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2011 Edition

Westfield HS PTSA e-Bulldog Newsletter

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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 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

2011 College Fair and College Night

The FCPS 2011 College Fair will be held at Fair Oaks Shopping Mall on Sunday, October 16, 2011 from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

The FCPS 2011 College Night will be held at Hayfield Secondary School on Monday, October 17, 2011 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

A series of workshops will be offered throughout the evening at College Night. For more information please visit:

www.fcpscollegefairs.com

Special Education

Does your student have an IEP or receive Special Education services?

The PTA Special Education Representatives are here to support you and your student!

Sign up for our e-mail list at [Special Education](#) or contact us at: Penny Zenelis 703-815-4299 or Carolyn Edner 703-742-9654

Keep In Touch (KIT)

Parents of Fairfax County Public Schools students and employees are automatically enrolled in the KIT service. FCPS central offices and schools use this system to communicate emergency, delayed opening and school closing information, attendance, and outreach messages. To update your information, please visit <http://fcps.edu/kit/>

Committee News

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Reminder

Items to be included in the October 2011 Bulldog Bulletin must be [submitted to newsletter@westfieldhs.org](#) on or before **September 26, 2011.**

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

5K Committee

The Westfield 5K Run for Scholarships is now in its 11th year and has raised over \$60,000 in scholarships for WHS graduates. The 5K Committee is seeking participants for this year's run, which will be held on **Saturday, September 17, 2011, at 8 a.m.**

As in years past, the certified race-course takes runners and walkers through the beautiful Westfield Business Park in Centreville. Overall and age group Winners of the 5K will receive awards. All proceeds from the WHS 5K race run will be used to fund scholarships for Westfield seniors. The Westfield 5K is a great way to get your family and/or friends involved in a fun and healthy event for a great cause-please help us spread the word!

Runners and walkers can register for the race via the [WHS 5K](#) web site. There is an online registration option as well as a registration form that can be downloaded and mailed to WHS.

Race Day registration is available from 6:30 to 7:30 on the 17th. Registration costs are \$18 for all FCPS students and \$28 for all others.

Register at the Bulldog BBQ and receive the early registration rate of \$24! The 5K table will be outside the library

Any questions, [please contact us at.](#)

MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE

Hello everyone! I hope you had a nice summer. Deanna McRae King and I are looking forward to co-chairing the Minority Achievement Committee (MAC) again this year. We continue to work towards closing the achievement gap at Westfield. Early reports show we made progress towards reducing the gap in the past year. We will have more on that at a later date. Please be sure and stop by the MAC table at the Bulldog BBQ. We will be located right outside the library. If you have not already done so, please take a moment and sign up to join the MAC. If you miss us at the Bulldog BBQ, [please sign up on our web page.](#)

Our first meeting of the MAC is September the 13th at 7:00 pm in the library. Our first parent coffee will be October 25th at 7:00 pm. We

Legislative Committee

PTSA Legislative News

Legislative Committee

[Greg Schantz -
Legislative Rep](#)

What we do:

Inform parents and teachers about Virginia education bills and proposed regulations, and their effect on students, teachers, and parents.

How we do it:

Read and summarize Virginia bills and proposed regulations so you don't have to (unless you want to).

Publish summaries and links bi-weekly to the PTSA web site

Legislative Committee page (forthcoming).

Report to the PTSA at monthly meetings.

Report hi-lights in the PTSA monthly newsletter. Examples:

As of July 1, 2011 passing a stopped school bus is 'reckless driving' and school districts are authorized to install cameras on buses to document this reckless driving.

Adults convicted of sexually violent offenses are banned from all public and private property (including school buses) while used solely for school related or school sponsored activities, and banned from school grounds at all times.

Convicted sex offenders are banned from school property during school related or school sponsored events.

Boards of Education may (but they don't have to) implement electronic signatures so parents can sign documents on-line.

Foster care kids may remain in the same school even if they are moved out of the schools boundaries.

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hope to see everyone there. We are looking forward to a fun and productive year. See you at our meetings!!

Milan Coleman, MAC Co-chair

Booster News

Band Boosters

The Westfield Marching Bulldogs have been busy getting ready for the fall competitions and football games. This year, the band boosters are proud to announce we have purchased new uniforms for the entire marching band. We are still holding fundraisers to help pay for the new uniforms. Please support us as you see us in the community with various fundraising events.

September 10th, we will hold a carwash at Chick-fil-A. Come and get your car washed and support the band.

Bandbooster Logo

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