



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

October 30, 2009

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Westport Central School has had an excellent first 5 weeks of the school year. We are currently preparing for our parent-teacher conferences and report card distribution in November, and hope that every parent will visit our school and speak to the teachers.

Currently we are experiencing higher than normal absenteeism. We have had one student who has tested positive to Influenza A, but are not sure of what other type of illnesses that are "going around." Please practice good infection control around your home, and advise your children to do the same at school. Maintaining a social distance of a few feet and covering up when sneezing and/or coughing will really help.

Meanwhile we are taking on a very important project for the school. On October 27, 2009 the Board of Education passed two resolutions to put a capital project in front of our voters. The high point of the project is the purchase and installation of a generator for the school. If passed, this project will allow our building to be an emergency shelter for our citizens in the event of a catastrophic event like the ice storm of 1998. We also wish to do some security upgrades in the school and make our tennis courts usable again; both as a teaching station and as a community resource. I believe this project will receive wide support in the community.

As we develop this project we will be meeting with community groups to explain the cost and financing of the project. We have been actively seeking outside sources for funding and will continue to do so. The school should be a community center. This step is one way we can serve the area. There are many others. We have been working with the town on plans for a shared municipal facility. Shared services save money.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:

Information regarding the H1N1 flu clinic here at school will be provided to parents (with consent forms included) as soon as we have a confirmed clinic date from Essex County Public Health. For more information please visit Essex County Public Health's website: <http://www.co.essex.ny.us/PublicHealth/>


THANK YOU FROM THE WCS SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB

Many thanks to many people – we have a great community! Thank you to the Westport Chamber of Commerce for the donation of the tent and to Ray, John and Tim Tefoe for setting up the tent! Thank you to Eric Gay & Ernie's Market for their donation to the Sports Booster Club. And, many thanks to Price Chopper for their donation to the Sports Booster Club.

HALLOWEEN PROGRAM

The school Halloween Program and Trick or Treating will be held on Friday, 10/30. Students in grades K-6 will have a Costume Parade through the halls at 2:00 p.m. followed by a Costume Parade, activities and refreshments in the gym. Trick or Treat throughout the town of Westport is from 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. (at parents' discretion).

~ The evening schedule of events at school are as follows:

	6:30 p.m.	Grades 7 & 8	Costume Parade
		Grades 6 & 7	Poster Contest Winners Announced
		Grades 9-12	Class Participation
		Grades 7 & 8	Student Council Sponsored Activities
		Grades 9-12	Class Skits



Immediately following will be a dance until 10 p.m. Students below 7th grade must be accompanied by an adult. Members of the community are welcome!

SENIOR PLAY

This year's class is pleased to present "The Champion of Paribanou" on Friday and Saturday, November 6th & 7th at 7 p.m. in the Bulles Auditorium. This exciting play written by Alan Aychkbourn for both children and adults, takes place in a mysterious Arabian Kingdom. Come see sword fighting, exotic song and dance, feats of magic, memorable characters that include a deadly love triangle, a loveable robot, death himself in this classic clash between good and evil. Don't miss what is sure to be a most memorable night!



SUPERINTENDENT'S COFFEE HOUR

Please join Dr. Gallagher in his office for coffee and conversation on Tuesday, November 10th from 8:15-9:15 a.m.

VETERANS DAY

School will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11th.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. All community members are welcome to attend.

K-12 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – 7-12 OPEN HOUSE & REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Friday, November 13th is the end of the first marking period.

Elementary students will be dismissed at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, November 18th and Thursday, November 19th. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held for students in grades K – 6th from 1-3 p.m. on the 18th and on the 19th from 1-3 p.m. & 5-7 p.m. **There will be no ACAP either day.**

Students in grades 7 – 12 will not have an early dismissal on either November 18th or 19th. Parent Teacher Conferences for students in grades 7 – 12 will be held the evening of Thursday, November 19th from 6-8 p.m. If you are unable to attend, report cards will be mailed home on Friday, November 20th.



SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

School picture retakes will be held on Monday, November 16th. If your student did not get a school picture, or needs to have their picture redone, please sign up with Mrs. Atwell. If a picture is being retaken, please send the original packet back to school with your student.

FALL SPORTS PROGRAM

The Fall Sports Program will be held on Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

PARENT LUNCHEON

Parent Luncheons will be held throughout the school year on the last Friday of the month, with a few exceptions due to vacations. On Parent Luncheon Day we encourage you to eat lunch with your K-6 child in the Westport Central School Cafeteria. We love having parents join us for lunch! Parent Luncheon Dates: **November 20**, December 18, January 29, February 26, March 27, April 23, May 28 & June 11.

Please join your elementary students for lunch on Friday, November 20th. The school lunch schedule is as follows:

Kindergarten 10:45 – 11:15 Grades 3-6 11:54 – 12:24 Grades 1 & 2 10:50 – 11:20

As a reminder, all parents/visitors need to sign in at the main office.

AREA ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL



This year's Area All-State Music Festival will be held at Indian River Central School on Friday and Saturday, November 20th & 21st.

EARLY DISMISSAL – THANKSGIVING RECESS

Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24th. School will be closed November 25th-27th for the Thanksgiving Recess.

FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE

The Fitness Room will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. during November with one exception. It will be closed 11/26, Thanksgiving Day!



upcoming dates

11/7	SATs	12/18	End of 2 nd Five Week Marking Period
12/1	Winter Instrumental Concert		Parent Luncheon
12/7	Blood Drive 2-6 pm	12/22	Elementary Winter Concert @ 7 pm
12/10	Early Dismissal @ 1 pm	12/23	Five Week Report Distribution/Mailing
	BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm	12/24/09-1/4/10	Holiday Break
12/12	ACTs		

