

Westfield High School

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Westfield High School  
Parent Teacher Student Association

<http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org>

2011-2012 Survival Guide

Join Today!

*Why PTSA?*

*We are parents, teachers and students who have come together to work in the best interest of students*

Learn about:

WHS PTSA Membership  
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BITS Tutoring  
Minority Achievement

All Night Grad Party (ANGP)  
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Dear Westfield Family,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year — our twelfth! Please work with us to continue the tradition of excellence we have established for students and our school. Keep this Survival Guide for year-long reference!

Your PTSA is counting on support from you:

**JOIN!**

**CONTRIBUTE!**

**VOLUNTEER!**

**COMMUNICATE!** Read our newsletter. Subscribe through our web site <http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org> for regularly updated information on programs and volunteer needs. Call us when you have comments, questions or concerns about Westfield High School, the PTSA, or your student. We may not know the answer, but will find someone who does!

**STAY INFORMED!** Sign up for Keep in Touch communications at <http://www.fcps.edu/kit/> & check the high school main web site <http://www.fcps.edu/WestfieldHS/> for updates.

Contrary to what some may have heard, the PTA does **NOT** support political candidates.

To make life easier for our families, there is only ONE form to complete for Membership, Bankroll, Directory Orders and to Volunteer. All forms are available on line at <http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org>. Please contact PTSA Board members with your questions.

We look forward to working with you this year at Westfield!.

Sincerely,

The Westfield High School PTSA

# Membership



Your membership dues support local programs as well as all national and state efforts to advocate on behalf of all children. The cost is only \$10 for the first member and \$5 for each additional member. Student and Staff memberships are \$5.

PTSA dollars at Westfield help fund the following:

Student Leadership Activities  
Special Ed Prom  
All Night Grad Party\*\*  
Teacher/Staff Appreciation  
Minority Achievement  
BITS Tutoring

Reflections  
PTSA Newsletter  
Academic Activities/Promotions  
\* Scholarships  
Parent Programs  
WHS Technology,


To join you can fill out the PTSA All-in-One-Form and send payment to the school OR you can join and pay membership fees, support Bulldog Bankroll, & purchase student directory via PayPal online at <http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org/committees/membership/membership.htm>

*\*Parent or student must be a member of the WHS PTSA in order to apply for academic scholarship.*

*\*\* Fund raising for ANGP, budget, & account are separate from the General PTSA funds.*

## “BULLDOG BANKROLL” (a.k.a...no more giftwrap to sell!!)

The bulldog Bankroll is the PTSA's way of making sure we have enough funds to cover a variety of student activities that we sponsor from the Bulldog Barbecue in August to the After Grade Party in June. As this is our main means of financial support, we are asking you to be as generous as possible in contributing to this fund.

Without your  e might not have sufficient money to support these activities

**Please Help!**

### HOW?

**SIMPLE!** When filling out your “All In One PTSA Form” just add \$10, \$20, \$50 or whatever amount you want to your membership check.

**We have some awesome programs planned for this year. It would be great to know that all of them will be fully funded thanks to your generous support!**

# PTSA STUDENT DIRECTORY

Each year the PTSA publishes a Student Directory. It is available to all Westfield High School families and staff. The cost is only \$10!! It includes:

- ◆ Student Listings
- ◆ Important WHS Phone Numbers
- ◆ School Resource Web Site Addresses
- ◆ Administration, Sub School and Guidance Information
- ◆ Faculty and Staff Contact Information
- ◆ PTSA Board Information
- ◆ Booster Club Information
- ◆ Westfield Community Coalition Information

The names, addresses and phone numbers of all students are included in the directory *UNLESS the PTSA Student Directory OPT OUT form is filled out, signed by a parent or guardian, and returned to the PTSA no later than Friday, September 9, 2011.*

To order a directory or to fill out Opt Out information, please complete the 2011-2012 PTSA All In One Form or visit: <http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org/committees/membership/membership.htm>

**\*\*Student Directories will be sent home with the students in their 7th period classes in mid-October.**

**\*\*\* PTSA Membership is NOT required to Buy a Directory\*\*\***

## Bulldog Instructional Tutoring for Students (BITS)



- WHAT?** A Free Tutoring Program for Students in Grades 3–12 that meet three (3) Saturdays a month from October through May. Area professionals are recruited to become tutors on a voluntary (unpaid) basis. WHS faculty and students are also recruited.
- WHERE?** Westfield High School — Library
- WHEN?** 9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m. Three (3) Saturdays a month
- HOW?** Registration Packets and additional information are available in each Sub School Guidance Office or online at <http://www.fcps.edu/WestfieldHS> or <http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org>

Completed Forms should be returned to your Guidance Counselor or brought to your first BITS session.

Tutor Qualifications:

- Knowledge of basic high school level reading, writing, math and science
- Ability to set appropriate academic and personal goals with students
- Ability and desire to motivate youth and to improve their academic skills
- Effective communication skills
- Patience

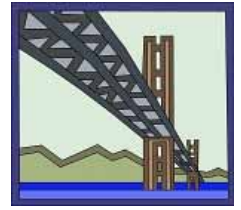
### ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Students receive community service hours for tutoring

**\*\*\* PTSA Membership is NOT required to Participate\*\*\***

# Minority Achievement Committee (MAC)

Please join us this year  
"Progressing *Towards Bridging the Gap*"



MAC's goal is to bridge the achievement gap for all students of Westfield HS by working in partnership with parents, Westfield faculty and administrators.

Meetings are once a month and parent coffees are held semi-annually. All are welcome!! A complete list of meeting dates are posted on our web site.

**First meeting is Sept 13 in the library.**

**First parent coffee will be Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> .**

If you would like to know more about the MAC or would like to join our committee, please contact us at [mac@westfieldhs.org](mailto:mac@westfieldhs.org) or visit our web page at <http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org/MinorityAC/minorityAchievement.htm>.

Chairpersons: Milan Coleman and Deanna McRae King

## Attention PARENTS OF ALL GRADES



### 2012 All Night Grad (ANGP)

For the past 11 years, parents and guardians of WHS students have worked together to hold a safe, chaperoned all-night, drug-free and alcohol-free celebration for our children on the night of their graduation. It takes months to plan and execute this celebration for our graduating seniors. The success of this event depends upon parent volunteers from ALL GRADES. We need parents of ALL age groups to "learn the ropes" and to ensure a successful event for future years.

The celebration is a *controlled LOCK IN* at Fast Eddies in Centreville. The entire Fast Eddies will be reserved for WHS only. Fund raising is done to offset the cost and cover ANGP ticket subsidies for those in need (available through guidance counselors).

We STILL need a MULCH DAY chair person; a support system is already in place, most of the committees have chairs. Contact [ptsa\\_president@westfieldhs.org](mailto:ptsa_president@westfieldhs.org) if interested. To keep the tickets affordable, we will need a LOT of volunteers for our only fundraiser - the ANGP Mulch Day. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 24 and indicate your interest on the All-In-One PTSA Form.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You will find as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others.

Thank you for giving of your time to promote the excellence of Westfield High School

## Summer Opportunities

- Bulldog BBQ (organization, planning, support - August)
- Back to School Packet (collating, assembling - August)
- "De-stapling" of forms event (2nd week of school)

## General Opportunities

- Media Center (assist Librarian)
- Clinic (assist school nurse/clinic aide year round - 2 hour training)
- Career Center (assist students with college/career information)

## Special Opportunities

- Health Screening (vision/hearing checks in October - training provided)
  - Ethics Seminar (facilitate guided discussions in small groups - Fall)
- Science Fair (set-up, judge - early February)
- Scholarship Committee- (May)

## PTSA Projects/Committees

- Student Directories (processing orders)
  - Hospitality/Baking/Bulldog Cafe/Back to School Reception (supply, set up, serve)
  - Kid to School Connection (volunteers contacting students needing long term absences)
  - Minority Achievement
  - Reflections (Administration/Judging)
- 5K Run (set up, donations & registration September)
  - All Night Grad Party (under-grad parents encouraged to participate)
  - ANGP Mulch Delivery Day (April 24, 2012)
- BITS (tutoring, support - Saturday mornings)
  - Landscaping (Clean-up day, grounds improvement)
  - Parent Program Planning
- Special Education



## PTA Reflections Program

Think about what "Diversity Means...."means to you. Then create an original piece of artwork in one of six categories

- ~Musical Composition
- ~Dance Choreography
- ~Film/Video Production
- ~Literature
- ~Visual Arts
- ~Photography

Express your thoughts and creativity,  
and earn recognition.

View more information and online forms on the Virginia PTA web site

[http://vapta.org/library-forms-a-documents/cat\\_view/82-arts-in-education/238-reflections-forms-and-rules.html](http://vapta.org/library-forms-a-documents/cat_view/82-arts-in-education/238-reflections-forms-and-rules.html)

To view gallery national award-winning entries, visit <http://www.ptareflections.org/>

Westfield High School had entries recognized at ALL levels last year, including State and National!

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# Committee Chairpersons

Position/ Committee	Name	Personal Email
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Recording Secretary	Suzanne Olijar	<a href="mailto:secretary@westfieldhs.org">secretary@westfieldhs.org</a>
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## 2011-2012 PTSA Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held in the Westfield High School Library unless otherwise indicated

August 29  
September 29  
October 20  
November 18  
January 19  
February 16  
March 15 (Lecture Hall- Saturday Night in the Suburbs Program)  
April 19  
May 17  
June 6