

Eagle News

November 2009

Administrative Musical Chairs

We are pleased to announce the return of Ms. McAfee, our principal who has fought and beat cancer for a remarkable second time. She has returned to the helm, and Ms. Deveaux will be reclaiming her Assistant Principal responsibilities from Mr. Rossetti for students A-K after Thanksgiving.

Parent Information Access- Infinite Campus

As many know, we have been in the process of implementing and learning a new student database system called Infinite Campus this year. This has been a difficult transition, with many unforeseen obstacles and issues for all. We are hoping to have the parent portal, an access option similar to the PASS system last year, open during quarter two. This portal will allow you to see progress report and grade information, attendance, and emergency contact information for your student(s) in the district. Grade information will be limited initially as we want to ensure that what is posted is accurate, and the system is new to us all and has presented us with some glitches.

As we all learn to use this system, there will be frequent adjustments and informational emails, and we will need your help to verify contact information. Soon your student will be bringing home a print-out of contact information. Please review this carefully, make note of any corrections, and return it to the school. Once we have accurate contact information, we will notify parents of their log-in information and the process for establishing their account so that this information is easily accessed.

In the meantime, all teachers have their course syllabi posted on the school website, and their email and contact information is included. Please feel free to contact the teachers should you have any questions or concerns, or make an appointment for the open house on Thursday, November 19th.

Saving Money

In an effort to save money and lessen our energy consumption, we will be lowering the thermometers slightly during the school day. Please encourage your student to bring or wear a sweater or sweatshirt, and dressing in layers is always a good idea during the cooler months.

Another cost savings and environmentally responsible change will be the implementation of recycling across the district. Currently we are working with the Environmental Studies and Business Simulation classes to develop a building level plan that will include the recycling of paper and bottles and cans, and we hope to educate the staff and students to what we can each do to lessen our impact on the environment.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Your student should be coming home on Thursday the 12th with a conference sign up sheet, on which you can sign up for a conference on Thursday, November 19th 3 – 4:30 and 5:30 – 8. We encourage all parents to come in and meet with the teachers, review the expectations of the class and your student's progress and needs.

Quarter 1 Report Cards: Your student should be bringing home his/her report card on Friday, November 13th!

Congratulations:

Eric Hanson, a Windham High School science teacher recently received a \$750 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program! With this money he will be purchasing technology from Mimio Interactive. This new portable piece of technology will convert a traditional whiteboard into an interactive whiteboard allowing students and teachers many new educational opportunities and experiences!

Student Services Corner

Over 20 colleges have visited Windham High School so far this year and more will be visiting over the next month. This is a great opportunity for students to meet with college admissions representatives.

Seniors are busy finalizing their lists of colleges to which they plan to apply. Check our website or contact your school counselor for additional information!

As part of our goal to raise student aspirations, we recently took all juniors enrolled in Standard English to visit Central Maine Community College. As part of their visit, they learned about the benefits of pursuing training beyond high school, took a tour of the campus and attended a class.

Windham Pep Band and the Portland Pirates

The Portland Pirates have extended to the Windham Pep Band the opportunity to perform at the Portland Pirates 2009-2010 season home opener, Friday, Nov. 20th when they take on the Worcester Sharks at 7:00 PM.

The Pirates are inviting you to bring your family and friends to this special opportunity to enjoy an evening out and support Windham as the Band in the Stands. Purchasing your ticket(s) prior to game night will guarantee that you will be seated with the band and receive the discounted ticket price of \$12, saving you \$5 at the door.

For ticket order forms or information, please contact Betty McIntyre (band director) at bmcentyre@windhamraymondschools.org. Ticket orders for group seating are due by Nov. 13, 2009.

Fiber Arts Classes could use donations of fabrics and buttons if you have any to spare.

FALL MUSICAL - OLIVER

All seats are reserved. Show Dates: Nov 13, & 14 at 7pm and Nov 15 at 4pm

Ticket prices: \$10 Adults \$6 Students & Senior Citizens (65 & older)

Payment Method – Check made out to Windham High School or Cash

Payment must be received within 7 days of placing orders. No refunds please.

Email~ fallmusical@gmail.com OR call Laura at: 776-8436

We will also be selling tickets in the auditorium lobby on Sat Oct 17, 24, & 31 from 11am – 2pm; during rehearsals stop by!

Holiday Craft Fair

November 14 & 15 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the high school gym. For more information:

whscraftfair@aol.com

Windham Project Graduation 2010 Snowmobile raffle

New 2009 Skidoo MXZ 600 E-Tec Adrenaline with electric start

Retail Value \$9799.00

Only 750 tickets will be sold @ 20.00 each

For tickets or information Contact: Dan McGowan 893-0212

Or

Email us at: windhamprojectgraduation2010@yahoo.com

WINDHAM CHAMBER SINGERS PROUDLY PRESENT - AN AMERICAN FAMILY HOLIDAY

Saturday, December 5, 2009 – 2:00 and 7:30 – Windham Performing Arts Center

Tickets \$12 and \$15 – For tickets: www.mktix.com or 892-1810 ext. 275

Attention Buşim parents: Thank you for your child! They have worked very hard this quarter on two major projects. First, they started the school year preparing for **Homecoming** and planning over 30 different booths for this big day. They were organized, energetic, business-like and had a good time. Yes, they even raised over \$1,000 at this event. Secondly, they worked on a new project to Buşim. They **interviewed various businesses** to learn about different styles of running a business. Their final product, a slide show, will be shared at our curriculum night (date to be determined). The project helped students better understand what it is like to create, start and continue running a business.

Beginning next week, your child will be working on their **Interview Project**. They will participate in a job interview...both as the interviewer and the interviewee. They will develop a resume, cover letter and reference page. This is one of my favorite activities with your student. Please encourage your child through this process by sharing experiences (both good and bad), critiquing their cover letter, resume and references, guiding them in selecting appropriate business attire for their interview, and asking them some interview questions that you feel are important such as what are your strengths and weaknesses. The students tend to shy away from strong answers for their weaknesses...some even think they don't have any☺ Please help them find an appropriate weakness that may also be construed as a strength such as compulsively organized. If they practice at home, it will make the "real" interview that much easier.

GREAT JOB kids!!!

Mrs. LeRoy's Foods and Wellness classes hosted an Empty Bowl Luncheon on Wed., Oct. 21st, in recognition of World Food Day. Students did research on hunger and found out that significant numbers of people in Windham and Maine suffer from "food insecurity" which means they do not know where their next meal will come from. The "Empty Bowl Project" is a nationwide effort to bring awareness to the issue of hunger and raise money to help fight hunger. The three classes planned, prepared and executed a delicious luncheon. For \$4, staff members were invited to enjoy homemade soups, biscuits and desserts. They raised \$197 which the donated to the Windham Food Pantry.

Contacting Staff

We have several options you can use to reach a staff member at Windham High School. We all have the same address - @windhamraymondschools.org. All you have to do is type the person's first initial and last name before the address above – such as: prossetti@windhamraymondschools.org. All faculty and staff members also have voice mail. You can access teacher voice mail by dialing 892-1810 and selecting option 2 for a dial by name directory. A list of all the WHS employees can be found on our web site.

Community Service

Diane Leavitt, Business Education teacher, has been hired to coordinate the community service requirement for the high school students. All students must now complete community service hours to graduate. Freshmen, sophomores, and all incoming classes will need 40 hours, juniors 30 hours and the seniors 20 hours to graduate in June 2010. We have a link on the high school web site so that students can check it for volunteer opportunities and members of the community can solicit help from students. Keep checking the website: www.windhamraymondschools.org for more details. Ms. Leavitt will be coordinating this along with students in the Business Simulation program, a class offered at Windham High School. Students who have done community service over the summer will need to be sure they have the paperwork filled out and submit it to student services.

Athletics

The athletic hotline 892-1810 option 5, then option 1, for general athletic information and for up to date information regarding schedules, cancellations/postponements.

www.viewmyschedule.com is where you will get your most up to date information regarding schedules, cancellations/postponements, as well as announcements and scores.

To see your sport schedule:

Go to Viewmyschedule.com

Type in the school name

This brings you to our new Sports Home Page (announcements will be posted on the chalkboard here)

Click on **View my schedule** for the events of the day

Click on **Teams** (for a schedule for a specific sport)

Choose your team

Click on Team Schedule

On this website, you can sign up to receive emails for changes in your sport schedule. This is a new site in progress, and we hope to be utilizing it much more next year. We currently have Varsity scores on the website and you may see notices appear on the chalkboards of the site for your teams. Many of our opponents include directions to their fields and facilities on this website, if you were to choose a specific game.

Cancellations/updates: www.windhamraymondschools.org 892-1810 option 5 and option 1

Important Information Regarding High School Communications

The high school sends out all newsletters and information by email. You can join the program at:

http://33lnt.com/mailman/listinfo/WindhamHighSchool_33lnt.com

There is a link on the school department web-site in the What's New section. www.windhamraymondschools.org

If you want to continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please send a note in to the main office with your student. Thank you.

If you know someone who is not receiving this newsletter, please have them contact the main office with their email address. Thanks for your help. Dial 892-1810, option 3.

Reminder: It is helpful when dismissing your student to send a note or call early in the morning so we can give them a dismissal pass. This is especially helpful when we are having "all school" assemblies and can't page students down to the office. Also, please leave phone messages for your students only in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

PLEASE KEEP THESE DELAY SCHEDULES IN THE EVENT OF SNOW DELAYS

1 HOUR DELAY MAROON DAY

PERIOD	TIMES
1	8:25-9:30
HR	9:37-9:52
3	9:59-11:04
5	11:11-12:41
	11:11-11:36 A LUNCH
	11:45-12:05 B LUNCH
	12:16-12:41 C LUNCH
7	12:48-1:54

1 HOUR DELAY WHITE DAY

PERIOD	TIMES
2	8:25- 9:30
4	9:37-10:42
6	10:49-12:19
	10:49-11:14 A LUNCH
	11:20-11:45 B LUNCH
	11:54-12:19 C LUNCH
HR	12:26-12:41
8	12:48- 1:54

BLUE DAY 1 HOUR DELAY BELL SCHEDULE

PERIOD	TIMES
1	SKIP
2	8:25-8:50
3	8:57- 9:36
4	9:43-10:22
5	10:29-11:35
	10:22-10:49 A LUNCH
	11:08-11:35 B LUNCH
6	11:42-12:21
7	12:28- 1:07
8	1:14- 1:54

PLEASE KEEP THESE DELAY SCHEDULES IN THE EVENT OF SNOW DELAYS

2 HOUR DELAY MAROON DAY

PERIOD	TIMES
3	9:25-10:29
5	10:36-12:27
	10:36-11:01 A Lunch
	11:16-11:41 B Lunch
	12:02-12:27 C Lunch

7 12:34-1:54

Skip period 1 and no homeroom

2 HOUR DELAY WHITE DAY

PERIOD	TIMES
4	9:25-10:29
6	10:36-12:27
	10:36-11:01 A LUNCH
	11:16-11:41 B LUNCH
	12:02-12:27 C LUNCH

8 12:34-1:54

Skip period 2 and no homeroom

BLUE DAY 2 HOUR DELAY

PERIOD	TIMES
4	9:25-10:09
5	10:16-11:21
	10:16-10:30 A LUNCH
	10:59-11:21 B LUNCH

6 11:28-12:12

7 12:19- 1:03

8 1:10- 1:54

Yearbook

If you missed ordering your yearbook or have questions you may call Jostens at 1-866-282-1516

Senior baby ads are due by Dec. 1st. For more information: jdunn@windhamraymondschools.org

Upcoming events

- Nov 12 – Sports Banquet
- Nov 13 – Report cards distributed
- Nov 13, 14 - Oliver
- Nov 14, 15 - Windham Athletic Boosters Craft Fair
- Nov 19 – Conferences 3:00 to 4:30 and 5:30 to 8:00
- Nov 23 to Nov 27 – Thanksgiving week – no school
- Dec 5 – American Family Holiday
- Dec 9 – Early Release
- Dec 18 – Quarter 2 progress reports

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