

West Running Brook Middle School

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FRIDAY FOCUS

I wanted to take a moment to remind you about the connection between food and achievement, specifically breakfast. The lesson, when distilled, is simple. Feeding your body and mind with good food is conducive to learning at high levels. Our cafe is open for students to get a balanced breakfast beginning at 6:40 AM each school day. It is a good way to transition into the day, with food and with others, socializing. For a good look at the connections between food and learning, watch a Ted Talk [here](#).

Beginning on January 2nd, WRB and GHH were fortunate to again directly partner with the Derry Police Department. Brian Landry has joined our middle school staff as school resource officer (SRO) and will be working directly out of our buildings. When you visit our school, introduce yourself to Officer Landry; he is eager to begin meeting both students and parents.

As a point of clarity and to help you plan in June, the Derry Cooperative School District met the threshold for both blizzard bag days. We will continue to monitor these days as we begin planning for an 8th grade promotion date, end of year activities, and our general last day of school for students.

Be well,
Justin Krieger, Principal

[A Few Upcoming Dates and Information of Interest](#)

- [FOR GRADE 8 FAMILIES - Pinkerton Academy Credit Advancement \(1.22.18\)](#) - There are multiple opportunities for current 8th grade students to earn high school credits in specific areas during the summer of 2018. These courses typically fill quickly and can open room in student schedules during the traditional school year to pursue other courses. You can find more information and directions to apply [here](#).
- [FOR GRADE 8 FAMILIES - Pinkerton Academy Course Selection Support](#) - As the course selection process continues to roll for our 8th graders, you can access information helpful to this moving process on Pinkerton's Incoming 8th Grade [website](#). Additionally, they offer a [guide](#) to support the short and long-range planning of students and families with regard to graduation requirements.
- [Serve As A Guest Speaker at WRB](#) - Part of our 8th grade careers curriculum includes inviting local/regional adults into West Running Brook Middle School to discuss their career path directly with students. This is a benefit to our students because it 1) dovetails their course selection process for high school, 2) provides students with the diversity inherent within the adult-world of work as they begin their own thinking to this end, and 3) places "non-educational" adults in a teaching role and emphasizes that everything is about learning. All good messages. Historically, adult participants have found the time engaging our students valuable and meaningful. If you have an interest in sharing your pathway and specifics pertaining to your job(s), please contact [Meredith Walker](#) directly.
- [Health Office Update](#) - Check out the helpful update from our school nurse, Laura Walker, [here](#).
- [Substitute Teaching Opportunities \(1.17.18\) 6:00-8:00 PM](#) - For those of you interested in pursuing substitute teaching experiences within the Derry School District, there is an upcoming workshop. More information [here](#).
- [Frost Festival Free Pasta Dinner \(2.9.18\) 5:00-6:30 PM](#) - The Derry Village Rotary is sponsoring this dinner at the Pinkerton Academy Senior Cafe. All are welcome and donations are appreciated.