

# WHS Daily Announcements

11/11/2020

## **Thank you to our Veterans.**

Veterans Day is a day in which we celebrate as a nation our past and present heroes. The day in which many normally attend ceremonies, others send a thank you note, and even more give a gesture of love and support to our military heroes. Unfortunately, many of these celebrations will not be held this year, as we continue to battle this invisible threat to our people know as Covid19.

If you think about the original day that developed after World War I, Armistice Day was designed to honor those who fought during World War I as WWI was supposed to be the last war. After all, WWI was referred to as “the war to end all wars”.

Obviously, our military has been called upon repeatedly since 1918 to protect our nation from enemies, both foreign and domestic, deliver humanitarian aid around the world, support states and regions in crisis, help our nation celebrate milestones, engineer some of the most amazing projects in the world and so much more. Over the past three decades, this day has developed as a glorious celebration to honor individuals who protect and dedicate their lives to serve our nation.

“The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.” – Douglas Mac Arthur

It is our job, the job of the civilian, to recognize and remember those deepest wounds and those suffering. It is up to each of us to spread the word and educate the present and future generations of the need to remember the purpose of the holiday. It is Veterans Day, the day to remember our fallen troops, our family members who are serving, our neighbor who was pulled away from her family, and all those who have dedicated themselves to this endeavor. The opportunity

to share this lesson should be done on more than just this one day; it should be taught with every opportunity that we get.

So today, WHS honors those who allow us to live as a free America. Their dedication has allowed all of us to walk down the streets of Westminster, and numerous towns and cities across the country, with little fear of foreign attack. It allows our children and our neighbors children to attend school with relative peace.

We thank every soldier, from those that fought at Yorktown to Fort McHenry, to the those that fought at Antietam to Gettysburg, from those that fought in Manilla Bay, Flanders Fields, to the shores of Normandy, Okinawa, and Saigon. To those that fought in the streets of Bagdad to Kabul and all the other places and all the other conflicts and wars in between.

We thank you for your service.

### **From the Senior Class:**

Senior T-shirts will be distributed again this Friday 11/13 2-4 p.m. and then again Saturday 11/14 from 12-2 p.m. T-shirts are free to all senior class members. Please come on up to the front of WHS to pick up your shirt.