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Westfield HS PTSA e-Bulldog Newsletter

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PTSA Newsletter

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Fri Dec 23

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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 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.

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PTSA Tidbits and FCPS News

Upcoming Parent Coffee

Please join us for a Parent Coffee. The topic will be The Teenage Brain, with guest speaker Neil Mc Nerney, LPC.

Where: Westfield Auditorium

When: Friday, December 16th, 8:30-10:00

Parent Resource Center

The Parent Resource Center of the Fairfax County Public Schools promotes parent awareness of the services provided by the Fairfax County Public Schools for children with special needs and their families. The Center encourages parent participation in the educational decision-making process and provides seminars, training programs, and information to foster the parent/professional partnership. The Center also serves as a resource for educators and the community. [Read more.....](#)

Prevention Toolkit

FCCPTA Special Education Meeting

All FCPS schools are invited to a meeting of the Fairfax County Council of PTA's Special Education Committee on Monday, November 28, 2011; 7:00 - 8:45 pm at the Gatehouse Administration Building, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, 22042, 1st floor conference room (parking is available in garage under the Gatehouse building).

The meeting will begin with a presentation: Power of the Patriot: Disability Resources at GMU- Did you know that George Mason University has a special library collection for disabilities and assistive technology resources?

Please RSVP by November 23 at hendersonhagen@verizon.net with the name of attendees and the school represented.

Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council

The Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council

Board Officers**President**[Mary Coleman](#)**Past President**[Jennifer Campbell](#)**1st VP:**[Jenni Aiello](#)**2nd VP:**[Marjorie Willard](#)**Recording Secretary:**[Suzanne Olijar](#)**Treasurer:**[Kym Sunday](#)[View more board members](#)**Links of Interest**[More Resource Links Online](#)[Fairfax County Public School Fairfax County Council of PTAs Northern Virginia District PTA Virginia PTA National PTA](#)**Reminder**

Items to be included in the January 2012 Bulldog Bulletin must be [submitted to newsletter@westfieldhs.org](#) on or before **December 21, 2011**

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

Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools is pleased to offer an exciting new resource that is available to Fairfax County community organizations and parents. This new resource is the [Prevention Toolkit](#). In short, the Prevention Toolkit is collection of suggestions, tools, and resources to assist families, school staff, PTA's, community- and faith-based organizations, social clubs, and others in promoting the well-being of youth in our community. The toolkit is focused on 5 key areas: mental health (depression and suicide), bullying and cyber-bullying, physical activity and nutrition, teen dating abuse, and alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. In addition, at the same [web site](#), you can find general and topic specific Fairfax County Youth Survey results from the 2010 survey.

(SPAC) provides a direct connection between the Superintendent and parents throughout the county. The SPAC is made up of PTA presidents from each FCPS school and meets four times a year to discuss education issues important to the community, such as the budget and testing.

Date: Tuesday, November 29

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Gatehouse II -- FCPS Headquarters 8115 Gatehouse Road 1st Floor, Cafe, Falls Church.

Committee News**SENIOR PARENTS**

Are you looking for that perfect holiday gift for your Westfield Senior? You can save money on something you're going to buy them anyway: A ticket to the All Night Grad Party! The All Night Graduation Party (ANGP) provides a fun, safe, graduation celebration with their friends without alcohol, drugs, or tobacco. Your gift of a ticket gives your graduate:

A chaperoned, All-Night Graduation Party at Fast Eddies Sports and Billiards, right here in Centreville.

Awesome DJ, great music and dancing all night!

Professional Casino with Texas Hold 'em, Blackjack, Roulette and more!

A mechanical bull!

Sports, video and table-top games!

Pool tables, photo booths, blizzard of bucks and more!

Prizes, Prizes, Prizes!!

Great hot food, snacks, desserts and sodas all night long.

And lots of extras that we're still planning to make your night the best ever!

The All Night Grad is a tradition... it's the last, best night of their senior year and a night that will never come again. Your senior will get only get one All Night Grad Party in their entire life. What could be a better gift?! Best of all, you'll have peace of mind knowing that

ACADEMIC LETTER CEREMONY

Congratulations to the 256 students who received their 2010-2011 Academic Letter during the awards ceremony on November 22nd. To earn the letter, students earned a 4.0 GPA for the 2010-2011 school year. Sixty-one seniors were recognized for having earned the Academic Letter each of their first three years in high school and Priya Khanna delivered the student address. Congratulations!

PRINCETON REVIEW

Save the date! The PTSA's upcoming Practice SAT/ACT test, sponsored by Princeton Review, will be on Saturday, February 4th, 2012 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm in the WHS Cafeteria. Registration will be available on our web site in January and printed forms will be available in the school's main office. The cost is \$15, which includes an evening follow-up session in March to help understand how your student performed. This event is a PTSA fund-raiser.

ACE

The PTSA extends congratulations to the more than 1450 students who qualified for the 1st Quarter Honor Roll. Certificates of Recognition were distributed to all eligible students and we were able to award the following prizes: 20 students were randomly selected to receive \$10 gift cards to Rita's, compliments of the PTSA and 20 students

your graduate is having a fantastic party with all their friends, in a safe and supervised environment.

Buy your ticket now for only \$65 as the perfect present. You can even get a great ANGP Holiday Gift Certificate to wrap and give for your student to open! You'll be doing yourself a favor, too, because ticket prices go up soon! (No actual printed tickets are sent, however, students name must appear on the list of purchased attendees for admission.)

Don't let your Senior miss out on the last, best night of their high school career. And don't let yourself miss out on these great savings. Go to [ANGP Ticket Order Form](#) for more information and to buy your ticket now. You can even download the ANGP Holiday Gift Certificate right after you complete your transaction! Don't Miss Out! Order your student's ticket online today!

(No one should miss this party. If the ticket price poses a financial hardship, student or parent should contact the student's guidance counselor right away.)

GUIDANCE

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MAC

Please join us on Dec 13, 2011 @ 7:00PM for the Minority Achievement Committee (MAC) Holiday Celebration.

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 by encouraging community involvement, while providing communication and guidance of school programs as we work to build bridges to close the minority achievement gap. Complete the [Online Membership Form](#) to join.

were randomly selected to receive a Rita's coupon good for a free item. Also, Rita's generously provided 600 coupons for a free Italian Ice. Each subschool had 120 winners!

The PTSA and A.C.E. would like to thank Rita's for supporting the Westfield Honor Roll!

Good luck with your classes this quarter and we hope to see even more names on the next Honor Roll list!

STUDENT DIRECTORIES

The 2011-12 WHS Student Directories were distributed via student's 7th period class during the week of Nov. 7th. If you ordered one and haven't received it, please contact us. (Please check your student's backpack first to make sure it isn't in there). If you didn't order a directory and would like one, we have a limited quantity available in the Main Office for \$10 (cash or checks payable to WHS PTSA). You can also contact us at directory@westfieldhs.org to order.

YEARBOOK

Congratulations to Westfield High School's yearbook staff, who won a "Best of Show" award at the Journalism Education Association (JEA)-National Scholastic Press Association fall convention over the weekend. The Guardian was recognized in the category for yearbooks over 325 pages long.

REFLECTIONS

Westfield received several high quality artistic entries for this year's program. The theme was "Diversity is..." First Place winners will now go on to County level judging as of November 10 and winners are expected to be announced prior to the winter holiday break. Please congratulate the students whose work was selected for recognition:

1st Place: Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

Masie Chong (Photo)

Marisa Grayson (Literature)

Sahaja Yerramsetti (Visual Arts)

2nd Place: Srujana Yadlapalli (Literature)

3rd Place: Diana Sosa (Literature)

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 working on an entry for next fall during your

summer vacation.

Booster News

Theatre Boosters

CONGRATULATIONS! Westfield Students Win Awards at Virginia Theatre Association (VTA) Conference: October 28, 29, 30. Theatre students presented a two-person production of *Oleanna* by David Mammet, directed by Joey Biagini and performed by Madeleine Bloxam and Mitchell Buckley with supporting musicians, Alex Mann, Perry Cowdery, and Joe Drezemiecki. They recently performed their award winning production at the VTA Showcase on November 11, where parents and students had the opportunity to watch and see how talented these students are.

Their outstanding performance earned them the following awards:

Outstanding Student Director: Joey Biagini,

Outstanding Musicians: Alex Mann, Perry Cowdery, Joe Drezemiecki

All-Star Cast Member: Mitchell Buckley

Best Actress: Madeleine Bloxam

Honorable Mention: "Oleanna"

BRAVO! Westfield's Fall Main Stage: Shakespeare's Richard III

On November 18, 19, and 20, Westfield's presentation of Shakespeare's Richard III was the highlight (along with the football game) of the weekend. Theatre students performed a modern version of Richard III. With rehearsals starting at the beginning of school, the students worked hard to put on an excellent performance. Many theatre fans came out to support the show and we are very grateful for a wonderful audience. Thanks goes to the football department for contributing their used football shoulder pads for our costumes. Thanks to booster parents and families for making this main stage a wonderful and awesome show.

New look to our Website! www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com Please visit our website which has been upgraded and updated with the latest information on Westfield Theatre events. There are more pictures and links for your viewing pleasure.

Upcoming events:

Plaid Tidings Holiday Benefit Performance - One Night Only Saturday, December 3 at 7:30pm at Westfield HS

The Heavenly Musical Comedy Christmas Version of Forever Plaid. This is a perfect show to start celebrating the holidays with songs such as "Mr. Santa", "Let It Snow" and other favorite holiday songs. This is a benefit performance for the Westfield Theatre Thespians. Tickets are \$10 General Admission. Visit our website for more information:

www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

Ho Ho Holiday Show,- WHS Children's Theatre - Saturday & Sunday, December 17 & 18 at 2:00pm

More than 100 Westfield Theatre students present holiday vignettes to get you in the holiday spirit. Stories such as Frosty the Snowman, A Charlie Brown Christmas, and The Hanukah Story will have everyone smiling. Tickets are \$5, General Admission. Visit our website for more information: www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

