



# WALLENPAUPACK AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Wallenpaupack Area High School! I am looking forward to another successful school year. The past year and a half have been difficult for everyone, and we appreciate your flexibility along the way. We are hopeful that this school year will allow us to return to the “new normal” and get back to providing a well-balanced educational experience for all students.

One good thing that came out of the pandemic is that all students in our District now have an iPad to utilize for educational purposes. Our teachers and staff have dedicated themselves to learning how to best incorporate technology into their lessons and students have clearly benefited from this opportunity. Our teachers will continue to utilize Schoology as a learning platform for all courses moving forward.

Our school strives to prepare well-round students by offering a variety of academic and extra-curricular options. In addition to core academic classes, we have many elective courses as well as several Advanced Placement courses to challenge our students. WAHS offers Career and Technical Education programs for Allied Health, Automotive Technology, Building Construction, Child Care, Culinary Arts, Engineering, Exercise Science and Sports Medicine and Protective Services. There are currently seventeen P.I.A.A. sports and twenty-seven extra-curricular activities offered at WAHS. Research conducted at our high school concluded that students who participated in at least one extra-curricular activity had better attendance and academic achievement than those students that did not participate. My hope is that all students find at least one activity that they can take part in during the upcoming school year.

The Academies at Wallenpaupack Area are a focus of our high school experience for all students. 9<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in our Freshmen Academy and decide on an Academy to pursue in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. Each Academy has several Pathways that students can explore to develop a college or career plan. We hope this model allows ALL students to become engaged and have ownership in their education while at WAHS. More information can be found in our course selection guide at [http://www.wallenpaupack.org/wahs/stuff/scheduling/CSG\\_2022.pdf](http://www.wallenpaupack.org/wahs/stuff/scheduling/CSG_2022.pdf)

The collaboration between our staff, students, parents/guardians and community members makes Wallenpaupack Area High School a great place to work and go to school. On behalf of the entire WAHS family, I wish everyone great success in the 2021-2022 school year. As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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