



Newsletter

Westfield High School

November/December



A Message from Principal Jendrysik

Hello, Westfield High School!

It's hard to believe that our first semester is almost over. It has been an outstanding 2019-2020 school year so far. From our classrooms to our athletic fields and out in the community a lot of great things are happening. This year we have launched four new career pathways. Our Culinary/Hospitality Program has created many exciting opportunities for our students through their work with MGM, hosting school events like the senior supper, as well as worked with our pre-school students building gingerbread houses. Another new pathway is Health Careers. This course is allowing students the opportunity to explore various careers in the health and medical field. Students recently participated in CPR training and earned CPR certification for their work. Our Engineering classes are also working to create relevant learning opportunities for students through our partnership with Project Lead the Way. Our final new program is Criminal Justice. In this course, students have been given an overview of various aspects of criminal justice and taken multiple field trips to learn more from professionals in the field. It's been exciting!

Our fall sports season has recently ended and winter sports began last week. We saw a lot of successes in all winter sports including a Western Mass Championship and State Championship appearance by our Girls Soccer Team. We are proud of how our student-athletes have represented WHS both on and off the field and are looking forward to successful Winter seasons.

We're definitely closing 2019 off well and looking forward to 2020. On behalf of Westfield High School, I wish all of our families, community, and students a restful and enjoyable holiday season and Happy New Year.





Report Cards were distributed on November 8th.

The WHS Staff and students participated in many events in November and December to give back to the community. Here are a few of the events:

Stuff a Cruiser- The members of COPE organized a food drive this year. The donations completely filled a Westfield PD cruiser with food that was donated to the Westfield Food Pantry.



Westfield High Students Erik Dorman and Dakota Noel are shown here volunteering at the Restore.



Renaissance club-The members of the Renaissance club collected canned goods for the food pantry.

November events also included our Spirit Week November 20-26. There were spirit days, hall wars, a pep rally and the Homecoming Dance capped off the week's events.

Photographers around WHS were able to capture the fun:



Homecoming Dance



Pep Rally



Tropical Tuesday



Math Department Spirit

Fall Play- Performances of “**Murder in the Heir**” were held on November 22 and 23. The ensemble cast included Alex Gaugh, Veronica Drobnyy, Rachel Maniscalco, Madison Curbelo, and Garrett Adamtsev. They are all seniors who are looking forward to their spring performance of “**The Addams Family**”.

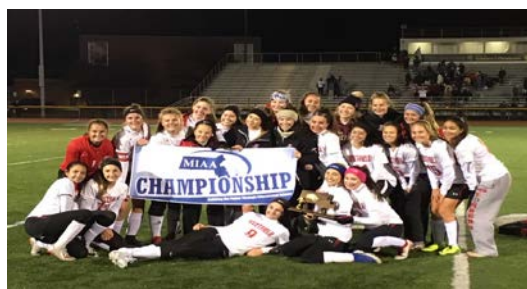
In Music News: The WHS Music Dept. is proud to announce that several students have been selected for the Massachusetts Music Educators Association's Western District Festival Concert scheduled for January 12th at UMass/Amherst. The students on the list that are listed as All State Recommendation have the opportunity to audition for the MMEA All State Festival Concert scheduled for March 7th at Boston Symphony Hall.

The Students who were selected for Massachusetts Music Educators Association's Western District Festival Concert are: Samantha Adamtsev, Anton Bonacci, Steven Bonacci, Hannah Bruno, Melissa Doiron, Samir Ghalayin, Stefan Guretskiy, Hadleigh Leclair, Pratham Makonahally, Matt Morash, Aaron Muldrew, Jay Scherp, Kyle Scherpa, Anita Silvia, Troy Stucenski, Sophia Taglierii, and Caitlynn Thomson. Congratulations to all of our students!



The Show Choir

Sports News: We had a great fall season! Our Girls Volleyball Team were league champs and were Semi-Finalists for Western Mass., our Football team also was a Western Mass. Semi-Finalist. Two of our Cross Country runners qualified for states, Caleb Cree and Antonio Phaneuf were 8th and 15th in Western Mass., respectively. Our Girls Soccer Team won Western Mass and went on to the State Finals. Our Field Hockey, Golf, Gymnastics and Boys soccer teams all had strong seasons. Our Fall Cheerleaders represented at all fall football games.



Girls Soccer Team

December Events

This December the **Football Team** collected toys (lots of toys!) to donate to charity.



The Jazz Ensemble performed in the Library for a Listening Lunch. The music was great and enjoyed by all!



Ms. Stilling's class and Ms. Auclair's preschool class made Gingerbread houses together on December 10th.



Throughout the year Best Buddies make and deliver Friday snacks and lunches to faculty



Guidance had many college representatives here in December. Students were awarded scholarships and acceptance right on the spot. There were over 20 colleges represented.

Dates to Remember

December 17th- Winter Band Concert-WHS 6:30 pm

December 19th –Winter Choir Concert WHS 7:30pm

January 31st-Beatlemania-WHS 7:00 pm

Last but not least please meet the new members of our Bomber Pride “Bomb Squad” shown here with Principal Jendrysik. These festive little elves will be visiting areas of our school to help with our Bomber Spirit and Pride. Thanks Mrs. Lacas for bringing these little guys into our community!!



