Westford Academy

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Parent Newsletter Vol. IV

From The Desk Of The Principal....

James P. Antonelli

Dear Parents and Students:

As we begin to close the last quarter of the school year, we find ourselves immersed in the numerous activities that mark the end of the year. Seniors are involved in internships or are completing their final quarter coursework. Incoming 8th graders, along with our own 9th, 10th, and 11th graders have completed their course selections. It is a time of year filled with much emotion.

The seniors have received their college acceptances and they are beginning to realize how close they are to the end of their "WA years." This Class of 2012 is comprised of such a great group of young men and women!

This last month is filled with exciting activities for our seniors. We hope they will make appropriate choices that will allow them to participate in these activities with their classmates. A letter was sent to seniors and their parents outlining the expectations we have for them through graduation. I will be sending home a "reminder email" about making good decisions before the senior prom. I hope you will spend some time with your son/daughter to discuss the importance of having a successful and positive completion of this, their senior year.

On a different note, having completed the course selection for next year, if you have any questions regarding course sequence or level selection, please contact your son/daughter's guidance counselor. Student schedules will be distributed in June.

Our sophomore class, in March, finished taking the English Language Arts MCAS and just completed the Math MCAS this past week. I was very impressed with the effort put forth by each and every student. Most freshmen will take the Science/Tech MCAS in June.

This is a busy time of the school year, and I want to thank you for your continued interest in and support for what we do each day here at Westford Academy.

Sincerely,

James P. Antonelli
Principal

WESTFORD ACADEMY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Senior Prom, Spirit of Boston, 6:30-11:00 PM----------May 19

Senior Disney Trip----------May 22-26

Memorial Day – No School----------May 28

Senior Awards Night, 6:30 PM, PAC----------May 31

Senior Awards Breakfast, 8:30 AM----------June 1

Graduation, 5:30 PM, Westford Academy----------June 1

Rain Date, Graduation, 5:30 PM----------June 2

Rain Date, Graduation, 2:00 PM ----------June 3

Awards Recognition, Grade 11, 6:30 PM, PAC----------June 6

Awards Recognition, Grade 10, 8:30 AM, PAC----------June 7

Awards Recognition, Grade 9, 8:30 AM, PAC----------June 8

Last Scheduled Day of School (tentative), half-day----June 18

Westford Academy Athletics

Listed below are some reminders for all students for the upcoming spring closeout and the fall 2012 season. Good luck and congratulations to all our graduating student athletes!

Westford Academy Spring Sports Award Night
Monday June 11th, 2012, 6:30, Alumni Field

Follow Westford Academy Athletics on Twitter @ WaGreyGhosts
Fall Sports Start Dates
Monday, August 20th – Football
Thursday, August 23rd - Soccer, Volleyball, Field Hockey, Golf, Cross Country, Cheerleading

Please visit www.wagreyghosts.com over the summer for exact tryout times and locations.

Varsity Coach Contacts: All Varsity coach's emails are listed on the website under the "staff" section.

From the Yearbook Advisor:

2013 Seniors please consider having your senior portrait taken this summer so that you have one important task complete in preparation for your senior year. Final submissions of the senior portrait are going to be due to me no later than November 2, 2012. If you do not submit a photo by this deadline, your junior year portrait will be used in your spot of your senior yearbook. Keep in mind that many photographers are booked solid during September and October and this does not leave you much time to take photos and choose your final selections. You will be hearing from our school photographer Prestige Portraits in the near future to schedule your appointment. Many of you have alternate photographers in mind but again - be sure to contact them early for your appointment!

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Nurses Notes

Reminder to Seniors: All health records will be given to seniors at graduation practice. Keep these important documents in a safe place as they will be needed for college and/or employment.

Westford Academy Community Service Team

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The Westford Academy Community Service Team celebrated its 3rd Annual "It's Only Green if You Keep it Clean" Project Day on Saturday, April 28th. At least thirty-six WA students and their advisors Cory Roman and Libby Porter were joined by community members Peter Mahler and his wife Kate, Bill Turner of the Conservation Commission, Dana Porter and George Fletcher, the proud supervisor and grand-daddy of the East Boston Camps for a big day of work!

Several projects were successfully completed to include the refurbishing of the Day Beach, reinforcing run-off bars to prevent erosion, construction of a fire pit, and painting the exteriors of five cabins! The weather was cool but sunny, along with the positive attitudes of our hardworking WA Community Service Team members.

We are all very proud of our work! After three years of dedication, along with that of many Westford community members, the East Boston Camps are looking forward to another wonderful summer of growth and fun for those who partake in it's beauty and resources!

Thank you to the Friends of East Boston Camps, the Conservation Commission, the Town of Westford and George Fletcher for your unending support of our wonderful and productive school-community partnership with Westford Academy!

List of participants - thank you to those listed below and those who gave of their energies but are not listed here!

Pat Long, Olivia Peterson, Jared Peterson, Evan Bosic, Bendan Frankfort, Edward Wang, John Gallucci, Cathryn Sennott, Jenna Benavenga, Jessica Sullivan, Evan Beatty, Greg Winn, Meghan Kibblehouse, Dustin Torgersen, Alex Cheng, Ian Cotter, Mike Burns, Joey Sullivan, Nate Furness, Corrina Galli, Melanie Widmann,
Luke Pirog, Casey O'Connor, Moonrose Cheng, Ayva Tedstone, Caroline Rosinski, Liz McAlesse, Charlotte Suszynski, Hannah Peternell, Adam Peternell, Doug Boyle, Alex Lee, Lindsay Bedard,
Andy Gabrielson, Yvonne Quach, Stephanie Latlamme, Ryan Chen.

Marcela Galli- parent volunteer

LAST NIGHT 2012

Last Night 2012 will be one last chance for the graduating seniors to spend the evening together as a group at an all-night, substance-free celebration. We are aiming for 100% participation in this event beginning at 10 PM on Friday, June 1. It takes over 200 volunteers and many, many generous donors to make this evening a success. General donations are accepted, as are class-specific donations. The graduates receive a gift sponsored by donations from the freshman class. Sophomores contribute gift cards or money to purchase gift cards, which are used as prizes during the event. Juniors have a tradition of creating a Junior Trunk, containing appropriate items for graduates going off to college or on to new jobs.

For more information, please contact chairperson Leslie Doherty via email at walastnight@yahoo.com .

If you would like to contribute to the event, please send your donation to:

WASA/Last Night 2012
PO Box 668
Westford , MA 01886

All gifts are tax-deductible under IRS code 501(c)(3) section 170.
Thank you for your support!

2012 National Latin Exam

The Foreign Language Department is delighted to announce that this year we had a record number of gold and silver medalists on the 2012 National Latin Exam. 35 students recieved gold medals and 43 students received silver medals. In addition, 5 students received the Maureen O'Donnell Oxford Classical Dictionary Award for achieving their 4th consecutive gold medal on the National Latin Exam. The recipients of this distinctive honor are: Paul Flamburis, Andrew Kaster, Ashley Leung, Isabella Wang, and Yi Zhang. Congratulations to all of our hard working Latin students!

French Exchange

On Friday, April 20th, twenty Westford Academy French students and their teachers returned home from nearly two weeks in France. These juniors and seniors enjoyed their 3 1/2 day trip to Paris where they visited all of the must-see tourist attractions in the city, including La Tour Eiffel and La Cathédrale de Notre-Dame. The highlight of the trip, however, was the bi-annual exchange with the Lycée Raoul-Follereau in Nevers. Westford Academy students stayed in French homes with the same students they hosted in October during the first part of the exchange. In Nevers, the group was able to use and improve upon their French with their French families and hosts, at school, and during day trips like the one they took to the Loire River Valley. This exchange is one of the highlights of Westford's French program. It began over twenty years ago and provides students with the most authentic setting possible for developing their language skills and gaining cultural appreciation and understanding.

National Spanish Exam 2012

Congratulations to several world language students from Westford Academy who attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2012 National Spanish Examinations.

Over 180 students from Westford Academy took the exam and earned a total of 13 gold, 28 silver and 28 bronze medals in addition to 63 honorable mentions. “Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious,” said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, “because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with 143,641 students participating in 2012.”

Students from Westford Academy have a long history of high achievement on these exams and were taught by Spanish teachers, Julie Bostrom, Lindsey Bourassa, Patricia Brumbaugh, Patricia Burnham, Stephanie Devlin, and Diana Rexach.

ORO
Level 1: Julia Devlin; Level 2: Nataly Miguel; Level 3: Alexander Pappas, David Ran; Level 4: Martha Cady, Asad Khimani, Janice Lin, Kathryn Neuhardt, Abhinav Pandey; Nalini Ramachandran, Laura Shapiro, Gary Yan; Level 5: Vivek Gadam.

PLATA
Level 2: Lindsay Bedard, Andrea Bert, Fangru Jiang, Julia Kinney, Stephen Koehler, Alisha Lokhande, Gina Noble, Arjun Prakash, Kavita Shah, Brandon Wang, Katherine Wang, Justin Yao; Level 3: Aditya Datye, Michael Gillett, Ryan Maher, Rachel Myers, Caley Rolt, Adam Silk, Richa Singh, Mara Tynan, Ethan Walshe, Jenny Watts, Demi Zhang; Level 4: Leigh Anderson, Emily Borst, Julianne Peterson, Christopher Tierney; Level 5: Alicia Puranik.

BRONCE
Level 1: John Nephew; Level 2: Alan Haskell, Brandon Jurewicz, Allison Loftus, Bridget McCusker, Thomas Mitsock, Shilpa Narayanan, Alexander Pusalkar, Kyle Ryan, Brian Wauford, Christopher Zhang; Level 3: Kelsey Anderson, Daniel Bodi, Caroline Eliopoulos, Rishabh Kodia, Alexis O’Connell, Justin Sunly, Charlotte Suszynski, Samantha Upperman, Michael Windmann; Level 4: Nicholas Lauzon, Daniel McCall, Scott Penfield, Christian Strobel, Michelle Thompson, Julia VanDam; Level 5: Karina Camargo, Jackie Der.

CLASS OF 2012 SENIOR ACTIVITIES
*** Dates, Times, and Events subject to change***

MAY

16 MANDATORY Disney meeting for PARENTS and students at 7:00-8:00 PM in the PAC

19 Senior Prom – Town Common at 4:30 PM, Spirit of Boston cruise, Boston, MA at 6:30–11:00 PM

20 Senior Sports Awards Banquet – sponsored by Boosters – Westford Academy cafe at 5:00 PM

21 SENIORS’ LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

22 Disney trip departure (morning)

26 Disney trip return

29 Senior Week Activities (email to follow with specifics)

29 Senior Internship Exhibition approximately 10:00 AM–12:30 PM

31 MANDATORY graduation practice 10:00 AM–11:30 AM (meet in Aux Gym at 9:45 AM)
Caps and gowns will be distributed
Cookout to follow
Senior Awards Night at 6:30 PM in the PAC

JUNE

1 Senior School Awards Breakfast at 8:30 AM in the PAC
Graduation at 5:30 PM
Last Night begins at 10:00 PM

2 Graduation rain date at 5:30 PM

3 Graduation second rain date at 2:00 PM