



Wolcott High-Lights

Wolcott High School - 457 Bound Line Road - Wolcott, CT 06716

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WHS MISSION STATEMENT: 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.

Principal's Message



I am pleased to announce that Wolcott High School has been selected as a Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Michaels Achievement Cup recipient for its athletic accomplishments during the 2009-2010 school year. The Michaels Cup is now under the jurisdiction of the CIAC with a new direction which recognizes schools who continually provide exemplary athletic programs. The CIAC defines "exemplary" as "athletic participation, academic success, equitable opportunities, trained and professional personnel, chemical-free programs and environment, athletic achievement, and a clear sense of sportsmanship marked by high ethical and moral standards." Wolcott High School finished second in the M classification. Congratulation to Mr. Joe Monroe, Athletic Director, and all those who helped us achieve this prestigious honor.

On another note, Freshmen Orientation will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25th in the WHS auditorium. At that time we will officially welcome the Wolcott High School Class of 2014. Freshmen parents/guardians will receive more information in a special mailing in early August. Until then, I wish each of you a safe and restful summer, and I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Warm Regards, Robert Eberle, Ed.D.

Peer Helper News

Congratulations and thanks to our 2009-2010 Peer Helpers for a most successful year!

Megan Firmani Zach Cipriano
Andrew Cipriano Jamie Fusco
Maria Stojanova Marisa McCann
Katherine Rosner Kristina Bystrak
Adam Swatt Dan Arsenaault
Michelle Fusco Alyssa Testa
Brittnee Maia Jackie Rosa

Jessica Barnett Tamara Bystrak
Erin Ward Karyssa Keeley
Danielle Fournier Amanda Green
Carlee Stabile Steve Fournier
Cara Nelson Josh Harrison
Jenna Gray Samantha Bly
Taylor Vanesse Coree Charette
Tyshema McDonald

Their dedication enabled our Peer Helper program to be such a success this year by mentoring incoming freshman (easing the transition from middle school to high school by participating in the Freshmen Orientation and being available to them in the halls and during study times), by providing high school tours for transfer students, by raising awareness for a most worthy cause - Red Ribbon Week, by presenting a Halloween Safety Awareness program to the students at Wakelee Elementary School, and by facilitating groups for students and providing academic tutoring and support.

Peer Helpers reach out to those students who may be experiencing difficulties transitioning from middle school to high school and/or experiencing academic challenges. They also mentor peers and encourage students to reach their potential by completing a successful school year.

The following students have been accepted and will join our Peer Helpers for the 2010-2011 school year:

Laura Dervishi Stuart Sporko
Meghan Skura Caylee Sheldon
Cynthia Dossantos Benjamin LeClerc
Nick Bernier Danielle Trusch
Sarah Mauceri Kelcie Queen
Matthew Baxter Aislyn Fredsall
Tayler Mazurski Sarah Kader
Elana Perugini Brandon Kulak
Heather Willets Michael Roy
Kimberly Stankus Emily Reed
Advisors: Mrs. Fontanella, School Social Worker
Mrs. Sweeney-Bizier, School Psychologist

New Look for Wolcott HS Graphics Logo



Congratulations to Senior and Visual Communications II student Alexa Parafati! A challenge on designing a new logo for the Graphics Dept. was presented to all four graphics classes by instructor MaryLou Miele. Out of over 60 designs, the classes voted and Alexa's. Look for her artwork on current and future print productions from the graphics department.

Graphics Student Scholarship

Wolcott High School Visual Communications student Sean Evelich received a scholarship to University of Bridgeport for his Art and Design Portfolio. After submitting 20 or so pieces of artwork the school offered him \$2,000 for the "Design Portfolio Scholarship". This scholarship recognizes outstanding achievement in the area of art and design and is awarded to students who would be a good match for the school. Below are a few of his design pieces entered. Congratulations Sean!!



2011 Yearbook Information

Dear Members of the Class of 2011 and their parents/guardians, just a few reminders over the summer regarding photos for the 2011 yearbook - All students and parents should follow the below specifications for yearbook portraits:

- Blue background only!
- **No props** are allowed in headshots. (I.e. Hands, flowers, etc)
- Pictures need to be "jpegs," or "tiffs."

- Generally the file size you should look for is in the neighborhood of 1 MB
- Pictures sizes should not exceed 1 MB
- If the camera is set around 3 megapixels, you should be fine.
- RGB is the color mode most cameras and scanners produce photos in and it is the one we prefer. Although we print in CMYK mode, we prefer to make the conversion using our ICC profile (International Color Calibration) because they are specific to our presses.
- Problems only arise with extremely large photos (slow to upload and place) or extremely small ones (200k or less = be suspicious). You will see the latter if students are copying from websites like FaceBook, or not paying attention when searching Google images, for example

These specifications are compatible with the software used to produce the yearbook. I caution students and parents to be certain that their photographer can comply with the specifications as the yearbook staff cannot be held responsible if any student is unhappy with how their portrait appears in the yearbook. Students who did not have their pictures taken by Sterling Studio or Pete Way Photography **must** bring the photo to me on a CD by **Monday, October 4, 2010**. This deadline is set by the yearbook staff and advisor in conjunction with our yearbook publishing company. Sterling Studio and Pete Way Photography have always met these deadlines. I strongly urge all students to make and keep their appointments with whatever photographer they chose as there will be no exceptions to the deadlines.

Please feel free to contact me for any questions or concerns that you may have. Look forward to more information regarding submitting special photos of your child in the future.

Sincerely, Mr. Anthony Gentile, Yearbook Advisor, - agentile@wolcottps.org

Save the Date!

- Aug. 25: Freshman Orientation, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 30: First Day of School
- Sept. 1-3: Individual Photos done by Sterling Studio for 9th, 10th and 11th grades
- Sept. 14: Back to School Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16: Back to School Night, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Have a Great
Summer!



