25, 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.

### Youth Art Month

Waterford Public School students from PreK-12 will have artwork displayed throughout the library in support of Youth Art Month.

## GRAB & GO CRAFTS



Ice Skate Craft

Mar 3 to Mar 15



Owl

Mar 16 to Mar 28

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

## TEEN CORNER

Thursday, March 14, 5:30PM - 7:00PM

### Teen Craft Night

At this craft night teens will create a unique plant silhouette on a hanging canvas. All materials will be provided. Registration required. Ages 11-18.

Thursday, March 14, 4:00PM ONLINE

### Virtual Author Talk with YA Author Christopher Paolini

Registration is required.

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

### Teen Drop In Craft

Stop into the Teen Area of the library between 5:30 and 7:00 pm to learn the calming technique of automatic drawing! Ages 12 -18. No registration required.

### READ TO A DOG

Monday, March 4, 4:30PM - 5:30PM

### Read to Hodges



Monday, March 23, 3:00PM- 4:00PM

### Read to Scout

No registration required, all ages welcome.

Monday, March 15, 11:00AM - 12:00PM

### Toddler Craft: Pot Of Gold Name Activity

Join us for a storytime and crafting session where the little ones will make a St. Patrick's Day craft and practicing spelling their names. For ages 3 to 5 years old, no registration is required.



Friday, March 8, 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, March 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. For ages 3 to 5 years old, registration is required.



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



@waterfordpubliclibrary



@waterfordlibraryct

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

Join Congregation Beth El

On Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 9:45 a.m.

for a special presentation:

**Stand Up to Antisemitism and Hate:  
What It Is and What We Can Do  
About It Together**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Stacey Gladstone Sobel, Esq.**

CT Regional Director ADL  
(Anti-Defamation League)



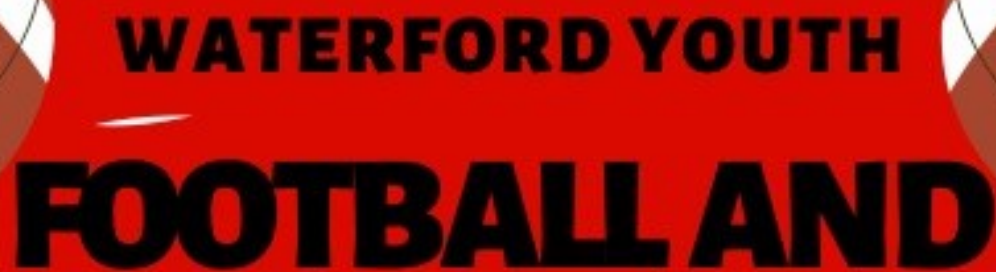
**All are welcome!**

**RSVP for more information to**

**office@bethel-nl.org or 860-442-0418**







# **WATERFORD YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEER**



## **EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS  
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!**

**EARLY BIRD \$125  
APRIL 1ST/MAY \$150  
JUNE 1ST LATE \$175**

**FLAG, PEEWEE, MICROS, JUNIORS, AND SENIOR FOOTBALL.  
SIDELINE, MINIS, MICROS, JUNIORS AND SENIOR CHEER.  
CREATING FUTURE ALLSTARS STARTS NOW. SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO JOIN TODAY.**



# Homework Club



**Starting February 1**

**Every Thursday from  
4:00 - 6:00 pm**



**Open to all elementary and  
middle school students,  
no registration required**

**Tutoring provided by Waterford High School  
Honor Society students on a first come, first  
serve basis. Parents and caregivers must  
remain at the library while their child is  
participating.**




860-444-5805  
49 Rope Ferry Road  
Waterford, CT

[www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org](http://www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org)

 **WATERFORD**  
public library

# MARCH PRE-K

## BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU

LUNCH		MARCH 2024		* 1 daily Breakfast at "no cost" for all students this school year!		
BREAKFAST		WATERFORD SCHOOLS PRE-K BREAKFAST AND LUNCH				LUNCH \$3.25 MILK ONLY \$ .75 Milk choices: 1% White or skim
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
<p>National "Surfs Up" School Breakfast Week March 4th-8th</p> 		<p>Please visit <a href="http://www.myschoolbucks.com">www.myschoolbucks.com</a> to check balance and/or add funds to your child's account.</p> <p>For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for <b>Reduced status</b> will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost</p>				
<p><b>4</b> Early Riser Egg &amp; Hash Brown 100% fruit juice Milk</p> <p>Cheeseburger Oven fries Orange smiles Milk</p>	<p><b>5</b> WG Muffin Applesauce Cup Milk</p> <p>Beef &amp; Cheese Nacho Boat Mini corn muffin Fiesta beans Milk</p>	<p><b>6</b> Egg &amp; Cheese breakfast Sandwich 100% fruit juice Milk</p> <p>Pasta with meat sauce Steamed Broccoli Diced peaches Milk</p>	<p><b>7</b> Confetti pancakes 100% fruit juice Milk <i>PT Conferences Early Dismissal</i> Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes Applesauce Milk</p>	<p><b>1</b> WG Cereal Berry Cup Milk</p> <p>Pizza square Garden salad Milk</p>		
<p><b>11</b> Mini Eggo Waffles 100% fruit juice Milk</p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla Golden steamed Corn Milk</p>	<p><b>12</b> WG Cereal Banana Milk</p> <p>French Toast sticks Potato puffs Sausage links Milk</p>	<p><b>13</b> Yogurt/ goldfish grahams Berry Cup Milk</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo pasta Broccoli Diced peaches Milk</p>	<p><b>14</b> Confetti pancakes 100% fruit juice Milk</p> <p>Soft Beef &amp; cheese Tacos Brown rice Diced pears Milk</p>	<p><b>8</b> Warm Banana Bread Fresh banana Milk</p> <p>Cheese Quesadilla Golden steamed Corn Milk</p>		
<p><b>18</b> Breakfast pizza 100% fruit juice Milk</p> <p>Shamrock Mc Nuggets O'Smiley fries Green Broccoli Milk</p>	<p><b>19</b> WG Cereal Applesauce Cup Milk</p> <p>"Yang's" Orange Chicken Brown rice Orange smiles Milk</p>	<p><b>20</b> Mini French toast 100% fruit juice Milk</p> <p>Macaroni &amp; Cheese Garden salad Diced peaches Milk</p>	<p><b>21</b> Early Riser Egg &amp; Hash brown Banana Milk</p> <p>Chicken tenders Cucumber wheels Applesauce Milk</p>	<p><b>22</b> Mini Eggo waffles 100% fruit juice Milk</p> <p>Pizza Bites/sauce Cup Garden Salad/ Ranch Dressing Milk</p>		
<p><b>25</b> Warm Banana Bread 100% fruit juice Milk</p> <p>Grilled Cheese Sandwich Potato puffs Diced peaches Milk</p>	<p><b>26</b> WG Cereal Banana Milk</p> <p>Chicken "drummies" Mashed potatoes Applesauce Milk</p>	<p><b>27</b> Mini Eggo Waffles Berry Cup Milk</p> <p>Penne' Pasta &amp; sauce Green beans Diced peaches Milk</p>	<p><b>28</b> Breakfast pizza 100% fruit juice Milk</p> <p>Sun butter &amp; jelly Sandwich Cucumber smiles Orange slices Milk</p>	<p><b>29</b> School Holiday No School</p>		

BREAKFAST Includes: 1/2 cup of fruit or 4 oz. 100% fruit juice and choice of Milk 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 LUNCH Choice Yogurt Meal available

Allergy Warning: Menu items may contain or come in contact with wheat, eggs, soy, nuts, and milk  
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# MARCH K-12 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS

## BREAKFAST MARCH 2024 WATERFORD SCHOOLS K-12

One daily Breakfast at no charge to all students this 2023-24 school year!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>Please visit <a href="http://www.myschoolbucks.com">www.myschoolbucks.com</a> to add funds to your child's account.</p> <p><b>Surfs Up!</b> Ride the wave in for a delicious school breakfast <b>NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK March 4th-8th</b></p>				
<b>Choice of: "Wipe Out" 4</b> Early Riser Egg & Hash Brown Patty Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: "Stoked" 5</b> Sweet potato Roll Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: "Hang Ten" 6</b> Egg & Cheese breakfast Sandwich Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: "Gnarly" 7</b> Confetti pancakes Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 1</b> WG Goody Ring Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk
<b>Choice of: 11</b> Mini Eggo Waffles Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 12</b> Blueberry Donut holes Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 13</b> Early Riser Egg & Hash brown patty Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 14</b> Confetti pancakes Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 15</b> Breakfast pizza Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk
<b>Choice of: 18</b> Confetti Pancakes Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 19</b> Blueberry muffin Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 20</b> Mini French toast Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 21</b> Early Riser Egg & Hash brown patty Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 22</b> Mini Eggo waffles Or WG Muffin or Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk
<b>Choice of: 25</b> Warm Banana Bread Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 26</b> Early Riser Egg & Hash Brown Patty Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 27</b> Mini Eggo Waffles Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 28</b> Breakfast Pizza Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk	<b>Choice of: 29</b> Egg & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Or WG Muffin or WG Cereal Assorted Fruit Choices 100% Fruit Juice Milk

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 OFFERED DAILY** "Thoroughly cooking meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs reduces the risk of foodborne illness"  
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## LUNCH MARCH 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
 <p>For the 23-24 school year, students qualified for <b>Reduced status</b> will receive one lunch at no cost per day</p>				
<b>Hotdog on a WG Roll 4</b> Oven baked fries Steamed Golden Corn Baked beans Apple Milk	<b>Beef &amp; Cheese Nacho Boat 5</b> Lettuce & tomato Fiesta beans Salsa Mini corn muffin Pineapple chunks Milk	<b>Penne' Pasta with meat sauce 6</b> Garlic knot Steamed Broccoli Diced Peaches Milk	<b>PT Conferences/ Early Dismissal 7</b> Cheese Quesadilla Seasoned sidewinder fries Golden steamed Corn Milk 100% Fruit juice Sidekick	<b>1</b> Pizza square Garden salad Baby carrots/ranch 100% Apple juice Milk
<b>Cheeseburger 11</b> Sandwich salad cup Baked beans Oven fries Orange smiles Milk	<b>"Brunch for Lunch" 12</b> French toast sticks Potato puffs Sausage links Maple syrup Craisins Mango juice Milk	<b>Chicken Alfredo 13</b> On rotini pasta Broccoli Garlic bread Diced Peaches Milk	<b>14</b> Soft Beef & Cheese Tacos Fiesta beans Brown rice Lettuce & tomato salsa Diced Pears Milk	<b>8</b> Chicken nuggets Mashed potatoes Sliced steamed carrots Dinner roll Applesauce Milk
<b>Shamrock Mc Nuggets 18</b> O'Smile fries Green Broccoli Pot o' Gold fish Green Apples Milk	<b>"Yangs" Orange Chicken 19</b> Brown rice Steamed sliced carrots Orange SMILES Milk	<b>Macaroni &amp; Cheese 20</b> Steamed peas Garden salad/ Italian Dressing Warm Dinner roll Diced Peaches Milk	<b>21</b> Chicken tenders & Waffle sticks syrup cup Sweet potato fries Cucumber wheels Applesauce Milk	<b>22</b> Pizza Bites Marinara sauce Cup Garden Salad/ Ranch Dressing Apple juice Milk WG Cookie
<b>Meatless Monday! 25</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Potato puffs Baby carrots /ranch Milk 100% frozen fruit juice Sidekick	<b>Chicken drummies 26</b> Mashed potatoes Steamed Broccoli Warm dinner roll Applesauce Milk	<b>Penne' Pasta 27</b> With Meatballs & Sauce Bread stick Green beans Diced Peaches Milk	<b>28</b> Turkey & Cheese Grinder Cucumber wheels Baby Carrots Ranch cup WG Doritos Apple Milk	<b>29</b> School Holiday No School Wellness Tip: Start your day with a healthy breakfast!

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"  
 Yogurt Meal -Yogurt, Mozzarella string cheese, baby carrots, craisins, goldfish crackers, dinner roll, milk. Salad Meal-Garden salad with egg, cheese stik garlic knot, fruit choice, milk  
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# 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 <b>C</b>	2 <b>B</b>	3 <b>C</b>	4 <b>D</b>	5 <b>A</b>	6 <b>B</b>
						5 <b>D</b>	6 <b>A</b>	7 <b>B</b>	8 <b>C</b>		10 <b>C</b>	11 <b>D</b>	12 <b>A</b>	13 <b>B</b>
					11 <b>D</b>	12 <b>A</b>	13 <b>B</b>	14 <b>C</b>	15 <b>D</b>	16 <b>C</b>	17 <b>D</b>	18 <b>A</b>	19 <b>B</b>	20 <b>C</b>
					18 <b>A</b>	19 <b>B</b>	20 <b>C</b>	21 <b>D</b>	22 <b>A</b>	23 <b>D</b>	24 <b>A</b>	25 <b>B</b>	26 <b>C</b>	27 <b>D</b>
		30 <b>A</b>	31 <b>B</b>			26 <b>B</b>	27 <b>C</b>	28 <b>D</b>	29 <b>A</b>	30 <b>A</b>	31 <b>B</b>			

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

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

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



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

# Emergency School Closings & DELAYED OPENINGS



Emergency school closings and/or delayed openings are announced through our automatic notification system School Messenger (phone, email and text), via social media on the Waterford Public Schools website [www.waterfordschools.org](http://www.waterfordschools.org) and X @WPS\_CT and on the following radio and television stations. Early dismissals are announced by 11:00 A.M.

## TELEVISION

WFSB-TV Channel 3  
WTNH-TV Channel 8  
WVIT-TV Channel 30  
FOX CT Channel 6

## RADIO


WCTY 97.7 FM  
WRCH 100.5 FM  
WKNL 100.9 FM  
WNLC 98.7 FM  
WTIC 96.5 FM  
WZMX 93.7 FM  
WTIC 1080 AM  
WICH 1310 AM






# 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.

**Featured Items**



Replacement Charger

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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

