

Eagle News

September 2009

Homecoming

Homecoming is the week of September 21st. A week of sporting events and dress-up competitions ends with a fun, wacky and mandatory school assembly on Friday, and an optional parade (9 a.m.) and dance on Saturday. There will be many sporting events throughout the week for you to attend. For the game schedule info (check www.viewmyschedule.com). The dance is for high school students only, and students are permitted to bring guests from other high schools with approval from both their sending school and the host's parent(s). The dance will be from **7:30-10:30**. (Note time change!) Please remind your students that all school rules still apply, including dress code.

Homecoming is Saturday, September 26. Event booths will be open directly after the parade until 1 p.m. There will be lots to do and lots of food and beverage--watch for our flyers and posters! Please be sure to come behind the football stadium to support your school clubs and groups. For more information, please feel free to contact Diane Leavitt at dleavitt@windhamraymondschools.org.

Trip to Europe

Any student or staff interested in going to Europe April vacation 2010 there will be an informational meeting for students Wednesday Sept 30 at 2 in room 128. Mrs Niedoroda and Ms Leavitt are taking a group to Austria, Germany and Switzerland for 10 days. Cost is under \$2500 including airfare, hotel, two meals a day and all attractions. You can stop in room 202 to pick up a packet of info or contact Mrs. Niedoroda at sniedoroda@windhamraymondschools.org or call 892-1810 ext 371

Trip to London and Paris

Join your fellow Windham High students for a fun filled 9 days in Paris and London, during April vacation 2010.

For more information please contact Sue Accardi, School nurse 892-1810 ext 430 or Colleen Kearney-Graffam in Room 304

Listen for announcements concerning an informational meeting coming soon.

Student Parking

Applications for parking can be picked up in the main office; these require a parent or guardian signature. Passes are \$5.00 and students need to bring the application, their license, proof of insurance and current registration. Students are not allowed to park behind the gym or in the middle school lots as these are for faculty, the main entrances will be the only unlocked doors after 7:25 a.m. Any cars without parking tags will be issued a ticket and will be subject to towing.

REMINDER: All vocational school students are required to ride the school transportation to and from PATHS or WRVC.

From the Principal

We are officially up and running here at Windham High School! Students have already been hard at work on academic projects and assignments, and we have finished schedule changes and begun the planning for Homecoming Week.

There is lots of information and upcoming events that we ask you to take note of:

Open House is Thursday, September 17th at 6:30. Parents are asked to come into the auditorium for a brief informational session, and then will have the opportunity to follow an abbreviated bell schedule and attend short class periods with each of their student's first semester teachers. This is a great time to get the contact information and to hear the expectations of the class. Parent/Teacher Conferences, a time when you can meet individually with your child's teachers, will be held October 14. Information will be forthcoming.

All grade 9 and grade 10 students will be taking the NWEA tests in reading and math beginning the week of September 28th. Most students are familiar with this online, individualized assessment of their growth and achievement in the two subject areas. They will be going with their English and math classes, and teachers will be supervising and giving bonus grades or points as is appropriate for their class. Please encourage your students to get a good night's sleep, to take the test seriously, and to give their best efforts. These scores are used by teachers to plan for student needs, and are also used for academic placement in courses.

We are anxiously awaiting the launch of our new database system that will allow parents to monitor student grades and attendance, and we hope to have information to you soon about this new, Infinite Campus system. Progress reports are tentatively slated to be sent home on October 8, and October 9th is a ½ day for students.

We are looking forward to a terrific fall with beautiful weather, exciting sporting and music events, and great student achievement!

Kelli Deveaux
Acting Principal

Attention Seniors

Deadline for senior pictures and messages is Oct. 1st. PLEASE don't be late. Messages must be no longer than 400 characters (including spaces). Pictures and messages can be handed to Ms. Dunn or email to jdunn@windhamraymondschools.org.

Senior Breakfast is Oct. 14th at the Italian Heritage Center. This is a dress – up event (no jeans and dress code will be enforced). In order to attend senior breakfast all seniors must pay their senior dues to Ms. Dunn by Oct. 1st. Dues are \$40.00. Please see me with any problems.

Parking and Driving

A reminder to students that parking passes must be purchased and displayed in any vehicle that students drive to school. Tickets will be issued beginning next week. Passes require a filled out permission form from the parent, registration information, proof of insurance and \$5 and can be picked up in the main office. For parents dropping off in the morning, you are strongly encouraged to use the drop off circle near the canopy entrance. You can enter through the parking lot, pull through the circle and return out onto the loop road, avoiding most of the bus traffic.

All drivers on campus are reminded that the speed limit is 15 miles per hour. Please be safe!



SEASONAL FLU VACCINATION CLINICS

The Windham Raymond School District will be offering **seasonal** flu vaccine clinics during the school day in every school beginning mid October. Watch for further notices about clinic dates.

The Maine Department of Education (DOE) and the Maine CDC are providing seasonal influenza vaccine to all Maine children at no cost to your family.

All students enrolled in the district will be eligible with written parent/guardian permission. **Permission forms** and Vaccination Information Statements will be sent home with students, available online and at the open house on September 17th.

H1N1 vaccine clinics will follow later this fall when that vaccine becomes available.

For questions concerning flu vaccine for your child please contact your family physician.

For questions and more information concerning your high school student please call:

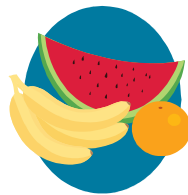
Susan Accardi, RN

School Nurse

Windham High School

892-1810 ext 430

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The Windham Food Pantry is **out of food**. We need to help. Please have your students bring food in to their advisory groups. Homecoming points will be awarded to the class that brings in the most and the homeroom with the most food can have a pizza party. Everything will be collected at the end of next week.

Thank you for your help!

85% of Bu\$im
proceeds go to...

**Camp
Sunshine**

+

15% of Bu\$im
proceeds go to...

**WHS
community**

=100% Helping
everyone

Please come to WHS
Homecoming 2009

Saturday, September 26

following the 9 a.m. parade at WHS Campus

Saturday, September 26, 2009

WHS Homecoming
Free Tournaments



Flag Football



Capture the Flag



Tug-o-War

Free!

Please bring your returnables for our Bottle drive

Free tournaments will run throughout the day until 1 p.m. Please report to the concession stand area for a schedule and/or to sign up.

Interested in helping or does your group want to have a booth for your charity?

Contact Ms. Leavitt at

dleavitt@windhamraymondschools.org or 892-1810 x367

Some of the booths at homecoming:



Coffee & Hot Cocoa



Cotton Candy & Popcorn



Dunk Tank (weather permitting)



Speed Pitch



Accuracy Pitch



Moonbounce



Smash-a-Car



Gladiator jousting



Pie Smitty and/or teachers



Bean Hole



Pumpkin' Bowling



Face-Painting, Masks



Contests: pie eating + more



Texting races



Krispy Kremes!



... and more

Minimal Cost

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.

Open House

Our Open House will be Thursday, September 17th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Parents will follow their child's schedule for short periods and meet all their child's teachers.

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 they will turn it in to their advisors when school starts.

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

This is the only newsletter you will receive via the USPS unless you specifically request a mailed copy. 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.

Fall Musical

The 2009 Fall musical-Oliver show dates November 6, 7, 8 and November 13, 14, 15; Directed by Rob Juergens; Musical Direction by Rick Nickerson, and Choreography Jon Miele....Mark your calendars!

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- Not sure what courses your son or daughter should be taking to prepare for college or other post secondary training?
 - Are you looking for resources to help your son or daughter with career and/or college planning?
 - Wondering who the beast is that just yesterday was your sweet, cheerful child?
 - Are you struggling with how to negotiate rules with your teen?
 - Does your family need some support to deal with changes due to divorce, remarriage illness or death?

Who you gonna call????

STUDENT SERVICES!

892-1810 ext. 456

The Student Services Department offers assistance to students, parents and staff. With three full time and one part time counselor, a licensed clinical social worker and a part time substance prevention counselor, the staff is available to provide support and resources to help students and their families successfully navigate the high school years. We encourage parent involvement in all aspects of school life. Our office is open Tuesday through Friday from 7:05-3:00 and Tuesday from 7:05-5:30.

The counselors and Doug Daigle, our school social worker will be available in the Student Services office during Open House. Please stop by!

Upcoming events

September 17 – Open House

September 21 to 26 – Homecoming week

September 28 – NWEA testing begins

October 1 – Senior pictures due for yearbook

October 9 – Early Release 10:00 a.m.

October 12 – No School

October 14 – Senior breakfast, PSAT's, Freshmen Awareness

October 20 – Fall Music Show

November 6 – 1st quarter ends

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