



November 2010  
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## Westfield HS PTSA e-Bulldog Newsletter

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Sat Nov 06 @ 7:00AM - 03:00PM <a href="#">SAT Testing</a>
Sat Nov 06 @ 9:30AM - 11:00AM <a href="#">BITS (Tutoring)</a>
Mon Nov 08 @ 7:00PM - <a href="#">Realities of Substance Abuse</a>
Tue Nov 09 @ 7:00PM - <a href="#">Parent Coffee Minority Achievement Committee</a>
Thu Nov 11 @ 7:00PM - <a href="#">Sophomore Night</a>
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Sun Nov 21 @ 7:00PM - <a href="#">Guitar Concert</a>
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## 2010 Nov President's Message

### News from our President, Jennifer Campbell

#### November 2010

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The first quarter is finally under our belt! **Report cards** will be distributed to students on Monday November 8 in homerooms. Please ask for it.

How did your student do? Please encourage them to utilize the four Bulldog Block periods during the week to complete assignments, make up class work or ask teachers questions. In addition, Westfield's **BITS Tutoring program** is in full swing now on Saturday mornings and is free for our students. One of the first challenges is knowing when your student may need some extra help. Do they use their school-issued agenda/planner? Check to see if they are writing down assignments, whether they leave the classroom often and the reason why. Is this a particular class they do not like or might be struggling in? Asking these questions is a great way to support your student's school efforts from home! It took me a long time to realize that the planner is loaded with useful school information: administrative contacts, metric conversions and much more. If your student has lost their planner, they can purchase another one through their guidance counselor. Making use of the planner is an important skill they can carry over into their adult life after high school.

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### PTSA Tidbits and FCPS News

#### UPCOMING COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Westfield High School Business Partner Centreville Presbyterian Church presents a screening of the documentary...

#### "Race to Nowhere: The Darkside of America's Achievement Culture"

The film will be presented on Wednesday, December 1, from 7-9:00 pm, at Centreville Presbyterian Church. The cost is free, but participants need to reserve their seat online beginning November 1.

A concerned mother turned filmmaker aims her camera at the culture of hollow achievement and pressure to perform that has invaded America's schools. It is destroying our children's love of learning and feeding an epidemic of unprepared, disengaged, and unhealthy students.

#### ACADEMIC LETTER CEREMONY

The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 23 during Bulldog Block. Recipients of the **Academic Letter** will receive a letter at home notifying them of their award. Criteria for earning the letter is based on the grade point average earned during the 2009-1010 school year, with the minimum required GPA being 4.0, which includes the weighting that was added to the grading scale last school year. Parents are welcome to attend.

#### HONOR ROLL CERTIFICATES

The **first quarter Honor Roll certificates** will be distributed about two weeks after the end of the quarter. There are three levels of Honor Roll awards, based on GPA for the quarter: Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude. A random drawing will

## Interest

More Resource Links  
Online

[Fairfax County Public School](#)  
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## Reminder

Items to be included in the December 2010 Bulldog Bulletin must be [submitted to newsletter@westfieldhs.org](#) on or before **November 19, 2010**

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

To learn more, or to register, please go to [www.centrevillepres.com](http://www.centrevillepres.com)

### PRINCETON HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMATS

This is an amazing summer scholarship program for sophomores and juniors. This ten-day stay at Princeton University enables American students to live with, interact and forge friendships with Japanese students. The program is designed to expose students to both cultures through daily themes and activities. In addition, students attend daily language classes ranging from beginner to advanced taught by native speakers. This program is highly selective and only takes 40 students: 20 girls and 20 boys from the entire nation. For more information, visit [www.highschooldiplomats.com](http://www.highschooldiplomats.com) or email Mrs. Parrott, American Director, at [Director@highschooldiplomats.com](mailto:Director@highschooldiplomats.com). The dates of this program are: July 27-August 6, 2011. Electronic versions of the application are available at the website or your school career center/foreign language departments for hard copies. Applications may not be handwritten however. The deadline is early January and interviews will be held in early to mid-March. Decisions are made by mid-April.

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be held to award 40 gift certificates to a local food establishment. These winners will be announced via the morning news in November.

### PTSA SPONSORED PARENTING PROGRAM

On November 11, there is an upcoming program at Centreville High School. It will be in the Media Center from 2:30-3:30. Please come to the PTSA Sponsored workshop: **"Parenting Your Teen While Keeping Your Sanity Intact!"** Adolescence is a time of inconsistencies, missteps, and sometimes baffling behavior as teens struggle to find their unique place in the world, become self sufficient, and test physical, cognitive, and emotional limits. Learn strategies on how to interact with your teen in a productive way-----that means disengaging from the bad behavior, keeping calm, and earning respect rather than fear. Presented by Michele Tureaud, an educator from Behavior Intervention Services, a FCPS program that supports all schools and students from preschool through grade twelve.

### PARENT-TEEN RESOURCE GUIDE ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE

A detailed "Parent-Teen Resource Guide on Alcohol and other Drug Services in Fairfax County" has been produced by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County Public Schools (UPC) and is now available on its web site: [www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org](http://www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org).

## Committee News

### BITS

BITS had its first tutoring session on Saturday, October 16th. We had a great turnout and we are looking forward to a wonderful school year. Remember, you can find the forms for the BITS program on the website or you can get them from your counselor. Also, you must arrive no later than 9:25 on Saturdays. **DON'T FORGET YOU MUST FILL OUT AN EMERGENCY CARE FORM.**

Don't forget to check the Facebook Group Page. Just login into Facebook, click on Groups on the left side of the home page, and click on our group (Westfield High School Student Services).... LOTS of good

### HOSPITALITY

The Westfield High School PTSA sponsored a Staff Appreciation Luncheon on October 28th. We wanted to thank the staff for all their hard work and dedication to our students. Thanks to all those who baked delicious desserts. The staff really enjoyed it!

### MAC

The Minority Achievement Committee (MAC) of Westfield High School PTSA Invites you to our next **Parent Coffee**. We're looking forward to the November 9, MAC Parent Coffee to be held in at the Westfield High School Lecture Hall. It's going to be a Reality Show focusing on "What Makes a

stuff just posted for 9th, 11th, and 12th graders as well as for parents. Make it a habit to check it multiple times a week to stay informed and up to date... Tell everyone you know to join the group!

### PE

This is a reminder to parents and students to **lock up their belongings in the locker room.** We want you to secure your backpacks, clothes and valuables in a long locker and to lock it up. When class is over, place your clothes and sneakers back into your small locker and lock it. We have had a few cases of theft occurring in the locker room due to students leaving their valuables out and not locked up. If the students fail to lock up their valuables, we will have no choice and backpacks will not be allowed into the locker room. Let's work together and stop the stealing.

PE Staff

Successful Student at Westfield High School." We will have a panel of 6 students from different backgrounds and cultures to discuss what contributes to their success in school. We'll even have parents share their role in encouraging success in the lives of their students.

Please join us on November 9, 2010 at 7:00pm to hear from our students about what makes them perform well in school which in turn will help them perform successfully in life. Light refreshments will be served. For more information please contact either Milan Coleman or Evelyn Spain at [mac@westfieldhs.org](mailto:mac@westfieldhs.org)

### All Night Graduation Party (ANGP)

There will be an ANGP organizational meeting for volunteers at 7PM on Thursday, November 30th at school. Location to be determined. Contact Leslie Schreiber or Renee Paulett at [whsangp@yahoo.com](mailto:whsangp@yahoo.com)

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## Booster News

### Band Boosters

The marching band has had a very busy fall with football performances and band competitions. Most recently the Marching Bulldogs performed in Richmond for the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association. We are proud to announce the Westfield band was rated as superior! Congratulations to our marching band for all your hard work and dedication. The superior rating completes step one of our two step process to once again be named a Virginia Honor Band.

We have begun preparations for our winter concerts. Please mark your calendars and join us on December 9th and 12th at 7:00 pm as our concert bands present their annual holiday concert.

### Crew

It is once again time to get the word out about a BIG, BIG fundraising event for the WHS Crew team. To support over 100 student athletes, please make your purchases of wreaths and poinsettias this year through the WHS Girls and Boys Crew team. In 2009, purchasers wished that they had ordered more from the Crew Greenery sale to give as gifts and to decorate for the holiday season. Don't miss out this year!

Order now to get high quality poinsettias and wreaths for delivery at the WHS school cafeteria on Thursday, December 2, between 5 and 7 PM. Or, if needed, we will work with you to arrange delivery to your home. This year online ordering has been added for your convenience. <http://poinsettiasale.westfieldcrew.org/> Or, you may print the attached order form and submit your order to the WHS Activities Office, Attn: Crew. For questions call: Candis Anhalt 703-815-8883 Thanks for supporting WHS Crew!

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