



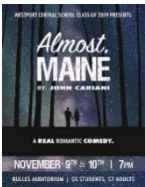
## WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES November 9, 2018

### Message From the Principal/Interim Superintendent

We collected over the 50 signatures for a petition that the State Education Department requires before moving to the December 4<sup>th</sup> vote. As a reminder, the ballot in December 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. Further information regarding these topics will be provided at the upcoming forums being held on November 26, 6 PM – Sun Community News location to be determined, November 28, 6:30 PM – ELCS Auditorium and November 29, 6 PM – WCS Auditorium, and in an upcoming Merger Newsletter. As always, information can be found on our website at [www.westportcs.org](http://www.westportcs.org).

Congratulations, you made it through the first marking period, and have arrived at our second long weekend of the year. The summer of 2018 seems like a distant memory and we are full steam ahead moving on to the second marking period. As a reminder, if anyone is failing a course after marking period one, it is your responsibility to inform the student and parent (as well as Tracey and me) about a plan moving forward to get the student to a passing grade. I sincerely appreciate the work that you continue to do every day in your classrooms. Westport Central School continues to be a source of academic excellence, and that is because of you and the work that you do. It is easy to get caught up in our own life and think about the exciting plans, or total lack thereof that you have on this long weekend. Whatever you have planned, be sure to take a moment to remember why we have this long weekend. Have a great weekend!

### SENIOR CLASS PLAY



Join the Class of 2019 TONIGHT and Saturday, 11/9 & 10 at 7pm for their production of John Cariani's, **Almost, Maine**. Set in a small, remote, mythical town, **Almost, Maine** is a romantic comedy comprised of nine short vignettes about the perils and joys of love, loss and life. "*John Cariani's Almost, Maine explores the sudden thunderclap of love and the scorched earth that sometimes follows*" – *New York Times*. Support, celebrate and be entertained by the Westport Central School Class of 2019! Adults \$7, Students \$5.

### VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY

School is closed Monday, 11/12 for the Veteran's Day Holiday.



### STEM CHALLENGE REMINDER

Last call for submissions for STEM Challenge #1! Please bring them in by Tuesday, 11/13. We are looking for participants to make something using materials from nature. Remember, this is something you can do with your children, or that students can work on together! It's open to all WCS community members. We already have some beautiful examples on display in the showcase, demonstrating our students' creative efforts both individually and in collaboration with friends and family members.



### FALL SPORTS AWARD EVENING

The Fall Sports Award Evening will be held on Thursday, 11/15 at 6:30pm at Elizabethtown Lewis Central School.

## PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Students who would like to retake their school picture, or were absent on the day of school pictures, may sign up with Mrs. Atwell to have a picture taken on Monday, 11/19. For retakes, be sure to bring in the original pictures you received.

## Report Cards / Early Release

~ Friday, 11/9 is the end of the first quarter marking period. 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. Please watch Newsnotes for further information.

~ 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 continues on Mondays after school for K-5 students. Please contact Ms. Lackey with any questions at [lackeyt@westportcs.org](mailto:lackeyt@westportcs.org).

## FROM THE WPTSO

WOW! We were blown away by the show of support from the community at our annual Fly Like an Eagle Fun Run last Saturday! Upwards of 80 participants between the ages of 1 and 76 showed up on a cold, rainy November morning to walk, run and/or stroll around the 1k and 5k course. A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our amazing group of 20+ volunteers (students & community members) and to *everyone* who came out to join us! Check out our Facebook page for a short video of the event (special thanks to McKenzie Stephens and Jen Zahorchak for your amazing drone footage and photography). Complete results (for those runners requesting a race time) and a photo gallery are posted on our website [www.wptso.com/fun-run](http://www.wptso.com/fun-run). Lastly, a huge shout out to our local Fun Run sponsors. An event like this would simply not be possible without your support. We raised over **\$1400.00** to go towards classroom enrichment grants and scholarships! The next WPTSO meeting is on Thursday, 11/15 at 3pm in the WCS Library. All are welcome so please come out and join us if you can!

## 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 opened 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) from 3-4pm for (K-2) 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 Sheriff David Reynolds and David Napper.

On Wednesday, 11/28 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 (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](http://www.westportyouth.org) and Google calendar or our Facebook page for any and all updates. For new registration forms please see Mrs. Hoff in the business 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.

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION (continued)

**~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<br>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 <sup>nd</sup> Five Week Marking Period                                 |
| 12/21     | Emergency Evacuation Drill<br>Grade 7-12 15 Week Reports mailed                 |
| 12/24-1/1 | Holiday Break   |

