



# Watershed High School

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## *Currents: From the Corner Office*

As we draw near the end of our first quarter, we have much to be thankful for – our students, parents, staff, and community. Our student population has increased from a projection of 65 to 73. As this quarter closes in other districts, we may see more students choosing to enroll at Watershed.

In September, WHS welcomed new board members; and at the October meeting, State Representative Jeff Hayden administered the oath of office. All new members participated in Finance Training by Phil Hatlie of NonProfit Assistance Fund.

I would like to recognize the efforts of the past WHS board members. Their hard work and dedication helped to keep us afloat during incredibly difficult times. I'd especially like to thank Ann Moore, president and treasurer, for her work on our school's behalf, and Sandra Smith who spent the summer volunteering at the front desk.

Thank you to our parent volunteers! Your willingness to donate time and energy truly makes a difference. I would urge all parents to consider getting involved.

WHS has taken on two new partners: **Realations** works with our students to offer extra academic assistance and provides family counseling services after school hours. In addition, **Learn it Systems** works with students involved in the Title 1 programming.

At this time, we are close to settling two legal disputes which began last spring, and we have negotiated payment plans with the IRS, State of MN, and teacher retirement program. Our goal is to be current by September of 2012.

Unfortunately, Audubon is no longer considering adding new schools under their authorization program. They referred us to Innovative Quality Schools (IQS); we have met with their officers and plan to have the formal submission forms to them by the end of the month.

Once again, thank you for all you have done to assist us during this year. Together, we can build a strong and vital resource for our students.

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## *Upcoming Events*



**Monday, October 24**  
Picture Day!

**Friday, October 28**  
WHS Parent Fundraiser

**Friday, November 4**  
End of First Quarter

**Friday, November 11**  
Festival of Courage – 12-3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 22**  
Early Release for Staff  
Development

**November 23-25**  
No School – Thanksgiving Holiday

Check the WHS website for more news and events:

**[www.watershedhs.org](http://www.watershedhs.org)**

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## Transportation & Meals

### Bus Transportation

Beginning November 5, we will once again issue bus passes for the second quarter. The cost of these passes is \$87.50; these passes are valid any day of the week and include light rail.

Most area schools are charging significantly more for student transportation than the cost of these passes. We would ask that you contribute towards your student's pass as you are able.

at [www.watershedhs.org](http://www.watershedhs.org).  
The weekly cost for breakfast is \$9.25 and lunch is \$16.25.

If your child participates in this program, we would ask that you keep current with the charges as they are billed you.

For more information on bus transportation and lunch service, contact **Sandra Smith** at **612.871.4363** or send an email to [ssmith@watershedhs.org](mailto:ssmith@watershedhs.org).

### Breakfast and Lunch Service

Student breakfast and lunches are being served on a daily basis at WHS, and menus are posted

#### **Mission:**

*Watershed High School, a public charter school since 2002, seeks to nurture the intellect, stimulate the will, and embrace the creative potential of youth in a balanced environment that engenders reverence, respect, and responsibility for nature and the needs of other human beings.*

Students at Watershed High School are supportive of one another creating an atmosphere in which the gifts of each individual can emerge and be valued.

***In our community, every student is an honored student.***

