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Millionaire Memo

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National Junior Honor Society

---------- BLAIZE NEYHART

The National Junior Honor Society, or NJHS, is a group that recognizes academic achievement by students. It is a group for students who strive to do their best. So, you need to do your best to get in. If you have made the Honor Roll throughout the year, you are a prime candidate to apply.

An important part of NJHS is their time spent giving back and performing community service. Seventh grade students need to do 8 hours of volunteer time. Eighth grade students need to do 16 hours of volunteer time.

If you do all the requirements, you can be initiated to the NHJS. Seventh graders and new eighth graders were initiated on May 10 this year. The people that were involved are new members, two-year members, and influential teachers. It is important, because it is to acknowledge that academic and community involvement are a vital part of building our community, both within the walls of WAMS and outside of those walls.

Seventh graders, this is to you. In 8th grade, to get in the NHJS next year, you still need to achieve honor roll and you will need 16 hours of volunteer hours. So, if you did not sign up this year, be sure to do your part this summer.

Eighth grade students, this is now for you. You can expect to join the National Honor Society, or NHS, in 11th grade. So, for the next 2 years you will still be in the NHJS, but you will get to move to the upper levels of the organization.

If you strive to be the best you can, both academically and beyond, the National Junior Honor Society is the group for you. This organization is something that can help you achieve new avenues of success throughout high school, as well as provide new and unique opportunities to grow. It is important to honor academic achieving students. It is also important to be a part of something that is bigger than yourself. The Millionaire Memo wants to recognize Mrs. Garside for always seeing the best in students and spending her time with the organization.

Looking Forward to Field Day

---------- SOPHIE REESE & YASMIN SMITH

The Millionaire Memo interviewed the head of the student council, Mrs. Cipriani, asking about the upcoming, fun-filled field day. Mrs. Cip did not disappoint with her answers, so let's take a look and see what we have to look forward to! We asked Mrs. Cip what the goal of field day was. She said that, “we must make impactful memories for these kids at WAMS, because Covid has taken a lot away from us in the past few years. So, we must make the most memories from this year as we can.”

With this in mind, we wanted to know why she thought field day was important. She responded with, “Because we must come together and take a break from everything for a while.” I think we can all agree that this year has been a particularly challenging year, and we all need a little break to have some fun and get all the stress off our minds for a while.

What’s Mrs. Cip’s plan for field day? She said that this is a surprise, and we will find out when we get there. Sorry people, but you’re just going to have to wait. If you were wondering if you could join... Of course you can! Mrs. Cip said that everyone can participate and have fun together. Now once again, we cannot tell you what activities we will be participating, but we can tell you that you must wear sneakers, active wear, and you can be expecting lots of fun!

Our final question we asked the amazing Mrs. Cip is where field day will be held. It’s here at WAMS, just outside, the gym, and in the parking lot. As you can see, there is a lot to look forward to when it comes to field day; make sure your prepared for all the fun we are going to have on June 1st and 2nd. Let's make this year go out with a bang!

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Jett and Hope

Spreading Happiness

---------- AAMILAH AMOS & JOHANNA PELLY

Jett and Hope are certified therapy dogs helping students through tough times. Hope's home is in the guidance office, where she helps students calm down and focus. Jett joins our WAMS club Jett Friday, where animal lovers go to talk about animals and hang around with Jett. Both Jett and Hope went through a deal of formal training and passed their classes with flying marks.

Jett Fridays: What does Jett do? Well, Jett visits every Friday at WAMS to provide a safe and fun environment to make people smile. How does Jett help the school and students? He helps the school and students by making a good friend and offering his therapy dog service to everyone. Ms. Hannan, Jett's owner, takes Jett to the Animal Kindness week at Jackson for added district support. You can locate Jett in Ms. Hannan's room 252 on Jett Fridays. When you join the Jett Friday club, you'll get to share an environment with other animal lovers while being around Jett.

Hope's Helping Hand: What does Hope do? Hope is a therapy dog; she helps students calm down in the guidance office. If a student is overwhelmed, angry, or just needs a break, Hope is there to help. Through lots of good canine training, Hope was awarded her certification. Mrs. Rook, Hope's owner, took Hope to Jackson for Animal Kindness week, also. They passed out coloring pages with inspirational quotes. Mrs. Rook hopes in the future that Hope can become an advanced therapy dog.

Now that you know some information about Jett and Hope would you consider joining their clubs? To get in contact with your furry friends, visit Mrs. Hannan's room 252 for more information, or stop by the guidance office in room 521 to see Mrs. Rook and Hope.

E-Sports

Bring your game!

---------- KYLIE GRASSMYER & GABE SCRIMSHAW

This year, Mr. Rook hosted an Esports Tournament for our students to participate in during Millionaire Block. Essentially, an E-tournament is a competition amongst pairs or teams in video game versions of different sports, such as football or basketball.

Winners from this year's E-tournament were Logan Kilgus, Levi Gair, Wyatt, Bair, and Lucas Naughton. Our winners agreed that you need to have teamwork, and you must know what you are doing in order to play effectively and win. The boys felt that they played well and would sign up to play again next year. They'll be working on their tackling skills and communicating better as a team. They hope to continue their reign as champions.

Mr. Rook hopes to run three tournaments next year: E-Maddin, Rocket League, and MBA 2K. If you love gaming and think you have what it takes to be our school's next E-champions, make sure you talk to Mr. Rook and get signed up to play!

PSSA Pep Rally

Looking back on the fun!

---------- KALISHA HARRY & MICHAEL VINCENT

Millionaire Memo asked both Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Bolt a series of questions about how they felt about the PSSA Pep Rally and what they planned on doing next year.

The first question that was asked was: what was the purpose of the pep rally? Mrs. Watson responded saying "To encourage students to do well on the test and have fun." Mrs. Watson just wants the students to enjoy school and have fun with it. Mrs. Bolt replied saying, "To get everyone fired up for the test and have fun." She doesn't want the students to feel down or unmotivated; she wants the pep rally to get students excited to take the test, not stress.

When asked why preparing for the PSSAs important, Mrs. Watson said, "We want our students to be at their best." I interpreted this as Mrs. Watson wanting the students to obviously do everything they can do to be at their fullest potential. Mrs. Bolt said, "It can be an accurate reflection of what you know." This means Mrs. Bolt thinks that the PSSAs show what you know and how much you know it.

When it comes to plans for next year, Mrs. Watson stated, "So, we had meetings, communicated through emails. We worked with maintenance, the music department, and also included guest speakers." Mrs. Bolt said, "Loads of emailing, communication, getting people to help out, a lot of behind-the-scenes stuff," when it comes to preparing for the 2023 PSSAs. They both put in a lot of communication and collaboration to prepare this pep rally for us.

After hearing how much planning went into this year, we wanted to know what plans do they have for next year. Mrs. Watson said, "We want to invite former students to talk about how they were able to be successful, live music performances, and more participation." It was clear that she wants us to be more involved and for there to be more options of what we as students are able to do. Mrs. Bolt said to expect, "Some of the same things. More exciting games and guests, more pep rallies, etc." The goal is to have fun and get excited about showing ourselves just how capable and amazing we really are.

Finally, we wanted to know if they thought the pep rally was a success and what made it successful. Mrs. Watson said, "Mrs. Bolts games!" Mrs. Bolt agreed, "Yes, because most kids told her they enjoyed it." But she does still want to hear it from more people. Both Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Bolt put a lot of time and effort into this pep rally. They really enjoyed it and enjoyed seeing the students enjoy it. So, let's end this year with a positive attitude!

Student Council

An Active Part of the WAMS Community

---------- MOLLY GRIESEMER & BRIANNA HELTMAN

The Student Council here at WAMS has gone above and beyond to make our school experiences fun and exciting, especially coming from two COVID impacted years. Student Council is a group of young men and women who support and work for the school to build an inner community within the building. In the 2021-2022 school year, Student Council has planned fundraisers, the formal, 8th grade celebration, have visited Jackson to read to younger students, has completed hours of community service and more. The kids put blood, sweat, and tears into planning these activities and a lot of time and effort.

This month, students had the opportunity to attend their first middle school dance in two years. Student Council spent hours planning, preparing, and fundraising to be able to host a night to remember. Students arrived in style, were dressed to impress, and danced the night away. Even the chaperones joined in the fun and danced!

In addition to providing fun for our school, Student Council brought joy to Jackson students. Little millionaires ran through high-fiving hands and cheering big kids as they entered Jackson Primary. Student Council read to students and demonstrated the 4-Bs with professionalism. Our Jackson students boasted to their teachers how much fun they had and how much they enjoyed working with WAMS students.

In past years, Student Council hosted numerous dances, field days, and trips out into the community. The goal for next year is to come back bigger and better! This impacts the school and increases school spirit and energy. Although the eighth grade Student Council members won't be here next year, they want to leave an impact on the school and leave a legacy behind. It's fair to say that, even with restrictions, they managed to make memories for WAMS students and staff, especially with the help and enthusiasm of Mrs. Cip!

A Special Thank You from The Millionaire Memo:

The Millionaire Memo is made of a group of outstanding young ladies and gentleman, who, throughout a transitional year, have made strides in becoming a part of the WAMS community. With only one eighth grader, Miss Brianna Heltman, our team is a young group who worked extremely well together and looked forward to being able to partake in Memo Activities. However, with the unknown climate of coming from two COVID years, much of the activities for the school were delayed. Unfortunately, this has placed us in a tough spot to get out and interview, yet alone attend different events. For those events that did get to run this year, such as the school dance and PSSA pep rally, our team reflected on the successes and spoke to the teachers who made those activities possible.

As the Memo's advisor, I'd like to thank my students who joined the Memo in such a strange, comeback year. I'd also like to take a moment to thank all the advisors of clubs who have made it possible for our students to get a taste of what WAMS is all about-- community and a sense of Port Pride. We look forward to the next year and all of the upcoming opportunities for our students to partake in. Until next year WAMS, remember to be Safe, Respectful, Responsible, and Present in all of your words and all of your actions.

Miss Costa

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