



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES November 19, 2018

Message From the Principal/Interim Superintendent

Further information regarding the merger will be provided at the upcoming forums being held on November 26, 6 PM – Sun Community News at the Essex County Board of Supervisors Chamber, Old County Courthouse, Elizabethtown on November 28, 6:30 PM – ELCS Auditorium and November 29, 6 PM – WCS Auditorium, and in the recently mailed Merger Newsletter. As a reminder, the ballot for the December 4th vote will have a similar “yes” or “no” question about the merger, a second question about the number of Board of Education members to serve on the new Board, and a third question about the term lengths of the new BOE members. As always, information can be found on our website at www.westportcs.org. Absentee ballots can be obtained by contacting the District Clerk at 518-962-8244.

Report Cards / Early Release

~ Report Cards will be given to K-6 parents during Parent Teacher Conferences 11/19 & 11/20. Report Cards for grades 7-12 students will be mailed home on Wednesday, 11/21 for parents that do not participate in Parent/Teacher Conferences.

~ Monday, 11/19 **K-6** students will be released at 12 noon for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

7-12 students will have a full day of school.

~ Tuesday, 11/20 **K-12** students will be released at 12 noon for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

School is closed for all students and teachers on Wednesday, 11/21 and for all staff and faculty on Thursday and Friday, 11/22 & 23 for Thanksgiving Break.



CRAZY 8's MATH CLUB

Crazy 8's Math Club will continue on Mondays after school for K-5 students (No Math Club today, 11/19). Please contact Ms. Lackey with any questions at lackeyt@westportcs.org.

FROM THE WPTSO

With the Fun Run behind us, the next two stops on the WPTSO outreach train are 1st, Christmas in Westport and 2nd, the Annual Scholastic Book Fair! You'll find us at the Annual Christmas in Westport celebration (along with our popular Basket Raffle) on 12/1. The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on 12/3 – 12/6 (during school hours) with special *evening hours on 12/4 & 12/6* during the holiday concerts!). Mark your calendars for an opportunity to tour the library with your student and do some holiday shopping for a great cause! In addition to an outstanding selection of books (for all ages) there are many other gifts to choose from (craft kits, science kits, art/creativity kits and games!). It's like having a Barnes and Nobel in our basement! More information about the book fair will be sent home before the Thanksgiving break.

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION

~ **Dance and Movement:** Another year of dance began on Monday, 10/15 at the Heritage House with Caroline Thompson. The sessions are open to all 4 year olds and up and run from 3:15pm-5:30pm. The cost is \$25/Town residents and \$45/Non-Town Residence. For most information, please contact Caroline at 518.962.8373.

~ **Biddy Basketball:** Biddy Basketball practices will begin on Tuesday, 11/27 for the (K-2) teams from 3-4pm in the Auditorium. Coaches will be Dana Marshall and Garret McQueen. The (5-6) teams will practice on Tuesday, 11/27 following the (K-2) team from 4:15-5:30pm. Coaches will be David Reynolds and David Napper.

On Wednesday, 11/28 the (3-4) teams will begin practice from 3-4:15pm and the (5-6) teams will follow until 5:30pm. The (3-4) coaches will be Livingston Hatch and (we still need a volunteer.)

Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through the end of Feb 2019. Please visit our website at www.westportyouth.org and Google calendar on our Facebook page for any and all updates. For new registration forms please see Mrs. Hoff in the main office or pick one up at the Westport Town Hall. If you have already checked the Biddy Basketball Box on your original registration for Biddy Soccer, you are all set. ALSO, parents/guardians, PLEASE ensure to pick up your biddy players directly after each practice. Also ALL 5-6 players must report to Mrs. Bisselle's classroom while awaiting practices. Players are not to be in the halls or auditorium until their practice begins.

~ **2019 Ski/Ride Program:** The sign-ups for the 2019 Ski/Ride Program will be held at the Westport Town Hall from 3-6pm on Thursday, 12/6. All youth and chaperones must sign up and have their picture taken for their mountain passes. Ashley Duke will be leading this Program this year and can be reached on 608.633.8114 for further details.



LOOKING AHEAD.....

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| 12/4 | Binding Referendum Vote, 12-8pm
MS/HS Instrumental and Choral Concerts @ 6pm |
| 12/6 | K-4 Elementary Winter Concert |
| 12/11 | Early Dismissal |
| 12/13 | Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm - Conf. Rm. |
| 12/14 | End of 2 nd Five Week Marking Period |
| 12/21 | Emergency Evacuation Drill
Grade 7-12 15 Week Reports mailed |
| 12/24-1/1 | Holiday Break |

