



WEST WINDS

Mrs. Ginter, Principal

Mr. Renwick, Associate Principal/AD

Welcome... to the new school year! This first newsletter will cover key dates and information to help make the transition back to school as smooth as possible. Schedules will be mailed August 17 along with an emergency medical card, an open house brochure and another newsletter.



Students new to West this year should bring their schedules, school supplies, emergency medical card and the \$45 book and material fee with them to **orientation on August 24** at either 1 or 6 p.m. Lunch deposits can be made at this time as well. Returning students should bring these items with them on **locker move-in day, August 25** from 10 - 11:30 a.m. All students should be sure to have their schedules with them on the **first day of school - September 1**. First period begins at 7:31 a.m.

I'm looking forward to meeting our new students and their families at orientation and welcoming back all of our classes. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call our office at 422-6200.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,
Mrs. G.

If you are new to West, ... please join us for an **orientation** session on **Monday, August 24 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the auditorium. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

Locker move-in day... will be on **Tuesday, August 25**. Students are invited to put supplies in their lockers from **10:00-11:30 a.m.** This is also an excellent opportunity to take care of emergency medical cards, sports physicals, lunch deposits and the \$45 book and material fee.

Tuesday, September 1, 2009... is the first day of school. Classes begin at 7:31 a.m. and end at 2:35 p.m. Students arriving before 7:20 a.m. are to report directly to the cafeteria.



Please keep the dress code... guidelines in mind while shopping for school clothes. Simply, students need to be dressed appropriately. This means no undergarments should be showing, shorts and skirts should be at least mid thigh, midribs and cleavage must be covered, and pants need to be worn at waist level. Clothing that is offensive, sexually suggestive/explicit, presents drug, alcohol or tobacco logos/ messages cannot be worn. In all instances, students will be asked to change when clothing choices are questionable.



School supply lists... can be found at the major retail stores in town. You may access the list at www.wrps.org or pick a copy up from the West's office weekdays between 8:00-3:00 p.m.

The book /materials fee... of \$45.00 needs to be turned into West's main office. Checks should be made out to WRPS. Put the payment in an envelope labeled book fee with the student's name and ID # written on the front. Please take care of this obligation before the first day of school or pick up a payment plan/waiver form in the office.



School meal prices... will be \$1.95 per day or \$.40 per day for those qualifying for reduced lunch. West also offers a full, hot breakfast along with morning ala carte items. The cost for breakfast is \$1.00 and is free for students who qualify for reduced lunch. Students will be using the same ID numbers as last year. ID numbers are printed on schedules. Deposits need to be in an envelope with the *student's name, ID and amount of deposit written on it*. The option to make on line deposits will be available again this year.



Students will be given free and reduced lunch applications on the first day of school. Please return forms within the first two weeks of school if applying.

Fall Sports... practice start dates:

9th Grade Football - August 10, 9:00 a.m. (equipment handout) - August 11, 7:45 - 11:45 a.m. @WJH



8th Grade Football - August 24, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. @WJH

7th Grade Football - August 24, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. @WJH

9th Grade Volleyball - LHS Tryouts - August 17-19, 9:00-11:00 a.m @LHS then , 1:00-3:00 p.m. @EJH

7 & 8th Grade Volleyball - September 2, 2:45-4:00 p.m. @WJH

9th Grade Girls' Tennis - LHS Tryouts- August 11, 8:00-10:30 a.m. @LHS

7&8th Grade Tennis- September 1, 2:45-4:30 p.m. @WJH

9th Grade Girls' Swimming- August 11, 7:00-10:00 a.m. @LHS

7&8 Grade Girls' Swimming- September 1, 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. @LHS

9th Grade Boys' Soccer - LHS Tryouts for JV/Varsity- August 10, 8:30-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m @Washington

9th Grade Only Practice- August 17, 8:30 @ Washington

7 & 8 Grade Boys' Soccer- September 1, 2:45-4:30 p.m. @ WJH

7 & 8 Grade Girls' Soccer- September 1, 2:45-4:30 p.m. @Washington

LHS Cross Country (9th Grade Only) - August 17, 3:00-5:00 p.m. @LHS

LHS Girls' Golf (9th Grade Only) - August 10, 9:00 a.m. @Bull's Eye Country Club, and August 11&12, 9:00 a.m. @Ridges

All athletes should have shorts, t-shirts, shoes and water bottles for practices and **must** have a Physical or Alternate Year Card and Code of Conduct on file in order to practice. Code of Conduct forms are signed once for the time you participate in extra-curricular activities at West.

District Budget Challenges... are going to be discussed at focus group meetings in late September and early October. The Board of Education is asking for parents to give input. The discussions will address what you like/dislike about Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools and what education looks like in the future. If you are interested in participating in one of these focus groups, please send your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to: WRPS, Attn: Maurine Hodgson, 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, or e-mail maurine.hodgson@wrps.org, or call Maurine at 715-422-6005.

The Wisconsin Rapids School District... is looking for one parent interested in serving a three year term on the District's Council for Instructional Improvement (CII). The Council meets to discuss and make recommendations related to curriculum, instruction and assessment. Three parent representatives serve on the Council, along with teachers, administrators and a Board of Education member. For the 2009-2010 school year, the Council will meet from 8:00-10:30 a.m. on October 16, February 4 and April 22 and from 4:15-6:15 p.m. on November 17 and March 18.

If you have an interest in serving on the Council for Instructional Improvement, please contact Sharon Toellner, Director of Instruction, at 422-6006, or email Sharon.Toellner@wrps.org. The Board of Education will appoint the new parent representative to the CII at the October Educational Services Committee meeting.

Mark Your Calendars:...

August 24 - Orientation for New Students (1:00 or 6:00 p.m.)

August 25 - Locker Move-In Day (10:00-11:30 a.m.)

September 1 - First Day of School (7:31-2:35 p.m.)

September 8 - Picture Day

September 14 - West Walkabout (6:00-8:00 p.m.)

October 2 - No School for students—Professional Day

