

2010 December WHS PTSA eBulldog Newsletter



December
2010 Edition

Westfield HS PTSA e-Bulldog Newsletter

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SAT Testing

Sat Dec 04 @
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Tue Dec 07 @
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[Holiday Celebration-Minority Achievement Committee](#)

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Sun Dec 12
Band Winter Concert

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Newsletter Deadline

Submission for Next Month

Sun Dec 19 @
2:00PM -

[Theater Ho Ho Holiday Show](#)

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2010 Dec President's Message

News from our President, Jennifer Campbell December 2010

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With the second quarter under way, we hope your student is off to a good start. Please be mindful that students can be distracted by technology. Unfortunately, many students do their homework while texting and checking Facebook. Imagine how difficult it is to focus! I've had conversations with several parents recently learned to limit their student's access to technology during homework time or altogether if the homework isn't getting done. I have heard from a couple of teachers that students spend at least two hours a night texting or on the computer for non-academic reasons. "Down time" is important for kids, but don't hesitate to set limits so your student learns to set their priorities. A fun spoof to start off the conversation could be this fake commercial from Saturday Night Live, about mom's on Facebook: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0Bd9-xOQjU>

Thank you to Milan Coleman, Evelyn Spain, and to their panel of Westfield seniors for their work on the Minority Achievement Committee's Reality Show in November. The event was well attended and stirred up helpful conversation regarding student achievement at school.

Thank you to the parents and business community members who volunteered for The Real World- Westfield, Ethical Decision Making this past week for sophomores, especially Aimee Lowry, Geri Lightburn, Dave Jagels, Tom Sakole, Kylie Eldredge, Cynthia Crisafulli. Hopefully you've received the Keep in Touch from Principal Tim Thomas regarding the day's agenda.

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PTSA Tidbits and FCPS News

TEEN DRIVING RESTRICTIONS

Please remember, especially as we get into colder and potentially more dangerous driving weather about teen driving restrictions. They are not meant to punish parents or teens, but rather to keep new drivers safe while they are gaining valuable driving experience. [Visit their web site](#) for more information about curfews, passenger restrictions, and other valuable safety information.

UPCOMING PARENT PROGRAM

Suicide/Depression Awareness – Learn the Facts

The Westfield High School Department of Student Services will host a parent program on Monday, December 13th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. Learn the facts to understand the warning signs of suicide and depression.

Familiarize yourself with the school and community resources available. A panel of professionals will present information and answer questions about this important topic.

STUDENT DIRECTORIES

The Student Directories are still available!! If you ordered one, you should have received your copy via your student's 7th period class a several weeks ago. Any delivery questions can be directed to Gary Flather at gflather@verizon.net. If you forgot to order a directory, and would like one, they can be purchased and picked up for \$10 in the main office (cash or check made out to WHS PTSA with Directory in the memo) or at PTSA meetings.

FCPS HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Student will be released 2 hours early on Wednesday, December 22. Winter Break is from Thursday, December 23- Friday, December 31. Students will return to school on Monday, January 3, 2011.

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Reminder

Items to be included in the January 2011 Bulldog Bulletin must be submitted to newsletter@westfieldhs.org on or before December 21, 2010

Your feedback is important to us. Send to newsletter@westfieldhs.org comments or suggestions to make your PTSA better

We hope to see you there.

Committee News

REFLECTIONS

WHS PTSA **Reflections Program Award Winners** Have Been Chosen! Westfield received several high quality artistic entries for this year's program. The theme was "Together We Can..." First Place winners will now go on to County level judging. County judging for Cluster 8 will take place the week of November 29th either at Westfield or South Lakes. We are still looking for judges for the film and musical composition categories. If you have expertise in either of these areas and would like to lend a couple of hours to help out, please contact the Cluster 8 Coordinator, Burnette Scarboro at 703-204-4334.

Congratulations are in order for the following students whose work was selected for recognition:

1st Place: Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Amanda De Carlo (Photo)
Srujana Yadlapalli (Literature)
Kelly Park (Visual Arts)

2nd Place:

Marisa Grayson (Literature)
Estella Massey (Photo)

Check the PTSA Newsletter for regular updates on the PTSA Reflections Program. The theme for next school year will be published before next summer. Consider encouraging your student to work on an entry for next fall during summer vacation.

MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE (MAC)

The mission of the Westfield Minority Achievement Committee, as a subcommittee of the Westfield PTSA, is to establish positive relationships between the Westfield administration, faculty, students and parents. We encourage community involvement, while providing communication and guidance of school programs as we work to build bridges to close the minority achievement gap.

VOLUNTEERS

Westfield's **It's Academic** team needs a volunteer reader/timer for the county competition, Saturday, Jan. 22, at Edison High School. It requires a commitment of about 3 hours. You would be a reader/timer for competitions outside of the Concorde District. The team can't compete unless it provides a reader/timer. If you (or if your age 18-and-over child in need of community service hours!) can help, please contact me at maryellen.webb@fcps.edu. Thank you! **HELP WANTED:** Energetic and fun-loving volunteers are needed to help staff the **Holiday Shoppe** being held at Cub Run Elementary School on December 9th from 3:15-8:00 and December 11 from 9:00-1:00. This is an excellent opportunity for students needing community service hours. For more information, please contact Beth Haubach at bhaubachpta@verizon.net

LIKE MAKING COPIES? The PTSA is looking for a some parents who have a couple free hours per week to assist on a regular basis with teacher copying needs. If this interests you, please contact Patty Kirschner at pakirschner@fcps.edu

Students need volunteer service hours?

Check out Frostival, a family oriented Fairfax County Winter Festival produced by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. at the Dulles Expo Center, December 30, 2010- January 2, 2011, 10am-5pm. For more information, go to <http://www.frostival.com> If you are doing hours for a class or honor society, please get prior approval from your teacher/sponsor!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Attention PTSA members – want to be in the loop for announcements from the Westfield High School Counseling Department through Facebook? The Facebook page will include information on colleges, careers, deadlines for transcript requests, and lots, lots more! To join the group, simply log onto Facebook, and type in the search box at the top of the page : Westfield High School Student Services – then click "join" – it's that easy!

We have monthly meetings that begin at 7 pm in the library unless noted otherwise. The meetings are open to the community and you can find out more information about [MAC online](#).

Please join us on Dec. 7, 2010 for our Holiday Celebration which will be held in the Lecture Hall. Our guest speaker is Mr. John Johnson. Mr. Johnson is a Vice President and the Education Chair of NAACP, Fairfax County Branch as well as the Area Chair for the Northern Virginia branches of the NAACP. He is also a FCPS parent. We will discuss the state of education in Fairfax County and what we all can do to make improvements.

Booster News

Ice Hockey

The Westfield Ice Dogs Hockey season has begun!! Come cheer on the Ice Dogs and experience the excitement and energy of high school ice hockey! Visit the Ice Dogs website at www.westfieldicedogs.com for more information and a full game schedule. GO ICE DOGS!!

WHS Ice Hockey Logo

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