

DECEMBER UPDATE

UPPER SCHOOL



DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS FOR WWS FAMILIES

STUDENTS IN ACTION



<<< SHARK TANK

Students in Mr. Smith's College Prep Math class presented their ideas for improvements on campus in Shark Tank style presentations. Students proposed prototypes, budgets, and blueprints of their designs. Ultimately, Nino Giuffrida's treehouse design was selected as a project to be undertaken by WWS staff and students. We look forward to building more cozy outdoor learning spaces on campus!





➤➤➤ HISTORY FIELD TRIP

Students in US History I and Government and Political Science traveled to Boston to participate in "A Revolution is Brewing" at the Old South Meeting House, which is where the Boston Tea Party began.



MEETING ON THE HILL <<<

At the end of each month, an advisory leads a gathering with the entire upper school that we fondly refer to as "MOTH" or "Meeting on the Hill." Mr. Zadrozny's advisory kicked off our October MOTH and Mr. Neelon's advisory led us in a game of music trivia during last month's MOTH. Mr. Ark's advisory will lead this month's gathering on Wednesday afternoon. Organizing this brief schoolwide event provides an opportunity for advisories to work towards a common goal, utilize planning and organizational skills and improve on their communication within a group.





PROGRAM & POLICY

»»» MIDTERM EXAMS

Students took midterm exams in math, science and history on December 18th and 19th. Teachers differentiated exams appropriately and students will have access to their scores after the winter break.

»»» REAL WORLD SKILLS DAYS

On Thursday, December 21st, we will be hosting our second Real World Skills Day. We are excited to welcome Breathe NH to campus to facilitate a workshop on vaping usage. See below for the list of topics.

Topic	Subtopics/Tasks
Breathe NH - Vaping Unveiled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US regulations • Impacts of nicotine • Signs of addiction
Social Media & You	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze personal screen time • Pros/cons of social media use
Auto Mechanics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change a tire • Check oil level
Wilderness Survival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire starting competition
Problem Solving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egg drop competition

➤➤➤ ELECTIVES

Students have submitted their requests for second semester electives and we received an overwhelming demand for our new Nutrition and Restaurant Management course. For this reason, we will be offering 2 sections of this course for the semester. If your child was not able to take this elective in the Spring, we will likely offer it again next school year.

We are excited to kick off second semester electives on January 22nd.



➤➤➤ MS INFO NIGHT

On December 5th, we held an information session for middle school parents. This event aimed to provide a comprehensive overview of the upper school program. We were fortunate to be joined by three upper school students who answered questions about their WWS experience as well. See [here](#) for the information shared with parents at this event.

➤➤➤ YEARBOOK

We have partnered with Josten's Yearbook this year in order to provide a hard cover and high quality product that is upper school specific/

"I'll never want to look back at all the memories we made this year," ...said no one ever. Buy your yearbook [here](#) and save them forever!

➤➤➤ FOOD DELIVERY

Students are not allowed to have food delivered to school nor are they permitted to receive "delivery" items during the school day from family members. It is disruptive to the school day to have food being delivered. Moving forward, any delivery items will be held until dismissal. Thank you for understanding!

*"IF A CHILD CAN'T LEARN THE WAY WE TEACH, MAYBE
WE SHOULD TEACH THE WAY THEY LEARN"*

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