

## **Whittier Vo-Tech students are ready to show their school spirit, and help the needy, too**

HAVERHILL – School spirit is expected to peak at Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School next week as the school kicks off its annual Spirit Week. Students are scouring their closets for the appropriate class colors to wear on Monday. On Tuesday they will wear clothing to represent their ethnic heritage for Culture Appreciation Day; Wednesday is Costume Day; Thursday is Favorite Team Day and Friday is Whittier Wildcat Pride Day.

Students will be released to the football field on Friday at 1 p.m. for an hour-long Pep Rally to celebrate the school's athletic teams and boost the football team which will play their Homecoming Game Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

“It’s a week full of fun, along with the learning, and promotes a sense of pride in our school and ourselves as a community,” said Garry James, Student Government Advisor. “We all look forward to it.”

Each class competes for points based on the number of students who dress up according to the theme for each day. “Spirit Points” are also awarded to students who attend the six different athletic games during the week, including a Powder Puff football game after school on Monday. That is where girls will play touch football and the football players will be the cheerleaders.

There will also be a “Penny Wars” contest in the cafeteria during lunches where classes compete to raise money for charity. Last year, \$1,500 was collected. Emmaus House, Merrimack Valley Red Cross and the MSPCA each received \$500 each from Whittier students.