

West Point Middle School

Monday, May 1st, 2017

Dear West Point Families,

We are down to our last full month of the 2016-2017 school year. Even though we are starting the month of May, we still have a lot of work to accomplish over the next few weeks. I hope you have found these newsletters beneficial and that the information is a worthwhile use of your time.

- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is being recognized this week May (1st-5th). All of our teachers do a tremendous job providing an environment conducive to learning while designing and implementing engaging lessons for our students. While we appreciate all of their time and efforts throughout the year, this is a great opportunity to remind them that their work does not go unnoticed.
- WPHS/WPMS Community Day Open House
 - Our first Community Day Open House was a success on April 7th. I appreciate all of you that were able to make it, and we are hoping to make next year bigger and better.
- SOL Testing
 - SOL testing will begin during the week of May 15th. A full schedule has been added to the website. Remediation and preparation efforts are in full effect during 8th period, so please encourage your child to stay and get that extra bit of assistance leading up to the test. Students should get plenty of rest prior to the test, along with a good breakfast. The specific dates are listed below under the upcoming dates of importance.
- End of Year Survey
 - In an effort to improve our overall school practices, we will be conducting parent, teacher, and student surveys. I would love to get your feedback, especially with it being my first year in West Point. The link to the parent survey is:
https://viriniatech.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_00FFxNxuYZAGMXH
- 8th Grade Ceremony Celebration
 - Our 8th grade ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the WPHS/WPMS Auditorium. Although it will be a brief ceremony, it will provide an

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opportunity to reminisce about their school journey and take a class picture. We are also organizing the 8th grade celebration to be held during the school day, as opposed to at night following the ceremony. As Mrs. Britt and I have more concrete details, we will share them with the 8th grade students and parents.

- End of Year Awards Ceremony
 - Please join us on Wednesday, June 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium for our 2016-2017 Academic Awards Ceremony. At this time we will recognize some of the outstanding achievements accomplished by our students.
- Rising 6th grade parent night
 - We will hold a rising 6th grade parent night on Wednesday, June 14th. This will coincide with the 5th grade celebration dinner, and provide me an opportunity to give some insight into middle school life for our rising 6th grade parents. The parent session will be held at 6:15 p.m. in the WPHS/WPMS auditorium.
- Rising 9th grade parent night
 - The 8th graders are getting ready to move on down the hall. This night will provide Mr. Dorsey and his high school staff an opportunity to share details of 9th grade with parents. The session will be held in the auditorium at 6:00 p.m.
- Promotion requirements
 - The West Point Public Schools criteria for promotion in grades 6-8 require a student to have passing grades in Math and Language Arts in addition to earning passing grades in two of the following: Science, Social Studies, Physical Education. As the end of the school year approaches, your child's academic performance will be reviewed for progress towards promotion and for achievement on the Standards of Learning tests held in May.
- PTO May newsletter (see attached)
 - They are looking for a new PTO President for the 2017-2018 school year. Please reach out to a current PTO Board Member if you are interested in that position.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming dates of importance:

May 1st	Start of NHS Spring Food Drive
May 1st-5th	TEACHER AND INTERVENTIONIST APPRECIATION WEEK
May 10th	National School Nurse Day
May 11th	Progress Reports Go Home
May 12th	Early Release at 11:15 (Professional Development)
May 17th	Earth Science SOL (some 8th grade students)
May 18th	Reading 6 SOL
May 18th	World History I SOL (grade 8)
May 19th	Algebra I SOL
May 22nd	Civics SOL (grade 7)
May 22nd	Rising 9th grade parent night at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium
May 23rd	Reading 8 SOL
May 24th	Reading 7 SOL
May 25th	Geometry SOL
May 25th	Math 6 SOL
May 25th	Math 8 SOL (Pre-Algebra)
May 26th-30th	No School
May 31st	VFW Memorial Day Ceremony
June 1st	Math 7 SOL
June 2nd	Science 8 SOL
June 2nd	Elementary School Carnival
June 6th-9th	SOL Expedited Retakes
June 7th	Middle School Awards Ceremony at 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium
June 9th	1st period exam; regular school day
June 12th	2nd and 3rd period exams; early dismissal at 12:10
June 13th	4th and 5th period exams; early dismissal at 12:10
June 14th	6th and 7th period exams; early dismissal at 12:10
June 14th	Rising 6th grade parent night; 5th grade celebration dinner
June 15th	Last day of school; exam make-up day

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