



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL  
**WEEKLY NEWSNOTES**  
December 5, 2008

**Soar With Excellence**

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

The Sisco Lodge #259F&AM is sponsoring their Annual Gordon Lewis Holiday Party on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please join us for fun and games, and a visit from Santa. Refreshments will be served and there will also be a bake sale. The party will be held at the Masonic Lodge building in Wadhams.



**THIS WEEKEND ONLY!**

The Boy Scout Christmas Trees are here! They are beautiful, fragrant Balsam Firs. Lower prices this year, too! Under 8' - \$30; 8-12' - \$35. Stop by Bessboro Builders on Saturday from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. or Sunday from 10 a.m. until they are gone! Thank you for your support.

**EARLY DISMISSAL**

Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Parents of students in grades K-6, please be sure to send your child to school with a note if they are not taking the bus home.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

There will be a budget meeting beginning at 5 p.m., followed by a regular meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. All community members are welcome to attend.

**5 WEEK MARKING PERIOD/REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION**

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> is the end of the second 5 Week Marking Period. Report Cards will be mailed on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**PARENT LUNCHEON**

Please join your elementary student for lunch on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The school lunch schedule is as follows:

Kindergarten	10:45-11:15	Grades 4 & 5	11:21-11:54
Grades 1 - 3	10:50 - 11:20	Grade 6	11:54 - 12:24

As always, please remember to sign in at the main office before going down to the cafeteria!

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

The Character Education Committee is sponsoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Food Drive to benefit the local Food Shelf. Non-perishable donations will be accepted through Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

**ELEMENTARY CONCERT**

Please join us for the Elementary Concert on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Bulles Auditorium.

**HOLIDAY CLOSING**

School will not be in session for students and teachers for the Christmas & New Year Holidays from Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 through Friday, January 2, 2009. School is closed for all staff on Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.



## FITNESS ROOM

The Fitness Room is open every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the exception of December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> (during Christmas break).

## FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Physical exams for students in grades K, 2, 4, 7, 10, new students and CSE students (those new or those up for reevaluations) have been scheduled for Monday, December 15, 2008 from 9am – 12noon and Friday, December 19, 2008 from 9am – 10am. NYS mandates physicals for these students. If your child has had a physical in the last year, please supply a copy to the school nurse so that your child will not need a repeated physical. If you have any questions, please call Carol Schwoebel at 962-8244.



## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GREEN FACT – Ways We Can Save Our Planet

Fact: Did you know that a color TV, DVD player, or computer left on “stand by” can use up to 85% of the energy it uses when it is actually on.

Tip: When an appliance is not being used, unplug it at the socket in the wall. It could save up to 13% on your electric bill by doing this one simple thing!!! Switch It Off!



## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

1/6	Budget Meeting @ 5 p.m. Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
1/8	Early Dismissal @ 1 p.m.
1/9-11	NYSTEA Student Conference
1/12-16	Grades 3,4,5 ELA Testing (make up 1/20-23)
1/19	Martin Luther King Day
1/20-23	Grades 6,7,8 ELA Testing (make up 1/26-30)
1/24	SAT's
1/27-30	Regents Exams
1/30	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Marking Period (2/6 Report Cards mailed)

