

# Weare Middle & Center Woods Upper Elementary NEWSLETTER

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## **Active Intruder Drill this coming week** *(May 25th)*

Weare Middle and Center Woods Upper Elementary Schools have been enhancing the way we respond to school emergencies. All schools in the state are required to practice annual intruder drills per RSA 189:64 Amendment. So far this year we have practiced evacuation, lockdown, clear hallways, and shelter in place drills as a way of keeping students safe in case of emergencies. It is now time to practice our response to an intruder. We plan to perform this drill on Wednesday, May 25th.

Over the past several years, schools and agencies have determined that there are better ways to keep children safe if these types of situations arise. 3,700 K-12 schools and 900 universities have implemented a training called ALICE. ALICE is an acronym which means Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. The U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Homeland Security have supported ALICE and other similar training for schools. **Why?** The training teaches adults and students to be alert, hide, run, etc. based on the event. The ALICE protocol is designed to enhance safety and provide additional, effective options if an intruder enters.

What does an ALICE Drill look like?

Teachers have already received ALICE training online and in person, and they have already spoken with their classes about what learning communities would do if an intruder were in the building. Students will follow staff directions in an emergency situation and go to rally points. This coming week, staff and students will review the following:

**Alert:** We will tell students and staff that we are practicing an ALICE drill on May 25th. We have scheduled grade-level assemblies to quickly review what the drill will sound and look like. We will announce, "This is a drill. This is a drill. Dangerous person in the building. Staff follow ALICE protocols. This is a drill. This is a drill".

**Lockdown:** We will continue to lock doors and secure areas should the classroom teacher decide to stay in the building. This is where students listen and get ready to follow directions.

**Inform:** Administrators will keep staff and students informed throughout the drill by watching cameras and communicating where the pretend intruder is; this will allow members of our community to make good decisions. Teachers will inform students where to go and what to do based on this information.

**Counter:** This component of ALICE protocols is practiced at older grades. CWUES and WMS students will **NOT** train or practice to "counter".

**Evacuate:** Students will listen for teacher directions and move quickly to rally points.

We thank you for your support as we implement this important school safety protocol.

**COMPETENCY RECOVERY WEEK** *(from Tuesday, 6/21 through Friday, 6/24)*

As we close in on the end of the school year, we are extra mindful of those competencies for which our students still need to demonstrate proficiency. There have been, and will continue to be, multiple opportunities for students to relearn, review, and demonstrate their skill and/or knowledge. If for any reason, your student does not demonstrate proficiency in all competencies, he / she will be strongly encouraged to receive additional support during summer competency recovery the week of June 20th. Summer competency recovery is being offered at no additional cost; however, transportation will not be included. If you have any specific questions regarding how your student might demonstrate proficiency prior to the end of the year, please reach out directly to his / her teacher.

- As the weather hopefully starts to warm up, please remind students to bring a refillable water bottle to school everyday. Students do go outside for breaks most days, and we want them to stay hydrated throughout the day.
- 8th Grade families should follow [this link](#) for information regarding special events for this class.
- [CWUES/WMS Learning Styles and WMS Course Preferences](#)

Your admin team:

Mrs. Hilliard, Mr. Matzke & Mr. Morrill

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## **2021-2022 WMS/CWUES Yearbooks!**

Did you miss your chance to pre-order a yearbook?

We will have a limited supply of yearbooks available. Yearbooks are \$30 and can be reserved by emailing the [yearbook coordinator](#).

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# 8th grade Semi Formal dance

## June 18th from 7-10pm

We are excited to announce we will be holding our 8th grade Semi-formal dance at John Stark Regional High School on Saturday June 18th from 7:00-10:00 pm.

8th grade students are allowed to invite one guest from the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade SAU24 community with administrator approval.

Students must be registered to attend this dance. Registration includes a signed permission slip along with payment returned to homeroom teachers by June 6, 2022. Tickets are \$10 per person.

**Permission slips and payments will not be accepted at the door.**

All WMS Dance rules apply. School dress code does apply. Rules and dress code may be reviewed in the Student Handbook available on our school website.

Students and their guests must arrive together. Once checked in, you cannot leave until a parent or guardian picks you up.

PICK UP TIME IS 10 PM.

**DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

Any food donations can be brought in the night of the dance or dropped off at school the day before. Monetary donations are also appreciated as they offset the cost of refreshments and decorations.

Any questions can be directed to Kristen Lundeen at 603-529-7555 or by emailing [kristen.lundeen@sau24.org](mailto:kristen.lundeen@sau24.org)

Please make checks payable to Weare Middle School.

Paper copies of this permission form are available in the main office or [electronically here:](#)

# We Are John Stark Summer 2022

## For the Class of 2026



**We Are  
John Stark**  
*Summer 2022*

**9th Grade  
Transition  
Program**

We are John Stark! is a four-week 9th grade summer transition program designed to provide an exciting and engaging introduction to high school. Participants will have the opportunity to earn a 1/4 high school credit through a wide variety of collaborative learning experiences and activities. Students will become familiar with our work study practices and school norms while having fun!!!  
Tuesday - Thursday, July 5th - 28th, 2022  
Open to all incoming 9th graders, space is limited!

**more info: <https://www.jsrhs.net/>**

For a registration form and more information,  
visit [John Stark Regional High School](https://www.jsrhs.net/)

# Athletics

WMS Softball, Baseball and Track athletes are heading into the last week of the regular season. We have away games in Raymond on 5/24. Track travels to Bow for a 3:30 pm meet.

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## Weare Fun Run 5k Results and photos

[Click here for the results from the Weare Fun Run 5k](#)



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# **Weare Middle School Band and Chorus sends 6 students to District Festival**

Music teacher Serena Gorham took six students to the District Festival earlier this month. The students worked with a professor from the Berklee College of Music and another longtime music educator. After spending an arduous day in rehearsals, the band and chorus performed in a concert. Congratulations to instrumentalists Haley Bell (clarinet), Leland Richman (clarinet), Gage Dumont (percussion), and vocalists Zane Talbot, Braden Schou and Eloisa Osgood.



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## **Weare School District Board Meeting**

Weare School District Board Meeting: June 21, 2022, @ 6 PM in the Weare Middle School cafe.

The Weare School Board District Meetings are available via live stream at <https://bit.ly/SAU24LiveStream>.

The public may communicate with Weare board members outside of meeting times via email at [WSD.Board@sau24.org](mailto:WSD.Board@sau24.org)

All School Board meeting information, including meeting dates, minutes, agendas, budget info, policies, and lists of Board Members and Officials, is available at [Weare School District Board](#).

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## **SAU 24 is Hiring!**

It takes a community to keep our schools running smoothly. [Visit our website](#) to see our job openings. We are always looking for paraeducators and substitutes.

The Weare Bus Terminal is also looking for drivers! On-site job interviews take place every Wednesday from 10 am - 12 pm. Stop by our location for a walk-in interview and tour!

58 Carding Mill Road, Weare 603-529-4744

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## **PUP Default Plans**

[WMS/CWUES Pickup Patrol Default Plans](#)

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### **Upcoming Dates - [full calendar can be found here](#)**

May 27 - Early Release, dismiss @ 11:30

May 30 - No School, Memorial Day

June 4 - Spring concert for Band & Choir 3:00

June 15 - Field Day, grades 4-7, Lake Day, grade 8

June 16 - 8th Grade Promotion Night

June 17 - Last day of school, early release @ 11:30, 8th grade BBQ & Movie Night

June 18 - 8th grade promotion dance @ JSRHS

June 21-24 - Competency Recovery Week

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[Weare Public Library](#)

May 21 Knit & Craft group

Bring your knitting and crafts - whatever you're working on - and meet with other community crafters. We usually meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month. All ages welcome!

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## Community News

### Generals Basketball Camp



We are excited to inform you that we will be running our widely successful Generals Basketball Camp again this summer at John Stark. After a brief hiatus due to global circumstances, we are excited to share with your kids the game we love so much! The dates will be June 27-30 for Boys & Girls entering grades 6-9. Forms are included and discounts will be honored if mailed before June 10th. If you have financial questions or concerns regarding siblings or in general please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [mike.smith@sau24.org](mailto:mike.smith@sau24.org).

Again, we are so excited to get this up and running again this summer!

[Click here for a registration form](#)





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ERALS

# 2022 Fall Football



**TACKLE: Grades 4/5/6 & 7/8**

**FLAG: Grades K-3**

Where: Bolton Field, Rt 114 Weare

When: Practice Starts mid August for tackle and early September for Flag and goes through October

Practices: Tackle 4/5/6 & 7/8— 2-3X week, games on Saturdays; Flag —2 X week, games on Sunday AM

Cost: \$ 175 (Tackle) \$50 (Flag)

Registration: [WWW.JSGFCA.ORG](http://WWW.JSGFCA.ORG) open now—7/29



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[JRGENERALSFOOTBALL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:JRGENERALSFOOTBALL@GMAIL.COM)

Weare/Henniker & surrounding towns: New Boston, Hillsborough, Francetown, Deering, Dunbarton, Hopkinton...



For the second year in a row, the New Hampshire Department of Education is partnering with New Hampshire camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer students the unique opportunity to move beyond COVID-19 and be a kid again. Students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities benefit from exposure to short-term summer enrichment programs, including in the areas of challenge, friend-making, positivity, and emotional safety. These are all things that New Hampshire camps and school-age programs do best.

### Camp fee eligibility

Eligible students and corresponding youth recreation camp fees include:

- \$650 eligible:** Students with a disability
- \$500 eligible:** Students from families earning less than 250% of the federal poverty level
- \$350 eligible:** Students from families earning less than 400% of the federal poverty level

\* Parks/pooling camps only

## Space is limited!





Learn more at: [ReKindlingCuriosityEducation.nh.gov/](https://ReKindlingCuriosityEducation.nh.gov/)

# LET'S SING TOGETHER AGAIN!

GMYC IS ACCEPTING NEW SINGERS!

JOIN A CHOIR  
FOR SINGERS  
IN GRADES 4-8  
KEENE & PETERBOROUGH

## AUDITION

FOR CECILIA ENSEMBLE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
SOPRANOS/ALTOS  
PETERBOROUGH

## Now! NON-AUDITIONED

SING WITH OUR NEWEST  
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR  
FOR TENORS/BASSES  
SOPRANOS/ALTOS

## Now! SATURDAY MORNING

SING & MOVE  
FOR SINGERS  
IN GRADES K-3



ESTHER RHOADES  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



## GMYC BELIEVES

SINGING TAKES YOU ON  
TRIPS ABOARD

SINGING IS INCLUSIVE

SINGING IN A CHOIR  
CREATES LIFELONG  
MEMORIES & FRIENDSHIPS

SINGING IS FUN!

SINGING AND PERFORMING  
MAKES YOU PART OF  
SOMETHING BIGGER

SINGING IS FOREVER

SINGING BUILDS SELF-  
CONFIDENCE & TEAMWORK

SINGING IS AUTHENTIC  
ARTISTIC EXPRESSION



TO AUDITION AND  
SIGN UP, AND FOR  
MORE INFORMATION  
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603-499-3505



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