

Eagle News

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Help your teen build literacy & numeracy skills throughout the summer months!

The greatest drop in reading and math skills occurs during the summer months. Literacy and numeracy development cannot be limited to the school year. The following are suggested activities that you and your teen can do at home, together. Keep in mind that your interest, involvement and support will help to improve your teen's achievements and success.

Model reading and writing

- Have your teen see you read and write. Children learn best by example.
- Relate reading to your every day life. For example, you can read magazines, newspapers, catalogues, menus, TV Guides, internet, crossword puzzles, maps and guides.
- Write letters to your teen. Compliment her when she has done something well. Use cards and notes to let her know how proud you are of her accomplishments.
- Ask your teenager to write letters, shopping lists, invitations and to-do lists.
- Help your teen find a pen pal (offline) from another county, state or relative or friend living overseas that your teen could begin writing to during the summer?



Everyday activities to build literacy &

numeracy skills

- Read, watch, listen to and discuss newspaper articles, television and radio news coverage, journals and magazines. (An article beside the breakfast bowl can do wonders to the usual "mundane" conversations.)
- Prepare shopping lists together and compare prices, sizes and brands. This is a great way to use the weekend flyers to find the "best" deals.
- Look at advertisements together and estimate how much money you can save if you buy different brands. For example, compare prices of clothing at different department stores or sports equipment at stores for sporting goods. This is also a great way to teach your teen about finding good prices.
- Collect coupons and see how much you can save. Take your teen grocery shopping and have them find the best price of a given item, with or without coupons.
- Play logic math games, or work with a calculator and the computer.
- Enjoy baking together. Let him choose a recipe and then make it together.
- Graph a variety of data, perhaps on family gas consumption, time spent watching television, time spent on the internet or time spent listening to CD'S and other music. Discuss the graph.
- Discuss the environment with your teen. Ask her to monitor the use of electricity or help with the gardening or recycling programs.
- Play spelling and language games—like Scrabble, Boggle or Trivial Pursuit—and look for the correct spelling and meaning of words.
- Encourage your teen to read independently. He can read magazines, newspapers, comic books or anything of his choice.

Opening days of school...

Applications for parking can be picked up beginning August 19th; these require a parent or guardian signature. Students can pick up parking passes any time from August 20th through the first day of school. Passes are \$5.00 and students need to bring the application, their license, proof of insurance and current registration. There will be a junior/senior parking lot and a designated sophomore parking lot this year so students need to get the proper tags to park in the correct lots.

August 25 – First teacher day

All schedule changes need to be done by August 26th. Please call the Student Services office to make an appointment – 892-1810 option 4. Only errors in schedules will be done after the first day of classes.

August 26 – Freshman Day – all grade 9 students report to school by 7:25 a.m. for a day of orientation activities. Students should bring \$3.00 to cover snacks and lunch. Students will meet with their advisors and run through their schedules. Students will get new copies of their schedules that will also have their locker number and combination on it. At lunch, we will have an activity fair so students can find out what we offer for clubs and activities.

August 27 – All students report to school by 7:25 a.m. Seniors will report to the performing arts center and all other students will go to their advisory groups. Students will get copies of their schedules in advisory group and follow a shortened period schedule for the day. Students will have an extended advisory time to get handbooks and all the necessary paperwork to start school.

August 28 – Will be a maroon day with periods 1, 3, 5, and 7.

August 29 and September 1 – NO SCHOOL

September 2 – Will be a white day with periods 2, 4, 6, and 8.

PATHS starts school on Thursday, September 4th.

WRVC starts school on Thursday, August 28th.

REMINDER: All vocational school students are required to ride the school transportation to and from PATHS or WRVC.

Please watch for important information coming home the first day of school. This will include emergency forms, free/reduced lunch forms, school lunch account information and a letter explaining how to access the PASS system for your student's grades and attendance.

**School Regionalization Public Forum.
September 10 – 6:30 p.m. in the performing arts center**

School Pictures – September 17th - All students must have pictures taken for ID purposes.

Main office hours during the school year are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Homecoming dates – September 28 to October 4

From the Principal

We are gearing up for a new school year and getting ready to welcome close to 1050 students to Windham High School. We are getting calls about what students need for supplies for school. Most of our teachers use 3 ring binders for classes. Students need pens and pencils and a scientific calculator for math classes below the Algebra 2 level. Students in Algebra 2 and above need a graphing calculator with a TI-83 or 84 suggested. On the first day, teachers will let students know if they need any other supplies for class. Teachers will have their course syllabi posted on our website by the first day of school. This will be in the staff directory section.

We have many new faces at Windham High School. In the main office, Mr. Poulin has left to take the job as Principal at Dirigo High School in Dixfield, Maine. Mr. Mark Tinkham will be joining us. Mark is the former principal of Freeport High School and was the assistant principal at Cape Elizabeth and Gardiner High Schools. Mr. Tinkham did his student teaching in social studies at Windham High School so it will be nice to have him back here with us. Mrs. Deveaux will be going out on maternity leave and Mr. Rossetti will be taking her place until Thanksgiving break. We will have a long term substitute in for Mr. Rossetti for social studies. Joining the teaching staff are: Michael Beam in the Day Treatment program, Austin Carr will be teaching social studies and supervising the in-school suspension program, Sarah Sirois and Tianna Morrison will be teaching Spanish, Erin Quale and Mary Makkreel will be teaching math, Wayne Rathbun and David Small will be teaching science, Pete Small, Jr. will be teaching social studies and Edward Regan will be teaching English. Also joining our staff of educational technicians will be Mandy Cabral, Eric Poulin and Annie Morton.



For information on bus routes or times of pick-ups, call 892-1809.

The school district's web site is www.windham.k12.me.us you can access high school information by clicking on the high school page.

Contacting Staff

We have several options you can use to reach a staff member at Windham High School. We all have the same address - @windham.k12.me.us. All you have to do is list the person's first initial and last name before the address above – such as: dmcafee@windham.k12.me.us. All faculty and staff members also have voice mail. You can access teacher voice mail by dialing 892-1810 and selecting option 2 for a dial by name directory. A list of all the WHS employees can be found on our web site.

Open House

Last year, we moved our Open House from the first week of school to the week after we gave out progress reports. We got very good feedback from teachers and parents so we will be doing that again this year. Teachers felt they really knew the students better and parents were able to ask specific questions as they had progress reports in hand. Our Open House will be Monday, October 6th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Parents will follow their child's schedule for short periods and meet all their child's teachers. At Open House, parents can schedule individual conferences with any teacher for Wednesday night, October 8th if more time is needed. We will be getting more information out as this date comes closer.

If you know someone who is not receiving this newsletter, please have them contact the main office with their email address. Thanks for your help. Dial 892-1810, option 3.

Community Service

Diane Leavitt, Business Education teacher, has been hired to coordinate the new community service requirement for the high school students. All students must now complete community service hours to graduate. Freshmen and all incoming classes will need 40 hours, sophomores 30 hours, juniors 20 hours and the seniors 10 hours to graduate in June 2009. We will have a link on the high school web site so that students can check it for volunteer opportunities. We also hope to have a direct phone line as well as an e-mail address so members of the community can solicit help from students. Keep checking the website: www.windham.k12.me.us for more details. Mrs. Leavitt will be coordinating this along with students in the Business Simulation program, a class offered at Windham High School. Students who have done community service over the summer will need to be sure they have the paperwork filled out and they will turn it in to their advisors when school starts.

Yearbook Pictures

Year book pictures for the class of 2009 should be submitted to the yearbook by Oct. 1. Please be certain to put your name on the back of the pictures or use an envelope with your name on it. You should also be thinking about yearbook messages, also due by Oct. 1. Submission sheets with directions, cautions and a block format will be available at the office or in Mr. Lawson's room 110 at the start of school. You may turn them into the office for placement in my box or to me in room 110. Pictures being emailed should be sent to rlawson@windham.k12.me.us.

ATHLETICS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WINDHAM HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES

There will be a mandatory meeting for all Fall sport parents, athletes & coaches, Sunday August 17, 2008 @ 12 noon, in the high school auditorium.

This will be a time for coaches to communicate information about their season, to discuss expectations, and to promote cooperation between home, school & community. There will be an opportunity for parents and athletes to talk to coaches and ask questions.

- Any Windham High School student, grades 9-12, interested in participating on a **Varsity, Junior Varsity, or First Team** fall sports team must report to Windham High School for tryouts beginning on the following day and time.
- **All students must be signed up for their sport, on viewmyschedule.com by May 30th; late sign ups must contact the athletic office in order to be added to a roster.**
- To be eligible for tryouts, a student **MUST** have a current physical exam on file in the nurse's office. Physicals are current for 2 years, from the date of your last physical.
- AND be passing all classes on quarter 4 report card.
1 F you can practice but not play until after a 3 week grade check,
2 F's ineligible for the season. (does not apply to incoming Freshman for Fall sports only)

If you have any questions, please contact the Athletic Office at 893-2182.

The athletic hotline 892-1810 option 5, then option 1, for general athletic information and for up to date information regarding schedules, cancellations/postponements.

www.viewmyschedule.com is where you will get your most up to date information regarding schedules, cancellations/postponements, as well as announcements and scores.

Cheering	Monday, August 18	TBA
Field Hockey	Monday, August 18	6:30-9:00am / 4:00 -- 6:00 PM
Football	Monday, August 18 Monday, August 25	M 7:00 – 9:15am/3:00-5:15PM All Freshman 4:00pm
Golf	Monday, August 18	2:30-4:30PM
Boys Soccer	Monday, August 18	6:30 – 8:30 AM / 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Pre-season continued:

Girls Soccer	Monday, August 18	7:30-9:30 / 4:00-6:00
Cross Country	Monday, August 18	M & W 7:30-9:30/4:00-5:30 T, TH & FR – 7:30-9:30

Fall

Cheering, V
B+G Cross Country, V
Field Hockey, V/JV/FT
Football, V/JV/FT
B+G Golf, V
Boys Soccer, V/JV/FT
Girls Soccer, V/JV/FT

Winter

Boys Basketball, V/JV/FT
Girls Basketball V/JV/FT
Cheering V/JV
Boys Indoor Track, V
Girls Indoor Track, V
B + G Alpine Ski, V
B + G Wrestling, V
B + G Swim, V
Co-ed Ice Hockey

Spring

Baseball, V/JV/FT
Softball, V/JV/FT
Boys Tennis, V
Girls Tennis, V
Boys Outdoor Track, V
Girls Outdoor Track, V
Boys Lacrosse, JV/V
Girls Lacrosse, V/JV

Spring 2008 Athletic Award Winners

BASEBALL	MOST VALUABLE	Nathan Johnson
	MOST IMPROVED	Ryan Patterson
	COACH'S AWARD	Chad Perreault
SOFTBALL	OFFENSIVE PLAYER	Jessica York
	DEFENSIVE PLAYER	Melissa Bedient
	COACH'S AWARD	Helen Libby
BOYS TENNIS	MOST IMPROVED	Nicholas Rallis
	MOST IMPROVED	Kurt Stultz
	COACH'S AWARD	Kyle Morrell
	OUTSTANDING PLAYER	Daniel McGovern
GIRLS TENNIS	OUTSTANDING PLAYER	Jenna Willey
	OUTSTANDING PLAYER	Stacey Nedoroda
	COACH'S AWARD	Shaina Metivier
	COACH'S AWARD	Keisha Williams
BOYS TRACK & FIELD	MOST VALUABLE	Patrick Ciez
	MOST IMPROVED	Garrett Clemmer
	COACH'S AWARD	Julian Gazzelloni

Award winners continued:

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD	MOST VALUABLE MOST VALUABLE	Vanessa Rallis Reilly Sullivan
GIRLS LACROSSE	MOST IMPROVED MOST IMPROVED COACH'S AWARD	Kelsey McGowan Samantha Gifford Elizabeth Stevenson

To see your sport schedule:

Go to Viewmyschedule.com

Type in the school name

This brings you to our new Sports Home Page (announcements will be posted on the chalkboard here)

Click on [View my schedule](#) for the events of the day

Click on [Teams](#) (for a schedule for a specific sport)

Choose your team

Click on Team Schedule

On this website, you can sign up to receive emails for changes in your sport schedule. This is a new site in progress, and we hope to be utilizing it much more next year. We currently have Varsity scores on the website and you may see notices appear on the chalkboards of the site for your teams. Many of our opponents include directions to their fields and facilities on this website, if you were to choose a specific game.

Cancellations/updates: www.windham.k12.me.us
892-1810 option 5 and option 1

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

This is the only newsletter you will receive via the USPS unless you specifically request a mailed copy. The high school sends out all newsletters and information by email. You can join the program at: http://33Int.com/mailman/listinfo/WindhamHighSchool_33Int.com If you want to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please send a note in to the main office with your student. Thank you.

Upcoming events

August 11 – Athletic Booster Club meeting 6:30 p.m.
August 14 – Project Graduation 2009 meeting 6:30 p.m.
August 26 – First day for Freshmen
August 27 – All students attend
August 28 – Maroon day, periods 1, 3, 5, 7
August 29 – No School

September 1 – No School
September 2 – White day, periods 2, 4, 6, 8
September 7 – Windham Athletic Booster Club Auto Show on high school campus
September 17 – School pictures

October 1 – Senior pictures due for yearbook
October 5 – Project Graduation Golf Tournament
October 6 – Open House 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
October 8 – scheduled parent / teacher conferences
October 9 – Early release 10 a.m.
October 10 – No School
October 15 – Senior breakfast and PSAT's
October 31 – 1st quarter ends

Summer Reading

Has your child finished his or her summer reading?
Has she or he completed the necessary assignments?
Have they even started?



School starts soon!

Make sure your student is ready!

The reading list can be found on the high school page of our website.