



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSNOTES September 28, 2018

PUBLIC FORUM - OCTOBER 4, 2018

A Public Forum has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 4, 2018** at 6:00 PM in the Auditorium at WCS. This forum will serve as an additional opportunity for residents to be informed of the merger study proposal prior to the October 9th vote.

All merger study facts, figures, reports and meeting minutes – and the Final Merger Study Report – can be obtained at www.westportcs.org. Please do not hesitate to contact Interim Superintendent Meyer with any questions, comments or concerns.

ADVISORY REFERENDUM [STRAW VOTE] - OCTOBER 9, 2018

At their meetings held in September, the WCS and ELCS Board Members voted 'yes' to establish a special vote separately in each district on **Tuesday, October 9, 2018** to see if school district residents are in favor of merging with ELCS into a new school district that would begin operations on July 1, 2019.

The **Advisory Referendum [Straw Vote]** will be held in the **Lobby outside the Bulles Auditorium** on **Tuesday, October 9** from **12:00 – 8:00 PM**. The question that residents will consider, as it will appear on the ballot: ***"Should the Westport Central School District and the Elizabethtown-Lewis Central School District be joined together as a single district by centralization [merger]?"***

If each school district passes their Advisory Referenda respectively, a formal Binding Referendum Vote would be scheduled for **Tuesday, December 4, 2018**.

If the Advisory Referenda vote fails in one of the school districts, the merger process ends.



EARLY RELEASE

All students will be released at 12pm on Wednesday, 10/3 for an early release day.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Please see the attached flyer regarding the PSAT. This is the only chance for students to take the PSAT this year! You must sign up by next Friday, 10/5.

FIVE WEEK REPORTS

Friday, 10/5 is the end of the first five week marking period. Five Week Reports will be mailed home for grades 7-12 on Friday, 10/12.

COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

School will be closed in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday on Monday, 10/8.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of the Board of Education on Thursday, 10/11 at 6pm. All community members are welcome to attend.

FROM THE WPTSO

A BIG shout out to WCS faculty & staff for showing their support by becoming WPTSO members so early in the school year! We are nearly a quarter of the way to 100% faculty & staff involvement! Parents, if you haven't already, please join in and support us too—help enrich your children's classrooms and our community

<http://www.wptso.com/get_involved>.

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Another way you can support our students and school is by partnering up with Mighty Nest <<http://www.mightynest.com>> . Mighty Nest is a unique web site that provides the ability to research, get advice and purchase natural, organic and non-toxic products for you, your family and your household—all in one place! You can learn more and link to our school fundraising page on Mighty Nest by visiting our homepage at <<http://www.wptso.com>>.

Upcoming events: WPTSO Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, 10/17 @ 3pm in the WCS Library, all are welcome.
Fly Like an Eagle 5K/1K Fun Run & Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, 11/3 @ 9am

WESTPORT YOUTH COMMISSION

~ **Biddy Soccer:** After 2 very successful Tournaments over the past 2 Saturdays, tomorrow, 9/29 Lake Placid will be hosting their Biddy Soccer Tournament at the Horse Show Grounds across from the ski jumps. This Tournament is open for Grades 1-6 and the specific schedule is posted on the WYC Website, Facebook Page, and Google Calendar. The games start at 9am and end at noon. Please have your players at the field at 8:30am for warm-ups! WYC is very proud of how well our Biddy Teams conduct themselves with other teams and towns with their stellar sportsmanship! If you have any questions, please contact Ed Mason, Director on 518.225.9772.

~ **Dance and Movement:** Beginning in October our annual Dance and Movement Classes will be held at the Westport Heritage House under the direction of Caroline Thompson. More information to follow.

~ **WYC Monthly Meeting:** Will be held on Monday, 10/1 at 7pm at the Westport Town Hall. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

HANNAFORD HELPS SCHOOLS

This year, Hannaford is celebrating 20 years of collaborating with schools to help schoolkids reach their goals. Your continued partnership is appreciated and if you're new to the program, we welcome you! Between 9/2/18 and 12/1/18, with the purchase of 4 participating Hannaford Helps Schools items, a customer will receive a printout for 3 school dollars at the register. Westport CS customers can place that printout into their school's slot in the Hannaford Helps Schools collection tower, located at the front of the Plattsburgh store. Additionally, Hannaford will donate \$1,000 to each school that earns the most dollars from their store location!

LOOKING AHEAD.....

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| 11/7 | Financial Aid Workshop |
| 11/8 | Board of Education Meeting @ 6pm |
| 11/9 | End of 1 st Quarter |
| 11/12 | Veteran's Day |
| 11/16 | Area All-State Music Festival
@ SUNY Potsdam |
| 11/19 | Picture Retake Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences
K-6 early release @ 12pm
7-12 full day of school |
| 11/20 | Parent/Teacher Conferences
K-12 early release @ 12pm |
| 11/21-23 | Thanksgiving Break |

