



November 2010

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Dear Parents,

November is fast approaching and our students are making great strides. As we move into the second quarter of the school year, I am pleased to report that a very positive atmosphere is evident throughout our school. Our students are actively engaged in community service projects, extra-curricular activities and in their education. Our PTSA and Alumni continue to contribute to the school by recognizing and supporting our students and staff.

We recently tested students in the areas of Math, Reading, and Writing. These tests will determine whether or not your student will successfully complete the High School Education requirements and graduate with a High School diploma. If your student is in the 12th grade he/she has one more opportunity to take this exam in the spring of 2011. Please be sure to contact your student's counselor if you have concerns regarding your student's graduation requirements.

This is the point of the school year when many of our fall extra-curricular activities are coming to an end. As a reminder, we are signing up students for our winter activities. Congratulations to everyone associated with our Tennis program. We experienced an outstanding year by winning the Conference Championship. Our players showed a lot of heart and character throughout the season. Our Boys and Girls Cross-Country Runners both placed strong in the Region meet and represented West High with an outstanding performance at the State Championship. Our Girls Flag football team represented us with pride this year with another outstanding season. I would encourage any young lady to come out and get involved. Our Boys Football team continues to grow in size and in spirit. This year we fielded teams at the Varsity, Junior Varsity and C Team levels. Our team continues to grow in both numbers and experience. This year our football team went undefeated and won the conference championship for the second year under Coach Davis. The Varsity football team was able to complete the perfect season by going undefeated all season and winning our first STATE CHAMPIONSHIP in school history since ASAA. Our Volleyball, Swimming and Diving, Rifle and Gymnastics teams have been highly successful thus far and we wish them continual success for the region and state competitions. We are proud of all of our student athletes and encourage our student body, parents and members of the community to come out and support our students in their competitions.

We are now working on preparations for Parent-Teacher Conferences. These conferences are scheduled so that you can meet with your student's teachers and discuss briefly the progress of your student. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. This year, conferences will be held in the Library of West High on Thursday, October 28th between the hours of 11:45am – 2:30 pm and 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

Please do enjoy the Thanksgiving break, involve yourself in the education of your children, attend functions at West, and feel free to visit anytime. I hope to see you all on the 28th.

Rick Stone
Principal

JROTC AK-033

Wow! It has been a busy month! We are still doing Friday Morning clean-ups every Friday at 6:30. Until the snow flies! Every week the school looks better and better. Approximately ten cadets show up each week.

The Beans Café Food Drive is going on right now, with Cadets Moss and McMillan as the crew chiefs. It started October 4th and will continue until November 18th. Our goal this year is 5000 cans, so far we have over 1000, with Delta Flight in the lead with 200+ cans and a cadet/can ratio of 11.47. Pizza party to the flight that brings in the most cans and has the highest cadet/can ration.



Fright Night is from October 25th through the 31st. Fro set up, we had approximately ten cadets show up. This year it will be at the old Wells Fargo behind Borders Books on Dimond. See you there!

Cadets Burns and Hyde are in charge of our “Annual 2010 West High Air Force JROTC Multi-Cultural Thanksgiving Feed” this year on November 23rd. It is planned to be a potluck, so make sure you bring some food that morning. This feed is Cadets only, Instructors and Special Guests



at West as an appreciation for all their support.

The 2010 Corps Holiday Reception is on December 10th and being run by Cadet Huck. It's coming around the corner quick, so be ready. We promise that it will be a blast! It is a dance we hold annually like a AFJROTC Snowball Dance. We give out superlatives for things like Best Friends, Cutest Couple, Loudest, and Most Annoying, so get your votes ready!

The 2010 Cadet Christmas Feed is on December 14th and it will be another potluck style. So, bring as much food as you can. It's a great time to get together with other cadets in the Corps to celebrate the holidays.

Water Survival was a “great” success. We took 33 cadets, sponsored by the Army National Guard. We went to the Fort Richardson Gym pool and swam around and learned to survive in water...even while wearing BDUs.

The Annual Chalet Picnic took place at the Six Mile Chalet on base. It was a picnic style event we hold annually for new cadets to make friends with older cadets and have fun. We played football, volleyball, launched rockets, and even had some great music. Overall is was a fantastic success.

We were honored to be asked to perform our “Big Flag Ceremony” for the Alaska State Championship Football Game. It was a great success much like our undefeated state championship football team... Go EAGLES!

For any additional information please call Major Dove or Chief Pickel at 742-2533.



Counseling Corner



Any senior, who expects to graduate at the end of semester one, December 2010, must complete a midyear graduation form. The paperwork can be obtained from his/her counselor.

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Seniors check your college applications deadlines. If you have applications due December 30, January 1, or January 15, you will need to give those applications to your counselor by December 1, 2010.

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Seniors are advised to complete their college entrance tests no later than January. Registration can be completed by application (available in the CRC) or online at www.collegeboard.com for SAT and www.ACT.org for the ACT. Juniors are encouraged to take the SAT and ACT in the spring and again in the fall of their senior year. Some schools require SAT II subject tests as well. The College Board recommends that students take subject tests after completing the related high school course.

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Attention seniors and juniors! The Accuplacer will be given November 16th at West High in the Alaska Computer Lab directly after school. If you plan to attend UAA, this is a test used for college placement and is offered FREE of charge. Seating is limited. Students sign-up now with Mrs. Wilson in counseling or Mrs. Rutz in the CRC.

Seniors can order official transcripts online at
www.asdk12.org

Click on “transcripts” in the right column and follow the prompts. When you receive notification that your request has been processed, please pick up the transcript(s) at the Registrar’s Office located in the Counseling Center. Students can request an unofficial transcript from their counselor.



Happy Thanksgiving

**From the
Counseling Department**

ASVAB testing on Wednesday, November 17 (7:30am - 10:30am) for 10th-12th grade. Free. Sign up with Mrs. Rutz in the CRC.

Seniors: November and December are big months to work on college applications, get your letters of recommendations requested and request your PIN numbers for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> (it is a FREE service). Be sure and check the college(s) of your choice for their application deadline. November 30 is the deadline for all University of California colleges. Some other colleges have moved their application date up from last year due to an overload of applications being received.

A good time to apply to UAA/UAF/UAS is the end of November or the start of December. Watch for UAA days to help with applications. February 15 is the deadline for application, completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the scholarship online application.

Assessment and Career Readiness Day Thursday, October 28th

All **sophomores** will be taking the **PLAN** test. This test helps 10th grade students explore career opportunities available to them and highlights what their skill strengths and interests are. The interpretation also assists them in planning for the remainder of their high school careers.

Juniors will be taking **Work Keys**, which is a job skills assessment system measuring real world skills that employers believe are critical to job success. More and more employers are using this assessment as a hiring tool.

Seniors will also have an opportunity to sign up to take **Work Keys** in January.

Freshmen will spend the morning learning about different King Career Center opportunities and listening to guest speakers.

Seniors will be meeting in the Auditorium and will learn about postsecondary and independent living skills. There will also be a presentation by Jostens and seniors will be given information about caps and gowns and other important senior news.

Attendance will be taken at all sessions.

Parent Conferences Oct 28th 11:45 to 2:30 and 4:00-7:00pm

Zangle News

Both parents/guardians and students have 24 hour access to grades and attendance on the on line program called Zangle. If you do not have a password or need help accessing the program contact the Counseling office for help.

New Semester

The first semester will end December 16th. The second semester will begin on January 3rd. All students will get a second semester class schedule sometime in November or December.

Activities Corner
Tina Johnson-Harris
Assistant Principal



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WEST ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM – 2010 REGION AND STATE CHAMPIONS!

GO EAGLES!

This has been an awesome fall season of sports. West High athletes are the best. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and commitment to excellence. West High coaches are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to helping develop and foster the athletic talents of our students. The school has received the following rankings in Region and State Competitions for Varsity:

Football	1 st Region IV	1 st State
Flag Football	5 th Region IV	
Tennis	1 st Region IV	3 rd State
Cross Country Running	2 nd Region IV	3 rd State Girls
	5 th Region IV	Boys

Our Cross Country Running team has been ranked in the top 20 teams in the Pacific Northwest as well.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ROCKS! The students of Student Government and Mrs. Fairbanks have been busy this quarter. They have done a great job planning and organizing West's school-wide events. Thank you for all that you do and keep up the good work!

What is required to participate in a sport?

- 1. Completed participation form.**
- 2. Current Physical not to expire during the season.**
- 3. Acknowledgment Form of the Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drug policy.**
- 4. Academic GPA of 2.0 and completed 5 classes the previous semester.**
- 5. \$165.00 Activities Fee per sport.**
- 6.**

Request for refunds may be submitted immediately after try-outs or within the first week of the sport. All requests must include a copy of your receipt.

Support the Eagles!



Corner

Shop the eScrip online mall! It's a portal to over 1,000 stores and likely includes some of your personal favorites, including Amazon, REI, eBay, Travelocity, Expedia, Williams-Sonoma and loads of apparel shops, including the ones that Teens like!

The PTSA will earn 2-16% of your shopping tally, depending on the merchant. These funds go directly to West programs.

All the prices and merchandise are from the store's normal website. All you have to do is initially check the box upon entering the mall that you are supporting West High PTSA, group number 6584743.

It's so easy to find from the PTSA home page at:
<http://www.asdk12.org/schools/west/pages/NewWest/Information/PTSA/PTSA.html>

Try it on your next mail-order – it is easy and you are helping West High at the same time.

WEST PTSA's eScrip

Number is 6584743

PTSA Memberships:

Did you miss us at Registration Days or Open House?

Did we let you walk by without signing up? Did you mean to join our active, vibrant, no-volunteer solicitation PTSA? Do you want to be on the mailing list?

Did you know that West High PTSA was voted the "most outstanding PTA" by the Anchorage Education Association? Did you know that West High PTSA has won awards for increased membership for three years in a row? Help us do it again this year by joining! To find out why we are such a vibrant high school PTA, come to one of our meetings!

Just go to the PTSA webpage at:

<http://www.asdk12.org/schools/west/pages/NewWest/Information/PTSA/PTSA.html>

Click on Membership. Fill out the form. Bring it into the main office in an envelope marked PTSA. Include a check for \$11 for each member. Advantages: all members have a vote at all meetings. Come hear Rick Stone, Principal, who is always positive about West High, talk about the superlatives that make West High unique. Stop by and find out why the last meeting had over 30 attendees. Our goal is to be out in 1 ½ hours (5:30 – 7).

Next PTSA meetings: Wednesday, November 17th, 5:30 in the Main Office Conference Room

Wednesday, December 8th, 5:30 in the Main Office Conference Room



Staff Services

Zangle Connect:

Again, this year is really flying by. With this in mind, I encourage parents/guardians to connect with our front office to access your Zangle Connect password if you haven't already. The new system is a valuable information tool you can use to monitor and work with your student in achieving success.

Attendance:

The attendance office has been mailing home probation letters as a measure to inform parents/guardians of possible jeopardy situations. A few withdrawal letters (no credit issued) have been issued only after working with teachers and counselors to retain a student. If you have received a probation letter, the attendance used does not include any medical absences.

In addition, all absence notifications need to be called in on the day of the absence(s). We also use the next twenty-four hour period to clear up unexcused absences if parent/guardians are unable to contact the attendance office when emergency situations arise.

Updates:

The main gym is hosting a new look (in progress). The new wall mats were installed several weeks ago and we are finished with the major re-painting project. New school logos for the other comprehensive high school will also be installed. You will find that West retained our original artwork/logo as it has significant meaning to our students and community. I don't want to give away any more surprises at this time. However, if you are passing by our main gym, please take a glimpse at the progress.

Our Art Department is in the process of renovating eight concrete benches that West has stored in our courtyards for many years. The benches have just completed state one (cleaning) and will be relocated to various open areas where our students can utilize them. The renovation process will be ongoing throughout the remainder of this semester and all work will be completed by our West Art Club/Department students.

Federal Impact Aid Forms

Federal Impact Aid Forms will be handed out to all third period students on Monday, October 25, 2010. Students will be bringing these forms home for parent/guardians to update with current information.

Students are being asked to return the Federal Impact Aid Forms on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 to their third period teachers. All changes will be entered into our student information system.

Staff and Student Recognition:

West Anchorage High School recognizes student Michael Reynold for his continued positive support of West students and staff. Michael was also an integral member of our State Football Championship team this year.

West also recognizes staff members Chemene Breiner and Becky Mason. Ms. Breiner manages our front office efficiently and always has positive ideas when problem solving. Her support for our student body and activities department is a significant plus for West.

Ms. Mason wears several hats at West. Besides her instructional hat, Ms. Mason is a volleyball coach and gym manager. Her working knowledge of event management is extremely important to the operations of our extra-curricular activities which serve our student body during school and after.



Craig T. Walker
Assistant Principal, Staff Services

October 4, 2010

Dear West Parents and Guardians, the Anchorage School District has now provided an easier method for administering the Activity and Athletic Interest Survey to your student(s) with reduced impact to their instructional time. This survey is now available on-line and accessible from home, work, internet cafe's, i-phone, etc.

The Activity and Athletic Interest Survey has a specific window of response time for your student(s) to access and complete. In addition, the Anchorage School District provides "review" access through this link, http://www.asdk12.org/depts/assess_eval/athlsurvey.asp. This provides you the opportunity to review the survey prior to your student(s) taking the survey.

This survey provides important information to us on how we can better serve our students and local West community. We encourage you to review this survey with your student(s) as well as encourage them to log on and complete this survey.

Specific Survey Information:

2010-11 Activity & Athletic Student Survey – Grades 4 - 12 only

The 2010 Activity & Athletic Student Survey is being done to provide schools with information about student interests in athletics. This is an annual survey implemented and analyzed jointly by the ASD departments of Equal Employment Opportunity, High School Education, Middle School Education, Elementary Education, and Assessment and Evaluation. This survey is a tool for understanding what interests our students have and how we can better serve their interests, while also meeting the federal requirements for Title IX. The survey will take place between October 11 and November 19 of 2010.

While this survey does not require parental permission, the vision for a new West Community school should, sincerely, reflect parent and student input. Again, please review this survey with your student(s) and encourage them to respond on-line.

The questions contained in the student questionnaire ask about student interest in activities and athletics.

Below is the web link to access the Activity & Athletic Interest Survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Activity1011>

The West High Dance Department
Presents:
The West Side of WhoVille!



A joyful Holiday Story that will bring the
child out in all of us!

Featuring Dance West dancers performing a
hullabaloo of Hip-Hop, Jazz, Ballet,
Lyrical, Break Dancing, and much more!

Appropriate for all ages!

**Friday and Saturday December 10th
& 11th, 2010 7pm**

In the West High Auditorium

Tickets will be \$8 (at the door, or bought from
dance students)

**Special Saturday Matinee: December
10th 3pm**

Tickets \$5

For questions, contact Lori Bradford via email @
bradford_lori@asdk12.org

**West Anchorage High School's
2010-2011
Theatre Season!**

“Hairspray”

Nov 11-13 Sat Matinee

"Get swept away to 1960's Baltimore, where the 50's are out -- and change is in the air. Loveable plus-size heroine, Tracy Turnblad, has a passion for dancing, and wins a spot on the local TV dance program, "The Corny Collins Show." Overnight she finds herself transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Can a larger-than-life adolescent manage to vanquish the program's reigning princess, integrate the television show, and find true love (singing and dancing all the while, of course!) without mussing her hair?" -MTI Shows

For Middle School and Older

Tickets \$8.00 Students \$10.00 Adults Children under five free.

“The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe”

Feb 3-5

Sat Matinee

The classic tale from C. S. Lewis. Aslan and the forces of good struggle against the White Witch to save Narnia from perpetual winter.

An ALL AGES production

One Acts

March 17-19

The student directed one acts are short plays directed and in some cases written by the advanced acting students, performed by the beginning acting students, and tech work is done by the play production class. These shows are short and lots of fun. Intended for high school and older audiences.

William Shakespeare's “Midsummer Night's Dream”

April 14-15

Magic, Love and Comedy unite in the Bard's romp through the forests of Athens. Come join us for a magical evening!

An ALL AGES production (but perhaps over the heads of younger audiences)

S.T.A.G.E. “ Studying Theatre and Getting Excited”

October 9 & January 22

Our high school theatre students lead classes and activities aimed at getting Elementary school students interested in theatre.

Session 1: 9:30 – 12:30 Session 2: 1:00 – 4:00

Half Day \$30.00 Whole Day \$50.00

S.T.A.G.E. “ Studying Theatre and Getting Excited”

March 26

Our high school theatre students lead classes and activities aimed at getting Middle School school students interested in theatre.

9:30 AM – 3:00 PM \$50.00

Haunted House

October 30th

Perfect Halloween fun for elementary age kids and their parents. This event has games, activities, and scary fun all in one indoor, safe, and family friendly environment.

Saturday 1pm-9pm

Entry \$3.00 per student (Elementary Students) Chaperones Free.

All performances are Thurs - Friday at 7:00 pm. Saturday Matinees are at 2:00 pm ONLY on indicated shows.

ALL tickets are \$6.00 Students \$8.00 Adults Children under five free unless otherwise noted



National Honor Society will kick off their fundraising for Habitat for Humanity at parent conferences. Dimond Greenhouse is supporting the fundraising effort, in our annual Wreath and Centerpiece sale. The certificates will be sold for \$28.00 each, redeemable at Dimond Greenhouse. Pickup begins after Thanksgiving, in time for the Holidays. They are big, beautiful and handmade. NHS will also be giving each person a chance to personalize a ceramic tile in the art room. These tiles will be placed at the new housing area for Habitat for Humanity. Please show your West High support of Habitat for Humanity by making a few purchases. Your donations will be tax deductible.



West Anchorage High School and Romig Middle School Choral Departments Host Fall Benefit Concert

The WAHS and RMS choral departments hosted a fall benefit concert on October 8. Proceeds from the benefit concert raffle will go toward purchasing new concert attire for the Romig Middle School choir, as well as purchasing additional attire for new West Anchorage choral members. Sights are set on black dresses with purple sashes for the women and black tuxedos with purple bow ties for the men. The Romig and West choirs will be to of the line!

A raffle was held where people could win everything from restaurant gift cards, movie passes, concert tickets, and even a chance to shave Mr. More's hair!

Thank you to everyone for your efforts in building the RMS/WAHS choir program to one of the best in the state!

The West Anchorage High School winter concert will be on Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00pm in the West High Auditorium. Join us to make your season bright.

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