

Viking Voice Express

January 19, 2018

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.

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

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Important Dates:

January

- 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 1/12/18)

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

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