



Wolcott High School Newsletter

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Mr. Walter J. Drewry, Assistant Principal ----- Issue V

Mr. Joseph A. Piacentini, Assistant Principal ----- February, 2012

WHS MISSION STATEMENT: Wolcott High School provides a positive learning environment where students are engaged in meaningful learning for success in the 21st century.

Principal's Message

Greetings Everyone:

As we begin the second semester, I want to remind you that beginning March 6, 2012, Wolcott High School will begin administering the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT). All of our 10th grade students will be given the 2012 CAPT. In addition, any 11th grade student who did not meet District Performance Standards in any area, which is a score of 3 or higher, must retake those sections of the CAPT. This requirement must be met in order to receive a diploma of graduation from Wolcott High School. During the same testing period, all of our 9th grade students will participate in practice CAPT testing. The CAPT schedule is included in this newsletter and also available on the WHS website at <http://www.wolcottps.org/schools/highschool/2012%20CAPT%20Schedule.pdf>.

Last year 64 students met goal or above in the areas of the CAPT and 16 had perfect scores. These outstanding students will be honored at a breakfast ceremony in February.

We have many exciting activities going on here at Wolcott High School as you will read in this newsletter. I look forward to the second half of the school year.

Everyone keep up the good work and Go Eagles!

Joseph E. Monroe

Wolcott Public Schools Website

The athletic schedule, lunch menus, daily schedules- including times, student handbook, course of studies, staff directory, Eaglet, Newsletter, CAPT schedule, and more can be found on the Wolcott Public School's website www.wolcottps.org.

Wolcott High School Student Newspaper

Check out our own Student Newspaper the Eaglet, also on the Wolcott Public School's website <http://www.wolcottps.org/schools/highschool/Eaglet.aspx>. A new issue will be posted approximately every six weeks.

Save the Date

February

- Feb. 2 WHPMA meeting 7:00-WHS
- Feb. 6 Student Council Blood Drive
- Feb. 7 Full Class Photos-All Grades
(snow date Feb. 8th)
- Feb. 8 Rehearsal for Fashion Show 2-4
- Feb 10 Community Service Fashion
7:00 pm (snow date Feb 24)
- Feb. 10 Registration deadline for the
March 10th SATs at WHS
- Feb. 11 ACT at WHS
- Feb 13 Board of Ed. meeting (Frisbie)
- Feb. 15 PAC meeting
- Feb 20 & 21 No School-Presidents Day
weekend
- Feb 27 Board of Ed. meeting (TMS)
- Feb. 29 Yearbook- \$25 to "Sponsor a
Page" deadline
- Feb. 29 Senior Cap and Gown Sales

March

- March 1 Senior Cap and Gown Sales
- March 2 Battle of the Bands 7:00pm
- March 3 Showtime 2012 7:00pm
- March 6-16th CAPT Testing
- March 10 SAT's at WHS
- March 12 BOE Meeting (Wakelee)
- March 13 PAC Meeting
- March 16 Powder Buff 6-8
- March 22 NHS Zumbathon
- March 26 BOE Meeting
- March 29-31 Robotics CT Regional



Wolcott High School CAPT Information

Below, you will find a detailed CAPT testing schedule for Wolcott High School. CAPT testing will begin at Wolcott High School on Tuesday March 6th and will take place each morning through March 16th.

State statute requires *all sophomores* to take the CAPT test. Per Board of Education policy, students must achieve at least a score of *proficient (3)* in all areas of the CAPT in order to meet graduation requirements. Our school goal is for students to score at the *goal* level of (4) or *advanced* (5). Students who receive all scores of 4 and above will be honored at a CAPT breakfast, they will receive an honorary certificate, and their accomplishment will become a part of their permanent transcript.

Any junior who did not meet district performance standards (DPS) last year must retake the CAPT this year at the same time as the sophomore testers. Students who fail to meet the CAPT district performance standard will not be allowed to graduate. Juniors and seniors who have passed the CAPT test will be allowed to come to school late on each of the testing dates (see the attached schedule). All freshmen are required to take a practice CAPT test on each of the CAPT testing days and must arrive to their scheduled class by 7:30.

During the nine days of testing, it is imperative for all testers to be in school. It is also very important for students to get sufficient sleep on the nights prior to testing and to eat breakfast each morning prior to testing. Students will have about twenty minutes during the first period of the day to purchase and eat breakfast in the cafeteria. On the first day of testing, the Parent Action Council (PAC) will be purchasing breakfast for each student taking CAPT. We would like to thank PAC for this generous contribution to our students. In addition to the above, we would like to encourage students to leave their cell phones and any other electronic devices home during test days. It is a severe violation of state test security standards for any student to access a cell phone during testing.

In closing, I encourage any of you who have questions or concerns regarding CAPT to contact me (Joe Piacentini) via e-mail at JPiacentini@wolcottps.org or by telephone at (203) 879-8164. District CAPT test results are reported throughout the state in early September and individual scores are sent home in the fall. Our teachers are working very hard every day to ensure the best possible outcomes for their students. It is our hope that our students will have excellent results.

Thank you for your assistance with encouraging your student to do their very best.

Sincerely,
Joseph Piacentini
Assistant Principal (WHS CAPT Coordinator)

Wolcott High School CAPT Schedule 2012

Tuesday, March 6, 2012 (Drop Periods 7 & 8)

7:30	Testers must be in their Period 1 class for attendance
7:35 - 7:50	Breakfast (Grade 10)
7:55 - 8:10	Breakfast (Grade 9)
8:15	Testing Begins-(Students must be in assigned testing room)
8:15 - 8:30	Directions 15 min (Interdisciplinary Writing I)
8:30 - 9:35	Testing (65 min.)

All students must report to their **Period 2 class by 9:45.**

Period 2 class: 9:45 - 10:19

Period 3 class: 10:23 - 10:57

Period 4 class: 11:01 - 12:39 (lunch block-1st, 2nd, 3rd depending on dept.)

Period 5 class: 12:43 - 1:17

Period 6 class: 1:21 - 1:54

{ 1st-11:01-11:31
2nd-11:35-12:05
3rd-12:09-12:39

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 (Drop Periods 5 & 6)

7:30 Testers must be in their **Period 2** class for attendance

7:35 - 7:50 Breakfast (Grade 10)

7:55 - 8:10 Breakfast (Grade 9)

8:15 Testing Begins-(Students must be in assigned testing room)

8:15 - 8:25 Directions 10 min. (Response to Literature)

8:25 - 9:35 Testing (70 min.)

All students must report to their Period 1 class by 9:45.

Period 1 class: 9:45 - 10:19

Period 4 class: 10:23 - 10:57

Period 3 class: 11:01 - 12:39 (lunch block-1st, 2nd, 3rd depending on dept.)

Period 7 class: 12:43 - 1:17

Period 8 class: 1:21 - 1:54

{ 1st-11:01-11:31
2nd-11:35-12:05
3rd-12:09-12:39

Thursday, March 8, 2012 (Drop Periods 1 & 2)

7:30 Testers must be in their **Period 5** class for attendance

7:35 - 7:50 Breakfast (Grade 10)

7:55 - 8:10 Breakfast (Grade 9)

8:15 Testing Begins-(Students must be in assigned testing room)

8:15 - 8:30 Directions 15 min (Interdisciplinary Writing II)

8:30 - 9:35 Testing (65 min.)

All students must report to their Period 6 class by 9:45.

Period 6 class: 9:45 - 10:19

Period 7 class: 10:23 - 10:57

Period 8 class: 11:01 - 12:39 (lunch block-1st, 2nd, 3rd depending on dept.)

Period 3 class: 12:43 - 1:17

Period 4 class: 1:21 - 1:54

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2nd-11:35-12:05
3rd-12:09-12:39

Friday, March 9, 2012 (Drop Periods 3 & 4)

7:30 Testers must be in their **Period 8** class for attendance

7:35 - 7:50 Breakfast (Grade 10)

7:55 - 8:10 Breakfast (Grade 9)

8:15 Testing Begins-(Students must be in assigned testing room)

8:15 - 8:30 Directions 15 min. (Reading for Information)

8:30 - 9:15 Testing (45 min.)

-----Break 10 minutes-----

9:25 - 9:35 Directions 10 min. (Editing & Revising)

9:35 - 10:00 Testing (25 min.)

All students must report to their Period 7 class by 10:10.

Period 7 class: 10:10 - 10:38

Period 1 class: 10:42 - 11:10
Period 2 class: 11:14 - 12:52 (lunch block-1st, 2nd, 3rd depending on dept.)
Period 5 class: 12:56 - 1:24
Period 6 class: 1:28 - 1:54

{ 1st-11:14-11:44
 2nd-11:48-12:18
 3rd-12:22-12:52

Monday, March 12, 2012 (Drop Periods 7 & 8)

7:30 Testers must be in their **Period 6** class for attendance
 7:35 - 7:50 Breakfast (Grade 10)
 7:55 - 8:10 Breakfast (Grade 9)
8:15 Testing Begins-(Students must be in assigned testing room)
 8:15 - 8:30 Directions 15 min. (Math I)
 8:30 - 9:45 Testing (75 min.)

All students must report to their Period 2 class by 9:55.

Period 2 class: 9:55 - 10:27
Period 3 class: 10:31 - 11:03
Period 4 class: 11:07 - 12:43 (lunch block-1st, 2nd, 3rd depending on dept.)
Period 5 class: 12:47 - 1:19
Period 1 class: 1:23 - 1:54

{ 1st-11:07-11:37
 2nd-11:40-12:10
 3rd-12:13-12:43

Tuesday, March 13, 2012 (Drop Periods 5 & 6)

7:30 Testers must be in their **Period 3** class for attendance
 7:35 - 7:50 Breakfast (Grade 10)
 7:55 - 8:10 Breakfast (Grade 9)
8:15 Testing Begins-(Students must be in assigned testing room)
 8:15 - 8:30 Directions 15 min. (Math II)
 8:30 - 9:45 Testing (75 min.)

All students must report to their Period 2 class by 9:55.

Period 2 class: 9:55 - 10:27
Period 4 class: 10:31 - 11:03
Period 1 class: 11:07 - 12:43 (lunch block-1st, 2nd, 3rd depending on dept.)
Period 7 class: 12:47 - 1:19
Period 8 class: 1:23 - 1:54

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 2nd-11:40-12:10
 3rd-12:13-12:43

Wednesday, March 14, 2012 (Drop Periods 1 & 2)

7:30 Testers must be in their **Period 5** class for attendance
 7:35 - 7:50 Breakfast (Grade 10)
 7:55 - 8:10 Breakfast (Grade 9)
8:15 Testing Begins-(Students must be in assigned testing room)
 8:15 - 8:30 Directions 15 min. (Science I)
 8:30 - 9:20 Testing (50 min.)
 9:20 - 9:35 15 minute study hall period in CAPT testing rooms

All students must report to their Period 6 class by 9:45.

Period 6 class: 9:45 - 10:19
Period 7 class: 10:23 - 10:57
Period 3 class: 11:01 - 12:39 (lunch block-1st, 2nd, 3rd depending on dept.)
Period 4 class: 12:43 - 1:17
Period 8 class: 1:21 - 1:54

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 2nd-11:35-12:05
 3rd-12:09-12:39

Thursday, March 15, 2012 (Drop Periods 3 & 4)

7:30 Testers must be in their **Period 7** class for attendance
7:35 - 7:50 Breakfast (Grade 10)
7:55 - 8:10 Breakfast (Grade 9)
8:15 Testing Begins-(Students must be in assigned testing room)
8:15 - 8:30 Directions 15 min. (Science II)
8:30 - 9:20 Testing (50 min.)
9:20 - 9:35 15 minute study hall period in CAPT testing rooms

All students must report to their Period 8 class by 9:45.

Period 8 class: 9:45 - 10:19

Period 1 class: 10:23 - 10:57

Period 2 class: 11:01 - 12:39 (lunch block-1st, 2nd, 3rd depending on dept.)

Period 5 class: 12:43 - 1:17

Period 6 class: 1:21 - 1:54

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2nd-11:35-12:05
3rd-12:09-12:39

Friday, March 16, 2012 (Drop Periods 7 & 8)

Supplemental Testing: (Interdisciplinary Writing III)

7:30 Testers must be in their **Period 4** class for attendance
7:35 - 7:50 Breakfast (Grade 10)
7:55 - 8:10 Breakfast (Grade 9)
8:15 Testing Begins-(Students must be in assigned testing room)
8:15 - 8:30 Directions 15 min (Interdisciplinary Writing III)
8:30 - 9:35 Testing (65 min.)

All students must report to their Period 2 class by 9:45.

Period 2 class: 9:45 - 10:19

Period 3 class: 10:23 - 10:57

Period 1 class: 11:01 - 12:39 (lunch block-1st, 2nd, 3rd depending on dept.)

Period 5 class: 12:43 - 1:17

Period 6 class: 1:21 - 1:54

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Full Class Photos-February 7th



On Tuesday, February 7 (with a snow date of Wed., Feb. 8) Sterling Studio will be taking the full class photos for all grades 9th through 12th. There will be a mailing sent home with ordering information. Classes will gather in the WHS Gym beginning at 7:30 a.m. with 9th grade and continue until all 4 grades have been done. Extra order forms will be available in the main office.

Important Information for Seniors-Cap and Gown Sales



On Wednesday, February 29, and Thursday, March 1, a representative from Balfour will be at Wolcott High School to measure seniors for their caps and gowns during lunch. Seniors must bring **cash or a check for \$20** made out to "Wolcott High School Class of 2012." This covers the cost of a gown, a cap, and one Class of 2012 tassel. Extra tassels may be purchased one those days for \$5 dollars each. **You must pay the Balfour representative directly with cash for the extra tassels.**

All seniors attending graduation **MUST** wear a cap and gown. Therefore, it is extremely important that all seniors are measured and pay for their cap and gown during these two days. Signs will be posted throughout the school and announcements will be made to remind you. The gowns will be given out the morning of graduation at the last rehearsal. We cannot give any refunds to those seniors who order a gown and do not end up graduating. If your student is planning on wearing the cap and gown of an older sibling, please make sure they come and see Mrs. Thies or Ms. Majewski while they are taking orders and measurements.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Caitlin Pickett-VFW State Champion Voice of Democracy Speech



Caitlin Pickett's VFW Voice of Democracy Speech won the state competition; Caitlin will be representing Connecticut at the National Competition in Washington, D. C. this spring.

No other District 2 VFW speech has ever won the state competition.

Congratulations Caitlin!

Wolcott High School Robotics

Mr. Cormier and the robotics club are working hard. This year's FIRST challenge is called 'Rebound Rumble'. It has to deal mostly with the sport basketball. The object of the game is to drive your robot to the 4 basketball hoops arranged in a diamond shape, on the opposite side of the field. To get to the other side of the field, robots either have to pass over a four inch wall or a ramp that defaults to a raised position of twelve inches on both sides. At the end of the game, robots have the option to drive onto the ramp and balance it to its default position. This year, there is a new category to the judging process. This new category is cooperation. The Cooperation category judges robots on how much they cooperate with the opposing team.

They have been focusing on a large amount of tasks for the past few weeks. Over the past three weeks, we have brainstormed, prototyped, and began building our robot. We narrowed our results down, and began building the major sections of the robot such as the drive train, the ball retriever, and the shooter. In the last few weeks of our six week build season, we will combine the pieces to form a final robot.

We look forward to this year's competition and would like to thank you for your support.

Counseling Corner

The School Counseling Department has been busy with a variety of student activities. Seniors have been collecting lots of scholarship information and working hard to meet deadlines. A list of our local scholarships can be found on our webpage <http://www.wolcottps.org/schools/highschool/2011-2012Scholarships.htm>. Students can also access national scholarships by going on to their Naviance account www.connection.naviance.com/wolcott and clicking on the scholarships tab. All students have an account set up for easy access.

The school counseling department would like to formally congratulate Erin Ward for being the recipient of the 2012-2013 Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship. This award, funded through The Comcast Foundation, recognizes high school seniors from Comcast communities for their commitment to community service, academic achievement, and demonstrated leadership. To acknowledge these accomplishments, recipients receive a one-time grant of \$1,000. Wolcott High School is proud of this student and many others who are working hard to receive scholarships toward college.

There are many opportunities out there for your child, so please take advantage of them and search for scholarship opportunities like this one. A good site to check out is www.scholarships.com. In addition, there are many local scholarships found on www.asfdn.org and www.mainstreetfound.org.

Parents and students can also receive help to pay for college by seeking out College Goal Sunday. There was one hosted locally at Naugatuck Valley Community College this month. This is a free, on-site program that utilizes financial aid professionals and community-base service providers to assist students and their families with completing the FAFSA. You can visit www.collegegoalsundayct.org for detailed information.

You can also contact Holly Franquet from The College Place ECMC Foundation www.ecmcfoundation.org with any financial aid, FAFSA, or college funding questions that you may have by email at hfranquet@ecmc.org or 1-866-326-2827 (toll free). In addition, her power point is posted on our counseling department website called Financial Aid Presentation <http://www.wolcottps.org/schools/highschool/SchoolCounselingInformation.htm>.

We would like to thank all of the parents who came out for our testing information session on January 17th. The weather was poor that evening so we appreciate all those that did come out. For the EXPLORE testing session we had about twenty-five parents that joined us. For the PSAT session we had about fifty parents in attendance. As mentioned in the past, if parents would like more specific information about these tests or the college admissions process, please call your child's counselor to discuss those questions. We are happy to help.

Lastly, we have several standardized testing dates coming up soon:

Feb. 11, 2012 ACT's here at WHS www.actstudent.org

Mar. 10, 2012 SAT's here at WHS sat.collegeboard.org-Register by February 10, 2012

Wolcott Adult Education is offering a PSAT/SAT Primer class. It is designed for sophomores, juniors and seniors who plan to take either the PSAT or SAT. The course consists of three two hour sessions covering Math, Reading, and Writing. It will be held on March 5th, 6th, and 7th just prior to the March 10th SATs offered here at Wolcott High school. Information can be found at <http://www.wolcottps.org/programs/adult/index.aspx> or you can stop by guidance for a registration form. Registration fee is \$100 and you can purchase a book for an additional \$20.

In addition, students have access to **free** test prep on their high school Naviance account at www.connection.naviance.com/Wolcott, www.sat.collegeboard.com/practice, and www.actstudent.org.

Good Luck to all of the students taking these exams. The school counseling department will continue to visit classrooms this month to deliver our developmental guidance curriculum. Juniors and seniors are encouraged to visit their counselors to discuss their plans for after high school. It is important that all juniors get involved in some extracurricular activity and work on their activity sheets. Our Career Center coordinator, Mrs. Cyr is always available to our students to help with this process.

Sincerely,
Giovanna Ramos, MS
Director of School Counseling
Wolcott High School

Career Day Presenters Needed

We are looking for volunteers from various career areas to come to the high school and speak with our students about their careers. Career Day will be on Thursday April 26th at Wolcott High school this year. The timeframe will be from approximately 7:30-10:30 broken down into four half hour presentations. Presentations will take place in individual classrooms with up to 25 students. A light breakfast will be provided to presenters. All 9-12th grade students will be able to hear from a number of professionals from various occupational back grounds. We would appreciate any time you could volunteer, and times are flexible. Students gain much more insight into careers by speaking with someone in the field than they could ever get doing research.

If you are interested in volunteering a few hours of your day or if you know someone that might be willing to volunteer please contact Nancy Cyr (203) 879-8164 ext. 30 or at ncyr@wolcottps.org.

College Admission Tests SAT- Offered here at WHS in March

Most colleges accept scores from either the SAT or ACT. Most students begin taking the tests in their junior year and can take the test as many times as they like. The SAT is an aptitude test, testing reasoning and verbal abilities while the ACT is an achievement test measuring what a student has learned in school. In addition, the ACT is scored based on the number of correct answers with no penalty for guessing while the SAT takes off for incorrect answers. The SAT has a mandatory writing test. ACT writing portion is optional; however, most colleges require the writing portion.

Test dates are listed along with registration deadlines in student planners or you can go directly to the test web site below:

SAT

To register for the SAT go to www.sat.collegeboard.org/register.

- **The March 10th SAT will be offered at Wolcott High school (don't wait to register- it fills up fast).**

<u>SAT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration (a fee applies)</u>
*March 10, 2012	Feb. 10, 2012	Feb. 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

* No subject tests are offered on this date

ACT

To register for the ACT go to www.actstudent.org.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Fee Required</u>
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10-23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012

Also, if you have free or reduced lunch please see your counselor. You may be eligible for a registration fee waiver.

Test Prep

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Students have access to free test prep on their high school Naviance account at www.connection.naviance.com/Wolcott , www.sat.collegeboard.com/practice and www.actstudent.org.

For more useful information, sites and checklists, visit the Wolcott High School Counseling Department site, <http://www.wolcottps.org/schools/highschool/SchoolCounselingInformation.htm> .

Nurse's Notes-Medical Forms Now Available Online

***** NEW*****

Medication and Physical Forms are now available online!!!!

These can be found at www.wolcottps.org under departments then health services.

Cold and Flu Season

The cold and flu season is upon us once again and we are all at risk to catch these illnesses. The cold and the flu are caused by viruses. Did you know that one simple act can prevent the spread of these illnesses? According to the United States Center for Disease Control, there is one single most effective way to prevent the spread of disease. Do you know what it is? Raise your hand if you do! Yes, hand washing is the single most effective way to prevent the spread of disease.



Cold vs. Flu

It is often difficult to tell the difference between the flu and the common cold. Symptoms are similar, but are usually more severe with the flu. Both are respiratory illnesses and are caused by viruses. Here are a few ways to help tell the differences between the common cold and the flu:

FLU

Sudden onset of illness
High fever

Dry cough

Extreme fatigue
Headache

Runny or stuffy nose

Achy muscles
Chills

Common Cold

Slow onset of illness
Low grade fever or no fever at all

Mild hacking cough

Mild fatigue
No headache

No achy muscles
No chills

Driver's Education

All-Star Driver offers Driver's Education classes at Wolcott High School. All classes meet Monday & Wednesday OR Tuesday and Thursday from 2:15pm - 4:15 pm. For more information, or to enroll go to www.all-stardriver.com/wolcotths or call (800) 732-8090. For safe teen driving information, go to www.cdc.gov/parentsarethekey.

A Day at the Danbury Mall...DECA Expands its Learning Horizons

By Kacey Taylor, DECA Member – Class of 2013

Wolcott High marketing students and DECA members recently took a field trip to the Danbury Mall to perform research on a retail store of their choice. The trip offered juniors and seniors a learning experience that turned out to be both exciting and hands-on.

On Friday, December 16th at 9:00 a.m., seventy of Mr. Helmlinger's students gathered in the high school lobby outside the main office to prepare to board their buses. The eager students, once accounted for, climbed onto the bus and willingly sat through a forty-five minute drive to the Danbury Mall.

Once the buses arrived, students put their visual merchandising questionnaires and pens in hand. Among the questions students were asked to research included "What is the quality of your store's window displays," "How is your store laid-out," and "Does your store's location in the mall have any significance?" These and other questions directly related back to what the students had learned in class just a few days earlier.

"I had a really great time at the mall!" exclaimed Sarah Levins, a junior at Wolcott High. "My friends and I were actually able to see what we had discussed in class. The experience gave us a more interesting perspective on how to apply marketing strategy in the real world."

Favorite stores among the students included the Apple Store, Forever 21, Lids, Build-a-Bear and American Eagle. After the field trip, the students were required to weave their research findings into a descriptive essay.

To learn more about Wolcott High School's marketing education program or about its DECA Chapter, contact Mr. Helmlinger at bhelmlinger@wolcottps.org, or by phone at (203) 879-8164.

Winter Sports Update

We enter our final weeks of the regular seasons of our winter sports. Girl's basketball has qualified for the NVL's and States. Boys Basketball needs two wins out of their last four games to qualify for state competition. It would be the first time they would qualify since 1989. Our indoor track team has had 9 members qualify for the CIAC Class M State Meet.

Finally, our Cheerleading and Weight-lifting teams will be competing in the NVL and State Competitions later this month.

Wolcott High School Play-Bye Bye Birdie

Miss Solocius and the spring musical Rehearsals are underway for this year's play 'Bye Bye Birdie'. We have 52 students in our cast this year including CJ Bergamo as Albert, Brittnee Maia as Rosie, Katie Rosner as Kim, Josh Green as Conrad Birdie, Connor Evelich as Harry MacAfee, Jasmine Chabot as Mrs. MacAfee, and Aislyn Fredsall as Mrs. Peterson. This promises to be an excellent production! Rehearsals are being held weekly and students are working hard learning music and dances. We are still looking for more students to join the tech crew so please contact Miss Solocius if you're interested!

The production will be April 20th at 7:30 p.m., April 21st at 7:30 p.m., and April 22nd at 5:00 p.m. Tickets will go on sale in March! More information to come on how to purchase tickets.

Wolcott High Parent Music Association Scholarship Fundraiser

WHPMA is sponsoring a bottle and can drive for their scholarship fund on Saturday February 11th, any Wolcott resident can donate. Curbside pickup is arranged. Call Mary Caye for information 203-879-3170.

Members of the Wolcott High Parent Music Association please remind your senior students to fill out the scholarship applications. They will soon be available in the guidance office.

Look for our spring fundraiser, the Annual Golf Ball Drop, for a chance to win cash prizes.

The next WHPMA meeting is February 2nd 7:00 pm at Wolcott High School. Please check the web site www.whpma.com , or call the music department for more information.

SkillsUSA Members Headed for State Finals

SkillsUSA members Alexandria Zaccagnini, Susana Simoes, Jessica Biolo, and Emily Waddington attended the Prince Region Connecticut SkillsUSA Competition on January 26, 2012.



Emily Waddington is a finalist in Extemporaneous Speaking and Prepared Speech. Alexandria Zaccagnini, Susana Simoes, and Jessica Biolo are all finalists in Job Interview.

They will compete in the finals March 30, 2012 at the SkillsUSA State Competition.

GOOD LUCK!!

SkillsUSA Soda Tab collection

SkillsUSA is collecting soda tabs for donation to Ronald McDonald House or the Shriners Hospital. Bring your soda tabs to any SkillsUSA member or Mrs. Lofgren through April for these worthy organizations.

Important Yearbook Reminder

CLASS OF 2012 PARENTS:



Dear Class of 2012 Parents/Guardians:

Just a reminder, if you have not already ordered your Senior's yearbook, the deadline is **March 15th** for payment in full. The total cost for the 2012 Yearbook is \$90. We have a limited amount of yearbooks on order so please be sure to reserve your copy ASAP!

Please make checks payable to Wolcott High School Yearbook. The checks can either be mailed to me at the Superintendent's Office; 154 Center St; Wolcott, Ct. 06716 or your child can bring the check to the High School office in a sealed envelope labeled Patti Welton; Yearbook Advisor. I have a mailbox at the office which the envelope will be placed in.

- The yearbook committee is once again running a **"Create a Memory"** fundraiser. This section of the yearbook will be reserved for parents to write a special, personalized message to their senior. You may also choose to include a photo with the message, i.e. a baby picture, a kindergarten picture, a sporting event picture, an award photo, etc. The total cost to reserve your section is \$25. Your message can be emailed to me at pwelton@wolcottps.org.
- We are also offering an option to **"Sponsor a Page"** of the yearbook. It is imperative that each page be sponsored in order for all students to receive the yearbook supplement free of charge. The supplement will be an insert to the yearbook and will include all year-end activities, i.e. prom, graduation, senior class trip, etc. To sponsor a page, the fee is \$25. The page would include either your family name as the sponsor or perhaps your business name and phone # if you so choose. Due date: Feb. 29, 2012. Also, first come, first served basis.

Lastly, PHOTOS, PHOTOS, PHOTOS!! We are still in need of photos. Please send in any photos that you may have. Photos with friends, dances, prom, sports, awards, etc. Also, we will be doing a section called **"Remember When"**. This layout will include photos of their early years...elementary/middle school. If you have any photos from that time, please send those in as well. They can either be emailed to me (pwelton@wolcottps.org) as an attachment or they can be sent in with your student, placed in my mailbox in the high school office, I will scan them and send them back to you.

Once again, all checks are to be made payable to Wolcott High School Yearbook.

Thank you for helping make your child's yearbook a lifelong memory...

Sincerely,

Patti C. Welton
Yearbook Advisor

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Parent Action Council (PAC)

What is PAC? PAC is an incorporated organization similar to PTO's or PTA's at other schools. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Resource Center.

By attending a WHS PAC meeting, you are given an opportunity to meet other parents, communicate with school administrators, and to participate in planning for school related programs, events, etc. In essence, the PAC is your opportunity to be involved in your child's education.

100% of our PAC membership dues are returned to the students, so if you have not already become a member, I encourage you to join. As a member, you will receive regular updates on what is happening within the school and most recently we have been including minutes of our monthly meetings for those who cannot attend. In the past, we have been able to award several significant scholarships to graduating seniors attending institutions of higher education. We have also sponsored or contributed to activities for each class.

Here are some examples:

- \$500 contribution to the senior yearbook publication
- \$500 donation to the junior after-prom party
- sophomore ice cream social
- freshman orientation refreshments

In order to fund these activities and events, the PAC raises funds in a variety of ways. Membership fees support a very small portion of our budget. Past fundraising events include: Gold Sales, Graduation Balloons, Wendy's Fundraisers, and Applebee's Pancake Breakfasts.

For more information, please contact Kathie Downey at 203-441-4140 or via email katscradle3@aol.com

Sincerely,
Kathie Downey
WHS PAC President

PAC is a vital link between the school, community and the parents it serves. Thus, parents are urged to join and take an active part in the PAC. **It's not too late to join.**

PAC meetings are held in the Resource Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Meeting dates for the school year are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 13th• October 11th• November 15th• Dec. 6 6:30 meeting at Wendy's• Dec. 6 Wendy's Fundraiser
5:00pm-7:00pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 10th• February 15th• March 13th• April 17th• May 8th• June 7th |
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Look for more information in the months ahead!

WHS Attendance Policies Regarding Early Dismissals

WHS hours for students are 7:30 a.m. to 1:54 p.m. Early dismissal from school is discouraged. As stated in the WHS Student Handbook, page 18:

“Dismissal may be made only by an administrator or by the school nurse. In the case of illness, the school nurse, after consultation with a parent, shall determine whether a student may be dismissed.”

Only if it is **absolutely necessary** for a student to be dismissed for a legitimate reason that cannot be scheduled after school hours, **the procedure is:**

- **The student should bring a note to the Attendance Office upon arrival in the morning where they will be given an Early Dismissal Pass.**
- Be sure the note gives the **correct time** and the **reason** for the dismissal.
- Any legitimate appointment **must** be followed up with an **official** note from the office the student visited to be considered as an excused absence.

This process eliminates unnecessary classroom disruption. Calling into classrooms where instruction is taking place deters from successful learning of students, and is generally discouraged by the administration.

Athletic Postponement Information

There are two ways to find out about athletic postponements:

1. Go the school's web-site. www.wolcottps.org , under athletics. Cancellations are made at 1pm each day.
Or
2. Go to <http://www.casciac.org/scheduleupdates.shtml> . You will need to create a new account if you don't already have one.

This list allows people to request updates on schedule changes, postponements and cancellations for regular season contests of member schools. You can customize your subscription to only receive information on the schools and/or sports that interest you.

IMPORTANT -- If you choose to use one of the services that sends a verification request to each sender, we advise you to add the following email addresses to your acceptable list as we cannot respond to each verification request we get. To be sure you receive the updates you are requesting, add the addresses schedule_updates@casciac.org and score_updates@casciac.org to your spam-blocking program's white list or allowed senders list. You may also wish to add these addresses to your e-mail program's address book, to assure that update messages are not incorrectly filtered as junk or bulk mail.