Hello West Bedford High Families,

Wolf Pack days was a great success last week; more ideas have been generated for future years. I would like to thank all those involved to help make this happen!! This is the last memo prior to the break. Please review the info for the upcoming weeks:

1. **Graduation 2026 Information.** A reminder to our graduating class of 2026 to check the Graduation classroom regularly. There are scholarship, bursary and university information pages that are updated regularly.

**Scholarships/Bursaries/awards.** We are looking for any local businesses or individuals who would like to set up a scholarship/bursary/award for our current graduating class and future graduating classes. Please reach out to Principal, Sean MacDonald, at <a href="macdonalds@hrce.ca">macdonalds@hrce.ca</a> if you are interested. Let's create some exciting local awards for our students to strive for and help support them on the journey after high school.

Grad photos will be done January 19-23, 2026 We will have 2 photographers doing pictures, so there are 2 time slots per 20 minute session

- There is a \$25 sitting fee-cash only
- Please sign up for one spot only

Sign up is for <u>TWO grads per timeslot</u>

Sign up link: goes live Monday morning 9:30 am

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdB2XlzAweda4uEnvu5mabk5XDYhhz3MYdRhd6ObzRi bZMZA/viewform?usp=header

**Graduation Fees** – these are currently being determined and will be sent home in a separate memo for grade 12 student and families later in the week.

2. **Dropping off/picking up students**. Reminder to drop students off or pick them up in the lower parking lot.

Another option is to drop your child off along the fence that borders the elementary playground and then turn around through the staff parking lot. Do not drive up to the pylons and then stop and let your child out and then try and do a U-turn, this creates further traffic issues and possible accidents. Last week we were out directing people to park along then fence and then keep moving. This was very efficient when all vehicles began to do this. Make sure your child is ready to get out as you pull up along the fence to make things quicker and smoother.

Our special needs busses and students with accessibility needs use the loop in the morning and after school. Cars driving into this area is creating a safety issue. Safety trumps convenience. Please do not drive up past the pylons in the loop. Please abide by the directions and guidelines above.

3. **2005-26 Yearbook.** Early bird pricing alert! Get your 2025/26 Yearbook now for the lowest price of \$50.00! The link to purchase your copy is: <a href="https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A02188783">https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A02188783</a> Sale Yearbook price after December 19 will be \$60.00. Don't miss out, order yours now!

#### 4. Student Council Events

#### Pod Wars! -- December 9th-16th

We're excited to announce **Pod Wars** from **December 9th–16th!** Each pod will decorate their windows based on their assigned theme.

# **Key Dates:**

- Dec 9: Decorating begins
- **Dec 15:** Admin reviews pods to pick the most put-together Winner is then announced
- Dec 16: Winning pod gets a hot chocolate prize!

Show off your creativity and teamwork—may the best pod win!

## ANNUAL SWISHMAS 2v2 Basketball Tournament - December 18th

Get ready for Swishmas, our 2v2 half-court basketball intramural tournament happening December 18th at lunch!

#### **Event Details:**

Date: December 18th Time: Lunch hour

Teams: 6 teams of two for High School (Grades 9–12)

# 6 teams of two for Junior High (Grades 7-9)

The court will be divided in half: one half for high school participants, one half for junior high.

Grade 9s may choose which side they want to compete in.

#### Sign-Ups:

Sign-up sheets will be posted Monday, December 15th, and will be taken down at the end of the day Tuesday.

Please have your partner chosen in advance and make sure to sign up before the deadline.

5. **Donations for Bryony House.** Up until December 19th, we will be collecting donations for the Bryony House and the women and children spending their holidays in their care. Possible contributions include: Shampoo & Conditioner, hair products for all hair types (black hair care products), Soap & Body Wash, Loofahs, Deodorant, Razors, Feminine Hygiene Products, Diapers & Baby Wipes, Hair brushes & ties, Self-care products (face masks, serums, makeup & nail products), New underwear & bras, Travel mugs & reusable water bottles New, unwrapped toys for children of all ages, New hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and stylish sweaters (women's), Winter boots & rain boots (children's), New pyjamas, robes & slippers, Cozy blankets & throws, Books, journals, planners, Art supplies & craft kits, Teens – teen-specific gifts are especially needed, and Gift cards of all kinds. Students can drop any donations off under the tree located in Student Services (rm. 1015). Thank you for your support!

# 7. Get your wolves Gear !! Wolves online swag store now open!

Welcome to <a href="https://wbhwolves.entripyshops.com/">https://wbhwolves.entripyshops.com/</a> - the official online store of the West Bedford High Wolves. Working in conjunction with Entripy Shops, we are the official WBHS swag shop! It's the spirit shop where our students, families, and staff can buy custom gear to show their pride in the Wolfpack. As a bonus, 10% of each sale supports our school's fundraising goals. Pick your favourite gear from top-name suppliers such as Oakley, Champion, Under Armour, Gildan, and Puma. Customize it with our logo, your style and rep the Wolves.

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## **Important Dates:**

- December 14: First day of Hanukkah
- December 19: Last day of school for students before holiday break
- December 22: Teacher Professional Practice Day (no classes PP-12)
- December 25: Christmas Day
- December 26: Kwanzaa

Sincerely,

WBH Admin team