



# Western Middle School

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## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

### CONGRATULATIONS

A special congratulations goes out to Adrianna Geno who received the Just For Kids Award for her continual determination to make all students at Western Middle School feel welcome and supported. Adrianna has helped start a LINKS program to support students with Autism, created a service announcement on Utube, put on a spaghetti dinner to raise money for autism, and is currently planning a run/walk to support Autism. Keep up the good work Adrianna.

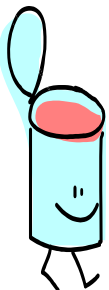
Congratulations to the following students who are the winners of the Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest. Brianna Ricker (3rd Place), Veronica Vandenberg (2nd Place), and Roslyn Ueberroth (1st place) will receive a savings bond along with their posters hung at the Wirt Library. Roslyn Ueberroth was also chosen as the OVERALL winner, against all of the first place winners, and she will receive an additional \$100.00 Savings Bond! Her poster will represent our region in the Peace Poster Contest!

Our Halloween Dance was a great success once again. The students behaviors, manners, and Halloween spirit was OUTSTANDING.

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## CANNED FOOD DRIVE



Our annual canned food drive will be held November 9—18. All non-perishable items will be accepted.

Competition will take place between the three grades with a “growth thermometer” measuring which grade leads in the number of items brought in.

Food will be given to the Auburn Food Pantry this year and distributed to the needy in our community to help make their holidays happier.

Please encourage your children to help with this worthy cause.



### Important Dates to Remember

**November 9**  
Canned Food Drive Begins

**November 18**  
Canned Food Drive Ends

**November 18**  
Fundraiser Assembly

**November 23**  
No School

**November 28**  
Return to school

## EDLINE

EDLINE... It is currently listed on our web page at [bcpswesternmiddle.com](http://bcpswesternmiddle.com). This web link is a direct line to your student's grades and assignments in order to help them be successful in the education process. Your user I.D.'s are available from Ms. Ford, WMS Administrator Assistant at 662-0418. Ms. Ford will send your User I. D. and the step by step process to register for this program.

**November 2011**

**Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Friends of Bay City Public Schools,**

For the fourth year in a row, our Hampton Elementary staff and students are participating in a **French-American Cultural Exchange Program**. This opportunity includes hosting French students as well as travel abroad for our students. It's a wonderful opportunity for District families for cultural enrichment. District families with 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are interesting in hosting should contact Madam Fall at [fallb@bcschools.net](mailto:fallb@bcschools.net) or 893-1100 (Hampton School). 5<sup>th</sup> graders would have the option of traveling to France in May 2012 for 2-3 weeks.

**Joe Ricard**, PE teacher (MacGregor, Kolb and McAlear) and Central High School Boys' Tennis Coach, was named the **Saginaw Valley League Coach of the Year in Boys Tennis!** Congratulations, Mr. Ricard!

We have many interesting events occurring across the district. Please be sure to visit your child's school website as well as our district website ([www.bcschools.net](http://www.bcschools.net)), where school links and our district calendar link can be found.

If you're interested in volunteering in your child's school, please visit the school office for a district volunteer application or you can download one from the district website at "Quick Program Finder." There are many opportunities available to participate in your child's education. All that you do to support the learning process in your child's life will provide a positive impact.

I want to wish you and your family a safe and happy Thanksgiving and thank you for your continued support of your children's education.

**Sincerely,**

**Douglas L. Newcombe**  
**Superintendent**

Resources available which may be of assistance to your children:

**Opportunity Connection Website**: offers a variety of learning opportunities for students, teachers, and businesses. You may visit their website at [www.opportunityconnection.net](http://www.opportunityconnection.net).

**Imagination Library**: This is a FREE book a month program for ANY child (age birth to 5) living in Bay or Arenac Counties. Visit [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com)

## After School Activities



We have after-school activities from approximately 2:23—3:00 p.m. Late buses are available for participants. These activities are announced during daily announcements. The Art Club is currently under way. All activities are supervised by WMS teachers. All clubs will be run throughout most of the school year on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There are no clubs held on Friday. We will have many other activities as the year progresses!



## Late Buses & Other News

We will have late buses this year. The buses will connect with our feeder elementary buses and deliver students from the elementary runs. Students are not allowed to stay after unless they have a specific reason for doing so — meeting with a teacher, detention, Academic Track practice, etc.

Late buses leave at 3:00 p.m.

**Remember to excuse your child's absence by calling 662-0184.**

Western Middle School is a closed campus. Students are not to leave the school grounds once they have arrived at school.

Students going home with another student must have a written note from a parent and have it signed by an administrator.



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thank you for making our Fall Parent- Teacher Conferences a Success. Your participation in your students education is always appreciated.

## Textbooks



Your child is expected to take care of his/her assigned textbooks. Teachers and students have agreed on the condition of books when assigned. If a book is lost or damaged, your child will be assessed a fine.

**Please have your child cover his/her book to help protect the textbook from damage.**

One planner is a gift to all students, thanks to our fundraisers. This is a great communication tool for parents, teachers and students. Please check your students planners daily. If your child loses their planner, it can be replaced in the Counseling Office for \$5.00. See Mrs. Sweebe.

## Electronic Devices



As a reminder, use of any electronic device during the school day is against WMS rules. This includes cell phones, I-pods, MP3 players, video games, etc. This has become an extremely disruptive problem during the school day. Students are discouraged from bringing these items to school. If they are in use during the day, they will be taken away from your student.



## FUNDRAISER

Kids love field trips. Kids love dances and after school activities. All these “extras” are paid by our fund raiser. The money earned from the fund raiser helps with field trips, calculators, and helps support our many activities that are offered. Free booklets are given to students who sold seven books or more.

We are in need of Meijer plastic bags. Please send them w/your child to turn in to the Main office.

**Great Job Western Middle School Students!**

*Thank you for Participating  
in our School*



# Fall



## COMING EVENTS NOVEMBER 2011

## PLANNING AHEAD

WED.	NOV. 9	CAN FOOD DRIVE NOV. 9 <sup>TH</sup> THROUGH NOV. 18 <sup>TH</sup>
FRI.	NOV. 18	FUNDRAISER ASSEMBLY ( R ) 6 <sup>TH</sup> GR. 9:00 AM 7 <sup>TH</sup> GR. 7:45 AM 8 <sup>TH</sup> GR. 10:00 AM
WED.	NOV. 23	NO SCHOOL
THURS.	NOV. 24	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
FRI.	NOV. 25	NO SCHOOL
MON.	NOV. 28	RETURN TO SCHOOL

**Dec. 2**  
End of 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period  
Penny war Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> through Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

**Dec. 7**  
Can food drive begins  
Toys for tots (begin)

**Dec. 15**  
Holiday dance (dress up) commons ®  
6<sup>th</sup> grade – 4-5:15 pm /7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades 5:30-7:30 pm

**Dec. 16**  
Spirit day  
Awards assemblies

**Dec. 19-Jan 2**  
Christmas/holiday break

## Tutoring

Mrs. Seitz is available for tutoring 8th grade Spanish I on Wednesdays right after school, This is not a club just a tutoring session. There are no sign up sheets for these sessions.

### ATTENTION ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Tutoring will be offered after school every Tuesdays and Wednesdays. National Honor Society students from the high school will be able to assist students in any of the core subject areas. Tutoring will be held in Mr. Pennell’s room right after 6th hour. Students will need to make arrangements to be picked up or take the late bus home.

## School Closings and Delays

As the weather continues to change, please keep the following in mind: In a school delay, it is just that. School starts exactly 2 hours later than our regular starting time of 7:34 AM. That means all bus pick-up times are 2 hours later than normal, too. On days when it appears school may be delayed or closed, please listen to or watch your local TV and/or radio stations for announcements, or check our webpage at [www.bcschools.net](http://www.bcschools.net). The safety of our students is our major concern.



We're on the Web. Visit  
us at [www.bcschools.net](http://www.bcschools.net).  
Follow the "Our  
Schools" link.



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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS/ PHONE/EMERGENCY FORMS

It is very important that parents notify the school office of any changes in address, home, and work phone numbers, etc. When we have emergencies, it is important that we have the correct information to reach a parent as soon as possible.

If you have had any changes on your emergency/profile sheet, please contact Mrs. Sweebe at 662-0416 to provide the updated information.

Updates will be sent to you via Edline. If you would like to receive updates by e-mail please make sure you have set up your e-mail settings to receive e-mail messages through your Edline account. If you need assistance with this please contact Ms. Ford at [fordc@bcschools.net](mailto:fordc@bcschools.net).

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Our goal is to have all of our students in class, learning every day. When it is necessary for a child to miss school for any reason, it is the parent's responsibility to call the Attendance Office at **662-0416** **within 24 hours** to excuse the absence.

*November 6, 2011*



*Don't Forget!*

### HOMEWORK POLICY

If your child is absent for a day or two, he/she should contact their teachers upon returning to school to obtain assignments. For absences more than two days, parents may call the school and request assignments that may be worked on prior to the student returning. Please request your student's homework at least 24 hours in advance.

