



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES

September 23, 2011

Soar With Excellence

PARENTS: PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN ALL OF THE COMPLETED SCHOOL FORMS BY MONDAY, 9/26. IF YOU NEED ANOTHER COPY, THEY CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The faculty, staff, Mrs. Friedman and I are excited about another great year at Westport Central School. I hope you are as well. Please be reminded that Mrs. Friedman and I are available to answer questions about school practices and procedures, and that the *Student and Parent Handbook* is a great resource for referencing that information.

This year, we have made some adjustments to our bus routes. Currently, we are utilizing three routes instead of four, as in the past. We understand that there have been some unexpected complications with our new routes and appreciate your patience and feedback.

Our new phone system is now operational. The system will allow you to leave voice messages. We hope that our new system will enhance your communications with our faculty, staff, and administration.

Again this year we are focusing on student attendance. Students should arrive between 7:40 – 8:00 a.m.; attendance will be taken promptly at 8:05 a.m. We want our students to be prepared and ready to learn, exhibit excellence in academics and be "safe, responsible, and respectful."

Please feel free to call, email or stop into my office. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss your perspective as we move through this school year.



NYS GRADES 3-8 TESTING

The NYS Parent Reports were released on September 15th. Copies of these reports have been mailed home. Please feel free to call the school if you have any questions



SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken this Tuesday, 9/27. Retakes will be done on Friday, 11/4. Picture packets have been sent home with your student(s).

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The North Country SPCA is currently raising money for a new shelter and a private donor has announced that donations made from now until 10/7 **will be matched!!** As a result, there are several opportunities for community service. They are also seeking: Families who have adopted/rescued pets to share photos of the adopted pet with their families. (<http://www.ncspca.org/about>) "Gimme Shelter" Golf Tournament Awareness: <http://ncspca.blogspot.com/2011/09/2011-team-entry-registration-form.html>

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION

Thank you to all the families who contributed to our tournament at Camp Dudley last weekend. It was a great day for our whole community. Thanks also to Camp Dudley for letting us use the fields and donating food and facilities that made our tournament a great event for all the towns involved. Other business donors include Stewart's Shops, Bub's Pizza and Everybody's Market.

This weekend Westport Youth Commission soccer teams travel to Willsboro. A schedule is posted on www.westportyouth.org. Players should arrive 15 minutes before their first game.

SPORTS RECOGNITION CLUB

~ **Bottle Drive** - The soccer teams will have a competition to see which team can bring in the most bottles by October 1st, 2011. Bring in clean bottles and cans to your coach. Coach Rascoe will keep track of each team's amount. The money will be used by the SRC to provide awards for the teams at the Sports Banquet. Watch which soccer team will make the eagle soar the highest!

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

The following colleges will have representatives at WCS for students to visit with:

9/28	SUNY Plattsburgh	1 p.m.
9/29	SUNY Canton	8:15 a.m.
10/3	SUNY Potsdam	2 p.m.
10/4	Southern Vermont College	8:45 a.m.
10/5	Sienna College	1 p.m.
10/6	Hamilton College	9:15 a.m.
	Hartwick College	11:30 a.m.
10/7	Vermont Tech. College	10 a.m.

Other dates to remember:

10/5	College Night @ CCC	6:30-8:30 p.m.
10/12	PSAT (11 th grade)	8:15 a.m.
10/14	ASVAB (10 th grade)	8:30 a.m.



PARENT LUNCHEON

Parents are invited to join their child(ren) for lunch on Friday, **10/7/11**. Please remember to sign in at the main office before going to the cafeteria. Lunch times are as follows:

K-2	10:45-11:20	Gr. 3-6	11:54-12:24	Gr. 7-8	11:24-11:54	Gr. 9-12	12:24-12:54
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BARN DANCE

A Barn Dance will be held on Saturday, 9/24 at Black Kettle Farm in Whallonsburgh. For more information, please call 963-7385.

WCS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

A Bowling Tournament will be held on 10/22 from 3-6 p.m. at the Willsborough Bowling Center. The cost is \$25 per person (\$50 per team) and includes 3 games of bowling, food and prizes. All proceeds will go to the various clubs at Westport Central School. For more information, contact the Willsborough Bowling Center or Jack Thompson at 572-3304. Come have a day of fun at the bowling alley!!



Please continue to collect Pull Tabs,
Campbell Soup Labels and Box Tops for Education



Upcoming dates to remember



10/5	College Night at CCC – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
10/7	Parent Luncheon End of 1 st Five Week Marking Period
10/10	Columbus Day Holiday – school closed
10/11	Superintendent's Conference Day – school closed for students
10/13	Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in Library
10/14	Five Week Reports distributed
10/18	Early Dismissal
10/31	Halloween Program