



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

December 4, 2009

Soar With Excellence

Westport Central School Announces Capital Project to Benefit Community

The Westport Central School Board of Education has passed a resolution to place a capital project before the District's voters in December. The primary purpose 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 community and students in the event of a catastrophic event. We also wish to do some security upgrades in the school, as well as upgrade the existing phone system and make our tennis courts usable again; both as a teaching station and as a community resource.

On Thursday, December 10th, there will be a public information meeting in the school library beginning at 5:30 in the evening. I will present the scope and nature of the project. The architect will be present to answer technical questions and our financial advisor for capital projects will be present to answer questions about state aid and the bonding of the project. I encourage all interested parties to learn more about this project before the vote.

On Tuesday, December 22nd there will be a Special Meeting and Election held at the school. Eligible voters will be voting on the capital project and electing a board member to fill the unexpired term left vacant as a result of the resignation of Kathleen Carter-Martinez. There are two candidates for that position: Mr. Thomas Kohler and Mr. Ulrich Hoffman.

If you have any questions, please contact the District Office at 962-8244.



BLOOD DRIVE

A Blood Drive will be held at the school on Monday, 12/7 from 2-6 p.m. Anyone coming to donate blood should please sign in at the main office.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on Thursday, 12/10. **There will be no ACAP After School Program.** Please send a note to the office if your child will have a change to their regular dismissal routine.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There will be a Public Information Meeting at 5:30 p.m. followed by a regular Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, 12/10 in the school library. All community members are welcome to attend.

4TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Westport Central School is conducting their 4th Annual Holiday Food Drive to benefit the Food Pantry. You can help by sending canned or boxed food items in with your student or by bringing the food items to the school. Please help a hungry family in need this holiday season. Donations will be accepted until Friday, December 18th.

PULL TABS FOR MOLLY

Please don't forget to send your pull tabs to school. The deadline for the weigh in is Friday, December 11th!



K-12 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 child in the Westport Central School Cafeteria. We love having parents join us for lunch! Parent Luncheon Dates: **December 18**, January 29, February 26, March 27, April 23, May 28 & June 11.

Please join your 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
Grades 7 & 8	11:24-11:54	Grades 9-12	12:24-12:54		

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

END OF FIVE WEEK MARKING PERIOD.

Friday, 12/18 is the end of the second Five Week Marking Period. Five Week Reports will be distributed to K-6 students and mailed to Grades 7-12 on Wednesday, 12/23.

SPECIAL MEETING AND ELECTION

There will be a special meeting and election on Tuesday, 12/22 from noon to 9:00 p.m. District voters will be voting on the generator project as well as voting on a candidate to fill a Board Member vacancy.

ELEMENTARY & CHORAL WINTER CONCERTS

Our elementary students and our school chorus will hold their winter concert on Tuesday, 12/22 beginning at 7 p.m. Please join us for some holiday music!

SPORTS SCHEDULE POSTED

A new Winter Sports Schedule has been posted to the WCS Website. Please check the website regularly for any changes and updates to the scheduled games.



JOIN THE 7th GRADE STUDY GROUP

A 7th Grade Study Group will be meeting Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's from 3-4 p.m. in Mrs. Hudson's room. Please speak to Mrs. Hudson if you plan to attend.

- *Makes learning fun!
- *Helps develop valuable study skill
- *Helps you learn & review course material

WPTO BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is coming! The Book Fair is coming! The Westport WPTO Book Fair will be in our school library December 14th thru 17th. Bring the whole family on Family Night which will be on Dec. 16th from 5-8 p.m. Books make great children's gifts!

Volunteers are needed for the book fair – there are two shifts a day, the first beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., the second beginning at 11:30 a.m. until the end of the day at 3:00 p.m. Volunteers will dictate how often the book fair can be open. Please consider volunteering and support the efforts of the WPTO at Westport Central School. Call Laura Sells-Doyle at 962-4049 to volunteer. We need your help and participation!!



WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION NEWS

We are actively trying to collect all jerseys from past programs. Please check your homes for basketball, baseball and soccer jerseys and return them to the school nurse's office ASAP.

Biddy Basketball practice started on December 1. Practices will continue as follows: Grades K-2 on Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m. and Grades 5-6 on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m. Grades 3-4 practice will be held on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. All participants must have up to date health forms and waivers on file before participating. Forms and schedules are available in the main office of the school. For additional information, please **contact Holly at 546-8255.**

The **Downhill Ski Program at Whiteface** is set to begin January 10, 2010. Sign up was held on November 19th. Information and registration packets will be available in the main office of the school for anyone still interested. The deadline for applying is December 18th. Please **contact Bridgette at 962-4392 with any questions.**

HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSING

School will be closed for students and teachers Thursday, December 24th through Sunday, January 3rd, 2010 for the Holiday Break. School will be closed for all staff on Friday, 12/25/09 and Friday, 1/1/10.

DECEMBER FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE

The Fitness Room will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. during December with the following exceptions:

OPEN 12/21 & 12/23

CLOSED 12/22, 12/24 & 12/31

upcoming dates

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| 1/1 | New Year's Day-school closed | 1/19-22 | ELA testing for Grades 6-8 |
| 1/11-15 | ELA testing for Grades 3-5 | 1/25-29 | ELA make-up testing for Grades 6-8 |
| 1/12 | Supt. Coffee Hour 8:15-9:15 | 1/26-29 | Regents Exams for those pre-registered |
| 1/14 | Budget Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. | 1/29 | Parent Luncheon |
| | BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm | | End of 2 nd Quarter Marking Period |
| 1/18 | Martin Luther King Day-school closed | | |