A Message from the Principal

As we enter into the Month of November, it is a reminder of seasonal changes as well as an opportunity to reflect on our core as it relates to being grateful for the things we have in life. Too often, we get stuck in the materialistic and consumeristic side of things and forget to maintain a healthy life balance. Please take good care of yourselves and your families from all aspects; physical, social-emotional and mental health.

As for Western, things are going really well! Our students are amazing and continue to uplift Western with all aspects of a comprehensive high school. Our students represent Western well in academics, clubs, extracurricular activities, performance arts, visual arts, robotics, athletics and the list can go on! Thanks to our entire learning community for making these amazing experiences happen. Please take a moment to read through the important information below and throughout this newsletter.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, November 14th for our annual Parent-Teacher Conferences, between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., a morning-only half-day of school for our students with dismissal at 10:45 a.m. To schedule one or more conference appointment with your student’s teachers or counselor, please log into Family Access, using a parent ID and password, beginning the morning of Monday, November 4th through 7:00 a.m. Thursday, November 14th. If you have forgotten your ID and/or password, you may request it by utilizing the link for that purpose found on the Family Access tab of the district’s website: http://wlcsd.org/parents/family-access/ Detailed screenshot instructions, designed to assist you in scheduling conference appointments, are available by clicking on: Conference Appointment Instructions and a YouTube video tutorial can be viewed by clicking on: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwgonofp4c Please allow yourself time to move between conference appointments.

Please see the additional important reference documents linked to this communication for complete conference details to assist you in planning your conference appointments; Principal Hamka’s Parent-Teacher Conference Letter, Teachers'/Counselors’ Dinner Schedule and Teachers'/Counselors’ Conference Locations which also stipulates abbreviated conference hours for certain teachers.

PARENTING FAIR

The Western Oakland County Parenting Education Fair is coming to Walled Lake Northern High School on Saturday, November 2, 2019. We are very excited to have Brooks Gibbs joining us this year as our keynote speaker! Topics include managing social media with your child, reducing stress and anxiety, strategies to help you with a child with ADHD, nutrition, character building, planning for college, and more. Child care is available for a reasonable cost ($3 for one child, $5 per family) and includes entertainment and lunch. Lunch for conference participants will be available for purchase from local food trucks during the event. Please see this important message (with a free gift for parents) from Brooks Gibbs and register online to attend. Registration is $15 per person or $25 per person at the door the day of the event.

ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS REGARDING SENIOR PICTURES

If you are using an outside photographer that is NOT Focal Point:

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE 2 STEPS:

1. Please submit your yearbook photo (on CD or by email) to the yearbook department at Walled Lake Western no later than November 22, 2019. Yearbook Advisor: Lori Watson, phone: 248-956-4400, email: loriwatson@wlcsd.org

2. Please submit your class composite photo to Focal Point Studio no later than February 28, 2020. See class composite requirements below and select one of the composite payment choices.

3. Seniors that do not turn in a headshot from Focal Point or an outside photographer, will have their Lifetouch photo taken during registration placed in the yearbook.
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Below are helpful links regarding the Parenting Education Fair.

- Website
- Be A Sponsor
- Register Today
PTSA Reflections 2019-2020........Look Within

2019-2020 WLCSD Students: Tell us your interpretation of the theme: “Look Within”. Only new and original works of art will be accepted. Enter only ONE piece per the following art categories you qualify for:

1. Dance Choreography
2. Film Production
3. Literature
4. Music Composition
5. Photography
6. Visual Arts (2D and 3D)
7. Special Artist (must qualify)

No experience is required to participate in Reflections! Choose the arts category you’re interested in, create an original piece of artwork based on the theme “Look Within” and be recognized as an artist in our community!

**Submissions are due to the Main Office by Friday, November 15th, 2019**

For more information, judging criteria, rules, entry forms, etc. please visit: https://wlcsd.org/parents/walled-lake-ptsal-council/reflections/
WLW Presents “Cinderella”

Walled Lake Western is proud to present Roger and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella” on November 15-17 and November 22-24. This 2013 re-write features empowered female characters and the overarching theme of courage and kindness.

For showtimes and to purchase tickets please visit: wlcstickets.com
Join Us For a Princess Party!

Families can join Cinderella and the Fairy Godmother in a celebration fit for a prince or a princess! This pre-show event includes children’s activities, snack, a special gift for all children, and a photo opportunity with Cinderella. Following our party, join us for the 2PM matinee performance of Rogers and Hammerstein’s “Cinderella” by choosing the party option with show voucher. Tickets for the Sunday performance will be issue by the box office after tickets go on sale October 14th.

**Princess Party Ticket $15**

*Each person attending the party will need their own ticket

**Princess Party Ticket with Show Voucher $30**

To purchase tickets for the *Princess Party* please click here:

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The Warrior Way/Walled Lake Western’s **Mission Statement**

*We are all accountable for honoring*  
*The*  
*Welcoming*  
*Authentic*  
*Respect for Self*  
*Respect for Others*  
*Integrity*  
*Open Minded*  
*Responsible*  
*Way*  

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.
Join Western’s PTSA

PTSA Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Western Media Center on the following dates:

- 11/11/2019
- 12/09/2019
- 01/13/2020
- 02/10/2020
- 03/09/2020
- 04/13/2020
- 05/11/2020
- 06/08/2020

To find out more, see a calendar of upcoming PTSA meetings, donate, or to buy a membership, please click on the link Western PTSA.
Attention Class of 2020! Yearbook Photo and Class Composite Requirements

Yearbook and Class Composite Requirements
Walled Lake Western High School Class of 2020

NOTE: You will automatically appear in the yearbook and on the class composite if you have been or plan to be photographed at Focal Point Studio by the deadline. Plus, you will receive a copy of the class composite at graduation time (with no additional fees). Call Focal Point for details at 248-478-1113.

IF USING ANOTHER PHOTOGRAPHER, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE 2 STEPS:

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   Yearbook Advisor: Lori Watson, phone: 248-956-4400, email: loriwatson@wlcsd.org

2. Please submit your class composite photo to Focal Point Studio no later than February 28, 2020. See class composite requirements below and select one of the composite payment choices.

YEARBOOK PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:
A medium gray background is required with a traditional head & shoulder pose. NO props, NO soft focus, NO hands, NO cap & gown, NO outdoor. Please dress appropriately. NO strapless tops, NO wording on clothes. Must be a digital image submitted on a CD with the student’s name written on the cd. NO emailed images or prints. Please follow these specs:
- WIDTH: 1 7/8”
- DPI: 300
- LENGTH: 2 7/16”
- FORMAT: TIFF or JPG
- HEAD SIZE: 1 1/8”
- COLOR SPACE: SRGB

CLASS COMPOSITE PHOTO REQUIREMENTS:
The class composite is a print that includes an image of all students in the senior class, including class officers. Submit photo and payment only through Focal Point’s website at fpsstudio.net. You may contact Julie Vorhoff at jvorhoff@fpsstudio.net for assistance.

A medium gray background is required with a traditional head & shoulder pose. NO props, NO soft focus, NO hands, NO cap & gown, NO outdoor. Please dress appropriately. NO strapless tops, NO wording on clothes. The composite dimensions are as follows:
- WIDTH: 2 1/2”
- DPI: 300
- LENGTH: 3 1/2”
- FORMAT: JPG
- HEAD SIZE: 1 1/2”
- COLOR SPACE: SRGB
- SPACE BETWEEN TOP OF IMAGE & TOP OF HEAD: 1/2”
- IMAGE MUST READ: last name first name WLW

CLASS COMPOSITE PAYMENT CHOICES:
1. No additional charges when photographed at Focal Point studio OR
2. Pay $10.60 to submit another photographer’s composite photo to Focal Point OR
3. Pay $21.20 to also receive a copy of the class composite at graduation time

Yearbook photo questions, please contact Lori Watson @ loriwatson@wlcsd.org
Class composite questions, please contact Julie Vorhoff @ jvorhoff@fpsstudio.net

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Save the Date.....Parent-Teacher Conferences 11.14.2019

Save the Date!
Thursday,
November 14, 2019
11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. WLW Classrooms & Media Center
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Appointments are required.
Conferences will be held in classrooms and Media Center.

IMPORTANT: See reverse side for instructions to make conference appointments.
Please take this opportunity to speak with your student’s teachers & counselors, in person, during our annual conferences.

A video tutorial is available to assist you in making your parent-teacher conference appointments:
https://youtu.be/rwqonnofp4c
Maya SAT Preparation Free Introductory Classes for Walled Lake High School Students

Class Location: WLW - TBD

Class Schedule:
1. Saturday, November 9, 2019  9am – Noon – Writing and Language Section
2. Saturday, November 16, 2019  9am – Noon – Math Section
3. Saturday, November 23, 2019  9am – Noon – Reading Section

Class Structure:
- Motivational Talk – 10 minutes
- Test Content and Strategies – 10 minutes
- Concepts and Drills – 60 minutes
- Timed Test – 35 to 65 minutes
- Analysis and Feedback – 40 minutes

RSVP prabodh@mayaconsultants.com to register

Highlights of Maya SAT Preparation Classes
- Average SAT score improvement of 200 points
- Students admitted to top schools including Harvard, MIT, Columbia, Cal Tech, UC Berkeley, University of Michigan, Northwestern, Michigan State University...etc.
- Students received 1000s of dollars in scholarships due to their SAT scores
- 9+ years of proven results for SAT, PSAT and ACT
- 9th year providing free ACT/SAT classes @WLW
- Test-driven preparation
- Immediate feedback and analysis of test answers
- Both the instructors are MBAs with High Distinction from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor with 99 and 97 percentile scores in GMAT respectively
- Regular (paid) weekly classes every Sunday 8–11am

Visit www.mayaprep.com or call Prabodh Deshmukh @248-231-4562 for more details
Prevention Intervention Education (P.I.E. Program)

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.