



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES December 21, 2018

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT/PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thanksgiving, then a few short weeks until the holiday break. Here you are just one work day separates you from your time away from WCS. I want to remind you that it will be 7:00 pm on January 1st before you know it and you will be asking yourself, "How did I get here" (wait. That's a different song.) You will be asking yourself how did that break go by so quickly. Remember to take care of yourself. You will undoubtedly be pulled in many directions to celebrate one thing or another. Take some time to reflect on the great things that you have done and the things that could use some improving. When we get back, be ready to talk about what we are hoping for at WCS for 2019. There will surely be plenty of opportunity to discuss the future of the merged district. I am hopeful that each of you will be vocal about activities, opportunities, programs and ideas that you have always wanted to implement, but couldn't for whatever reason. The potential of this new district will only be limited by your imagination.



Have a wonderful break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

(Reminder to parents: Netflix has several countdowns into the New Year that you can play at any time. This makes it easy to have the kids in bed by 9:00pm...Good luck.)

Have a great weekend!

PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASS – **NEW UPDATE**

Due to low enrollment, Westport Central School District **will not be offering Pre-K at Westport Central School.** Pre-K will be available for Westport residents at the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School through a partnership with Adirondack Community Action Programs, and Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District. Transportation will be provided for three and four year old students.

Start Date: January 22nd Time: 7:45am-3:00pm

Registration form will be available soon. Please contact Westport Central School at 962-8244 if you are interested in registering, or if you have questions. If you are a Westport resident with a child currently attending the Pre-K at ELCS, please contact Josh Meyer to discuss transportation.

E-L-W Board of Education Petitions and Election

As part of the December 4th vote, residents established a new Board of Education composed of seven members who shall serve in three year terms. The next important step in the formation of the new school district is the election of the Board of Education.

Petitions are available for distribution from District Clerks at ELCS (518-873-6371) and/or WCS (518-962-8244). The filing deadline of petitions by board candidates is 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 8th. Petitions may be submitted to the District Clerk of either ELCS or WCS.

Candidates will meet with District Superintendent Dr. Mark Davey on January 8th at 7:00 PM at Westport Central School for a drawing to determine ballot slot placement for the Board election.

A special meeting of the qualified voters of the Elizabethtown-Lewis-Westport Central School District will be held at the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District Conference Room-Main Lobby on January 29, 2019 during the hours of 12:00 noon to 8:00 PM to elect the members of the Board of Education for such district as follows:

3 Members – 3 year term; expiring June 30, 2022

2 Members – 2 year term; expiring June 30, 2021

2 Members – 1 year term; expiring June 30, 2020



E-L-W Board of Education Petitions and Election – con't

For the first election of the Board of Education, the seven candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected to fill the positions on the Board of Education, the candidates receiving the largest number of votes will be elected to the longest terms of office.

END OF 15 WEEK MARKING PERIOD

Grades 7-12 Progress Reports will be mailed home today, 12/21.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL/HOLIDAY RECESS

There is an emergency evacuation drill today, 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. Classes resume on Wednesday, 1/2/2019. 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 after the Holiday break. Please contact Ms. Lackey with any questions at lackeyt@westportcs.org.

FROM THE MUIC DEPT:

The Westport Central School Chorus has been invited to join the International Children's Winter Games Opening Ceremony Chorus! This performance opportunity for Westport Central School Music students will be in Lake Placid at ORDA on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Lake Placid will welcome the International Children's Winter Games athletes, officials, coaches, committees, families, media and spectators from January 6-11, 2019!

Participation in the ICWG 2019 is by invitation only. The International Children's Games are comprised of teams from cities from around the world, not by country. There will be multiple teams from some countries. Competition will be held in 8 winter sports. Children of the World, ages 12 – 15 will experience an international-level competition most have never experienced. The International Children's Games are geared toward friendly competition and international cultural diversity. Athletes will have the opportunity to mingle with many children from cities around the globe in an enriching environment of cultural exchange.



As for our chorus, we will sing with area school's choruses hoping to total 100 voices! Congratulations to our chorus members: Olivia Montville, Bailee Lynch, Grayson King, Ella King, Mathew Severance, Philip Armitage, Cory Valentin, Ailsa Kohler, Einin Hammond, LeAnna Costin, Sophia Bosley, Aubrey Sherman, Ella Lobdell, Abby LaMotte, Brennan Mazzotte, Jordan Spear, Cooper Halloran, Harlow Bailey, Lawrence Lobdell.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday, 1/3/2019 at 6pm in the conference room. All community members are welcome to attend.

I-READY TESTING

I-ready Testing for grades K-2 will take place 1/14-1/18.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY

School is closed for all students and staff on Monday, 1/21 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

JANUARY REGENTS / END OF MARKING PERIOD

January Regents will be given 1/22-1/25 for all students who have registered with Mrs. Cross-Baker. Friday, 1/25 is the end of the 2nd quarter marking period. On Friday, 2/1, report cards will be distributed to grades K-6 and mailed home for grades 7-12.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY

Friday, 1/25 is a Superintendent's Conference Day. There will be no school for students.

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION

Happy Holidays from the Westport Youth Commission!! Please note that there will be no activities during the Holiday week. From all of us at WYC have a GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON and be safe!! 2019 is going to be a GREAT NEW YEAR!!!

~ **Dance and Movement:** Dance and Movement continue 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. Monday's after school. For most information, please contact Caroline at 518.962.8373.

~ **Biddy Basketball:** Biddy Basketball Practice will begin on Wednesday, 1/2/19 for the (3-4) and (4-6) teams. Also, the Biddy Basketball game schedule is posted on our WYC website page and google calendar at www.westportyouth.org.

~ **2019 Ski/Ride Program:** The Ski/Ride Program will begin on Sunday January 6th! All Sunday dates for trips to Whiteface are also posted on our website and google calendar. Ashley Duke is directing the Ski/Ride Program and can be reached at 608.633.8114 with any questions.

~ **Ice Rink:** We are awaiting consistent cold weather to build the Ice Rink. The ground has to be completely frozen to support our huge plastic bed to support the ice. We plan on constructing the rink as soon as the ground is frozen.

~ **Summer Program Director:** We are still looking for a Summer Program Director for our 6 week Summer Program at the School during July and part of August. If interested, please contact Ed Mason on 518.225.9772.



LOOKING AHEAD.....

2/1	Report Card distribution
2/6	Early release @ 12pm
2/7	HS All-County Music Festival – Moriah CS
2/14	Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm - Conf. Rm.
2/18	President's Day Holiday – school closed
2/19-22	Winter Break

