



Welcome to the Waynflete Weekly

The *Waynflete Weekly* is designed to be your primary source of information for school-wide activities, division information, arts, athletics (remember to also rely on the [online calendar](#) and sports hotline for daily updates and/or weather-related news), and other school notices.

All School News

All-School Checklists and Opening Events Schedule

Welcome to the 2015–2016 school year! After a summer of preparation, we are eager to welcome you to campus for an enriching and productive year. The [All-School Checklists and Opening Events Schedule](#) provide all the information you need to make a smooth transition back to school.

Opening Receptions August 27, September 2

Opening Receptions for Grades 6-12 will be held on **Thursday, August 27**, and Lower School Opening Receptions will be held on **Wednesday, September 2**. [Click here](#) for the schedules.



Be sure to pick up your copy of the [2015-2016 Handbook & Directory](#). And stop by to see the new Waynflete gear including T's, hoodies, hats, bags, water bottles, and more. There will be food trucks selling delicious goodies during these events as well.

New Parent Breakfast September 10

New parents are invited to the New Parent Breakfast on **Thursday, September 10** at 8:15 a.m. in Sills Hall in the Arts Center for an opportunity to gather with other new families and to learn about being part of the Waynflete community.

Health Forms Reminder

Health forms are **now due**. Please click [here](#) to go to the All-School Checklist where you can access the link to your forms. Contact [Blanche Belliveau](#) with any questions.

Online Bus Route Sign-up and Free Trial Option

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Upcoming Events

Pre-Season Athletics Picnic and Information Night

8/25/2015

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Fall upper school athletes and parents gather for a picnic, athletic information and to meet with fall coaches. In case of inclement weather check the website or sportsline at 774-7863 x1100
Location: Fields

6-12 Opening Events

8/27/2015

8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Upper School

Grade 9 and All New Upper School Students

Orientation and Outdoor Experience Meeting

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All Ninth Grade students and parents and

All New Upper School Students and Parents

(Students must be accompanied by a parent.)

Registration in Emery Courtyard/Waynhenge

Grades 10-12 Outdoor Experience Meeting

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

All Tenth, Eleventh and

Review [bus schedules and routes](#), [rates](#) and [sign up](#) (optional). Buses will be on the road for all routes, every day, beginning

Tuesday, September 1. All school bus riders should be registered to start the school year, but changes can be made anytime in the school year. A free trial of bus service is offered through **September 18.** Contact Transportation Director [Mark Bennett](#) (ext. 1253) for more information.

Veracross Provides Access to Current Contact Information

Just a reminder that Veracross (the Parent Portal) will always contain the most current contact information. For example, once you are logged in, you can use Veracross to [search for families and class lists](#); [nearby families](#) (for carpooling); [students](#); and [faculty/staff](#).

News From the Lower School

Message From Ben Thrash

Welcome (and welcome back) to school! We look forward to both greeting familiar faces and meeting all of our new students and families in the coming weeks.

[Some reminders to begin the school year from Ben Thrash](#)

News From the Middle School

Opening Receptions August 27

We look forward to seeing you at Opening Receptions **Thursday, August 27.** You will meet your child's advisor and hear more specific details about LEAP WEEK. Please make sure that you have submitted all required health forms and permission slips prior to this event.

[More information on Opening Receptions](#)

Summer Reading Reminder

Students should make sure to complete their summer reading in time for the start of classes on **Tuesday, September 8.**

[Summer required reading continued](#)

New Technology and Study Skills Workshop for Sixth Graders

This school year marks the beginning of an exciting pilot program for all sixth graders. Once per week for the school year, sixth graders will attend a skills workshop in which they will receive explicit instruction in various technology and academic/study skills.

[Details about Technology and Study Skills Workshop](#)

iPad Program for Sixth and Seventh Grade Students

After a successful pilot in our sixth grade last year, our teaching team has decided to extend—and build upon—the program for sixth and seventh grade students.

[More information about the iPad Program](#)

Twelfth Grade students
Franklin Theater

Middle School

Grade 6 Orientation

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
All Sixth Grade students and parents
(Students must be accompanied by a parent.)
Registration in the Sanctuary

Grades 7-8 Orientation

12:30 - 1:00 p.m. New 7th and 8th Grade students and parents meet for introductions and a brief tour
Forum

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

All Seventh and Eighth Grade students and parents
(Students must be accompanied by a parent.)
Registration in the Sanctuary

Grades 7-8 Sports Kick-off

2:30 - 3:15 p.m.
All Seventh and Eighth Grade Athletes and Parents should attend.
Franklin Theater

In case of rain, registration for Middle and Upper School events will be held in Sills Hall.

Family Food Truck Lunch

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
There will be food trucks selling delicious goodies during opening events. Reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and have a little lunch from one of Portland's fine food trucks. This event is open to all Waynflete families.

Middle School Sports Kick-off

8/27/2015
2:30 PM to 3:15 PM
7th and 8th grade athletes and parents meet with athletic staff and fall coaches
Location: Franklin Theater

Grades EC-5 Orientation

9/2/2015
8:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Lower School

Grades EC -5 Orientation

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Last names beginning with A-J
9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Last names beginning with K-Z
(students must be

accompanied by a parent.)

Registration in Founders Hall

Grade 9 Parent Potluck

9/3/2015

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Location: 305 Danforth
(Boulos House)

News From the Upper School

Upper School NOW!

[Click here](#) to go to US NOW and check out all that's new and happening in the Upper School. You can find US NOW under the "Curriculum" tab of the Waynflete website.

Upper School Opening Reception August 27

[Click here](#) for details on the the opening events schedule.

Performing Arts Signups are Due

All US students must complete the [Performing Arts course signup](#) for Term One even if you have met your requirement. Pay special attention to a new offering, Public Speaking, a course that will help participants develop an important lifelong skill. [Click here](#) for general signup information.

Are you ready for Outdoor Experience 2015?

All US students will meet with their OE leaders on **Thursday, August 27**. For 9th graders and new students, OE meetings will be a part of their orientation meeting. All 10th-12th graders meet at 12:00 p.m. in Franklin Theater. If your son or daughter is unable to attend, please contact [Emily Graham](#).

Please make sure your child is prepared for his/her upcoming adventures by reviewing the information on our [OE website](#) carefully. All forms and gear requests are now due. If you have any questions or are unsure of which trip your child is on, please email Emily Graham at oe@waynflete.org.

College Night For Seniors and Their Parents September 8

Join Waynflete College Counseling staff John Thurston and Breda White in Franklin Theater on **Tuesday, September 8**, for *Seniors and the College Application Process*. The program will take place in Franklin Theater beginning at 7:00 p.m. following the Senior Parent Potluck and the Class of 2016 Pizza Party.

[College Counseling Night continued](#)

Upper School Theater and Dance for 2015-2016

Visit us at the Performing Arts Information Table at Opening Receptions on **Thursday, August 27**. Students are also invited to a kick-off meeting in Franklin Theater on **August 27** at 1:00 p.m. to hear about the exciting things we have planned.

[More information on Upper School Theater and Dance](#)

News from Enrichment

Afterschool: Full Fun Days August 27 to September 4

The Afterschool staff is eager to welcome students back to school! Join

Downloads and Links

[Admissions](#)

[Giving](#)

them for Full Fun Days on **August 27, 28, 31, September 1,** or **September 2.** K-1 students may also participate in Full Fun Days on **September 3 or 4** (during the Staggered Start Days).

[More information on Full Fun Days](#)

Afterschool 2015-2016 Registration Open

Registration for this year's EC-Grade 8 Afterschool programs (Sandpipers, Owls, and The Hive) will take place on a rolling basis as space permits. Please visit waynflete.org/enrichment for additional information. Contact Director of Enrichment Rachael Thrash at rthrash@waynflete.org with questions.

Fall Workshops for the Entire Family: Registration Open

Please look for new Enrichment opportunities for your entire family! Descriptions and online registration are available at waynflete.org/enrichment. Contact Director of Enrichment Rachael Thrash at rthrash@waynflete.org with questions.

Music Instruction 2015-2016 (formerly Applied Arts)

Community adults are now welcome to register!

Students in Grades 2-12 and Waynflete community adults can register for music lessons on a rolling basis as space permits.

[More information on Music Instruction](#)

Afterschool Seeking Upper School Mentors

The Afterschool program EC-Grade 8 is looking for Upper School Mentors (16 or older) for the 2015-2016 school year.

[More information on Afterschool Mentors](#)

News From Athletics

Pre-Season Athletics Picnic August 25

The Pre-Season Athletics Picnic for Upper School athletes and families will be on **Tuesday, August 25** from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Fore River Fields.

9th and 10th grade families—please bring a salad to share and a serving utensil.

11th and 12th grade families—please bring a dessert to share.

The Athletic Council will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, and drinks. In case of inclement weather, the picnic may be postponed until Wednesday, August 26. Please call 774-7863 x1100 or [check the website](#) for last-minute announcements.

7th/8th Grade Sports Kick-off August 27

All 7th and 8th grade parents and athletes should attend the Sports Kick-off on **Thursday, August 27** from 2:30-3:15 p.m. in the Franklin Theater.

News From the Parents Association

Parent Potlucks

Head of School Geoff Wagg and his wife, Alice, are graciously hosting parent potluck dinners this fall. We hope that you will come and enjoy food, conversation, and meeting your fellow parents. Please respond to the invitation from your Class Parents.

Grade 9, **Thursday, September 3**, 5:30 p.m.

Grade 12, **Tuesday, September 8**, 5:30 p.m. (Please note: the Potluck is followed by the College Meeting for parents and students at 7:00 p.m.)

Grade 6, **Monday, September 21**, 5:30 p.m.

EC and K-1, **Thursday, September 24**, 5:30 p.m.

Parents Association Fall Event Saturday, October 17

Save the date for this casual, relaxing, and fun evening on campus. Music, food trucks, and time to connect with Waynflete parents, faculty, staff, and alumni. Look for an invitation soon!

From the Archives

by Chuck Rand



Classmates Ann Martin Collins '54 and Sally Howes Hansen '54, summer of 1955.