



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES September 16, 2011

Soar With Excellence

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.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

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

9/19	Albany College of Pharmacy	2 p.m.
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.



SIGN IN/SIGN OUT PROCEDURE

In an effort to be certain that all of our students are safe, we need to be sure parents, family members, visitors and students are aware of the sign in and out procedures. Any person visiting the school during school hours for any reason must:

1. Report to the main office
2. Fill out a Visitor Tag - initial/log time in
3. Wear a visitor tag if entering the building beyond the lobby
4. Wait in the lobby unless directed otherwise
5. Return to office and log your time out when exiting

NO ACAP AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

There will be no ACAP After School Program on Friday, September 23rd. Please notify your child's teacher of the alternative after school plan for that day.

BUS ZONE/STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK UP

We ask that **ALL drivers refrain from entering the circle** between 7:30-8:30 a.m., 11:00-12:30 p.m. 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.



NYS GRADES 3-8 TESTING

We have recently received many inquiries regarding the 2011 ELA and Math scoring results for students in grades 3-8. 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.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, 9/27. Retakes will be done on Friday, 11/4. Picture packets will be sent home soon.

SPORTS RECOGNITION CLUB

~ Join the Sports Recognition Club and become a part of honoring our WCS Athletes! Check out the SRC display in the trophy case by the gym.



~ **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!

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 11:54-11:24

Gr. 7-8 11:24-11:54

Gr. 9-12 12:24-12:54

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION NEWS

Westport Youth Commission is excited to host our annual soccer tournament at Camp Dudley on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9 -3:00. (Thanks Camp Dudley for making the tournament possible!) Players need to bring cleats, shin guards and water bottles. Lots of concessions will be available! Parents willing to volunteer can check in at the information area on Saturday. Donation of baked goods is welcome! Schedules are posted on www.westportyouth.org Welcome back to school and soccer season!

Please continue to collect Pull Tabs

Upcoming dates to remember



- 10/5 College Night at CCC – 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 10/7 Parent Luncheon
End of 1st 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