



Wells High School

The Warrior

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From the Office of the Principal

“Our mission is to empower all students through individualized instruction to become literate critical thinkers and problem solvers committed to civic engagement.”

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

The Wells High School Faculty and Staff and I wish you and your family season's tidings, and we hope this note finds you and your family enjoying good health and holiday cheer!

If you have a chance to come out for our school play, [A Christmas Carol](#), I would highly recommend it! The cast and crew of the **Wells Players** have been hard at work to prepare and present an amazing night of entertainment! Likewise, our director, Mr. Andy Lopez and his staff have dedicated many hours to the coaching and support of our production! I know you will enjoy the show in our new Olenn Performing Arts Center!

Sara Ring was recently recognized as Student of the Quarter in the Occupations and Health Program at Sanford Regional Vocational Center. She has an excellent attitude and has maintained a 98 GPA in a very challenging program with 100% attendance. Great work, Sara!

Congratulations to **Richard Patenaude** and **Issac J. Michaud** for their recognition as the recipients of the 2016 National School Development Council's Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership. Richard and Issac exemplify leadership and citizenship every day. Please see their photo and press release below. Congratulations Richard and Issac!

The **Wells Warrior Football Team** is to be congratulated for their Class C State Championship. It is a great accomplishment to work so hard all season and have all that dedication result in a State Championship. Congratulations to each player and coach. You have had an amazing season!

Once again this year, the **Women's Warrior Soccer Team** are the recipients of the Maine Principal's Association Class B Sportsmanship Award. This team has dedicated a tremendous amount of time to their season and carried themselves with pride and great sportsmanship. Congratulations, ladies!

For students who may need to make up work in a class, please have them schedule time with their teacher(s) as soon as possible. Trimester One ends on December 2, and we will be finalizing Trimester One grades and moving on to Trimester Two! Please reach out to your teachers, if you have any questions or concerns.

Our seniors have been busy applying to colleges or preparing their career goals. To that end, we have welcomed over 60 college representatives, including the armed forces, in our Guidance Office this fall. Face-to-face meetings such as these allow our students the opportunity to become familiar with a school/service they may be interested in without having to actually travel there. This is a valuable tool in the application process.

At this time of year, our students are involved in many charitable events for the greater Wells-Ogunquit community and beyond. We appreciate your support as they make a difference in our community!

On behalf of the entire staff here at Wells High School, may you and your families enjoy a safe and joyous holiday season!

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Sheehy

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*Another Spectacular Performance is
anticipated by our own
Wells Players!*

The first production in our new Olenn Performing Arts Center will be *A Christmas Carol*. This iconic story features a cast of more than 35 characters, all working toward the redemption of the cantankerous, old sinner, Ebenezer Scrooge. Its timeless message about the redemption of the human spirit will touch adults and children alike, from all faiths and walks of life.

Performance times in the Olenn Performing Arts Center @ Wells High School are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 30, 3:30 p.m. Matinee
 - **All seats \$5.00**
 - **Students and Senior Citizens are free**

- Thursday and Friday, December 1 and 2 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - **Adults \$8.00**
 - **Students & Senior Citizens \$5.00**

- Saturday, December 3 @ 1:00 pm matinee
 - **Adults \$8.00**
 - **Students and Senior Citizens \$5.00**

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WHS BAND HOLIDAY PARADE SCHEDULE



December 3, 2016 - Exeter, NH - Parade begins @ 5:30 p.m.
December 4, 2016- Rochester, NH- Parade begins @ 3:00 p.m.
December 10, 2016- Ogunquit, ME -Parade begins @ 3:00 p.m.
December 11, 2016- Wells, ME -Parade begins @ 2:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact ldowning@wocsd.org



Richard Patnaude and Issac J. Michaud

Principal Sheehy has announced that Richard Patnaude and Issac J. Michaud are the recipients of the 2016 National School Development Council's Award for Academic Growth and Student Leadership. The Council, formed in 1969, seeks to acknowledge the positive contributions students make to schools. Recipients of this award exemplify admirable character and accomplishment. Richard and Issac "are wonderful examples of the many positive ways students can influence a school," said Assistant Principal Gould.

"They are natural leaders who model commitment, compassion and citizenship, stated Principal Sheehy. Their dedication to academics along with their positive presence in our school make them outstanding role models. Over the years here at Wells High School Issac and Richard have worked hard at everything they have endeavored and they have consistently contributed to the culture of our entire school community."

Richard Patnaude is the son of Mary Beth & Jeffrey Patnaude. Richard has made a solid five plus year commitment to the WHS music and dramatic arts programs. A talented tenor saxophone player, he is an

integral part of the marching band program culminating in his selection as the Drum Major in both his junior and senior years. He has participated in every fall play and spring musical and this year he will be playing Scrooge in A Christmas Carol. A National Honor Society member, Richard has been recognized by the WHS faculty for several awards in the fields of English, Math, Spanish and Health. Last summer he excelled in the Maine Space Grant Consortium program, participating in an analytical research project.

Issac J. Michaud is the son of Michelle & James Michaud. Isaac Michaud has recently earned Eagle Scout status through the Boy Scouts of America. He has participated in numerous community service projects, modeling leadership through various fund raising efforts of the younger cub scouts. This fall he planned, organized and lead the community volunteer program which built our four new benches that grace the front lawn of our new high school! A three year soccer and lacrosse team member, Isaac is a great student....named Student of the Trimester by WHS faculty and given awards in Physical Science, Advanced Placement Biology, English 10 and Geometry

Warrior Football wins State Championship

Wells Warrior Football Team in celebration after the Championship Game on November 19, 2016!

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Congratulations to each player, Coach Tim Roche and his coaching staff on a great season!



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Congratulations to Sara Ring for her outstanding work in Health Occupations!



Good Work, Sara!

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Congratulations to the WHS Girls Soccer Team! For the second year in a row, our young women have been the honored recipients of the 2016 Maine Principal's Association Class B Sportsmanship Award. The girls were presented with the banner at the State Championship game at Fitzpatrick Stadium on November 5th.

While it isn't always easy, our young ladies have won and lost with pride and sportsmanship. We congratulate the coaches and athletes on this honor! We are proud of you!

WHS Girls Soccer Team is coached by Mr Doug Cottis, and Asst coaches Stephanie Lewinsky and Cynthia McDonnell. Team members include: Lauren Bartlett, Olivia

Durfee, Mackenzie Foss, Natalie Thurber, Delaney McDonnell, Kylie Belanger, Hannah Cottis, Leah Tufts, Allyson O'Brien, Sarah Webb, Emily Cottis, Olivia Clay, Sara Ring, Katie Reidy, Katelyn Hurlburt, Elana Fortin, Francesca Ramsdell, Sydney Belanger, Lauren Dow, Meredith Bogue, Abby Hansen, Olivia Talevi, Jaidyn Patel, Abby Durost, Jordan Belanger, Mackenzie Webb, and Sophia Zurlo



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December Dates

- 1 "A Christmas Carol" @ 7:00 p.m
- 2 "A Christmas Carol" @ 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Early Release- Dismissal @ 12:49
- 2 First Trimester Ends
- 3 "A Christmas Carol" @ 1:00 p.m. matinee
- 7 Early Release- Dismissal @ 12:49
- 9 First boys basketball game in new gymnasium (vs. Lake Region) @ 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Early Release- Dismissal @ 12:49
- 16 First girls basketball game in new gymnasium (vs. OOB) @ 7:00 p.m.
- 21 First wrestling match in new gymnasium (Atlantic Invitational) 9:30 a.m.
- 23 NO SCHOOL- Christmas Break
- 26- 30 CHRISTMAS BREAK- NO SCHOOL
- December Athletic Events: <http://whs.k12wocsd.net/calendar-of-events>

January Look Ahead Dates

- 2 NO SCHOOL
- 3 Return from Christmas Break
- 16 NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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