

Weare Middle & Center Woods Upper Elementary NEWSLETTER

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Active Intruder Drill this coming week *(June 2)*

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. We have posted a brief article explaining how we handle safety in our schools. To read the article, [click here](#).

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

Please make checks payable to Weare Middle School.

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

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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](#)

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Ms. Antoine would like to thank all the students and staff that supported the final book fair of the year! It was very successful and we hope students have a lot of reading material for the summer. Look for details in the fall for our first book fair of the 2022-2023 school year.

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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

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](#)

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](#)

June 1 10:30 Storytime with Ms. Karen

Join us for stories and songs (ages birth-5)

June 1 5:00 Read with the Ruff Readers

Meet and Read with the Library's own Ruff Reader Team. Call Ms. Karen at 603-529-2044 to sign-up.

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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.

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

[Click here for a registration form](#)