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Dear Families-

Dismissal Today: Our dismissal was delayed due to the storm and at this time all students are headed home. Buses are running 20-30 minutes late. Please know that we were unable to communicate sooner as we lost power and internet service. We appreciate your understanding.

We had a great first three days of school! During our first Community Meeting we focused on our core values of S.P.I.R.I.T. We read [This is a School](#) which focuses on the sense of belonging and building a community. We shared information about the SPIRIT coupons and making good choices.

We have started our SPIRIT coupon positive calls home and had two in person presentations! A student will be given a coupon when an adult recognizes them making a good choice and showing SPIRIT (Safety, Perseverance, Inclusion, Respect, Integrity, Teamwork). Once the coupon is presented to the student, they will then have the opportunity to visit the office. During this time, a positive phone call will be made home to the family, and then the student will take the coupon home to be displayed for all to see.



A few examples of reasons for which a student received a coupon include:

- A student included another student who is new to Crisafulli during morning work and complemented their work.
- A student cleaned up a lunch table that others had left trash at. He did it without being asked and showed great teamwork.


We look forward to giving out more "SPIRIT" Coupons, and making positive phone calls home.

Enjoy the weekend,
Ms. Kennelly and Mrs. Hutchinson

[Back to School Night Time Adjustment](#) - Please note there was a slight time adjustment to our Open House schedule. The times have been adjusted to end by 7:00 PM. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding.

- **Grade 4 - 5:30 - 5:55 PM**
- **Grade 5 - 6:00 - 6:25 PM**
- **Grade 3 - 6:30 - 6:55 PM**
- **5:45 - 6:55 PM - Self-Guided Building Tour/IA Areas**

Important Dates

Date	Event
September 14, 2023	Back to School Night - Adjusted Times <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 4 - 5:30 - 5:55 PM• Grade 5 - 6:00 - 6:25 PM• Grade 3 - 6:30 - 6:55 PM• 5:45 - 6:55 PM - Self-Guided Building Tour/IA Areas
September 15, 2023	 DOT Day Spirit Day - Wear your dots!
September 25, 2023	No School - Yom Kippur
October 9, 2023	No School - Indigenous People Day
October 10, 2023	SAC Meeting - 4:00 PM
October 17, 2023	Picture Day (<i>Retake Day - December 5th</i>)
October 26, 2023	Early Release - Professional Development (<i>11:40 Dismissal</i>)

[Substitute Teacher Job Opportunity](#) - Interested in being a substitute in WPS? We are looking for substitutes across all grade levels. If you are interested, please see the following application - [Substitute Teacher Application](#)



[From the PTO](#) - Doing some last minute back to school shopping? Why not add the teacher supply closet to your list! The PTO stocks supplies for the teachers to use throughout the school year. Any support is welcome! Check out our Amazon list or purchase items on your own and drop them off at the front or send them in with your child.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1OEVFKLRO2XW6?ref=wl_share

CORI's and Fingerprinting

Field trip chaperones will be required to complete the fingerprint obligation in addition to the annual CORI background check. Please refer to the following link for more information regarding fingerprinting - [Fingerprinting Information](#).

Classroom volunteers will not be required to submit to fingerprint based background checks but will still be required to complete an annual CORI background check. If you are interested in volunteering please be sure to complete a new CORI application for this school year. (Applications done during the 22-23 school year are no longer valid.) CORI applications can be

completed at any of our school offices. If you have children that attend more than one school in Westford, only one application is required. If approved, your approval will be valid at any Westford school.

JAC Gear - Our online store is open! Please [click here](#) if you would like to order some Crisafulli gear.



Water Bottles and Donations - Please remind your student to bring a full water bottle to school each day. We have water bottle filling stations that can be used for refills throughout the day. We are in need of small (8 oz) water bottles to give to students who forget to bring water to school. If you would like to donate water bottles, please drop them off at the JAC Main Office. Many thanks!

Community Information

HEROES LEAGUE 2023 - The 2023 registration for the Heroes League division is now open! This Division is a program for children and young adults with disabilities of all ages. Our Heroes will participate in a program designed for them and is focused on having fun while they develop self-esteem, socializing skills and teamwork. This is a non profit league and will give players the chance to play ball at zero cost to the families. We are actively seeking new athletes. Come join the fun.

Registration will only be open until September 11th. We ask that you register as soon as possible so that we can place your Hero Player on a team. Games will begin on September 16th at 10:30am and will last 1 hour of baseball fun! The season will go through at least October 21st with extra games weather permitting.

VOLUNTEERS:

The WYBSL Heroes League gives disabled and special needs children of all ages the opportunity to join a team and play baseball and softball. The Heroes players participate in a program designed for them with the focus on having fun while developing self-esteem, socializing skills and teamwork.

The Heroes League is looking for volunteers to help with this program.

- **Youth Buddies:** Assist and support all of the Heroes players - this includes assisting with fielding and running the bases with your Hero if needed. Providing moral support and being enthusiastic is a must. If you sign up as a Buddy you must be able to attend most if not all of the games. Ages 13 and older
- **Pitchers:** Be able to deliver a wide variety of pitches (by variety, we mean just overhand *and* underhand). It's okay if your pitching range is a little short, we will allow you to pitch any distance from home plate needed. Pitchers will be using 11" extra soft softie balls. High school or older.
- **Catchers:** No catchers gear needed here. Retrieve the passed balls and get them back to the pitcher or throw them around the infield if there is a hit (everyone gets to field!). Ages 13 and older.
- **Announcer:** Are you a TikTok star? Do you love public speaking and theater? Do you think Bob Uecker was the best baseball announcer ever? Then this could be your big break! We need an energized and fun baseball sportscaster to narrate the game as

seen through a Hero's eyes. That ball wasn't a hit to the infield, it was a grand slam and boy did that Hero speed around the bases like greased lightning! Any and all plays will need to be turned into an exciting narrative to make our Heroes feel extra special! Ages 13 and older.

- **Float:** The "Float" is the GOAT! You are the most versatile of the volunteers and what you do depends on the needs of the day. This option is best for volunteers who cannot commit to weekly attendance.

Volunteers will need to be present on Saturdays from 10:15am to 11:45am Mid-September through Mid-October. Volunteer hours will count as community service.

All volunteers will be required to wear masks while attending the Heroes games.

Heroes Players and Volunteers can register at

<https://wybsl.sportngin.com/register/form/660289989>

WESTFEST 2023 - Westford Education Foundation is gearing up for their annual Family Fun Food Truck Festival taking place on Sunday, September 24th from 12-4 at Stony Brook Middle School.

- **VOLUNTEERS:** We are in need of volunteers. Please consider joining us to support our community together on this great event!
- **FUNFEST:** Local clubs, sports teams, organizations and other non-profits are welcome to fundraise with us by hosting a carnival game or activity
- **SHOPFEST:** We still have spots for crafters and vendors to sell their goods at our event.
- **SPONSORS:** Work for a local business, consider one of our awesome sponsorship opportunities

For all information about Westford Education Foundation and WESTFEST 2023 please check out westford.org/wef. We could not do this community event without you! Thank you for all your support!

Destination Imagination - Science! Drama! Duct Tape! Write stories! Paint stuff! Rewire a microwave into a time machine! Do you have a Destination Imagination child? Parents, give your kid(s) a great opportunity to solve a DI Challenge in a fun team – adults can teach skills, but the final performance must be 100% kid-powered!

Please [click here](#) for more information. Register by Sept. 24, 2023 at www.Westford.org/