



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES December 9, 2011

Soar With Excellence

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

There are times that extra clothing is needed in the Health Office and supplies are a bit low right now (especially for boys). If you have any of the following items that you are ready to move on and would like to donate for student use as needed here at school, it would be greatly appreciated: belts, sweatpants (5T & up), new underwear (5T & up), socks, boots, sneakers, snow pants, gloves & mittens. Please contact Carol Schwoebel, 962-8244, if you are able to help or if you have questions.



CONGRATULATIONS SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM

Our WCS team finished second at our last tournament, missing the top spot by only ONE POINT! Special congratulations to: Megan Sudduth for winning first place in Declamation and second place in JV Oral Interpretation, Delaney Sears for her second place finish in Varsity Oral Interpretation and 6th place in Master Speaker, Sarah Looby for her second place finish in Declamation, and Gabe Schrauf & Jack Newberry for their third place finish in Duo. Great job, team!

CHEERS FOR PEERS

The following students won the 1st Quarter Cheers For Peers Award for their class: K- Gabrielle Mazzotte, 1- Abbey Schwoebel, 2- Rachel Storey, 3- Victoria Cole, 4- Maggie Ploufe & Abe Staats, 5- Liliolosa Malafu, 6- Jeannette Staats & Taylor Gough.

WPTO BOOKFAIR

You can make a difference! Volunteers are needed for the book fair.

The book fair begins on Monday, 12/12 and ends Wednesday, 12/14. There are two shifts a day, the first beginning at 8:00 am until 11:30 am. The second shift begins at 11:30 am until the end of the day at 3:00 pm. Family Night is Tuesday, 12/13 from 3-7 p.m. The Book Fair ends on Wednesday, 12/14 the Book Fair will end at 11:30 a.m. due to the early release time. As always volunteers will dictate how often the book fair can be open. Please consider volunteering and supporting the efforts of the WPTO at Westport Central School. Call Laura Sells-Doyle at 962-4049 to volunteer. We need your help and participation.

This year is a unique year for the WPTO. In order to take the profit from the book fair as cash to be used to fund such events as the SAT Review session or money towards helping support other school events, the book fair totals must exceed a designated amount. For the last few years the book fair has not surpassed that minimum amount and had to take the profit from the book fair as Scholastic dollars. There is still a great benefit for Westport Central School in that the WPTO provides these Scholastic dollars to teachers and the library to purchase books. Last year the WPTO was able to provide the English Department with up to \$1000.00 for new books. This year the WPTO needs cash to continue to support the SAT Review program. This established program is very beneficial to the students at Westport Central School. This December consider making a purchase at the Book Fair to help us reach our goal. If there are enough available volunteers we will be open this year for a family night Tuesday, 12/13 from 3- 7pm. Thank you as always for supporting the efforts of the WPTO.

You can also visit scholastic via this special link: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/westportcentralschoolny>

TAX CAP PRESENTATION AND BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

A presentation on the property tax cap legislation, followed by a review of last years external audit will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Room 112 on Tuesday, 12/13. The regular meeting of the Board of Education will follow at approximately 6:30 p.m. All community members are welcome to attend.

EARLY RELEASE

All students will have an early release at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 12/14. The ACAP After School Program will be available.



HOLIDAY CONCERTS

The Elementary and Choral Winter Concert will be held on Tuesday, 12/13 at 6 p.m. in the Bulles Auditorium.

The Winter Instrumental Concert will be held on Thursday, 12/15 at 7 p.m. in the Bulles Auditorium. Please join us for an evening of festive holiday music!

WESTPORT LIBRARY SING-A-LONG

The Westport Library is featuring a Sing-a-Long with local resident, Russell Ames at the piano. We will be singing traditional Christmas carols plus songs of the winter holiday season. Katherine Houseal will also be performing and lead us in song. The event is on December 15th at 7:00 at the Westport Library. It's free and so are the refreshments following the Sing-a-Long. Bring a friend!"

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Westport Fire Department is hosting a Breakfast with Santa at the Father MacArthy Hall on December 17th from 7am until 11am. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids.

6th ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Please donate to the 6th Annual Food Drive to benefit the Food Pantry!! You can help by bringing in canned or boxed food items to your WCS homeroom/classroom. Donations will be accepted until Friday, 12/16/11.



END OF FIVE WEEK MARKING PERIOD

Friday, 12/16 is the end of the second Five Week Marking Period. Five Week Reports will be sent home with grades K-6 and mailed home for grades 7-12 on Thursday, 12/22/11.

HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSING

School will be closed for students and teachers Friday, 12/23/11 – Monday, 1/2/12 for the Holiday Break. School will be closed on Monday, 12/26/11 and Monday, 1/2/12 for all staff.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

The 2012 Yearbooks are now on sale. If ordered by 12/15, the cost is \$40 – after 12/15 the cost is \$45. See Mr. Thompson or any Yearbook Club member to order your Yearbook!

SPECIAL THANKS

WCS is the recipient of the 2011 Educational Alliance Math & Science Grant awarded by ExxonMobil. We would like to extend a special **Thank You to Westport Mobil** for entering Westport Central School for this grant!

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

12/21: College Panel Presentation for 12th Grade – 5:30-7 p.m. **DATE CHANGE**

- 2012 TFCU Scholarship opportunities are now published and applications are available through the guidance office and online at: www.tfcunow.com Deadline is 1/20/12
- The Foundation for Rural Education and Development (FRED) has a variety of scholarship opportunities check them out at www.fred.org Deadlines vary by program.

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION

WYC News: Please go to westportyouth.org for more info on all programs listed this week. There are lots of important details!

- WYC dance and basketball have started. Please see the website www.westportyouth.org for schedules and more information. **There will be no basketball practice on Wednesday Dec. 14 due to the early release from school.**
- All ski registration forms are due now. Forms and instructions can be located on the westportyouth.org website. See complete details on the ski page. Anyone planning to ski or ride at Whiteface this winter should sign up immediately. Some forms are available at the school office for students who don't have access to a printer. Limited scholarship money is still available. Please contact a Youth Commission member or email westportyouthprogram@gmail.com for an application.
- Adults volunteers are still needed for the ski program. Parents willing to help out can contact Jeff Schwoebel or Elizabeth Lee or email westportyouthprogram@gmail.com.

CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL at the GRANGE

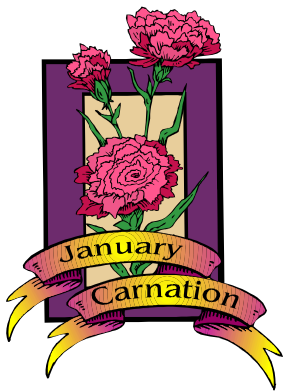
Sunday, December 18th: 5:30 Cookies and Carols 6:00 Performance. With John Christopher Jones as Scrooge, live music and a community cast and narrated by Shami McCormick with musical direction by Kenney Green. Admission is free. Please bring donations of non-perishable food and toiletries for the ACAP Food Pantry. The event is co-sponsored by the Depot Theater and the Grange. Christmas carolers also wanted. The event will be child friendly and suitable for any age. Cookie baking activities for children in the newly renovated Grange kitchen will be ongoing throughout the performance.

PARENT LUNCHEON

Parents are invited to join their child(ren) for lunch on Friday, **1/6/12**. 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

Please continue to collect Pull Tabs, Campbell Soup Labels, Box Tops for Education and help WCS earn Tools for Schools credit!



Upcoming dates to remember

- 1/3 Classes resume
- 1/6 Parent Luncheon
- 1/12 Board of Education Meeting @ **6:00 p.m.** in Library
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Day – school closed
- 1/21 Winter Ball sponsored by the Sr. Class – 7-10 p.m.
- 1/24-27 January Regents Exams
- 1/27 End of 2nd Quarter Marking Period (Report Cards distributed 2/3)