

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT'S COLLEGE FAIR AND FINANCIAL PRESENTATIONS A HUGE SUCCESS!

Wolcott High School provides a positive learning environment, where students are engaged in meaningful learning that develops the intellectual, creative, social, technological and physical skills necessary to prepare them for the next phase of their lives.

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The Counseling Department presented "The Ultimate Money Skills: College Funding Presentation" On Thursday September 29th.

The free, comprehensive seminar was about preparing financially for college. The College Funding Presentation provided information about completing the FAFSA which included three different family scenarios.

There was a great turnout of parents and students. In case you were not able to attend you can find information at [www.ultimatemoneyskills.com/collegefunding](http://www.ultimatemoneyskills.com/collegefunding).

success with approximately 400 students and parents in attendance.

Students were able to gather information and ask questions from a variety of post secondary choices. There were representatives from 120 colleges, universities, technical schools, and the arm forces.

The Counseling Department would like to send sincere thanks to Mr. Gentile, Mr. Tutalo, the culinary students, Kyle Twarog, the Peer Helper volunteers, the custodial staff, and Coach Monroe for all of their help which made the college fair such a great success.

**Check page 3 for more on the fair!**

The Wolcott High School's 2nd annual College Fair was a huge



Students were able to gather information on colleges, the military and trade schools.



## **Familiar Face In New Place**

A few minutes with Mrs. Skrebutenas by Nino Napolitano

I had the great pleasure of sitting down with Wolcott High School's new band director, Mrs. Skrebutenas. For those who do not know, Mr. Duffy who had been at WHS for 30 years decided to retire last year. Mrs. Skreb may seem rather familiar to you, and that is because she should! Prior to accepting her current role with the district, she was the band director at Tyrrell Middle School.

"Mrs. Skreb", as she is known by many of her students decided to get into the field of music education after being inspired by her own middle school band teacher. She also has a huge passion for creative writing. It was in her junior year of high school that she decided to go into music education. Skrebutenas attended Western Connecticut State University and majored in music education.

Her first job was here in Wolcott at the former Alcott Middle School. She was originally hired to teach general music and chorus. Over the last several years Mrs. Skrebutenas has become involved with many notable organizations in the field of music education. "Skreb" has been involved with the Connecticut Music Educator's Association (C.M.E.A) for nearly 20 years, and served as President from 2007-2009. She is currently involved on many committees for C.M.E.A., and currently Chair of the Professional Developmental Affairs Commission, which oversees workshops for music educators.

I asked our band director about the direction of the WHS Band, and where she envisions it from a couple of years from now. Skrebutenas said " I would definitely like to see the band grow." When asked about past and present band traditions, Skrebutenas added that she will continue some of the ones engraved by her predecessor, but would also like to start new ones.



It's been a class reunion of sorts for Mrs. Skrebutenas as she is again teaching many of her former middle school students

There are three main bands at Wolcott High School. The Concert Band consists of members that perform "concert music" for the Winter and Spring concerts. Symphonic Band students participate in marching season, and play during all of the home football games. Symphonic Band members also participate in all seasonal concerts. Jazz Ensemble is a group of students that play jazz and rock music, among other various genres, usually at town-wide events such as at the Senior Center. The Jazz Ensemble joins the Concert and Symphonic musicians at all concerts.

The WHS Music Department offers many school trips throughout the duration of the school year. Recent trips have included performing at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Boston, attending annual UMASS Band Days at the University of Massachusetts (Amherst), and performing at various monuments in Washington D.C.

For information about the WHS Music Department visit [www.whpma.org](http://www.whpma.org), the website for the Wolcott High Parent Music Association (WHPMA).

**WHS  
SCHOOL  
STORE IS  
BACK!**

**Your school store is pleased to announce that it's now open for business!!!**

**The store will be open before and after school, as well as during passing time.**

**The store will also be open during period 3 on days A, C and D.**

**Best of all, we're offering a wider variety of new snacks that you, the students,**

**have requested. So be sure to stop by soon and stay tuned for upcoming promotions.**

**All profits from the school store are used to provide student scholarships and charitable donations.**

# Around the School

## Who to thank for the WHS College Fair

By Sarah Mauceri

### Ms. Mobley:

She is the one we have to thank for Wolcott High's college fair. She had an idea during the 2009 and 2010 school year. Four years ago Ms. Mobley asked if our school had a college fair. Then, in the second year developed a goal to have college fair, wrote a proposal and gave it to Dr. Eberle. He then went to superintendent of schools, who loved the idea.

During the first year they used a book of colleges that might come. Then they went online to look at what colleges might come. They sent invites to those closest to us. This year though they went through Naviance and schools responded to email a lot this summer. .

### Kyle Twarog

He is the second in command short a speak. Ms. Mobley had asked Mr. Mathews for a student's help with the floor plan. Kyle was chosen because he is a

proficient drafting student, the best! So by default, he was asked to do it again this year.

The floor plan came about as we saw it by necessity. He had to get about seventy tables into the gym and still have space for people to get around comfortably. He had no choice to go with multiple double rows; a very sufficient set up.

To get ready for the college fair he had to tape off rows of tables in the gym, help provide extra tables and power to colleges to the gym. From the beginning they decided to sort the colleges alphabetically, with the armed forces together on the back wall. This set was a success last year so why change it this year.

### The author

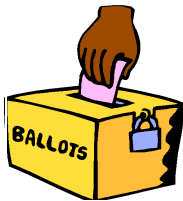
As a student going to the college fair I thought it a great success. I got to speak with representatives from the colleges I was

interested in applying to. What I found helpful was that I met my admissions counselor my number one school, Bay Path College. When I went to their open house this past weekend I was able to know someone there. My family and I loved the campus and I decided to apply there right then and there. I will be definitely be applying to other schools but Bay Path is my number one. I

have the college fair to thank for this great opportunity because if we didn't have it who knows if I would have applied this weekend or not!



**Remember to check in guidance or on the WHS website for valuable scholarship information and due dates!**



# ELECTION 2011 WOLCOTT'S CHOICES FOR MAYOR



**The Two Candidates Running for Mayor Met with Eaglet Reporters to Discuss the Issues They Think are Important to the Town of Wolcott**

**Name—Tom Dunn**

**Party— Independent**

**Current Mayor**

*By Nino Napolitano*



**Name—Steve Olmstead**

**Party — Democrat**

**Candidate for Mayor**

*By Sarah Mauceri*



Major concern was town bonding packaged that recently passed. Bonded two million dollars, four years mill rate

Keep open door policy towns people can go to him

Students eighteen get involved “vote with confidence and proven”

### **Town bonding**

Five hundred thousand new fire truck

Nine million dollars for road recreation.

New fire alarms Wolcott High School

New gym bleachers for Wolcott High School

Money for new walking trail at Scoville Reservoir

Reduce the amount of lawsuits due to poor decisions

Have one set of rules for the boards and provide adequate training

Implement and maintain an updated website

Devise a complete and comprehensive plan for road repair and publicized plan

Term limits

We depend too much on state funding

Keep roads maintains

Advertise and make available to all residents employment opportunities with town government



# Sports & Clubs

## Volleyball

The Wolcott Volleyball team is off to a great start this season. At the half way point of the season the record is 7-2 and look to make a strong push to the end as we start the second half of the season.

Tri-captains Leah Lesnikoski, Marissa Wall and Gabby Gallucci are doing a great job leading the team this season. Lesnikoski is leading the team in kills and Wall is leading in assists.

The combination of these two players is Wolcott's one two punch, but we wouldn't have any offense without defense. Libero Stef Maisto is handling her new position as the team's libero taking control of the back row to get things started for the squad.

Volleyball is such a team sport and without outside hitters Kayla DePara and Alicia Ramirez as well as middle hitters Peyton Schultz and Tiffany Fitzpatrick the Eagles would not get the job done.

The team is playing well and has a great change of finishing at the top of the conference.

Just like the varsity squad, the JV and Freshman team are progressing well and are really improving their skills

## Football

After defeating Derby last Friday night, the football team has moved to 5-1 record positioning them tied for first in their division in the NVL. . It has been a team effort lead by DeVante Bonvillian and Mike Nicol, who have each scored 6 TDS over the past 2 games.

Just like the varsity squad, the JV and Freshman team are progressing well and are really improving their skills. Our freshman football team is undefeated

## Girl's Soccer

The girls soccer team invited the u-10 U11 and u13 girls soccer teams to 2 of our games the last two weeks. There was a good showing and some of the girls were able to help with the sidelines.

It was a good opportunity for the younger girls to interact and watch the girls at a higher level. Becky Darley, our senior goalie, has also gone to a couple of the younger girls practices to help train them in the goalie position.

## Boy's Soccer

The Wolcott Boy's Soccer team had an impressive win last week against Torrington high school. Zak Karpicki played an outstanding game in net. He turned away 15 shots including two beautiful saves just seconds apart to preserve the 1-0 shutout victory. This was Zak's third shutout this season. Michael Bozzuto's rocket shot with 8 minutes in the game was the Eagle's best goal of the season so far

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM  
2011 NVL CHAMPIONS  
2011 BRASS DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

**It is the policy of the Wolcott Board of Education that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against under any program because of his or her race, color, religion, sex age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, mental retardation, past/present history of mental disorder, learning disability or physical disability.**