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THE DOVE'S EYE VIEW

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The Official Western High School Parental Newsletter

PTA From the Desk of Anthony Williams

Calling All Parents!

It's that time of year again; the students and teachers return to school, and the call goes out to parents to join the PTA. If you are a returning parent or new parent, welcome! The Western High PTA meets the second Monday of every month, at 6:30 in the library. Western's PTA is like no other PTA! We have an exceptional Executive Board that is committed to moving Western forward. There's just one problem. We can't do it by ourselves. We need you! All the money we collect is used to give the graduating seniors Western Book Scholarships. There are four criteria to receive this book scholarship: you must be a member of the PTA for four years, your daughter's community service hours must be complete, your daughter's overall GPA must be 80 percent or higher, and you must have served on one or more committees over the past four years. Last year, we tripled our parent enrollment! This year we are looking to reach 100%. Western High School's motto is "Only the Best" so let's, get on board and support the best. Join Western High School's PTA!

Anthony Williams, PTA President

Western High School

WHS Supply List

pens and pencils
3-ring binder
composition notebooks
128 MB pen drive
index cards
dated organizer w/note pad
colored pencils

Parent/Family Checklist for Academic Success

- Attend school everyday and on time. 8:00 A.M. ARRIVAL TIME**
- Check the attire before leaving the house. SCHOOL UNIFORM**
- Be respectful of staff, students as well as yourself.**
- Follow all WHS rules, policies and procedures.**
- Send a note if your daughter is absent from school.**
- Check homework. STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE HOMEWORK EVERY NIGHT.**
- Check for study notes, guides, or index cards.**
- Check the school website daily.**
- Notify the school if you have any problems or concerns.**

SEE WHS WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

"Only the Best"

WELCOME
BACK



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Helpful Websites

High School Assessments → <http://hsaexam.org>

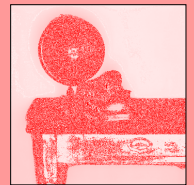
Voluntary State Curriculum → <http://mdk12.org>

Cool Math Website →
<http://cte.jhu.edu/techacademy/web/2000/heal/mathsites.htm>

Math Websites →
<http://marian.creighton.edu/~dkath/mathsites.htm>

Good Homework Habits That Will Guide Your Daughter To Success

Allot at least four (4) hours in the evening for studying and homework. Dedicate two (2) hours to complete written assignments. Dedicate one (1) hour to reading and one (1) hour for studying concepts, key terms and vocabulary. Create a work space at a desk or table with a chair. Turn the television and all telephones off. Students work better uninterrupted. Setting goals for how much you want to accomplish in a certain period of time is a guide to success.





Test Taking Strategies for Students

Pride & Prejudice

Test anxiety: freezing up at the start of a test or forgetting answers to the easiest questions

1. Think positively (envision yourself doing well on the test)
2. Read all of the directions carefully.
3. Answer the easiest questions first, followed by the ones that require more thought.
4. Review your answers—only change answers if you know they aren't right; often first answers are the right ones.
5. Get a good night's sleep.

Reading Corner

What are we reading?

Grade 9

To Kill a Mockingbird
Bless Me, Ultima (college prep only)
The Chosen (Honors only)
Go Tell It on the Mountain (Honors only)

Grade 10

Antigone
Macbeth

Lord of the Flies

Grade 11

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter
A Raisin in the Sun

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Grade 12

Farming of the Bones
Jane Eyre

Important Dates

- 8/30/07 Schoolwide Assembly
- 9/03/07 School Closed
- 9/10/06 PTA Meeting
- 9/11/07 School Closed
- 9/13/07 Fundraiser Assembly
- Back-to-School Night 5-7pm
- 9/20/07 PEP Rally
- 9/21/07 Spirit Dance 7:30-11:30
- 9/22/07 Eva G. Scott Scholarship Golf Tournament
- 9/27/07 Senior Inaugural
- 9/28/07 School Closed
- 9/29/07 WHS Family Picnic

The Testing Center

PSAT , Fall 2007

Sophomores & Juniors

SAT

Junior & Seniors

ACT Assessment

Juniors & Seniors

HSA, May 2008

Passing score:

Biology - 400

Algebra/Data Analysis - 412

English — 396

Government – 394

AP Exams, April 2008

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Coming Soon

School Climate Survey

Progress Reports

HSA Results

Coach Class Schedule

Student Handbook

9th Grade Parental Support Group
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REMINDER!!!!

You must have an emergency plan for your daughter when school is released early for an emergency or weather related dismissal

Breakfast Club

No cost breakfast for ALL students everyday!

7:45 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

Lunch Bunch

\$2.25 full price

40 cent reduced

Free lunch (approved)

Final Note From the Principal

A new year, a new beginning for all. Western will continue to provide our young ladies with the best education possible to make sure they are prepared to enter and matriculate in the college/university of choice. To that end, we need students to have the desire to learn and parents/guardians who are willing to invest in the future of our students. We welcome parents to our building, and we want you to be committed to helping us provide the best education possible for your daughters in a safe environment.

Dr. Andrés Alonso, CEO, Baltimore City Public Schools will be here at Western on Monday, November 12, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. to meet with parents. Please mark your calendars now so you will have that date and time available.

We look forward to working with you as part of the Western family. Let's make it a good year!!!

Eleanor P. Matthews, Principal