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2010 Edition

Westfield HS PTSA e-Bulldog Newsletter

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News from our President, Jennifer Campbell

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October is here. Our sympathies to the family, friends, and neighbors who have been impacted by the sudden and tragic loss of one of our 10th grade students. Westfield staff handled bereavement debriefing and support of students expeditiously, and in a very sensitive and professional manner. Counselors were available to any student in need. Please talk to your students about events that happen in the community and apprise the school of any concerns.

Hopefully you and your student are adjusting to the new schedule and routine! **A helpful hint for newcomers:** things forgotten at home can be left in your student's Sub School office for them and they can check there between classes. **BUT... let your student know not to use their cell phone to contact you, as it WILL get taken away** if caught and YOU will have to pick it up after school. They can place a phone call to you from the main office or their Sub School office. Kids are seldom happy about the cell phone policy, but at least they can carry their back packs with them and chew gum all day!

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PTSA Tidbits and FCPS News

Westfield High School Homecoming Information

The **Powder Puff Game** which is Seniors vs. Juniors, will be held at the WHS football stadium on Wednesday, October 13 from 7pm-8:30pm.

The **WHS Homecoming Parade** is Friday, October 15, from 5pm-6pm. Participants in the parade need to be at Cub Run Elementary School at 4pm. Parade staging will be at the elementary school parking lot on Sully Station Drive. The parade route will go down Sully Station Drive, right onto Glen Meadow Road, right onto Kimanna Drive, and right on to Braddock Road, and ending at Cub Run Elementary School. Parent volunteers are also needed to drive the convertibles during the parade and flatbed trailers or trucks are needed for the class floats. Please email [Diane Underwood](#) if you are interested.

New State Requirement Affects All Students Applying for First Driver's Licenses

Beginning in September 2010, a new state requirement affecting all students applying for a juvenile driver's license will require each student and his or her parent or guardian to complete a 90-minute Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) parent-teen driving program. This program will be required in addition to successful completion of the classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction driver education course to obtain a driver's license. More information can be found at [their web site](#).

FCPS 2010 College Fair & Night

College Fair- October 17th, Fair Oaks Mall 7:30 - 9:30 An admission ticket is required and can be obtained at the Westfield Career

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Reminder

Items to be included in the November 2010 Bulldog Bulletin must be submitted to newsletter@westfieldhs.org on or before **October 22, 2010**

Your feedback is important to us.

Send to newsletter@westfieldhs.org comments or suggestions to make your PTSA better

The **WHS Homecoming Dance** is, October 16th, from 8:30 until 11:45 in the school gym. Tickets are \$15/student and are for sale from October 4-14. No tickets will be sold at the door. If you are planning on bringing someone from another school to the dance, you are required to have a permission slip filled out by the other school's principal. The SGA is in need of adult help at the Homecoming dance. If you can help, please arrive by 8:00pm. Parents are needed to work the drink area, coat room, and inside the gym. A big crowd is expected, so if you know of other parents who'd be interested in helping out, please spread the word! Please let them know that there are so many kids that their kids won't even know that they are there, unless they are 7 feet tall! Please contact Diane.Underwood@fcps.edu if you can volunteer.

Center

College Night- Hayfield Secondary School
Monday, October 18th from 7-9pm

FCPS Education Summit

You are invited to join parents, students, community members, business leaders, principals, teachers, PTA leaders, and college leaders in the first Fairfax Education Summit hosted by the Fairfax County School Board on Saturday, October 16, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Robinson Secondary School. The event will feature a keynote presentation by Ken Kay, a nationally known leader in bringing 21st century skills into education and preparing every child to succeed in the new global economy.

Summit participants will explore critical questions about how Fairfax County Public Schools can better prepare its students for the future, and engage in a rich dialogue on the multi-faceted topic of what our kids will need in order to succeed in the world after high school. For more details, including registration logistics, please visit <http://www.fcps.edu/news/summit.htm>.

Committee News

REFLECTIONS

The PTSA Reflections Program is in swing again this year. The theme this year is "Together we can....." and entries are due in the Main Office on 10/22 by 2:30 pm. As with past years entries may be submitted in the following categories: Visual Arts, Music Composition, Photography, Film, Literature and Choreography. Students will be able to find the entry form and rules [online](#).

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!

PSAT INFORMATION

On Wednesday, October 13, 2010, there will be an early release for the PSAT testing. Dismissal will be at 11:15 a.m. The 9th, 10th & 11th grade students will be taking the test. 12th graders will have a mandatory senior meeting during the testing in the stadium. Only 10th grade students DO NOT pay for the PSAT results. All others pay if they want to receive their test scores.

PSAT money is being collected by Tammi Butler in the Main Guidance Office. Students can pay in cash if in the exact amount of \$17.00 or, if they prefer, checks made payable to Westfield High School. Payment will also be accepted on Oct. 5th at all lunches in the cafeteria and at the two Back to School Nights. **PAYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY OF THE TEST!** Contact Tammi.Butler@fcps.edu with questions.

VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday and Thursday October 20 & 21st to assist with

VOLUNTEERS

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Come to the Fairfax County Volunteer Fair. This event is being sponsored by the Fairfax County Public Library and Volunteer Fairfax.

Where: Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd.

When: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 6:30 - 8:00 PM

CLINIC VOLUNTEER TRAINING

There are some training sessions available for our clinic volunteers. This training will take place at various Health Department locations. The dates are October 8, November 17 and January 20. Please contact Mickey Leigh for more information at MLEigh@fcps.edu or 703-488-6310

vision and hearing screening for the Sophomore class of 674 students. This is a FUN job because you get to interact with the KIDS! Clinic staff will train volunteers to do these simple screenings, and any student who tests poorly with a volunteer will be retested by the clinic staff. 10 volunteers are needed each day for each of the following shifts: 7:15am-9am; 9am-11am; 11am-12:30pm; 1pm-2pm. Volunteers are encouraged to work several shifts when possible, but your help with even one shift would be greatly appreciated.! To volunteer, please email Aimee Lowry at alowry555@aol.com

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the back-to-school-packet information. Alphabetizing the paperwork for 2,900+ students is very tedious work, but getting this information organized and distributed to the appropriate departments within the school is critical. The school administration is very appreciative of the task our volunteers completed. Thank you for giving of your time and talent! Suzanne Olijar