



May 2011  
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## Westfield HS PTSA e-Bulldog Newsletter

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Sat May 07 @  
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11:00AM

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Fri Jun 17

@ 11:00PM -  
04:00AM

[PTSA All Night](#)

[Grad Celebration](#)

Sat Sep 17

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### Board Officers

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## President's Message

### News from our President, Mary Coleman February 2012

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It doesn't seem possible but we are already at the end of the first semester of the school year! **Report cards will be distributed via 3rd period classes during Bulldog Block on Monday, February 6th.** Please ask your student to review it with you. Remember if your student is having problems with a subject, it is not too late to improve their performance for the remainder of the year. **There is free tutoring** available through the PTSA BITS tutoring program. Go to [http://www.fcps.edu/WestfieldHS/student\\_services/bits.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/WestfieldHS/student_services/bits.htm) for more details. BITS takes place on Saturday mornings and all of our students are welcome.

Please join us for our **next PTSA meeting at 7 PM in the library on Thursday, February 16th.** Kathy Smith, FCPS School Board member will speak to us about issues that matter to us regarding our children's education. We will hold a brief business meeting before we open the floor to Kathy. I encourage you to attend.

#### [Read More](#)

### PTSA Tidbits and FCPS News

#### **CONGRATULATIONS JENNIFER CAMPBELL!!**

Westfield High School PTSA President, Jennifer Campbell received the "**Volunteer of the Year**" Award from the Northern Virginia District PTA, putting her in the running for the Virginia state award! **CONGRATULATIONS, JENNIFER and THANK YOU** for all you have done for Westfield High School!

#### **Upcoming Parent Workshop**

Coping with the Challenges of Adolescence: Privacy, Safety and Physical Development presented by Dr. Tracee Parker.

This workshop is intended for parents of students with the low incidence disabilities of Autism, Intellectual Disabilities or Physical Disabilities.

Workshop to be held Tuesday, May 10, 2011 from 9:30-11:30 am, at Gatehouse Administrative Center, Room 2050 or from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Gatehouse Administrative Center, Room 3050, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, VA 22042.

[Download flier and registration information.](#)

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## Reminder

Items to be included in the June 2011 Bulldog Bulletin must be [submitted to newsletter@westfieldhs.org on or before May 24, 2011.](#)

Your feedback is important to us. Send to [newsletter@westfieldhs.org](#) comments or suggestions to make your PTSA better

## Participate in High School Athletics and Activities

Please be advised that Homeschool Bill HB 926 which proposes the participation in public school sports and interscholastic programs by students in a non public school (i.e. home school) is likely to be considered in the 2011 legislative session. Westfield High School is concerned that these students would not be held to the same standards of the participation policy or the FCPS Students Rights & Responsibilities, as they would not be enrolled in FCPS.

[Read more...](#)

## Committee News

### ANGP

#### Attention Parents of Seniors!

Have you bought your student's ticket for the All Night Grad Party yet? All Night Grad is a tradition... it's your child's last, best night of their senior year and a night that will never come again. They will only get one All Night Grad Party in their entire lifetime. And it's something you WANT your Senior to go to because:

The All Night Grad Celebration is a drug-and-alcohol free event.

Studies show that graduation night can be the most dangerous night of high school and the ANGP provides a fun and safe alternative to other graduation night activities.

Students will be chaperoned all evening long.

No worries about where your child is.

No dangerous party-hopping.

You'll be happy knowing they're having a blast with their friends while being safe!

This graduation celebration at Fast Eddie's is the safest, most fun way your Senior can celebrate their big accomplishment. Keep them safe on graduation night and [purchase their ticket online now.](#)

**It's All-Night Fun for the Class of Double One!**

### MULCH DAY PRIZE WINNERS

### SGA HAPPENINGS

SGA salutes all the parent volunteers who have supported the various activities at Westfield High School. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Officers Inductions for 2011-12 will take place on June 2 at 6:30 pm.

#### SGA Officers

President Annie Perkins

Vice President Jimmy Wruk

Secretary Caroline Cook

Treasurer Whitney Roberts

#### Class of 2012

President Andrew Kwon

Vice President Corinne Holland

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Treasurer Amanda Cameron

Historian Hadiyah Saleem

Senator Chris Bonner

#### Class of 2013

President Andrew Kim

Vice President Brandon Fiala

Secretary Kelly Duncan

Treasurer Katie Manning

Historian Katy Dunigan

Senator Reid Koutstaal

#### Class of 2014

President Selena Clyne-Galindo

Vice President Zoe Hemmer

Congratulations to the following Mulch Day prize winners:

Tatum Ruessler-DVD Player, Emily Phillip-Quesadilla Maker, Robert Suarez-\$50 Fair Oaks Mall Gift Card, Danny Sosa-Kinect, Katy Roberts-Garmin GPS, Joe Callas-Coolpix Digital Camera, Diana Mann-IPOD Stereo, and Kathleen Watkins-Grand Prize winner...Flat Screen TV

Secretary Tramaine Nakirigya  
Treasurer Simone Bello  
Historian Joe Callas  
Senator Anna McCluskey

#### **SAC**

Jessie Royal  
Mariam Azim  
Haidyah Saleem  
Rebecca Lawson  
Alternate SAC Simone Bello

#### **DRIVE IN MOVIE**

"Screen on the Green" will take place at Westfield High School on May 13, at 8:00pm. The featured presentation will be "Remember the Titans".

#### **HOMECOMING 2011**

The 2011 Homecoming theme will be "City of Lights".

### **Booster News**

#### **Choir Boosters**

The Westfield High School choir competed in a regional choir competition in Orlando, FL over spring break hosted by Heritage Music Festivals. Two choral ensembles competed in this festival.

The Festival Choir received first place in the Concert Choir division (mixed choirs 30 - 75 students), with a score of 96 out of 100. They received a superior gold rating. As a result of this rating, the choir has been selected to participate in the Heritage Festival of Gold at Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2012.

The Chamber Singers received first place in the Chamber Choir division (advanced mixed choirs 16 - 30 students), with a score of 94 out of 100. They received a superior gold rating. As a result of this rating, the choir has been selected to participate in the Heritage Festival of Gold at Carnegie Hall in New York City in 2012.

In addition to these accolades, the Westfield Choir won the adjudicator's award for having all competing groups receive a superior rating. Also, Rebecca Holley (Westfield junior) won the outstanding student accompanist award at the competition.

#### **Music Boosters**

Music Boosters Need Your Help! The Westfield High School music program is one of the best in the state. Our music groups, as well as individual students have earned hundreds of awards over the past 10 years. This does not happen without a good support system that allows the music directors to focus on their jobs - teaching students.

This support systems consists of 4 individual booster groups - Band, Choral, Orchestra and Guitar, as well as an umbrella group, the Music Boosters. Each group elects a board of directors to "drive" their group to provide volunteer and fundraising support. The Music Boosters functions as a means for all 4 individual groups to work together on projects that benefit the entire department. Tag Day is one example.

If you have a child in the Westfield music program your help is needed. All of the boards are looking to fill positions for next year. The Music Boosters will have a 100% turnover in their board and the individual groups will each have multiple positions open. Time commitment varies with each position, but all are important to the continuing success of our music programs.

The Music Boosters are looking for a President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Tag Day Coordinator. Meeting time is minimal (approximately 4 per year, plus Tag Day). A Treasurer is needed NOW to shadow the current Treasurer for a seamless transition to next year. A Tag Day Coordinator is needed now, as well in order to have time to meet with last year's coordinator and begin the planning process for next year. If you think you might be interested, please contact Kym Sunday at [baseballmm9@verizon.net](mailto:baseballmm9@verizon.net).

Please consider stepping up and serving on a music booster board. You will gain a lot of insight into the programs, have the opportunity to offer your input, meet and work with a lot of fun people, and more. To find out more about positions for the individual groups please contact the presidents at: Band - [president@westfieldband.org](mailto:president@westfieldband.org), Chorus - [president@westfieldchorus.org](mailto:president@westfieldchorus.org), Orchestra - [president@westfieldorchestra.org](mailto:president@westfieldorchestra.org), Guitar - [president@westfieldguitar.org](mailto:president@westfieldguitar.org).

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