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The Official Western High School Parental Newsletter



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From the Desk of Anthony Williams

Dear Parents and Faculty,

The Western High School PTA would like to welcome you to the 2007-2008 Membership Drive. Your membership makes it possible to sponsor many great events, programs and helps to provide book scholarships to seniors. The PTA needs the support of parents and faculty to be a success. We encourage all parents to attend the PTA meetings, which are held the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the library. We understand that it is not possible for some parents to attend; however, we stress the importance of your support through membership. Membership is \$10.00 for each adult family member. We encourage each adult family member to join as the students benefit greatly from your support. Please complete and return one envelope per family. This year we will chart our membership progress. We are looking for 100% participation. We need you support! There are over to eight hundred students enrolled at Western; our PTA Membership should reflect the same.

**DIVE RIGHT IN,
 JOIN THE PTA TODAY!**

Thanks for your support!

Anthony Williams

PTA President

PTA Meeting Dates/ Topics

September 10, 2007—The
 State of Western

October 8, 2007—TSS
 Training for Parents

November 12, 2007—
 CEO Visits Western

December 10, 2007

Pot Luck Meeting

January 14, 2008

February 11, 2008

March 10, 2008

April 14, 2008

May 12, 2008



Western Family Picnic

Freshman/Sophomore Night

Twilight School Registration

Senior Parent Night

First Quarter Progress Reports

Open House

School wide Fundraiser

PARENT ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION REQUESTED

9th Grade Parent Support and Networking

Worrying about your 9th grader's adjustment to high school?

Fighting with your daughter? Amazed at how disrespectful she can be?

Thinking that your child seems angry? Sad? Not all there?

Concerned that she's already falling behind academically?

Ms. Ellen Rosen, Western's Student Support Services Counselor, will be offering a **9th Grade Parent Support and Networking Group**, beginning on **Thursday, November 1st at 8:00 AM**. The group is an ideal way for parents to offer one another support, share resources, and discuss the challenges of raising strong, healthy, and successful girls in today's world. Questions? Call Ms. Rosen on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays at 410-545-3105, or stop by the Student Support Services Office in Room 104.

WELCOME

New Math
 Teacher

Nimfa Ibayan

KUDOS TO.....

- ✓ Bert Lee, Parent Volunteer
- ✓ Terry McNeil, Librarian
- ✓ Kandice Polk, Student
- ✓ Charmaina Clay, Teacher
- ✓ Stephanie Novak, Teacher
- ✓ The Fords, Parent Volunteers
- ✓ Shadae Gates, Student
- ✓ Marcia Brown, Teacher
- ✓ Kendall Frye, Student
- ✓ Ramona Browne, Teacher
- ✓ David Hildebrand, Teacher
- ✓ Denise Dafeamekpor, Teacher



Helpful Websites

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>

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

TSS → www.bcps.org

PrepHQ → www.prephq.com

BENews → www.BENetworking.org

MDSE (disabilities) → <http://mdideareport.org/>

Important Dates

9/24/07 Twilight School

9/28/07 School Closed

9/29/07 WHS Family Picnic

10/03/07 Senior Parent Night

10/05/07 Progress Reports
Issued

10/06/07 SAT I & II

10/08/07 PTA Meeting

10/17/07 PSAT Grades 9, 10,
11

10/17/07 College Visitation 8-
11 College Applications—Sr.
Lounge 8:15-11:30(seniors
only)

10/18-19/07 PD (School
Closed)

10/21/07 Western Open House

10/24/07 Freshman/Sophomore
Parent

10/24/07 ACT

11/01/07 College Bound Fair

11/02/07 End of First Quarter

11/03/07 SAT I & II

11/05/07 Beginning of Second
Quarter

Reading Corner

What are we reading?

Email your daughter's English teacher to find out what books to purchase in advance.

Ms. Clay

CL4char@aol.com

Mrs. Defeamekpor

americatoafrica@hotmail.com

Mr. McConnell

MrMcConnell07@hotmail.com

Mr. Shock

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Mrs. Browne

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Ms. Rocca

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The Testing Center

PSAT, Fall 2007

Sophomores & Juniors

SAT

Junior & Seniors

ACT Assessment

Juniors & Seniors

HSA, January 2008

HSA, May 2008

Passing score:

Biology - 400

Algebra/Data Analysis - 412

English — 396

Government – 394

AP Exams, April/May 2008

**Semester Exams, January
2008**

**Final Exams, May 2008
(seniors only) June 2008
(underclass women)**

****COMING SOON****

School Climate Survey

HSA Presentation for Par-
ents

Parent Conferences

Report Cards

TSS Training for Parents

Final Note From the Principal



Happy Halloween

The 2007 – 2008 school year has gotten off to a great start. There have already been numerous activities for our students. We have seen many of you, but not enough at our PTA meetings. Remember, to know what is going on and to support Western, we need each parent to be an active participant in the life of our school. If you were unable to attend the PTA meeting on Monday, October 8, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., you missed an opportunity to receive information as to how your daughter uses technology on a daily basis and how to access reports and our Website. This month's meeting was very exciting and informative.

Ask your daughter about her Progress Report. Reports were issued to students Friday, October 5, 2007. If you have concerns about her grades, please feel free to contact her teachers.

Reminder - 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.

Let's continue to make it a good year!!!

Eleanor P. Matthews, Principal

DO NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!

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

Things you need to be concerned about...

Service Learning Hours

Attendance

Your daughter's overall demeanor

Peer Relationships

Required Reading

Homework