



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

September 24, 2010

Soar With Excellence

HOW FULL IS YOUR BUCKET?

Join us in our continuing efforts to be a Bucket Filling School! For more information: www.bucketbook.com and <https://www.bucketfillers101.com/home.html>.



SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on Monday, 9/27. Retakes will be taken on Tuesday, 11/9. Picture packets were sent home with students this past week. Please remember that checks need to be provided at the time of the sitting.

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION NEWS

Our new website is up and running, please check out westportyouth.org for all news and information regarding the soccer season. Please also feel free to print a schedule of all Saturday games from the soccer portion of the website. Don't forget the tournament in Willsboro this weekend!

NYS GRADES 3-8 TESTING

Recently, we have received many inquiries regarding the 2010 ELA and Math scoring results for students in grades 3-8. We have been notified by the State Education Department that the individual student reports are targeted to be available to districts beginning September 24, 2010. As soon as the parent reports are made available by the State Education Department, we will be mailing your child's results directly to your home.

LITTLE CEASAR PIZZA SALES

The Junior Class is selling Little Ceasar Pizza Kits through 9/28. Please see any Class of 2012 student if you would like to place an order.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COFFEE HOUR

There will be a Superintendent's Coffee Hour on 9/29 from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Please come share ideas and a cup of coffee with the Superintendent.

ALL STATE CHORUS AUDITIONS

All State Chorus Auditions are being held September 28th & 29th at Lake Placid/Plattsburgh HS.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

High School Students and Parents*

You are invited to attend the Annual College Night at the SUNY Plattsburgh Fieldhouse on Wednesday, 10/6 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

- More than 100 Colleges will be present.
- Technical Institutions present
- Military Representatives Attending
- Learn more about the college application process.



The **PSAT** will be offered at **Westport Central School on Wednesday, October 13, 2010**. High School Juniors that are considering attending a four year college are strongly encouraged to take the PSAT. The cost to take the test is \$13.00 payable to the school in the form of a check. Friday, October 8th is the deadline to sign up and provide payment. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Mazzotte with any questions. Additional resources are available online at: www.collegeboard.com

KEEPING TRACK OF WILDLIFE

Champlain Area Trails (CATS) is bringing the Keeping Track *Wildlife Event* to Westport on Wednesday, October 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Floral Hall. Your entire family will enjoy seeing numerous animal pelts, skulls, track molds, and other wildlife materials plus enjoy a spectacular slide show by Susan Morse, the nationally recognized wildlife tracker, photographer, and naturalist (www.keepingtrack.org). In 2001, there was a Wildlife Event at Westport Central School which drew a standing-room-only crowd so plan to come early. There is a suggested donation of \$2/person and \$5/family for the program. CATS is teaming with the Adirondack Council, NE Wilderness Trust, Elizabeth Lee – Outdoor Guide, Champlain National Bank, and Dogwood Bread Company to host the event.

VISITOR SIGN IN/SIGN OUT PROCEEDURE

In order to be certain that all of our students are safe, we need to be sure **parents, family members and other visitors** are aware of and adhere to the sign in and out procedures.

Any person visiting the school during school hours (7:40 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.) for any reason must:

1. Report directly to the main office
2. Sign the Visitor Sign In/Out Sheet
3. Obtain and affix a "Visitor Tag" if you will be entering the building beyond the lobby.
4. Obtain permission to enter the building beyond the lobby.
5. Wait in the lobby unless directed otherwise.
6. Return Visitor Tag and sign out of the building when exiting.

We appreciate your attention to this procedure. Thank you.



ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL TIMES, EARLY RELEASE REMINDERS

- During the school year, the **building will be open** daily for students beginning at **7:40 a.m.**
- All students should arrive between 7:40 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 7:40 - 8:00 a.m.
- Attendance will be taken **promptly** at 8:05 a.m.
 - The school day officially begins at 8:05 a.m. All students are expected to be in their assigned classrooms at this time. Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. will be marked tardy as outlined in our Attendance Policy.
 - The main office will need to be notified **in advance** by a parent/guardian should there be a need to change the regular arrival/dismissal routine of a student (i.e.: change in bus route, parent pick up instead of bus ride, early release, etc.).
 - Documentation will be required for any absence, late arrival and/or early departure.

BUS ZONE/STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

We ask that **ALL drivers refrain from entering the circle** between 7:30 – 8:30 a.m., 11:15 – 12:30 and 2:30 – 3:15 p.m. as our busses need to have clearance when driving around to drop off and pick up students. Also, please remember that there is **NO PARKING AT ANY TIME in the circle**. If you need to come into the building, please park in the provided spots at the school entrance. We thank you for your cooperation in helping with congestion in front of the building.

FITNESS ROOM SCHEDULE

The Fitness Room will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, 9/14.

UPDATE ON MOLLY RASCOE

As you know Molly has Wegener's Granulomatosis that caused kidney failure. She continues to have dialysis 3 times per week at FAHC, since that is where the pediatric nephrologist, Dr. Guillot, is located. She is hoping that Dr. Guillot will tell her on Sept. 30th that she is in remission and she is ready for a kidney transplant. Unfortunately, Molly received sad news from her transplant coordinator that her aunt couldn't be considered for her donor any longer. Her mom and dad have already been told they can't be donors either. So now Molly is hoping to find a living donor with **B or O blood type**.

Molly's parents are trying to get the information to as many people as possible. If you know of anyone who might be interested in learning about kidney donation for Molly, please call her transplant coordinator, **Kate Devine, at (802)847-4774** or email her at Katherine.devine@vtmednet.org.

The Rascoes are very thankful for all the support they have received from their community!

And please continue to collect Pull Tabs!

Upcoming Events

10/1	Parent Luncheon
10/6	ASVAB 8:30-11:30 a.m. College Night at PSU Field House 6:30-8:30 p.m.
10/7	Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m./library
10/8	End of 1 st Five Week Marking Period
10/11	Columbus Day Holiday
10/12	Superintendent's Conference Day
10/14	Superintendent's Coffee Hour 8:15-9:15 a.m.
10/15	Five Week Reports distributed to K-6/mailed to 7-12
10/26	Blood Drive
10/28	MS All County Music Festival @ Saranac Lake
10/29	Halloween Program