



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

January 15, 2010

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The first 18 weeks of the 2009-2010 school year have flown by. We continue to be challenged by a variety of circumstances. First it was the H1N1 influenza; we had one confirmed case. Please continue to practice good infection control around your home, and advise your children to do the same at school. Next was taking on a very important project for the school, the purchase and installation of a generator along with upgrades to the building and grounds. While I am disappointed that the project failed, I understand the anxiety that exists in New York State at this time.

This week the Board of Education will begin to look at the 2010-2011 school budget. Given the state of the economy and concerns about the State budget this promises to be a difficult budget year. Over the next three months, I will work diligently with the Board to fashion a budget that balances the needs of our children with the current financial pressures as well as the concerns of our taxpayers.

Meanwhile our first semester is coming to a close. Many students will be completing state exams and finishing semester courses. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers with questions and concerns.

I hope you all saw the honor received by WCS, being named a Bronze Medal school for being among America's best high schools.

There are many activities in full swing at the school. The fitness room is open twice a week for community use. Our boys' and girls' basketball teams are doing very well. We continue to host Biddy Basketball for our elementary students. The fencing group had a nice article in the *Press Republican* and our FBLA, Quiz Bowl Team, and Public Speaking Team are all competing. Our Student Council has been very active with our K-12 student body.

We would like to remind you that our Board of Education meetings are open to the public. The community is also invited to our Superintendent Coffee Hour. For a listing of dates and times, and Board approved minutes, please visit our website www.westportcs.org. We are always interested in your feedback.

BIDDY BASKETBALL

The basketball game scheduled for this Saturday (01/16/2010) is a home game. All players in grades 3-6 need to arrive at WCS by 8:45 AM. The game will be from 9:00-11:00 AM. For additional information, please contact Holly at 546-8255.



JR. OLYMPICS BENEFIT CONCERT!!

There will be a Jr. Olympic Benefit Concert featuring 2 live bands – Rutabaga and Alkatraz – at the Whallonsburg Grange Hall on Saturday, January 16th from 6-8 p.m. All profits go towards travel and lodging expenses for Sarah Looby and Charlotte Staats to attend the Jr. Olympics Fencing in Memphis, Tennessee this February. Admission is \$3; additional donations will be accepted.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed on Monday, 1/18/10 in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.

YOUTH COMMISSION SKI/RIDE AT WHITEFACE

There will be NO Youth Commission ski/ride program this Sunday because of the holiday weekend.

The next ski & ride will be held on January 24, 2010. The bus will leave the school at 7:30 a.m. and arrive back at school approximately 5:00 p.m. Note: at times busing may not be available and carpooling will need to take place. Anyone riding the bus must have a valid health form on file with the Youth Commission. These forms are available at the school and WADA. Everyone attending should sign-up weekly in the office by the end of school on Friday. Please contact Jeff Schwoebel at 962-8567 or Bridgette Blemel at 962-4392 with any questions.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

A Financial Aid Workshop is being held for seniors and parents on Saturday, 1/23/10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Adirondack Community College, 640 Bay Road, Queensbury, NY. Along with the workshop, assistance will be available to fill out the FASFA Form. Please bring your 2009 tax information to the workshop. To register, call 743-2223.



JANUARY REGENTS EXAMS

January regents exams will be given 1/26/10 – 1/29/10. If a student plans to take or retake an exam, please be sure to see Mr. McCormick. Students must be pre-registered for the January regents exams.

H1N1 VACCINATION CLINIC

A second H1N1 vaccination clinic has been scheduled for Thursday, 1/28 at 10:30 a.m. at WCS. This clinic is for the 2nd booster required for any students under 10 years of age. If your child received their 1st H1N1 vaccination elsewhere, but you would like your child to receive their 2nd vaccination here at WCS, please contact the school nurse at 962-8244. Consent forms will be sent home soon.

2ND QUARTER MARKING PERIOD

January 29th is the end of the second quarter marking period. K-6 report cards will be given out on 2/5/10; grade 7-12 report cards will be mailed on 2/5/10.

ADULT BASKETBALL

Adult Basketball will begin on Wednesdays (in the auditorium) and Sundays (in the gym) at 6 p.m. For more information, please call Dwayne Stevens at 962-4023.

PULL TABS FOR MOLLY UPDATE

226.1 pounds of aluminum from the Pull Tabs for Molly fundraiser were donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Burlington, VT from Westport Central School, Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School, CV-TEC and FEH BOCES. The Rascoe Family would like to send a special thank you to the community for their support. **We will be continuing to collect pull tabs so please continue sending them in!**

CLASS 2010 RAFFLE

The Class of 2010 is holding a raffle with many great prizes! Raffle tickets will be sold until 1/29/10 with the drawing being held on 2/1/10. See any senior to purchase tickets: 1 ticket for \$2 & 3 tickets for \$5.

Prizes include: 2 green fees at the Westport Country Club, \$50 Normandie Beach Club gift certificate,
(2) 2 Depot Theatre tickets for the 2010 season, 2 pizza gift certificates for Ernie's,
\$25 gift certificate to the Galley, ShipStore.com, or Westport Marina,
\$25 gift certificate to the Cobble Hill Inn, Bill McBride Subaru service card,
3 free games at the Willsborough Bowling Center &, a Me & My Girls gift certificate.



YEARBOOK ORDERS BEING TAKEN

Yearbooks must be pre-ordered this year. Please pre-order your Yearbook by giving your order to any Yearbook Club Member or Mr. Thompson along with a down payment of \$15. (Please make checks payable to WCS Yearbook.) The total cost of this year's Yearbook is \$40.

JANUARY FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE

The Fitness Room will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. during January.

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: **January 29**, February 26, March 27, April 23, May 28 & June 11.

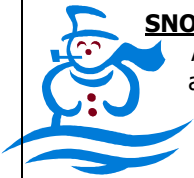
Please join your students for lunch on Friday, January 29th. The school lunch schedule is as follows:

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.

SNOW FESTIVAL

A Snow Festival will be held at the Pok-O-MacCready Outdoor Education Center on Saturday, January 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be snow tubing, relay races, snowman contests, snow cones, good food and more! Bring the family to play outside and celebrate winter!! The Westport Youth Commission will partially subsidize the cost for all pre-registered Westport children and their families. The cost is \$5 per person (no charge for children under 2). Please call Sheera at 962-4890 to pre-register. The deadline for pre-registration is Friday, January 22nd.



upcoming dates

2/2	Superintendent's Coffee Hour	2/11	Budget Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
2/4	Early Dismissal @ 1 p.m.		BOE Meeting @ 6:30 pm
2/5	Report Card Distribution	2/15	Presidents' Day Holiday – school closed
*2/8	HS All County Music Festival @ Moriah CS	2/16-19	Winter Break – school closed to students & teachers
* Date Correction		2/26	K-12 Parent Luncheon