



Windham School District

School Administrative Unit 95

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As of today, October 22, 2021, our district has a total of eight (8) positive COVID-19 cases. There are two (2) positive cases at Golden Brook School, three (3) positive cases at Windham Center School, zero (0) positive cases at Windham Middle School, and three (3) positive cases at Windham High School. There were two independent clusters identified this week. One at Golden Brook School and one at Center School. The clusters have been isolated to two classrooms only. Targeted masking for a ten-day period was put in place for the students and staff within these classrooms. All other students and staff will continue in mask choice.

Outside of the ongoing surveillance of the COVID-19 pandemic, there are also some great events and activities planned for the rest of the month that we wanted to make you aware of.

- **Red Ribbon Week:** During the week of October 25th, each school will promote and celebrate Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is a way to promote a healthy lifestyle by avoiding substances, making the right choices, and teaching more appropriate coping skills like mindfulness, practicing gratitude, and connecting with others. For more details on how each school will celebrate, please see https://www.windhamsd.org/news/what_s_new/red_ribbon_week
- **Live Presentation: Online Safety Tips for Parents:** One of the best tools we have to prevent internet crimes against children is education. That is why the Windham School District will be partnering with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force to provide a free presentation for parents. On **Thursday, October 28th, (6:00 - 7:30 pm)** at Windham High School Auditorium, the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force will present "Online Safety Tips for Parents". For more information visit our site: <https://bit.ly/3jHYsur>
- **Trebuchet Day:** On Friday, October 29, our high school physics classes form teams of three to design, build, and operate a trebuchet; a medieval siege machine powered only by gravity. The trebuchets fire water balloons at a castle situated 115 feet away. A portion of the grade is based on the best of three official launches although students get plenty of opportunities for practice. Students also calculate vector velocity, components of velocity, launch angle, and maximum trajectory height.
- **Ball in the House:** On October 29th (7 pm) at Windham High School, Ball in the House will be back by popular demand! Ball in the House is an R&B/soul/pop a cappella group based out of their hometown of Boston, MA. Don't miss this family fun performance with a special appearance by our own Windham choir students! Purchase tickets here: <https://bit.ly/3E5Opqg>



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- **High School Fall Sports:** Our Jaguars have had a great fall season! Congratulations to our Boys JV Cross Country team who recently became the first JV cross country team in the school's history to win a state championship, and the Boy's Golf team who finished second in the state. Many of our other fall sports also qualified for state tournaments and will be competing next week. Save the dates and support your fellow students, go Jaguars! Please make sure to check the website for any updates to the dates, times, or locations of these events.
 - October 23: Field Hockey will compete in the D1 quarter-finals at home
 - October 26/27: Varsity Girls/Boys Soccer will compete in the state tournament next week, locations will be announced soon
 - October 28: Girls Varsity Volleyball will play in the state tournament at home
 - October 30: Varsity Cross Country will compete in the state tournament at Derryfield Park
- **Middle School Fall Sports:** Our Wildcats have also had a great fall season and many qualified for state tournaments and will be competing next week. Save the dates and support your fellow students, go Wildcats! Please make sure to check the website for any updates to the dates, times, or locations of these events.
 - October 23: Cross Country will compete in the state meet
 - October 25: Boys soccer will play in the quarter-final game
 - October 25: D1 Volleyball will play in the quarter-final game
 - October 25: Field Hockey will play in the semi-final game
 - October 26: D3 Volleyball will play in the semi-final game

Although COVID-19 continues to be part of our daily conversations, we are happy to see some of our Windham traditions and events continue, and our student activities increase. We hope to pick up additional activities throughout the year for our students, staff, and community to enjoy.

Thank you,

Richard Langlois
Superintendent of Schools