

Greetings Warrior Families,

I hope you all had a relaxing and joyful holiday season filled with great fun and lasting memories. If your student is anything like mine, they were not as excited having to get back in the school routine as they very much enjoyed the opportunity to sleep in during break. The first few days might have required me to flip the lights on and off multiple times to annoy them out of bed! From a school perspective everything after the New Year seems to begin to speed up and before we know it, the spring sun is here and students are walking down the gymnasium floor towards the stage on graduation day.

For many, the New Year also brings new resolutions. The most common resolution folks make is working on health. At Warrenton High School our resolutions began at the start of the school year and we are not looking to budge on our goals! In one of the first newsletters of the year I touched on our three primary goals:

1. School attendance rate to exceed 91%
2. Improve the number of 9th grade on track students and increase the graduation rate.
3. Develop CTE and STEM facilities and course offerings.

I am pleased to share at nearly the midpoint of the school year we are on track to hit each of these goals. Our attendance during the month of December dramatically dropped to 83% of students regularly attending. Prior to December we were averaging right at the 91% mark.

We do understand with the winter months students are more susceptible to colds and flu, and during the holidays families take off for vacation. It is important that students are drinking lots of water and frequently washing their hands. Missed class time equates to missed instruction time which can lead to a drop in academic progress as we approach the end of the first semester (January 25, 2019). To celebrate this goal, we will be rewarding students with excellent attendance with a drawing of some outstanding prizes later this month.

Our winter athletes are hard at work and finding success in all of our programs. The boys basketball team has been playing solid basketball and is currently sitting with an overall record of 10-6. The girls basketball team is having one of their best seasons ever and is currently ranked #6 in the OSAA rankings. Our wrestling program led by Corey Conant had it largest turnout in recent memory and is competing really well. Our girls program is one of the largest in the state and our ladies have had lots of success on the mat this year. Many Warrior athletes have been recognized for their individual accomplishments this winter being named *Daily Astorian* athletes of the week. Congratulations to Claire Bussert, Fernanda Alvarez, Kenzie Ramsey, Dalton Knight, and Jade Frenier.

Warrenton High School is rising and we appreciate all the support we receive from our families. The success of our school is a reflection of our great community we live and serve in. Nothing is done in education alone. It takes all hands on deck in order to navigate towards success. If you have not yet made a resolution, I encourage all parents to make one in how they can best serve our children. The greatest gifts we can give our children are the tools to lead a successful adult life. Encourage them to try new things and stick them out. Push them to step outside their comfort zone and lift them up if they begin to get discouraged.

I hope the New Year is off to a great start for you and your family! We appreciate you allowing us to be apart of your students lives!

Go Warriors and make the big time where you are!

Respectfully,
Ian O'Brien
Assistant Principal

-Senior Parents

-There is still time to get your Senior tribute ad for you child in. Email Saysha Breitmeyer [@sbreitmeyer19@warrentonk12.org](mailto:sbreitmeyer19@warrentonk12.org) for details.

-Please have Senior Pictures in before Spring Break

-Grad Night Party Meeting- February 6th @ 6:00 PM in the Library

March 6th @ 6:00 PM in the Library

-Band & Choir Parents

-February 1-2 Is District Honor Choir in St. Helens

-February 6 District Jazz Festival in Astoria

-February 23 District Solo Competition in Tillamook

-February 26 District Band Festival in St. Helens

-March 7 Band & Choir Concert - 6:00 PM

-March 12 District Choir Festival in St. Helens

-Other Important Dates

-January 30th Spaghetti Fundraiser for Federal Employees affected by Government shutdown. Camp Rilea, 5 - 8 PM. \$8 for adults \$4 for kids 11 and under.

-January 31st Jostens Rep in Library @ Breakfast for Sophomores about Class Rings

-February 7th Jostens Rep returns to take orders for class rings at lunch and from 4:00-5:00 PM in the main hall to talk with Parents.

-February 18 Presidents Day, No School

-February 19th Blood Drive

-February 25th Blood Drive

-February 25th First Spring Activity Practice Day(Baseball, Softball, Track, and Golf)

-March 20 & 21 Parent-Teacher Conferences

-March 22nd No School

-March 25-29 No School for Spring Break

You can find our school lunch menus, a copy of this newsletter, and other information about the school on our website www.warrentonschools.com. All dates and activities are subject to change.



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