

Important Dates:

January

- 1/15: School Closed (MLK Day)
- 1/17: Abbreviated Schedule (In-Service Day)
- 1/18: 8th Gr. Meet and Greet (Academic Planning Night)/ 6:30-9 PM RHS
- 1/24: PTO Gen. Mtg./WAMS Audit. (9:15 AM)
- 1/25: 2nd Marking Period Ends
- 1/25: Cycle 3 Ends
- 1/26: Cycle 4 Begins
- 1/30: Ryan's Story/WAMS Audit. (7 PM)
- 1/31: Dr. Bradley's talk/RHS PAC (7 PM)

February

- 2/1: Dr. Bradley's talk/Bernards HS (7PM)
- 2/2: 2nd MP Report Cards Online
- 2/7: PAC Mtg./Café Annex (9 AM)
- 2/19: School Closed (Presidents' Day)
- 2/20: School Closed
- 2/28: PTO Gen. Mtg./WAMS Audit. (9:15 AM)

2017 -18 PTO, District, & DynaCal Calendars

Click [here](#) for the entire PTO Calendar. (as of 1/10/18)

Click [here](#) for the District Calendar. (as of 6/12/17)

Click [here](#) for the DynaCal Calendar.

Reminders and Upcoming Events (Click on Title for more information, where relevant)

General PTO Meeting: **8TH GRADE TRANSITION TO RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** **Wednesday, January 24, 9:15 AM - 11 AM WAMS Auditorium**

Our special topic this month is 8th Grade Transition to Ridge High School, featuring special guest speakers: Drew Krause, RHS Principal; Dr. Brian Heineman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; and Jillian Shadis, District Supervisor of School Counseling. Click [here](#) for details.

In February, Ridge High School counselors will be at WAMS to meet with 8th grade parents and to advise on specific student course selection.

8TH GRADE MEET AND GREET

Thursday, January 18, 6:30-9:00 PM Ridge High School

This meeting is a meet and greet for parents of rising 8th graders. Academic Planning Night will provide parents and their children with the opportunity to get in-depth information about courses available for rising freshman.

Ryan's Story – If I Could Have a Do-Over

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 7:00pm, WAMS Auditorium

Ryan's Story is a touching and inspiring presentation about bullying, teen suicide and depression, and resilience. Please plan to attend!

Crazy-Stressed: Saving Today's Overwhelmed Teens with Love, Laughter, and the Science of Resilience

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 7:00pm, Ridge PAC (for High School Parents)

Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00PM, Bernards HS (for Middle School Parents)

It's not easy being a teen—and it's certainly not easy parenting one. Always frank and often funny, Dr. Bradley will shed light on the teen brain and offer a wealth of resiliency-boosting strategies for parents. Michael J. Bradley is a licensed clinical psychologist with a doctoral degree in psychology and over 30 years of experience counseling adolescents and their parents.

This dynamic, informative and entertaining program is back by popular demand through a collaboration of Community in Crisis, Bernards Township Municipal Alliance, the PTOs and HSAs of Bernards HS & MS, Ridge HS, WAMS & Bedminster School.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS FEBRUARY 7

Parents may email their grade level representatives for issues regarding the school environment prior to the meeting. Please discuss individual child and/or teacher concerns with the teacher directly.

Click [here](#) for the latest PAC meeting minutes.

WAMS AO

Register for spring sports teams and clinics opens January 16th at 12 noon.

For schedules and team information visit our website <http://www.wamsao.com/>

Find us on Facebook and **LIKE** our page to follow us and get up to the minute schedule changes. <http://www.facebook.com/wamsao>



Visit www.wamspto.com for more announcements. Submissions to the PTO Express are due by Monday at 5:00 PM of the prior week. Send via email to Margarita C. Reynoso at PTOVVE@optimum.net