

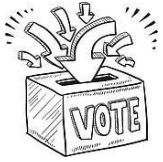


WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES November 30, 2018

Reminders to parents

- Please DO NOT drive into the circle around the flagpole from 7:30 to 8:30am and 2:30 to 3:30pm. This area needs to be kept clear for busses during these times.
- March 18th has been removed as a potential unused emergency day due to snow day used on November 16

Message From the Principal/Interim Superintendent



The Binding Referendum Vote will take place this Tuesday, 12/4 from 12-8pm. The ballot 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.

**** In the event of inclement weather causing a school closing or delay, the final school merger vote will still be conducted from 12-8 PM. The polls will remain open for voting.**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERTS

It's time to get in the holiday spirit! The MS/HS Instrumental and Choral Holiday Concert will be held on Tuesday, 12/4 at 6pm in the Bulles Auditorium; the Elementary Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, 12/6 at 6pm. Join us for some great holiday music!!



PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Westport Central School is pleased to announce the addition of a Pre-Kindergarten Class for resident 3 and 4 year-olds. This is a full-day program anticipated to start on January 7, 2019. This is a grant funded program offered at NO COST. The program will run Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM and will follow the school calendar. Transportation is not provided by the District. If interested, please contact the District Office at 518-962-8244.

FROM THE WPTSO

Join us this Saturday, 12/1 for our annual **Basket Raffle** during Christmas in Westport! You'll find us in the basement of the Westport Federated Church from 10am until 2pm. Come visit and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win some exciting, themed baskets! Raffle tickets are 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5 and 6 for \$10 (all proceeds support our classroom enrichment fund). 12/3-6 is the **Scholastic Book Fair!** The book fair will be open during school hours with special evening hours on 12/4 & 12/6, before and after the holiday concerts. This is an excellent opportunity to do some holiday shopping without having to drive to Plattsburgh! 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!



EARLY RELEASE DAY

All students will be released at 12pm on Tuesday, 12/11.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday, 12/13 at 6pm in the conference room. All community members are welcome to attend.

END OF 15 WEEK MARKING PERIOD

The end of the 2nd Five Week Marking Period is Friday, 12/14. Grades 7-12 Progress Reports will be mailed home on Friday, 12/21.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL/HOLIDAY RECESS

There will be an emergency evacuation drill on Friday, 12/21. All students will be released at 2:30 pm. School will be closed for all teachers and students from 12/24/2018 through 1/1/2019. School offices will be closed Tuesday, 12/25 and 1/1. Have a great holiday break!

CRAZY 8's MATH CLUB

Crazy 8's Math Club will continue on Mondays after school for K-5 students. Please contact Ms. Lackey with any questions at lackeyt@westportcs.org.

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 have started and will continue on Tuesday's and Wednesday's of each week while school is in session. The (K-2) and (5-6) teams will practice on Tuesday's; 3-4pm for (K-2) in the auditorium. Coaches will be Dana Marshall and Garret McQueen. The (5-6) team will practice 4:15-5:30pm. Coaches will be David Reynolds and David Napper. On Wednesday's the (3-4) team will begin practice from 3-4:15pm and the (5-6) team will follow until 5:30pm. The (3-4) coaches will be Livingston Hatch and Ashley Duke. 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 or our Facebook page for any and all updates. New registration forms are located in the main office of the school, 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. (ALL 5-6 players must report to Mrs. Bisselle's classroom while waiting for practice).

~ **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.....

1/1	New Year's Day Holiday
1/2	Classes resume
1/7	Anticipated start date for Pre-Kindergarten class
1/10	Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm - Conf. Rm.
1/14-18	I-Ready Testing
1/21	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
1/22-25	January Regents
1/25	Superintendent's Conference Day End of 2 nd Quarter Marking Period

