Please join us for our annual MLK Day Celebration!

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District invites the community to the 21st annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, January 20, 2020 at Walled Lake Northern High School.

- **5:00-6:00 p.m.**
  - Multicultural Dinner: Food from around the world prepared by local restaurants and student exhibits from each school.

- **6:15-7:30 p.m.**
  - Program featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Jay Marks, who will speak about our theme, *Look Within: “Be the Change You Wish to see in the World.”* ~ Gandhi
  - There will also be performances by student choirs and presentations by several students.
  - We will also recognize this year’s Alec Bender *Friend of Diversity Award* recipients. Among this year’s recipients is the Clark family who founded Scarlet’s Smile to create a kinder, more inclusive world and build Scarlet’s Playground where ALL children can play! **We hope you’ll come help us honor one of our Commerce families** as they receive the Friend of Diversity award!

This event is **FREE** and open to the entire community to attend. **Donations** of canned food, boxed food, laundry detergent, and household paper products for the *Hospitality House Food Pantry* will be accepted.

**Important Reminder:**

We have several children at Commerce who are vulnerable to contagious illnesses. These brave Cougars are fighting leukemia or Spinal Muscular Atrophy. We can help them stay healthy in a few simple ways…

- Talk with your child about the importance of proper hand washing.
- Teach your child to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze (and wash their hands).
- Notify the Main Office immediately if your child has a contagious illness like chicken pox, measles, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), influenza (the flu), and more.
- Most importantly, have your child stay home from school if they are sick.

Together we can show that Commerce cares about these brave Cougars. On behalf of these special families and their medical teams, I thank you for your support and compassion.
Salad Bar Volunteers Needed!
Salad Bar Day is one of the most popular days in our cafeteria! We need parent helpers to assist students at the salad bar during lunchtime. Please sign-up using this link. You'll help our students make healthy choices and help the line move efficiently. Questions? Please contact Tania Gergis (taniagergis@wlcsd.org)

Box Tops Needed!
We are currently collecting Box Tops for the spring collection. Please continue to send in neatly clipped and unexpired Box Tops. The final turn in date is Friday, February 14th. The more we collect, the more money we earn for our school!

Student Council Visits the Villas of Westlake
Before Winter Break, our Student Council (and several of their siblings) visited the Villas of Westlake to spread some holiday cheer! Here's a few slides with pictures of our student leaders having fun with the seniors at Westlake!

Planning for the 2020-2021 School Year
Please see below for information regarding in-district transfer requests and Schools of Choice applications for the 2020-2021 school year. You may forward this information to families who may be considering WLCSD for the 2020-2021 school year. It is also important to note the deadlines listed below.

In-District Transfer Requests: The Walled Lake Consolidated School District is not an open enrollment district. Resident students are expected to attend the school that is assigned to their address. If you would like your child to attend a school other than the one assigned to your address for the 2020-2021 school year, you must submit a Student Transfer Request application. The Student Transfer Request Application period for the 2020-2021 school year is January 6, 2020 thru January 24, 2020. Any application received after January 24, 2020 will be noted as late. Please use this link for more information.

Schools of Choice Applications: Walled Lake Consolidated Schools is a participant in Schools of Choice 105 on a limited basis – meaning that not all buildings or grade levels will have openings. Typically, we accept applications for grades K-10. Under Schools of Choice 105, we may enroll students who are not residents of our district but still reside in one of the other 27 Oakland County school districts who meet application guidelines. The application period for the 2020-2021 school year will be January 20, 2020 thru February 7, 2020. By law, applications cannot be accepted before January 20th or after February 7th. Schools of Choice 105 applications for the 2020-2021 school year will be available on our website beginning January 20, 2020. Please use this link for more information.

Note: If you are currently a resident of the district and anticipate moving out of the district during the school year, it may be possible for your children to continue their enrollment in Walled Lake under Schools of Choice 105. Please click on the link above for more information.

If you have questions, please contact our Main Office or Patty Sorensen in Student Services at 248-956-2085.
Welcome back and Happy New Year! Our first event of 2020 is coming soon and it's time to sign up! The **PTA Membership Event** is from **6:30-8:30pm on Friday, January 31st** at Waterford Lanes! This event is FREE for PTA Members and their immediate families and just $11 for non-members (and their immediate families). Everyone will enjoy bowling, bounce houses, food, and fun! You MUST sign up to attend this event! Visit [https://tinyurl.com/ptaevent2020](https://tinyurl.com/ptaevent2020) to sign up today!

Our next **PTA meeting** this coming **Wednesday, January 15th at 7pm in the Media Center**. Come and hear about what we have in store for the rest of this year. Have an idea to share? This is the place to be heard!

Mark your calendars for our other awesome upcoming events:
- **Moms and Muffins** - March 19
- **Dads Bingo Night** - April 23
- **PTA Meetings** - February 12, March 18, April 15 (Board Elections this day, too!)

Interested in serving on the **PTA Executive Board** next school year? A nominating committee is currently being formed and Elections will be held in April. If you would like to learn more or run for a position, contact Shayna Levin at shayna.levin@gmail.com.

Have you seen our updated **bulletin boards** in the front hallway? Thank you to Laurel Guthrie for your colorful and creative ideas!

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**Chance to win BIG & support WL classrooms!**

Purchase your **Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle tickets** today! Raffle's proceeds are channeled into WLCSD classrooms through the FFE's annual mini-grant program (see [list of grant awards](#) per school). Tickets are $50 each or 3 for $100. The grand prize winner will receive scholarship funds for postsecondary education (40% lump sum option available). Grand Prize drawing is March 30, 2020 at District's Reflections Celebration; need not be present to win.

Visit the [FFE's TE raffle website](#) for details or contact the FFE for more information. To purchase tickets with check or credit card: 248-956-2116 or email michellebianco@wlcsd.org. MI Raffle License# R55190
Attention 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders…
Our annual Spelling Bee is quickly approaching!

We will have our annual spelling bee after Winter Break. All spelling bees are OPTIONAL and will occur during 3rd-5th grade block recesses. Students received word lists to practice and prepare. If you need a list or have questions, please contact Caryn Devaney at carynw17@aol.com

3rd Grade Spelling Bee – Wednesday, January 22nd at 1:45pm
4th Grade Spelling Bee – Thursday, January 23rd at 1:45pm
5th Grade Spelling Bee – Wednesday, January 22nd at 10:20am

Our 5th grade spelling bee champ will participate in the regional Oakland County Spelling Bee with a chance to attend the national Scripps Spelling Bee!

Winter Weather Reminders

Please note that our children go outside for recess unless the temperature, including the wind chill, is zero degrees or below. **Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.**

- **Coats/Jackets:** 40-50 degrees - Recommended; 39 degrees and below – Required
- **Hats/Gloves/Mittens:** 40-50 degrees - Recommended; 39 degrees and below – Required
- **Boots and Snow Pants:** REQUIRED if there is slush or snow (or mud)

Please Note:
- If your family needs financial assistance purchasing these items, please just let the Main Office know. We are happy to help!
- **Please label all clothing with your child’s name.** Our Lost and Found is overflowing!

Commerce Elementary Contact Information

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If any individual has difficulty accessing the information in this newsletter, they may contact our main office at 248-956-3900. We will provide the requested information in an alternate format. [More information about our district accessibility practices and policies is available here.](#)
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*Look Within: Be the Change You Wish to See in the World*

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**WHERE:** Walled Lake Northern HS. 6000 Bogie Lake Rd., Commerce

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- 5:00-6:15 p.m. Tour student exhibits
- 6:15-7:30 p.m. Program featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Jay Marks, speaking on our theme, Look Within: “Be the Change You Wish to see in the World.” ~ Gandhi

**WHY:** To celebrate Dr. King’s message of peace and unity among all people

**COST:** This is a free event. Donations of canned food, boxed food, laundry detergent, and household paper products for Hospitality House will be accepted

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**Keynote Speaker:**
Dr. Jay Marks, widely-respected educator and Diversity and Equity Consultant with Oakland Schools covering 28 Districts.

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2020 Tuition Expedition
50/50 Scholarship Raffle

Support WL Consolidated School District

Chance to win BIG
(Scholarship funds or up to 40% lump sum)

Purchase tickets online at www.wlcstickets.com

1,000 tickets available
$50 per ticket | 3 for $100

Drawing March 30, 2020
Need not be present to win

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Come join our State Champion & Great Lakes Regional Runner-up Intermediate team... & more as we prepare for our 60th season at COMMERCE LITTLE LEAGUE!

2020 Commerce Little League Baseball Registration
On-Line Registration opens December 1st at www.commercelittleleague.com

For 66 years, Commerce Little League has continued a proud tradition of providing organized baseball for Walled Lake Consolidated Schools / Hudson Valley Schools area children. All games are played in Commerce Township at Maple Glen Park on some of the best fields in Michigan!

REGISTRATION BEGINS 12/1/2019
(Early Bird Registration last through 1/15/2020)
TEAM DIVISIONS FOLLOW LITTLE LEAGUE AGE CHART
- T Ball (Birthday 9/1/14 - 8/31/16) Early Bird Fee: $100
- Coach Pitch (Birthday 9/1/13-8/31/16) Early Bird Fee: $100
- Minors "A" (Birthday 9/1/12-8/31/13) Early Bird Fee: $115
- Minors "AA" (Birthday 9/1/11- 8/31/12) Early Bird Fee: $115
- Minors "AAA" (Birthday 9/1/10- 8/31/11) Early Bird Fee: $115
- Majors (Birthday 9/1/09-8/31/10) Early Bird Fee: $125
- Intermediate (Birthday 9/1/06-8/31/07) Early Bird Fee: $125
- JR/SR (Birthday 9/1/04-9/31/05) Early Bird Fee: $130

* T Ball Players Birthday 9/1/15-8/31/16 can choose either T Ball or Coach Pitch
* $50 Raffle Fee will be added to each registration as part of league fundraiser
* Prices go up $15 after 1/15/20

WORLD CLASS FACILITIES:
- New Covered Dugouts with Two-Tiered Benches. New backstops and fencing
- Grass Infields and Batting Cages
- Concession stand and restroom facilities
- Playground structures and paved parking area

For more information visit www.commercelittleleague.com