

**TO: PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

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PRINCIPAL DEAN OF STUDENTS**

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**Interim Reports & Grade Cards**

Interim Reports went home with students on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Grade cards will be given to students at school on Friday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Fees must be paid to receive grade reports.

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent teacher conferences will take place from 3:00-6:00pm on Thursday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. High school parents wanting to schedule a conference should contact Mrs. Linda Wilson. The middle school will be conducting student-led conferences again this year. Middle school parents will receive information on scheduling conferences from teachers.

**Vacation Days**

Parents, please help us out by making sure the following takes place BEFORE a student absence for the purpose of vacation.

1. Parent requests vacation in writing.
2. Student picks up Vacation Teacher Assignment/ Approval Form from Mr. Freese or Mrs. Neer in the attendance office.
3. Student gets all teachers to sign-off and student returns form to Mr. Freese or Mrs. Neer.
4. Office informs student/parents if absence will be excused or unexcused.

If procedure is not followed, then these days will be considered unexcused absences.

**Dear Parents,**

As you are most likely aware, West Liberty-Salem Middle/High School has been recognized as an Excellent school on the Local Report Card for the 2010-2011 school year. This year, we met 18 of 19 indicators, our Performance Index increased and we met the Value-Added measure and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for all students and for all student subgroups which includes Students with Disabilities and Economically Disadvantaged Students. This was the first time in three years that the MS/HS met AYP for all subgroups.

**Title One**

All parents have the right to know about the teaching qualifications of their child's classroom teacher in a school receiving Title 1 funds. The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that any local school district receiving Title 1 funds must notify parents that they may ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher. These qualifications include:

1. Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teaching licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides their child instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.
3. The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of certification or degree.
4. Whether their child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Any parent may ask for the information by sending a letter to the district of residence. Please be sure to include the child's full name, parent's full name(s), address, and the teacher's name.

However, West Liberty-Salem Middle/High School remains in School Improvement Status Year 2 (Delay). The district will need to meet AYP again next year for all students and subgroups to be removed from School Improvement Status. We are very proud of the progress the teachers and students have made this past year.

Our local report card, found at [www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us), shows how well West Liberty-Salem Middle/High School did when compared with other schools. While we are very proud of our successes as a school, we also recognize that we have targeted areas in which we need to improve.

To help West Liberty-Salem Middle/High School progress out of School Improvement, we have developed and will continue to update and implement our Strategic School Improvement Plan as part of the Ohio Improvement Process. The plan will be used to help all our students, including those with disabilities, do better in reading and mathematics for the coming year. If you would like more information about the plan or would like information on ways you can help, please contact Greg Johnson at (937) 465-1060.

### Parent Viewer

Do you check your student's grades online? If not, are you aware that you can? By going to the school website, [www.wlstigers.org](http://www.wlstigers.org), and clicking on the following link: Parent Login to Progress Book, you can not only check your student's current grades, but also see the grades that your student has earned for each individual assignment, quiz and test. To get a unique username and password for your student(s), please contact Linda Wilson at [lwilson@wlstigers.org](mailto:lwilson@wlstigers.org) or at 465-1060 between 7:30am - 3:30pm on days that we are in school. Fees must be paid or you must have begun making fee payments before you will receive a username and password.

### Upcoming Events

- Tues 10/4 – UU College Fair (Jrs & some Srs)
- Wed 10/5-7 – Ropes and Rocks at WLS
- Thurs 10/6 – 7<sup>th</sup> grade Chicago Trip Parent Meeting
- Sat 10/8 – PTO Fall Festival
- Mon 10/10 – No School – Teacher In-Service
- Tues 10/11 – Grade 6-11 Picture Day
- Wed 10/12 – PSAT for Juniors
- Fri 10/14 – Hi-Point Presentations for 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Fri 10/14 – FFA Pork Loin Dinner in Cafetorium
- Mon 10/17 – MS Science Olympiad Mtg. @6:30
- Tues 10/18 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ReadStep Assessment
- Tues 10/18 – HS Choir Concert
- Wed 10/19 – Activities Period (12<sup>th</sup> w/ Jostens)
- Wed 10/19-21 – FFA National Convention Trip
- Thurs 10/20 – Middle School Career Day
- Thurs 10/20 – Last Day of First Grading Period
- Fri 10/21 – No School for Students & Staff
- Mon 10/24-28 – OGT Week for some Jrs. & Srs.
- Tues 10/25 – Marching Band Concert
- Thurs 10/27 – Senior Composite Pictures Taken
- Fri 10/28 – Grade Cards Go Home
- Mon 10/31 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Piatt Castle Trip
- Thurs 11/3 – Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-6
- Tues 11/8 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Shuster Center
- Thurs 11/10 – PLAN Assessment for Sophomores
- Thurs 11/10 – Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-6
- Fri 11/11 – Sophomore Career Day at OHP
- Mon 11/14 – OHC Fine Arts Festival at Cedarville
- Wed 11/16 – Two-Hour Delay for Students
- Wed 11/23-25 – No School for Students/Staff

**Please check the school website for changes.**

### West Liberty-Salem Athletics

Fall sports seasons are well underway. We've experienced lots of success and growth with continued improvement expected. We have attained our first OHC Championship of the year. Congratulations to the Varsity Golf Team on an undefeated OHC golf season.

All directions for away OHC Schools can be found at [www.wlstigers.org](http://www.wlstigers.org). Updated schedules or changes can be found at [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net) where you can sign up to receive text messages or emails to alert you of immediate schedule changes. Reminder – anyone wishing to participate in winter sports and not currently in a fall sport, must have a valid OHSAA sports physical prior to the first day of practice.

### High School Senior Recognition

- Congratulations to Luke Cook. Luke, has been selected as the WL-S recipient of the 2012 Honda-OSU Math Medal Award.
- Congratulations to Homecoming King, Micheal Mack, and Queen, Felissa King.
- Congratulations to September Seniors of the Month - Cole Upton and Felissa King.
- Felissa King has had an unbelievable month. In addition to Senior of the Month and Homecoming Queen:
  - Felissa is the only WLS senior to be named a Commended Student in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.
  - Felissa has been selected as a Better Business Bureau's Center for Character Ethics Student of Integrity Scholarship award winner.

### Overnight Trips

Dec. 15-21, 2011	HS Band Trip to Florida
April 25-27, 2012	Senior New York City Trip
May 2-4, 2012	8 <sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, DC (w/stop in Gettysburg)
May 23-25	7 <sup>th</sup> grade trip to Chicago
May 24-25	6 <sup>th</sup> grade trip to Kirkmont Outdoor Educational Center

### Days Off and Delays

Be sure these upcoming days are on your calendar!

- Monday, Oct. 10th No School for Students
- Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> No School Students & Staff
- Wednesday, Nov. 16 2-Hr Delay for Students

### After-School Hallway Loitering

Attention students and parents: Students are not to remain at school after 2:38 unless they are under the supervision of an adult. Students have until 2:50 to get to their activity. Any unsupervised student still in the hallways after 2:50 will receive a detention and be sent to the office to call for a ride.