



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSNOTES
October 17, 2008

Soar With Excellence

FROM THE ART ROOM

Art by Nancy Armitage was on display at the Saratoga Hotel and Conference Center during the Council (of Superintendents) Student Art Exhibit from October 5-7. Art by Alicia Hathaway and LeeAnn Hoskins will be on display at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers, 7th Ave., New York City during the School Boards Association Student Exhibit. This show will run from October 16-19. Congratulations ladies!

EARLY DISMISSAL

There will be an early dismissal for students on Thursday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m. Reminder: there is **NO** ACAP after school program on early release days.

JUNIOR HIGH ALL COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Westport Central School is honored to be the host of this year's Essex County School Music Association Junior High All County Music Festival. The festival will be held on Thursday, October 23rd. Students from 12 area schools will arrive in Westport at 11:30 a.m. to begin rehearsal and perform in orchestra, chorus and concert band.

Kerry Mero, Band/Chorus Director from Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School, will be conducting the Concert Band, Carl Kokes, retired Music Teacher from Peru Central School will conduct the orchestra and Karen Butters, Music Teacher from Brushton-Moira, will conduct the Chorus. Liz Cordes, Tupper Lake Central School Chorus Director, will accompany the Chorus.

Everyone is welcome to attend the concert held in the Westport Central School gymnasium at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each or \$10 for a family. All ticket sales go to the ECSMA Scholarship Fund. (If there happens to be inclement weather, the festival and concert will be held on Friday, October 24th.)

PARENT LUNCHEON

October's Parent Luncheon date is Friday, October 24th. Feel free to come have lunch with your child(ren) – and please remember to sign in at the main office.

AUTISM CONFERENCE

There is a two part conference being offered to family, teachers and support staff on Autism on Thursday, October 30th at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid. The first session is "Understanding Best Practices in the Treatment of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders" will begin at 9 a.m.; the second session "Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Classroom" will begin at 10:45 a.m. To register, or for more information, please call 1-866-442-2574 by October 24th. (There is no fee for NYS residents.)

HALLOWEEN PROGRAM

The Westport Central School Halloween Program will be held on Friday, October 31st. Please watch upcoming Newsnotes for more details!



SKI REGISTRATION FOR '08-'09 SEASON

Pre-registration for the downhill ski/snowboarding season will be held on Friday, October 17th from 5:00-7:00 PM. at the Westport Town Hall.

SKI SWAP

Please bring your clean, safe, gently used equipment for drop off on October 17th between 5:00 & 7:00 PM. We will price it and check it in for sale. (We take a 10% consignment/handling fee and you take home the remainder.) The 3rd Annual WYC Ski Swap will be held on October 18th from 3:00-5:00 PM. We will contact you to let you know what you have for sold items and what needs to be picked up. It's that simple! Please note, unsafe and old, dirty items will not be accepted. For more information contact Jeff at 962-8567.

SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

If your child missed Picture Day, retakes will be done on Tuesday, November 4th. Please contact the main office for order forms.

FITNESS ROOM

The Fitness Room is open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

ACAP AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The after-school program is still taking applications for students in need of daycare 1.5 – 3 hours daily. The cost varies depending on the amount of time your child needs supervision – up to 1.5 hrs/daily = \$25/week; 3 hrs/daily = \$50/week; or \$4 per hour. Applications may be obtained in the main office of the school.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

11/4	School Picture Retakes
11/7	End of 1 st Quarter Marking Period
11/8	The 75 Year Celebration of WCS
11/11	School closed for Veteran's Day
11/13	Coffee Hour w/ the Superintendent 8:15-9:15 a.m. Open House / Report Card Distribution Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
11/20-22	Senior Play
11/21	All State Music Festival @ Saranac HS Parent Luncheon Day
11/25	Go Home Early Drill – 1 p.m. dismissal
11/26-28	Thanksgiving Recess

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