

DAILY BULLETIN

Williamsville Junior High

"Home of the Bee Bees"

December 18, 2012

Lunch News

Tuesday: Loose Tacos

Wednesday: Chicken Nuggets

Thursday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Friday: Cheese French Bread Pizza

Miscellaneous

Friday, December 21: All students and staff are invited to wear holiday attire on Friday, December 21. We will have a morning assembly to celebrate the holiday season!

Holiday Break: School will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, December 21. Teachers and staff will return to school for a teacher's institute on Monday, January 7. Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

Library Fines: Please pay all library fines before Christmas break!!! Thank you!

After School Tutoring: There will be no tutoring this week or our first week back after break. Tutoring will resume on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

Fine Arts News

Chorus: The concert is tonight. Sixth grade students need to be at the Junior High at 6:45 - meet in the band room. Seventh and eighth grade students need to be at school by 6:30, meet in the choir room.

Sports News

| Date/Time | Event | Tickets | Board | Book | Parent Supervision | Student Workers |
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| January 7 6:00 p.m. | VB (7 & 8) | M. Hibbs | D. McQuality | J. Thomas | Mrs. Beaver | M. Mealwitz, S. O'Conner, L. Halford, D. Higginbotham |
| January 8 5:00 p.m. | VB (6, 7 & 8) | M. Hibbs | D. McQuality | G. McCall | Mrs. Rockford | C. Powell, B. Marsh, S. Tisckos |
| January 10 6:00 p.m. | BBB (6 th Grade) | J. Buttry | S. Henderson | J. Thomas | | B. Chestnut, J. Kienzler, M. Martin, J. Ishmael |

7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Players: Reminding you that Happy Ads for the Sangamon County Boys Basketball Tournament are due to your coaches TOMORROW. Don't miss out!

IESA Scholar Attitude Award: Any 8th grade student that has participated in an IESA activity during their 7th and 8th grade year and would like information about this award please meet with Mr. Fandel today in the cafeteria during wrap-up.

Parents of WJHS students,

In the wake of the tragedy that has taken place in Newtown, Connecticut and Sandy Hook Elementary School, I want you and your child/children to know that our staff at WJHS is committed to making your student(s) feel safe, loved, and cared for in so many ways beyond the normal obligations of an educational facility.

As a parent of students within this school district myself, I send my 6 year old twins, Blake and Isabelle, to Sherman Elementary School each day. On most days in this fast paced world we live in, I take for granted the importance of the bus driver, the office staff, the administration, the teachers, the custodians and cooks, and so on who supervise and watch over Blake and Isabelle each day.

Not any longer do I take this for granted.

I can't help feeling extremely thankful, fortunate, and blessed for the job they do each day providing a quality experience for my children and then getting them home to me safely. As a parent, I send my children off to someone else (school, daycare, etc.) each day I go to work. As I send them off, I can only hope and pray they return to me safely. I place trust in those that are in charge of them from that moment forward, until the time they return home to me.

I guess I could quit my job, home school them, and watch over them daily. That's just not practical, we wouldn't have enough money to make ends meet. That's the state of this modern world we live in. I'm sure most of you are in the same position as myself.

Each day, you send your children to WJHS. When reality hits us like it did Friday, you begin to hope and pray that your children are safe and secure, and brought home safely just as I do with my children. You begin to ask yourself, "how much do I trust our community, school, and beyond?"

My answer to your question is that our school and district are one piece of a large puzzle that is doing everything we can to help raise your hopes, alleviate your fears, and establish a line of confidence and trust between home and school that your children are safe and receiving a wonderful experience while being a student at WJHS.

We don't come to work every day. We don't just show up for a job.

We wake up knowing we have a big responsibility each day, and it is our goal to make a positive difference in our students lives.

Please know that your children are safe and loved by our staff.

To start our day on Monday, I made it a point to let our students know just that. I hope this provides some comfort for both the students and the families at home. I know I feel good about my twins, Blake and Isabelle, attending SES. Mrs. Lindsey and the staff are committed and caring.

Visit the district website for information on dealing with children after a tragedy.

<http://www.wcusd15.org/>

In conjunction with Sherman Elementary School, monetary donations are being accepted this week to be sent to the families, children, and school of Newtown, Connecticut that were affected by the tragic events of last Friday. We can only imagine what this community is going through during this Holiday season.

Thank you for all your support and making this a wonderful school district to work in and a great community to raise a family in. If for any reason, our office staff my delay in letting an individual in through the front door, ask a few questions out of the norm, or ask for administrative assistance in letting someone in the building, please do not become frustrated, but know we are doing what we feel is best for the children.

Sincerely,

Clay Shoufler, Principal and the WJHS Staff

HAVE A GREAT DAY!!!

