



WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

A Newsletter for Parents
August 2010

It is Western High School's mission to achieve excellence in learning through high expectations, commitment and support.

WELCOME BACK!

Registration for Western High School students is as follows:

Seniors	Wednesday, August 25th	8—11 am
Sophomores	Wednesday, August 25th	12—3 pm
Juniors	Thursday, August 26th	8—11 am
Freshman A-M	Thursday, August 26th	12—1:30 pm
Freshman N-Z	Thursday, August 26th	1:30—3:00 pm

During registration, students will update their student profile with any new contact or emergency information. Students will also have pictures taken for their student ID which will be issued that day. Incoming 9th graders will be issued a locker. Students will be able to get their Fall trimester schedule upon completion of registration. Students and parents can register any time during the registration period noted above. Registration will take about one hour. **ALL STUDENTS MUST GO THROUGH REGISTRATION** to receive their official class schedule in order to attend their classes on the **first day of school on Tuesday, September 7th.**

The next available registration date is Tuesday, September 7, 2010 beginning at 7am.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING TO REGISTRATION

Documentation — accurate and complete information on birth date; parents' employment and address (including post office and zip); an alternate phone number which can be called in emergency situations; and any health information which might influence school success; as well as a pencil. **VERY IMPORTANT— Please remember to update your student's information every year!** It is very difficult for our staff to contact you if we do not have updated information. Thank You!

Activity Passes, Parking Permits and Yearbook

Activity Ticket — \$30 — The activity ticket provides the high school student free admission to all school athletic events and other designated activities. It's a great bargain!

Seniors and Juniors driving on campus — \$5 for a Student Parking Permit. A permit is **required** for any vehicle driven on campus. A new permit must be purchased each year. **Permits will be sold only to Seniors and Juniors**—Sophomore permits will not be issued at this time. **Seniors and Juniors will need to bring their license plate number and car make and model with them at this time. No permits will be issued without this information. If a student has any unpaid fees or fines from previous school years, he or she will not be able to obtain a parking permit.**

Yearbook—In keeping with tradition, yearbooks will be sold during registration. To preorder your yearbook, please send the payment of \$55.00 with your child. The yearbook will, once again, be all color. **Senior parents:** please use the coupon below to order a Parent Page for your son or daughter. See senior photo specifications on page 3.

Fees—Please have cash or a check payable to Western High School for these items.

OPTIONAL FEES

Pictures— We have made arrangements with Life Touch to take pictures during registration. All students will be photographed—these pictures will be used for this year's yearbook, ID cards and school records for no cost. Information on costs for optional picture purchases is in the enclosed flyer. Additional flyers will be available at registration if needed. **PLEASE NOTE—You will need a separate check for school pictures. Please make checks payable to Life Touch for your student's high school picture packet.**

It is the policy of the Bay City Public School not to discriminate on the basis of religion, race, sexual orientation, color, national origin, age or handicap in educational programs, activities or services.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Board of Education Meetings

September 13th
@ 7pm
Administration Bldg.

SCHOOL BEGINS

September 7th
The school day starts
at 7:30a.m.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

September 22nd
5-7pm

VISIT WHS WEB PAGE FOR CALENDARS AND CLASS TIMES

www.baycitywestern.com

WHS Athletic schedules are now available on-line at:

www.highschoolsports.net

WARRIOR NIGHT

August 31st @ 6 pm

Booster Club Fall Fund Raiser -Millionaire Party September 12th

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

September 20th

**No School
September 27th
&
November 2nd**

New Students

If you know of students in grades 9-12, who have moved into the Western attendance area from outside the District, please tell them to call Western at 662-4481 as soon as possible to make an appointment with a counselor. **If you are enrolled, but for some reason, do not plan to return to Western, please call and let us know.**

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE: Students who do not attend the Student Registration as scheduled above, will not be permitted to attend classes until the registration process has been completed. The next available registration date is Tuesday, September 7, 2010 beginning at 7:30 am.

SCHEDULES

Most conflicts with student schedules have been resolved. In the interest of maintaining relatively uniform class sizes, we will be allowing schedule changes only in order for students to meet curriculum requirements. These are the only schedule change conflict requests that will be considered—please help us keep our schedule as fair as possible for everybody!

EDLINE

Our web based communication software for parents to view students' grades, attendance and class schedules is available and you can get connected by requesting a code in order to access your account. It is also a way to easily contact and stay in touch with your student's teachers. Please contact Mrs. Clark at 662-4481 or email clarki@bcschools.net. **All new students and incoming freshman and their parents will need new activation codes.**

A Note from the Principal

Parent Involvement Committee (PIC)

WHS now has another way to keep the lines of communication open between you and your school! The Parent Involvement Committee is here to focus on ways to increase parent involvement and communication within our school. Meetings will be held the third Monday of each month at 6:00 in the Staff Lounge. Our topics for the upcoming meeting will include curriculum changes, school events, activities and opportunities for you and your student.

Our first meeting will be Monday, September 20th. If you have any topics you would like to see addressed at this meeting, or just have questions about WHS, please go to the school website <http://www.baycitywestern.com>. Please click on the "Contact Us" tab on the left, put "PIC" in the subject line and submit your question.

In this newsletter, you will find a brief Parent Survey. Please fill out the survey and return it to the PIC table at registration. Cut off the top portion for the raffle—you could win a Family Activity Pass!!! Two activity passes will be given away following registration. If you have already purchased your Family Activity Pass, winners will have their money refunded.

We hope to see you at our meeting on September 20th!

YES! I want to buy a Parent Page for my son or daughter!

I would like to purchase a:

- _____ 1/8 Page Full Color Ad for \$65 (1 picture)
- _____ 1/4 Page Color Ad for \$100 (1-2 pictures)
- _____ 1/2 Page Color Ad for \$200 (1-4 pictures)
- _____ Full Page Color Ad for \$350 (1-10 pictures)

Please enclose a self-addressed envelope large enough to mail back the pictures when printing is completed. Be sure to include enough postage to cover the weight of the photos. You may also want to write on the envelope that

Please do not exceed the picture limit! If more pictures are enclosed, it will be at the WHS Business Manager's discretion to decide which pictures will be used.

Student's Name _____

Phone# _____

Parent's Name _____

Address: _____

Please mail checks or money orders by Tuesday, December 15, 2010 to:

**WHS Yearbook
Attn: Parent Pages
500 W. Midland Rd.
Auburn, MI 48611**

School hours: Our School day will begin at 7:30 am and end at 2:26 pm.

Bus Schedules: A bus schedule will be mailed to you by the Transportation Department.

Please review our **discipline, tardiness and attendance policies**, which will be distributed to students at class meetings the first week of school. Remember, our expectations are that students will be in class regularly on time and ready to work and participate. Your encouragement and support of these same expectations are vital in order for your son or daughter to be successful! **You must call our answering machine at 662-2221 or 662-0092 (both are available around the clock) within 48 hours of an absence in order for it to be recorded as excused!**

Please reserve **Wednesday, September 22nd at 5 pm for our annual Curriculum Night**. It will give you a chance to visit each of your student's classes and hear what their teachers' expectations and requirements will be for the semester. Having this information will be a great help to you in assisting your student to achieve success. Mark it on your calendar now!

Trimester Starting Dates:

Fall Term—September 7th

Winter Term—November 29th

Spring Term—March 14th

Our **WHS Booster Club** is a tremendously hard working and supportive group that promotes both academic and athletic programs and activities for Western students. We encourage you to participate in this fine organization and do your share! Please see the attached letter from the Booster Club regarding upcoming events and contact information.

WHS is on-line!

Please check on-line at www.bcschools.net for District Information, school calendars, closings, Board Meetings, etc. anytime. You can also access our school's website at www.baycitywestern.com to check on important dates and school happenings.

Yearbook—Senior Picture Information

The Western High School Yearbook Staff requires the following type of senior picture for placement in the WHS Yearbook. Photographs not meeting these requirements may not appear in the Yearbook. If you have any questions concerning these specifications, please contact Ms. Schmidt, Yearbook Advisor, at 662-4481, ext. 6243. **The deadline to submit Senior pictures is December 15, 2010.** Specifications: one DIGITAL photographic image; MINIMUM of 300 dpi (600 dpi preferred); image to be in either .JPG or .Tiff format; image identified with student name; NO SMALLER than 1 1/2 (wide) x 2" (tall); head and shoulder pose ONLY; no environmental background; no hands in photograph; plain, light blue or grey background; no fades; ghosted images or corner effects. Printed wallets are still acceptable—please drop them off in the high school main office.

From the Athletic Department...

RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO ATHLETIC CODE FOR STARTING JULY 1, 2010

Disciplinary Action for Violation of Rule 4 "In season or out of season"

Starting July 1, 2010, the Athletic Code of Conduct will be effect All Year long. (365 days)

The school shall suspend the student for half of the season or one third of the season with counseling, of the scheduled contest dates in the sport season he/she is currently participating in. If there are not enough contests remaining in that particular sport season to equal half of the season or one third of the season with counseling, the student is suspended during the next sport season he/she participates in, regardless of the nature of the sport the student is participating in. This suspension over two sport season represents half of the season or one third of the season with counseling, of any one sport season.

In the event of a "second offense" the school shall suspend the student for one full season or two third of the season with counseling, of the scheduled contest dates in the sport season he/she is currently participating in. If there are not enough contests remaining in that particular sport season to equal one full season or two third of the season with counseling,, the student is suspended during the next sport season he/she participates in, regardless of the nature of the sport the student is participating in. This suspension over two sport years, represents one season or two third of the season with counseling, of any one sport season.

In the event of a "third offense" the school shall suspend the student for the one full year he/she is participating sport. If out of season, it would be two sport seasons that the athlete has participated in the previous year. If it occurs in the Spring, it would carry over to the next year

COLLEGE NIGHT!!

College night will be on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 from 5-7pm at the Career Center/BAISD on Two Mile Road in Bay City. Any Sophomore, junior or senior interested in securing information about prospective Colleges/Universities, Trade Schools, and/or the Armed Services should attend. More than 30 representatives will be in attendance to answer questions about entrance requirements, cost, academics and financial aid. Questions?? Call 891-0617.

WARRIOR NIGHT!!

On August 31st, the Sports Boosters will help sponsor Warrior Night on the football field. All student athletes, parents, guardians, and any Western Warrior supporter are invited to meet each team and the coaching staffs during our welcome back ceremonies. We will begin the festivities at 5 p.m.

SCHOOL CALENDAR **For Bay City Public School Students** **2010-11 BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS** **910 N. Walnut St., Bay City, MI 48706**

2010

Classes Begin--All Grades

Tuesday, September 7

Non School Day (Professional Development)
Classes Resume--All grades

Monday, September 27
Tuesday, September 28

Non School Day (Professional Development)
Classes Resume--All grades

Tuesday, November 2
Wednesday, November 3

Non School Days
Classes Resume--All grades

November 24, 25, 26
Monday, November 29

Begin Second High School Trimester

Monday, November 29

Non School Days

Monday, December 20 thru
Friday, December 31

2011

Classes Resume--All grades

Monday, January 3

Non School Days (Professional Development)
Classes Resume--All grades

Monday, January 17
Tuesday, January 18

Non School Day (Professional Development)
Classes Resume--All grades

Monday, February 7
Tuesday, February 8

Non School Day
Classes Resume--All grades

Friday, February 18
Monday, February 21

High School 11th Grade MME Test
(No school for students in grades 9, 10 and 12 ONLY)

Tuesday, March 1

Begin Third High School Trimester

Monday, March 14

Non School Days (Spring Break)
Classes Resume--All grades

March 28 thru April 1
Monday, April 4

Non School Day
Classes Resume--All grades

Friday, April 22
Monday, April 25

Non School Day
Classes Resume--All grades

Monday, May 30
Tuesday, May 31

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, June 3

August/September 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Friends of Bay City Public Schools,

I hope that you have had a nice summer. Welcome back to the new school year! As always, our main focus is improving student achievement. Along with this, last school year, we also focused on improving student safety such as the installation of security cameras at schools and on buses and improving communication with you through improving our school websites, telephone messaging and Edline. Safety and communication will continue as a priority.

During the coming school year, most of the goals are aimed at improving student achievement; helping students who are struggling with the basics of reading, writing, and math through intervention programs, improving student attendance, and reducing bullying. Bay City Public Schools, as always, offer a large assortment of high school electives and programs. We plan to expand those opportunities through changes in dual enrollment, independent study courses, Internet courses and long-distance learning. We also plan to pilot more use of technology directly in classrooms by students and teachers.

As there is much more I could share than the space I have here, I hope that you will take some time and review our 2010-11 goals which are available on our website at www.bcschools.net.

A few other areas of interest to share are:

Opportunity Connection Website

This resource, created by a combination of business and education partners in the Bay Area, offers a variety of learning opportunities for **students, teachers, and businesses**. Students have the opportunity to participate with local businesses for job shadowing, tutoring and work experience. The website has links to scholarship opportunities, summer jobs and volunteer opportunities. The website address is: www.opportunityconnection.net. Please visit the site and inform others who may be interested.

Imagination Library

The Imagination Library is a Dolly Parton initiative being offered through Bay-Arenac ISD. This is a FREE book a month program for ANY child (age birth to 5) living in Bay or Arenac Counties. Visit www.imaginationlibrary.com for more information and to register, or call 989.667.3280. Please spread the word to any/all families of children age birth to 5!

Finally, I am committed to ensuring that we are doing everything we can to help students and parents in our District. So please feel free to contact me at newcombed@bcschools.net or 671-8165 if you have questions, concerns or comments. Your support and interest in the education of your children is appreciated and important to their success. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Douglas L. Newcombe
Superintendent

To Parents of Western High School Students:

This communication is being sent out to inform our new and returning parents of a great fundraiser that the Western High Booster Club holds annually to support our school. Over the last 15 years, the Western High Booster Millionaire party has raised over \$500,000. All the monies raised goes back to the students for academic and athletic needs at Western High School. This year the Millionaire Party will be on Sunday, September 12, 2010.

This fundraiser cannot be successful without the help and support of all the families at Western High School. We need your help by purchasing or selling tickets for this event. The ticket sells for \$100 and allows two adults to attend the event and includes all you can eat finger foods and drinks. With the purchase of a ticket you are also entered into a drawing for a chance at the top prize of \$20,000!! Additional prizes include a second prize of \$10,000, three \$1,000 winners, several \$500 winners and many \$100 winners. Ticket sellers receive a 5% kickback, if one of the tickets they sold is a winner. So, there is an incentive to sell tickets.

We know that most sports programs and clubs have their own fundraising efforts, but some of these same groups also ask for money from the Booster Club, if there fundraising efforts did not raise the amount of money needed. It is important to support this fundraiser as well, because it supports our whole school and all our students! Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets. Last year we sold approximately 850 tickets. We need your support to reach our goal and sell all the tickets. Please consider buying or selling a ticket. If each family that receives this email purchased or sold one ticket, we would be over our goal!!! Given the size of this event, many volunteers are needed. If you would be willing to volunteer, please let us know. If you want to purchase or sell, please call or email us, so we can contact you as soon as the tickets are available:

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Joe LaFramboise	jari.roe.joe@gmail.com	989-450-7538
Marcia Reder	mcreder231@yahoo.com	989-662-6437
Lori Talaga	ltalaga@charter.net	989-662-2400

Thanks for your support!

Western High Booster Club