



Western High School

WELCOME BACK!!

September 2018

Dear Western High School Families and Community,

As principal of BCW it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope you are enjoyed our wonderful Michigan summer ! We are recharged and ready for what is sure to be another great year at Western! Our staff is ready for the energy and excitement our students bring on a daily basis. We continue to be proud of our Warriors both in and outside the classroom. It is with great pride and gratitude for our students, staff and family that I share with you that Western High School once again has the highest SAT scores in the county. This takes hard work and dedication from all! We are ready to continue to provide top quality education to all Warriors!

Thanks and I look forward to the 2018-2019 school year!

Judy Cox, Principal

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES!

October 8th	All conferences
November 12th	are from 4pm
March 5th	to 6:30pm
April 23rd	

2018/19 Schedule

Below is the daily schedule for the 2018-2019 school year. As we move to semesters and 6 classes we will also be moving to one lunch for all students. This will allow our students to fully attend all classes including the Career Center and will minimize disruptions to instruction that two lunches created.

Daily Schedule

1st hour 7:33-8:31
2nd hour 8:36-9:33
3rd hour 9:38-10:35
10:35-11:05 LUNCH for all students
4th hour 11:10-12:07
5th hour 12:12-1:09
6th hour 1:14-2:11

OUR
SCHEDULE!

Career Center Students

Morning career center students will be dismissed from the CC at 10:25am for arrival to 4th hour at BCW.
Afternoon career center students will be dismissed from BCW at 10:30am for an arrival to the Career Center at 12:00pm.

Daily Announcements will be read to students:

Mon, Wed & Fri during 2nd hour
Tues and Thurs during 4th hour

They are also available on our website: www.baycitywestern.com

PSAT Score Reports

We have received the hard copy of each student's PSAT score report. Each student that completed the assessment received their individual score report on the first day of school. This document will provide you as the parent an overview of how well they performed and what areas they may need to work on to ensure college and career ready scores on the SAT. If your student has not done so, I would encourage them to create a College Board account at studentscores.collegeboard.org. This will provide them with their full score report. Then create a Khan Academy account at satpractice.org and finally link the two accounts. When they are linked, your student will have access to free personalized SAT Khan academy resources to prepare for future tests such as the PSAT/NMSQT and the SAT. Testing will take place October 24, 2018 for 11th grade students.

If you have any questions regarding interpreting the scores or need any assistance, please contact your student's counselor.



Student meal prices for the 2018/19 school year

High School Prices:

Breakfast - full pay \$1.95

Lunch - full pay \$2.85

Breakfast - reduced are FREE

Lunch - reduced are FREE

Didn't have time to eat breakfast before you left for school this morning? Come on down to the cafeteria! Sit with your friends in the cafeteria, eat breakfast and get your day off to a great start! Breakfast is available each morning prior to the school bell ringing. You must have money with you or money in your meal account. You cannot charge breakfast.

IMPORTANT - Families who qualified for free or reduced meals last school year are allowed to keep that status for the first 30 days of school. If an application is not received by the 30 day cutoff, the student will go to a full pay status and he or she will have to pay for those meals. Family Meal Applications will be available in the buildings and on-line at bcschools.net. A copy of the form was also posted on Skyward and emailed home on 8/31/18.



SENIOR/COLLEGE INFORMATION ASSISTANCE

Hello parents of WHS seniors. My name is John Folsom and I am excited to be working with the seniors as they prepare for college. This is an exciting year for your student as they complete their high school careers and transition to the next chapter of their lives. For many, that includes the possibility of furthering their education at a college or university; others will continue their training as an apprentice or in a trade school, while some will join a branch of the armed forces. Whatever the career path, I am here to help students achieve their goals.

As many students prepare for college, we are offering assistance in FAFSA completion, college applications, and scholarship applications through the Bay Area Community Foundation. We will begin this process with a brief student survey in September followed by a parent FAFSA informational event in October. Be on the lookout for more details. We will also have a college advisor at WHS every Thursday starting Jan 20th. The advisor will be available to answer student questions. If you or your student has any questions, please do not hesitate to call. You can contact me by e-mail at folsomj@bcschools.net) or by phone at 989-662-4481, select option #3 from the menu.



COLLEGE NIGHTS!!

College informational meetings have been scheduled for this fall as follows:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
September 25, Tuesday	College Night @ Northwood University	6:00pm—7:30pm
October 8, Monday	College Night @ Western High School	5:00pm—7:30pm

SENIORS

Joe Fox, a representative of Herff Jones, will be conducting a senior meeting on October 2nd from 11:15-noon in the auditorium. The meeting will focus on ordering information for caps & gowns, graduation announcements and other relative materials. He will be back to collect orders on October 11th from 7am-noon.



Homecoming

Homecoming is September 28th. The annual Homecoming parade will begin at 5:30pm. The Warriors take on Bangor John Glenn with a 7:00pm kick off!!!! Homecoming festivities will conclude with the Homecoming dance at Western High School on September 29th from 8 - 11 pm. Tickets go on sale Monday, September 17th for \$10 each.



Juniors: Get yourselves ready for NHS eligibility now!!!

Any WHS Junior maintaining a minimum 3.50 GPA and 32 hours of recorded volunteer service earns initial consideration for membership in the Aesthetikos Chapter of the National Honor Society at Western High School. Also any WHS Senior who applied and was not accepted in their Junior year, or raised their GPA to the 3.50 minimum, will also receive a letter of invitation. National Honor Society is a voluntary organization in which students commit to service activities within in the community. Previously, we have coordinated blood drives, held dodge ball tournaments to raise money for the Auburn Food Pantry, cleaned up our highways, tutored Western Middle School students, and assisted peers in Math and Science and we have even made visits to local Assisted Living Communities to build relationships with our golden aged friends. All NHS members complete an additional 8-10 hours of service their senior year of membership.

By February 1st of a student's junior year, those wishing to be considered for NHS must have at the very minimum 32 volunteer service hours on file with WHS. In early March a letter inviting Warriors with a qualifying grade point and qualifications will be sent home. Directions on how to fill out the eligibility form, along with information on how teacher ratings in the areas of character and leadership will be included. Final selection and notification will be made by early April. Please be aware, eligible Junior students choosing not to seek membership their Junior year are not eligible for consideration the following year.

Also, parents and students please be aware. Any emails or letters inviting you to join an honor society coming from a business entitled National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) is just that, a business opportunity. The Aesthetikos Chapter of the National Honor Society at Western High School is a nationally recognized chapter with in the NHS and is a non-profit organization.



News From the Music Department

The fall Choir Concert is scheduled for Monday, October 22nd at 7pm in Western's Bryant Auditorium. This performance is free to the public and will feature great singing by our middle and high school choirs. Come and see the debut of our new Select Choir uniforms!



The Western High School Booster Club as a Facebook page!!

Please visit our new Facebook page for details explaining what the Booster Club is all about at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Bay-City-Western-Booster-Club-1837802479849782/>

Upcoming events sponsored by the WHS Booster Club:

Tuesday September 18th 7:00 pm Warrior Room

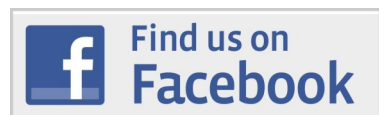
Tuesday October 16th 7:00 pm Warrior Room

Tuesday November 20th 7:00 pm Warrior Room

Fall Bazaar on Saturday October 6th 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bay City Western Commons Area

Contact person for bazaar information—Lisa Manwell, 989-615-0842



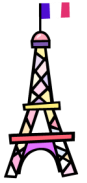
Industrial Arts Department News

Western High School's Small Engines class is in need of old junk small engines like those on a push lawnmower to be donated. The worse shape the better! Our motto in Small Engines is... "Learn as much about small engines as you can, because they provide you with a lot of fun and frustration!" We are also looking for old vehicles to be donated to our Basic Car Care class. It doesn't need to be road worthy, but we would like it to run. Please contact Mike Austin at austinm@bcschools.net or Rich Uhlmann at uhlmann@bcschools.net in the Industrial Arts and Technology Department if you have one to drop off!



FRENCH-AMERICAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

I am happy to announce that Western High School will be participating in a **French Exchange Program** this year! Your child will be able to participate in the **"Back-to-Back"** program, the **"Host Only"** or the **"Travel Only."**



"Back-to-Back" is when your child is matched with a French student who comes and stays for two (2) weeks and stays in your home. Then your child will travel to France and stay with the family of their exchange student for two (2) weeks. We will be travelling after school ends on June 7, 2019. The cost for your child to participate as a **"Back-to-Back"** would be approximately **\$2,700**, which includes airfare, housing, meals, entry fees, and insurance. Additional spending money would be for any souvenirs.

"Host Only" is when you would host the French student in your home for the two (2) weeks, but your child would *not* travel. The cost for your child to participate as a **"host only"** would be \$150.

"Travel Only" is when your child will travel to France for two (2) weeks, but you will not host a student in your home. The **"Travel Only"** student will be paired with a **"Host Only"** student to give the French student a full "back-to-back" experience. The cost for **"Travel Only"** will be approximately **\$2,700**.

Priority for participation will be for those who participates as a **"Back-to-Back"** participant. However, if there are not enough interested, openings will go to those who wanted to **"host only"** and **"travel only."** The forms are on my "Google Classroom" and you need to use class code **izaffu** to access the application forms. Please select either "Back-to-Back" or the "Host Only" forms.

If this is something you would be interested in, please complete the form and return to me via *Google Classroom* or to me at Western High School. If you have any questions, you can contact me at fallb@bcschools.net or (989) 233-0234.

Madame Fall

Happenings in Physical/Health Education and Family Consumer Science- A New School Year, a New You!

Welcome back! We are off to a great start this year in our classes. We offer a variety of classes in our department. Be sure to check them out in our curriculum guide.

Our staff consists of: Mrs. Piotrowski who graduated from CMU and is starting her 38th year teaching Family Consumer Science classes; Mrs. Heller who graduated from SVSU and is starting her 20th year teaching PE/Health classes; and Mr. Zieroff who graduated from SVSU and is starting his 18th year teaching PE/Health classes.

Did you know kids today need 60 minutes of moderate-vigorous aerobic activity per day? They also need 3 days a week of muscle, bone, and vigorous aerobic activity. Taking a Physical Education class will ensure your child is meeting that recommendation!

Did you know adults need activity too? 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity per week. Plus 2 days of muscle strengthening activity per week. Unfortunately as we age, inactive adults can lose up to 3-5% of their muscle mass each decade after the age of 30!!

We challenge you to get active as a family!! Find fun activities that get the whole family up and moving. Bike rides, walking, games in the back yard, doing chores that require physical activity, or even active video games such as Wii or Xbox Kinect. Don't forget to refuel your body with healthy snacks like fresh fruits and veggies. Not to mention, lots of water!!

We look forward to working with your children this year and please don't hesitate to contact us anytime with questions or comments!

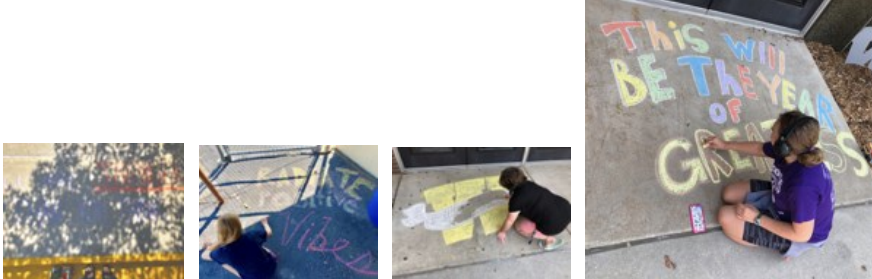
WHS Physical Education/Health and Family Consumer Science Departments



Art Room News

Greetings!

We are off to a Creative and Positive beginning of our school year! We want to send a HUGE thank you to the members of the Art Club and the Leo Club that came out before school began to create some inspirational messages to greet our wonderful students and staff back to school. While the rain had other plans for opening day, they were enjoyed by many at the orientations and football game. Thank you for your time and energy!



Art Club will meet most weeks on Thursdays. Please listen to the announcements for a reminder.



Art 2 students created painted rocks that they have hid around school to bring a message of positive encouragement for those that find them!

Please follow the incredible Art students work and progress on FaceBook and Instagram at WHSARTWORKS.

The WHS ART club will be having the second annual Art Sale! Please stay tuned for the date and time! This was a very popular sale last year! The money raised from the sale benefits both the student artists and the art department.

Yours in Art

Mr. Piotrowski

The Spirit of Continuing to Give

Western is proud to continue the spirit of volunteering and giving back to our community. WHS will be holding fundraisers and supporting our community in various ways throughout the first semester.

More specifically, Mrs. Riffel's Leadership class, will be concentrating on our food drive to serve our Auburn families in need, adopting local families for the holiday season, tutoring Auburn Elementary students, and visiting our elderly Plainview neighbors.

If you are interested in making a donation to our various activities please make a check payable to WHS Leadership Class. Money may be dropped off in the main office or sent by mail to 500 W. Midland Road, Auburn, MI 48611. Donations for the upcoming food drive may be sent with your student in early November, please stay tuned for dates and details.

The students and staff thank you in advance for any future donations. Questions may be sent to riffela@bcschools.net.

"Be kind, everyone you meet is fighting a difficult battle."

Warrior Athletic Apparel Now Available!

Check out below some of our Warrior apparel items for sale now! You can purchase these at our home games or in the school Corner Store! We have t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, ladies apparel, and more! Stop in today!

\$20



\$10



\$12



\$20



\$10



WARRIOR FIGHT SONG!

WESTERN HIGH, HOME OF THE MIGHTY
WARRIORS, BRAVE AND BOLD AND TRUE
WESTERN HIGH, FIGHT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT,
WE'RE HERE TO CHEER FOR YOU!
WE STAND TALL, WHEN WE MEET OUR FOE
WE WIN BECAUSE WE TRY!
VICTORY'S IN SIGHT, KEEP UP THE FIGHT, AND
SOUND THE WARRIOR CRY!
CURAHEE! GO WESTERN! W-E-S-T-E-R-N!