



# Windsor Middle School KNIGHT NEWS

November-December, 2018

All dates and times are subject to change. Please see our website for most current details.

- 11/2 Golden Ticket
- 11/6 MS Picture Make-Ups
- 11/6 Election Day
- 11/8 Marking Period Ends
- 11/8 Regional Student Council Conference, VMS
- 11/8 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Informational Meeting, 6 PM
- 11/12 Veterans Day (NO SCHOOL)
- 11/13 Board of Education Meeting, HS, 6 PM
- 11/19 MS PATS Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 11/21-23 Thanksgiving Recess (NO SCHOOL)
- 12/6 Band and Chorus (Grades 7 and 8) Concert, 7 PM
- 12/13 All Star's Ceremony (Grade 6), 7 PM
- 12/13 Band and Chorus (Grade 6) Concert, 7 PM
- 12/18 Board of Education Meeting, HS, 6 PM
- 12/24-1/1 Winter Recess (NO SCHOOL)

*"The Mission of the Windsor Central School District is to ensure each learner is future ready by providing empowering educational experiences."*

## From the Desk of Mr. Strahley

It seems as though school has just started, and yet we are turning the calendar to November already! It has been a busy and productive Fall, and we will continue to build on this momentum over the next few months. It has not taken Ms. Lambrou long to become a vibrant part of our school community. She has been forging relationships with students and their families, and I encourage you to get to know her.

In September, I was given the opportunity to go to Washington, DC, as part of being named the NYS Principal of the Year. There, I shared some of the many wonderful things we do here in Windsor and learned a great deal from other state winners. It was a proud moment for me and our school, and I am grateful for the opportunity.

As we are approaching the end of the first marking period, we are scheduling our first "Golden Ticket" event. The "Golden Ticket" is a merit based system used in the Middle School which enables us to reward students who are on track in all measures and assist those who need additional support. We carve out time during the school day for this intervention after our 6-week interim reports are released and prior to the close of the marking period in an effort to find success for all. Students who earn a "Golden Ticket" attend a rewarding event each marking period. Students who have not reached the established criteria are given targeted instruction to help them reach their goal for the next marking period. We hope to reach all students through this endeavor.

The end of October also concludes our Fall Modified sports season. Windsor Middle School is proud of our many teams, the number of participants in each of them, and the success of our student-athletes on and off the playing fields. Last year we had over 60% of our students play on at least one school sports team, which is more than any school I am aware of. We are also proud of how our student-athletes represent the Windsor community with distinction in sportsmanship and character. Our Winter sports are about to begin, and we are anxious to see all of our individuals and teams compete and conduct themselves reputably.

Homecoming was just one of the wonderful events our students participated in this fall. We sent two teams of students to the Engineering Day at BOCES, as well as another strong group of students to the area's Yes Leads! Program. Our Spirit Week showed our school pride, and our Fill the Bus campaign demonstrates our connection to community. We will continue to offer enriching opportunities for our students throughout the year.

To assist me in hearing from all "customers", I have the privilege each month of eating lunch with a randomly selected group of students in each grade. These luncheons offer me an opportunity to discuss with the students all topics related to the school. Their voice matters to the school and to me. Their insight is helpful, and their overwhelming satisfaction with the school is rewarding. I always look forward to these lunch sessions.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education and all we do for them. We welcome your ongoing communication. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ms. Lambrou.

Try Me!



For more news and highlights about our school, follow me on Twitter: @KStrahleyWMS

# A Message from Ms. Lambrou

The school year is well on its way after a great start. Our Mod 11 program has been going on for about a month and we are seeing many of our students attending Clubs. I wanted to remind all parents and guardians that students sign up for clubs on a daily basis. If a student signs up for a club, they will always have an opportunity to use the phone in the main office to contact their parent or guardian to let them know that they will be staying after. Our primary focus of the extended day program is to increase engagement and connection between the students and our school. We thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to participate in Mod 11.

Our Olweus Kickoff was a huge success. Students were able to develop connections to their peers and our staff members. During the team-building scavenger hunt activity, the energy was palpable and felt by everyone in the building. It was a great way for students to reach out to different individuals who they would not normally interact with on a daily basis. We will continue to develop and foster new experiences to continue upholding the positive school culture in the building.

We are beginning preparation and efforts towards the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C. **For parents and guardians of current eighth-grade students there will be an informational meeting on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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This is your town."*

~Ty Muse, CEO of  
VISIONS FCU

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# A Message from the Counselors' Office

We are very excited to announce that the middle school will begin its "Careers and Cookies" program this November! Each week a different professional will come during students' lunches and discuss various aspects of their careers. The idea is to expose students to a wide variety of careers and allow them to interact with a person currently employed in that field. We have 36 different visitors scheduled to share their career paths with our students. The professions that will be represented are aligned to the 7 Pathways Windsor has outlined for students (to find out more about the Pathways please see our website). Please be sure to encourage your child to sign up for as many of these lunch time discussions as possible!

As part of our kick-off for the event, Mr. Ty Muse, CEO of Visions Federal Credit Union came to speak to our entire student body on October 26. He was engaging and inspiring. Visions FCU has also agreed to help sponsor the program by providing dessert for each lunch in the form of free cookies!



