

Woburn Memorial High School

Principal's Message

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By Joseph L. Finigan

I wish to extend to you and your families my best wishes for the New Year. As we move into the New Year, it is hard to believe that time has moved along so rapidly. I am happy to report that we are well into a good school year. Our students are committed to their work and the expectations provided in the classrooms, the stage, and the playing fields. I continue to be proud of our students as I see how well they are working with each other and the faculty to make the most out of each day in school. Moreover, there is a genuine sense of community within the building. This is what makes Woburn Memorial High School so unique.

As we move into the winter months, I ask that you continue to be diligent in practicing safe driving habits on and around the campus. Montvale Avenue and the surrounding area is always a challenge as the roads become messy with ice and narrowed with snow.

Looking to the winter months, I call the following items to your attention:

WMHS Web Site: Please visit the school web-site (<http://www.woburnhightanners.com/>) on a frequent basis. Within the coming weeks you will notice that The Reflector (the WMHS daily announcements) will be posted daily on-line. You will also find that we are making inroads in developing a comprehensive calendar for all school activities. Of special interest, we are in the process of developing the capacity for me to send timely updates to families via email. Having used this in the past, I know that it is a highly effective means to maintain timely communication with families.

NEASC Two Year Follow-up Report: WMHS teachers and staff are completing the final draft for the two-year follow-up report for the NEASC. The NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) is the accreditation agency for all high schools and colleges in New England. Every ten years all schools undergo a comprehensive accreditation process. The WMHS accreditation took place two years. The ensuing report highlighted many of the exemplary programs at WMHS. In addition, the report highlighted recommendations for school initiatives to ensure our school moves forward in an appropriate manner in preparing our students for post-graduation opportunities.

Semester Exams: Semester exams will soon be upon us as we return to school in January. Please encourage you sons and daughters to finish the semester strong and work hard to prepare for the exams. The exam schedule is as follows:

MID-YEAR EXAMS 2009

Grade 9 - 12

January 19 - 22, 2009

Tuesday, January 19	7:45 - 9:45	Exam Period 1 Cafeteria Open
	10:10 - 12:10	Exam Period 2
Wednesday, January 20	7:45 - 9:45	Exam Period 3 Cafeteria Open
	10:10 - 12:10	Exam Period 4
Thursday, January 21	7:45 - 9:45	Exam Period 5 Cafeteria Open
	10:10 - 12:10	Exam Period 6
Friday, January 22	7:45 - 9:45	Exam Period 7 Cafeteria Open
	10:10 - 12:10	Exam Make-Up

BUSSES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 12:15 ON EXAM DAYS

Students need not report to school unless they are scheduled for an exam.

Students who are absent excused from an exam must see their assistant principal for an absent excused note and present this note to their teachers to make-up an exam.

Snow day – exam schedule will move forward one day – i.e. Friday's exams and make-up will move to Monday.

Dates to Remember

12/23	Half-day of school	11:00 dismissal
12/24	Winter break begins	
1/4	Classes resume	
1/15	Term 2 Ends	
1/18	Martin Luther King Day - No School	
1/19-1/22	Mid-year Exams	12:15 dismissal