



# WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear WTPS Community:

Last week, WTPS administration and staff met with Manasquan Schools' officials to finalize details regarding the Annual Thanksgiving Day Varsity Football Game. I would like to share some basic information with you so that those attending can plan accordingly. This year:

@ Manasquan High School

Date: Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28

Kick-off: 11:00 AM

Gates open: 9:00 AM

Tickets: \$5.00 (no online ticket sales)

Ticket Sales: November 22, 25, & 26 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM and  
November 27 from 8:00 AM - Noon at the WHS Athletics Entrance

Rain Date: Saturday, November 30 @ 1:00 PM

As Thanksgiving approaches, subsequent communications with additional details will follow. Please stay tuned.

On September 12 of this year, Chief O'Halloran and I sent a letter to the Wall Community regarding the WTPS BOE policy related to sportsmanship, as well as NJSIAA and Shore Conference guidelines for spectators ([click here to view 9.12.24 letter](#)). I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of these expectations as we prepare for the Thanksgiving Day Game and potential postseason state events, home or away. Please keep in mind that our goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all parties and as such, thank you for your anticipated cooperation as we adhere to the following:

- Spectator signs or banners will not be permitted on or around the stadium, any field, or gymnasium. Spectators who arrive at the gate with a sign or banner will be refused admission.
- Noise makers, whistles, air-horns, or radios will not be permitted in the stadium area.
- No possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- No smoking or vaping on school grounds.
- No use, possession, or distribution of drugs or illegal substances.
- No pets.
- Bags are not permitted in the stadium area.
- Anyone who leaves the stadium area will not be permitted to return for that game.
- All spectators must be seated in the appropriate section designated by the site manager. No spectators are allowed near the team benches or in the endzones. Visiting team spectators should sit in the bleachers farthest from the High School (easterly).
- Any spectator showing an outward display of poor sportsmanship which could possibly lead to a disturbance will be removed from the campus or turned over to the Wall Police Department for resolution. This includes taunting, negative cheering, or confrontation with referees, opposing players, coaches, and parents.
- Spectators must comply with requests made by site managers, athletic directors, game officials,



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- medical personnel, security/police, league officials, and school administration. Spectators are asked to demonstrate leadership at critical times – playing of the *National Anthem*, tending to injured participants, navigating stressful game situations, and negotiating dangerous circumstances (e.g., lighting) are examples of such critical times.

To review the WTPS Board of Education *Sportsmanship Policy* (#5570), [click here](#).

Sincerely,  
Tracy R. Handerhan  
Superintendent of Schools