



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE 2021-2022

### JANUARY 10, 2022



#### Safe Arrival Line/Dismissal Changes

Please call the safe arrival line @ 978-468-5344 to report your child absent or tardy.

Please call the front office @ 978-468-5340 for last-minute dismissal changes.

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#### Appropriate Winter Weather Gear

Just a reminder that students will be going outside for recess on days when the wind chill temperature is 20 degrees or above.

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a winter coat, hat, and gloves. Students must also have winter boots to be able to play in the snow. Snow pants are recommended to keep pants dry.

#### School Budget Presentation and Q&A - Rescheduled for Wed.

Jan. 19th HWRHS Auditorium 6:30 pm

In an effort to make the budget process more transparent, I would like to invite all parents and staff to an overview presentation of the proposed FY23 school budget. Vincent Leone and I will give a brief presentation followed by an open Q&A session. We hope to see many of you next week. If you have any questions, please email Superintendent Tracy [e.tracy@hwschools.net](mailto:e.tracy@hwschools.net)

#### Cancelled - Friday's Principal Chat

Due to the increasing number of positive COVID numbers both in our community and in school, the January Principal Chat scheduled for Friday will be cancelled. I hope to reinstate the Principal Chat in February.

#### Rescheduled SY 2023 PreK Screening Date

PreK families should note that since last Friday was declared a snow day, we have rescheduled Friday's screening day for Friday, Jan 28th. There will be no school for current PreK students so the PreK staff can conduct the screenings. And as a reminder, there is also no school this Friday, Jan 19 for screenings.

#### K-12 COVID Test and Stay Program Clarification

The Test and Stay Program has been a powerful tool in helping us keep more students in school after being identified as a COVID-19 close contact. There are two important guidelines public schools must follow for a student to participate in **Test and Stay**:

- Applies only to **in-school** close contacts (not at home exposure)
- Student must be able to wear a well fitting mask properly while in school, including outdoors for the duration of test and stay period

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, January 17**

No School - Holiday

**Wednesday, January 12**

Rescheduled School Committee Meeting 7:00pm Buker Cafeteria

**Friday, January 14**

No School PreK

**Wednesday, January 19**

School Budget Presentation HWRHS Auditorium - 6:30pm

**Friday, January 28**

No School PreK

**Tuesday, February 15**

Winthrop School Council Meeting 3:30-4:30 (Rescheduled from Jan)

**Monday, February 21 -**

**Friday, February 25**

No School - February Break

**Monday, March 14**

No School - Teacher Workshop

**Monday, April 18 -**

**Friday, April 22**

No School - April Break

**Monday, May 30**

No School - Holiday

**Monday, June 20**

No School - Holiday

**Tuesday, June 21**

Last Day of School - 2 Snow Days

### **K-12 Returning to School After Isolation on Day 6 - Clarification**

Friday's Superintendent Update indicated that students testing positive for COVID can return to school on Day 6 after significant improvement of symptoms. Upon returning to school, students must wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days.

### **COVID SAFETY Checks**

If you haven't already done so, please consider signing your student(s) up using this [consent form](#) (one for each child). If you have any questions about COVID/Pool testing, reach out to nurse Jess Baker [j.baker@hwschools.net](mailto:j.baker@hwschools.net).

[Useful COVID information](#) and links from the public health nurse.

### **Keeping Sick Students Home**

If your child does not feel well, please keep them home from school and check in with your pediatrician or Jess Baker before sending your child to school.

### **Reporting COVID19 Vaccination Records to Nurse**

The HW nurses can update Covid19 vaccination records via Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) a web-based immunization registry. You will receive an email if we are unable to upload vaccination records. Covid19 Vaccination is not mandatory at this time but highly encouraged. Thank you, Nurse Baker

### **Digital Citizenship Info for Families**

A Message from Linda Mastrianni - Elementary Library/Technology Specialist  
"For kids, digital life is real life. It's where they build friendships, take a stand on issues, and do so much more." (Common Sense Media)

Over the next several weeks, your student will participate in a Digital Citizenship Curriculum from Common Sense Media during Library/Tech class. Through this unit, we hope to empower our students to participate safely and responsibly in the digital world. This curriculum will focus on the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Digital Citizen Goals:

- "Recognizes the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world and they act in ways that are safe, legal, ethical and self-aware."
- "Uses digital tools to broaden their perspectives, increase empathy and understanding, and work effectively in teams."

If you are interested in receiving free text message tips about how to practice healthy media habits at home with your family, text the word kids to 21555.



Just text the word **kids**  
to this phone number

**21555**



### ***Coins for a Cause***

*During the month of January, The Institution for Savings will donate the 5% fee for converting your spare coins to cash directly to the Friends of Winthrop. Stop by their local office on 545 Bay Rd or their offices in Gloucester or Rockport to convert your coins to cash.*