

# Viking Voice Quarterly

May 15, 2020

## Important Dates

### 2019—2020 District, & DynaCal Calendars

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## 3rd Marking Period Highlights

Welcome to the **Viking Voice Quarterly**, a publication of the WAMS PTO, issued after the marking period ends to celebrate the events and happenings at William Annin Middle School.



The district closed all school buildings and implemented a distance learning plan on March 16th. Pursuant to Governor Murphy's orders, all schools will remain closed for the remainder of the school year, and the district will continue with distance learning through the end of school year.

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# PTO NEWS & INFORMATION

## 2019—2020 PTO BOARD

Co-President	Heather Brady
Co-President	Open
Secretary	Barbara McCabe
Co-Treasurer	Michelle Yang
Co-Treasurer	Li Ma
VP of Communications	Sophia Hu
VP of Fundraising	Vilma Munoz
VP of Volunteers	Michelle Prejean
VP of Programs	Open

The WAMS PTO Board meets monthly to discuss current and future PTO events. The members work diligently to make the best decisions possible with PTO funds while supporting the PTO's mission:

*The mission of William Annin Middle School Parent Teacher Organization is to strengthen, enhance and encourage the educational and social environment of William Annin Middle School.*

## OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

***We need you!!!*** Our PTO will be filling several open Board Positions for next school year. These positions are the back-bone to the wonderful support our PTO and its members give our school and students. Without our amazing PTO, many of our events would not be possible. Please click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for details. Please contact [wamspto.nj@gmail.com](mailto:wamspto.nj@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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## Third Marking Period

### PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is a committee of parents, hosted by the principal, which meets on the first Wednesday of most months to discuss the school environment. It is a closed meeting, but parents are encouraged to email their grade level representatives, as noted below, with any school-wide concerns at least one week before the meeting dates listed at the bottom of this page. The information is strictly confidential and the representative you contact will get back to you with the answer and/or explanation to your questions and/or concerns.

Individual child and/or teacher concerns should be first discussed with the teacher directly. Teachers are very willing to discuss concerns and they are often unaware of problems. Each PTO Board Member is also invited to the PAC meetings.

Parents interested in serving on the PAC committee must be chairing or co-chairing a committee for the current school year and should fill out the WAMS volunteer sign-up sheet distributed in the Spring.

### 2019-2020 PAC Members

#### 6th Grade

Wanning Wu (wanning\_wu@yahoo.com)  
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#### PEC

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#### AO

Stephanie Caesar (sb\_caesar@yahoo.com)

### 2019 - 2020 Meeting Dates & Minutes

October 2, 2019 - 9:00 AM ([Meeting Minutes](#))  
November 6, 2019 - 9:00 AM (**CANCELLED**)  
December 4, 2019 - 9:00 AM ([Meeting Minutes](#))  
No January Meeting  
February 5, 2020 - 9:00 AM (**CANCELLED**)  
March 11, 2020 - 9:00 AM (**CANCELLED**)

# PTO HAPPENINGS

## Third Marking Period

### YEAR ROUND APPRECIATION

The WAMS PTO Board would like to acknowledge the following individuals who tirelessly worked behind-the-scenes throughout the school year to make our school the best it can be every day!

**Margaret von der Linden, Beautification**– Thank you for refreshing planters at the school building entrance and installing seasonal plants within school grounds.



**Michelle Jacoby, Coffee Service** - Thank you for ensuring our staff and teachers were fueled and ready to face the day's challenges by maintaining the main office coffee service every week!

**Rashmi Jain & Michelle Yang, Spirit Wear** - Thank you for coordinating the ordering and selection of WAMS Spirit Wear. We know it was no easy task, especially for a school of our size, and we truly appreciate all your time and effort that went into this undertaking.



# STUDENT RECOGNITION

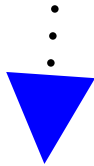
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## 8TH GRADE SUPER STARS

Each marking period, the 8th grade teachers recognize a group of students as super stars. Students are chosen for their good moral character, contributions to the school, concern for others, cooperative spirit, respect for school and others, and sense of responsibility. These students demonstrate the attributes that contribute to a successful school community.



Blue Team

*Samantha Babcock*  
*Lauren Coffey*  
*Caitlin Nassan*  
*Alex Schwed*  
*Andrew Serluco*  
*Ben Yekelchik*



Gold Team

*Caroline Bailey*  
*Eva Cahill*  
*Steven Dresner*  
*Jighe Kurtzman*  
*Liam Murphy*  
*Anya da Silva*



Green Team

*Joseph Lucolo*  
*Anjali Dadlani*  
*Edward Doherty*  
*Catalina Pravda*  
*Hartej Sahni*  
*Emma Wallach*

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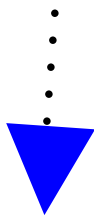
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## 7TH GRADE VIKING VIP'S

The 7th grade teams honor students who exemplify character every marking period. Each team of teachers nominated and voted on students based their dedication to our "Be Statements". The four "Be Statements" are be responsible, be respectful, be positive, and be kind. Students who win the VIP award display the courage to do the right thing when no one is watching, serve as role models, treat others with respect and kindness, demonstrate responsibility, and act with integrity. This award recognizes the actions of the true VIP's at William Annin. The seventh grade teachers are proud of these students and their accomplishments and recognize their efforts at making our community a better place. The third marking period recipients are:



**Blue Team**

*Abraham Cunningham*

*Matthew Doucette*

*Sara Galusha*

*Mia Murphy*



**Gold Team**

*Ava Alonso*

*Mia Bevacqua*

*Ian Mangini*

*Gabriel Troconis*



**Green Team**

*James Mathai*

*Mannan Pandey*

*Jaidyn Riley*

*Nicole Villegas*

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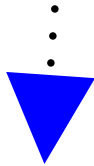
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## 6TH GRADE MOST VALUABLE VIKING

The M.V.V. award is a program for 6th Grade designed to recognize students who have consistently demonstrated a positive and cooperative attitude in their school community by demonstrating one (or more) of the four Viking Values – respect, responsibility, being positive and kind. While many students demonstrate good character each and every day, these student’s efforts and actions went above and beyond earning them this outstanding award.

The 6th Grade Most Valuable Vikings for the 2nd Marking period are:



Blue Team

*Carly Caesar*  
*Jden Chacko*  
*Brody Hansen*  
*Ryan Schmolze*  
*Meera Shah*



Gold Team

*Bredy Gu*  
*Klaudia Kowalewski*  
*Jayan Philip*  
*Raina Prasad*  
*Jake Valentin*



Green Team

*Alexandra Bonura*  
*Ivan Fan*  
*Shaivi Manne*  
*Olivia Marchelli*  
*Christian Travaglini*