A Message from the Principal

Good Afternoon and Happy New Year! I hope you are well and enjoyed some quality time off with family, friends, and loved ones!

As we kick off 2020, it is an appropriate time to revisit our mission statement:

At Western: We will motivate all students to achieve academic excellence and to reach their full potential, academically, socially, physically and artistically. We develop citizens with strong interpersonal, technical and communication skills to contribute in a diverse global society.

I am sure you are wondering...Where has the time gone?? As we prepare for final exams next week, it is important for our students to adhere to quality studying habits while maintaining adequate sleep. Please encourage your student(s) to start looking over their learning materials in a proactive fashion so that they are not overwhelmed for finals. See the adjacent schedule.

We have a lot going on at Western and throughout the district. Below are some important dates and events that I encourage you to attend and/or be aware of:

- **Monday, January 13** – Freshmen Cocoa and Cram Exam Prep/Tutoring! WLW Media Center, 2:30 p.m. A special thanks to LINK CREW!
- **Monday, January 13** – PTSA Meeting – Western’s Media Center, 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, January 20** – No School - District Wide MLK Celebration We would like to invite you to attend our 21st annual district-wide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration at Walled Lake Northern High School. This is an important event in our school district at which we will celebrate the message of peace, equality, and unity which Dr. King advocated for all people. The schedule for the celebration is as follows:
  - 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. - Multicultural Dinner
  - 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. - Tour Student Exhibits
  - 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. - Program in the Auditorium with Student Performances
- **Thursday, January 23** – Grade Level Assemblies for ALL students during new SRT schedule
- **Friday, January 24** – Court in Schools for 10th and 11th grade students during 2nd and 3rd hour
- **Tuesday, January 28** – Curriculum Fair An opportunity for current 9-11 grade students to learn more about courses offered at Western. A senior meeting will be held concurrently. More information coming soon!
- **Wednesday, January 29** – Student AM only half-day; 10:45 a.m. dismissal - (class periods 1, 2, and 3)

We have several new staff changes that will go into effect for the second semester:

- Jennifer Boutin is adding Western to her district traveling schedule as an online learning facilitator.
- Gregory Brown is adding Western to his district traveling schedule as a member of the Physical Education Department.
- Andrew Klassa is a new hire with the CTE Department; filling the vacancy created by Mrs. Harpe’s retirement.
- Colin Munson is our long-term social studies sub; filling the vacancy created by Mr. Tom Ropek as he transitioned into the interim assistant principal role.
- Scott Sansom is a new hire in the Math Department; taking over Amanda Swanson’s classes as she transitioned into the interim counseling position.
WLW’s Link Leaders Will Be Hosting “Cocoa & Cram” for the Freshman Class

WLW’s Link Leaders will be hosting “Cocoa & Cram” on Monday, January 13th from 2:30 to 4:00 in the Media Center. “Cocoa & Cram” is a study session that the entire freshman class is encouraged to attend. The Media Center will be arranged by subject/class and have knowledgeable Link Leaders available to help you prepare for Semester 1 exams. Link Crew will also be providing snacks, treats, and a self-serve hot cocoa bar to make the event even better.

If you have any questions, please email Link Coordinator Mr. Brad Scheck at bradleyscheck@wlcsd.org.
21st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration

The Walled Lake community is invited to attend the 21st annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020 at WL Northern starting at 5 p.m. The program’s theme is "Look Within: Be the Change you Wish to See in the World." The event will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Jay Marks, Diversity and Equity Consultant with Oakland Schools. The dinner is sponsored by generous support from the PTA and PTSA groups from around our District, the Walled Lake School Administrators' Association, as well as other contributors. The program will begin at 6:15 p.m. and will also include performances by student choirs, presentations by several students about their "Express Yourself" projects and recognition of this year's Alec Bender Friend of Diversity Award recipients.
Attention All 10th and 11th Grade Parents......PSAT 10/SAT Testing

Please read and complete the form below regarding PSAT 10/SAT testing. Forms should be turned in to Kathy DeYonker, Assistant Principals’ Secretary, in the Main Office by Friday, February 28th. If you do not respond to this letter, the school will assume that you give your parental consent for your child to complete the optional questionnaire and the Student Search Service section. Printable forms can be found on the WLW school website in the link found at WLW “Counseling” tab - “Standardized Testing/Practice Tests” Page Titled “SAT/PSAT 10 Student Search Consent Form”. Printed forms can also be picked up in Kathy DeYonker’s office, if needed.

Please click here for the printable form.
Athletic Event
Indoor Expectations

- Spectators will remain off the floor during the entire event with the exception of visiting concessions or restrooms.
- Cheer for your own team. At no time may fans single out or negatively target an opposing player or team.
- All signs need to be approved by school officials.
- Artificial Noisemakers are prohibited.
- Spectators are not allowed to sit or stand in the front row of the bleachers unless needed because of a physical condition.
- Appropriate attire must be worn at all times.
- All school rules apply. Code of Conduct expectations are expected throughout the duration of the entire game/event.
- All music needs to be school appropriate at all times during the event.

Spectator Removal
- Each spectator will be given a warning. If a spectator continues to violate event expectations they will be removed from the game.
- If a spectator is removed from an event they will be suspended at a minimum from the next contest. Additionally, they will be expected to complete a sportsmanship course from the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) website. The removed spectator will need to provide the athletic department their printed certificate of completion before being admitted to another contest.

Together we are one
OSTC (Oakland Schools Technical Campus) Career Night

OSTC Southwest will be hosting a Career Night on January 30th, from 4:45 pm – 7:30 pm, at 1000 Beck Road in Wixom. The purpose of this evening is for students and parents to explore Career and Technical programs offered at our building for the 2020-2021 school year. Enrollment is open for current 10th and 11th graders but we welcome attendance from 8th and 9th graders as well, as it is never too early to start planning ahead.

The Warrior Way/Walled Lake Western’s Mission Statement

We are All Accountable for Honoring

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Welcoming

Authentic

Respect for Self

Respect for Others

Integrity

Open Minded

Responsible

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Two of Western’s veteran retired teachers, Mary Ann Tyranski and Mary Bellinger, have once again kindly volunteered to service our students with after-school tutoring every Tuesday and Wednesday in the Media Center, from 2:15-3:15pm, beginning Tuesday, September 24th.

These are drop-in sessions for all subject areas.