

Fall 2022

West Central Communicator

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Upcoming Events....

***November 18 Early Dismissal**

November 23-25 Thanksgiving Break

***December 16 End of 1st 9 Weeks**

***December 19-January 2-Christmas Break**

***January 3 Students Return**

***January 27 Early Dismissal**

***February 8 Middle/Senior High School Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30pm-6:00pm**

***February 10 Snow Make Up/Break**

February 24 Early Dismissal

West Central students and staff are an expertly talented and highly caring group of individuals. How does one exactly know this? These newsletters hope to provide you a little glimpse into the life of West Central students and staff and the events, learning opportunities and endeavors they engage in every day. As you can see, West Central is THE place to be!

This past weekend, our students involved in the Fall play put on an enthralling and creatively professional performance in their production of "Order Up". Each performer, stage hand, lighting and sound technician and participant brought their best performance and had the audience laughing and thoroughly engaged throughout the presentation. Such a talented group of individuals!

Thank you for joining us for Parent Teacher Conferences. We hope you will continue to stay engaged with us throughout the year—it takes school and home working together to help each child thrive and excel.

Cathy L. Rowe





Just as you can count on the changing of seasons in Indiana, one constant of parenthood is that our children will go through many different seasons themselves, and one thing I have learned during my own twenty-two years of parenting is that sometimes the transition between those seasons is hard. They are hard on our kids, and oftentimes, that makes them even harder on us.

Whether your child is transitioning from elementary to middle school or from middle school to high school, they are experiencing new and exciting things. More than likely, they are also experiencing difficult things that are often frustrating. What once came easy, may not come so easily anymore in this new season. Encourage your child to have faith! I would also encourage you to guide them to see what they could be doing differently. After all, the only part of a situation we can control is how we respond to it. Learning is messy, and that's ok. Life is full of messes. It's through the struggle that true learning happens whether it be on the court or in the classroom. Working through struggles helps to develop critical thinking skills, and more importantly, it builds character. Both are qualities that our children are going to need to navigate all the seasons of life.

Mrs. Angie Radtke, West Central Middle/Senior High School Principal

First Graders Travel to Fair Oaks Farms

First graders recently went on a field trip to Fair Oaks Farms and experienced numerous hands on experiences. While some of our students live on farms, or have farming families, most students do not get to interact with farm animals and learn about life on the farm. Great experience for our students!

First Grade Teachers



The elementary school is off to a great start. In addition to great learning activities in the classrooms, there's been other opportunities. Fifth Grade students learned about team-building when traveling to Beyond Boundaries, Kindergarten had their first field trip and went to County Line Orchard, and First Grade experienced Fair Oaks Dairy Farm. It's great to be able to offer these to the students.



Other grades have their field trips planned yet this semester. We really enjoyed being included in Dress-Up days and the pep session for Homecoming. PTC is doing the heavy lifting for the Book Fair. This was set for October 12-19, and was open during conferences on October 17. A huge thank you to PTC for handling this, and everything else they do supporting our students, staff, and school.

Mr. Mike Carlson, West Central Elementary School

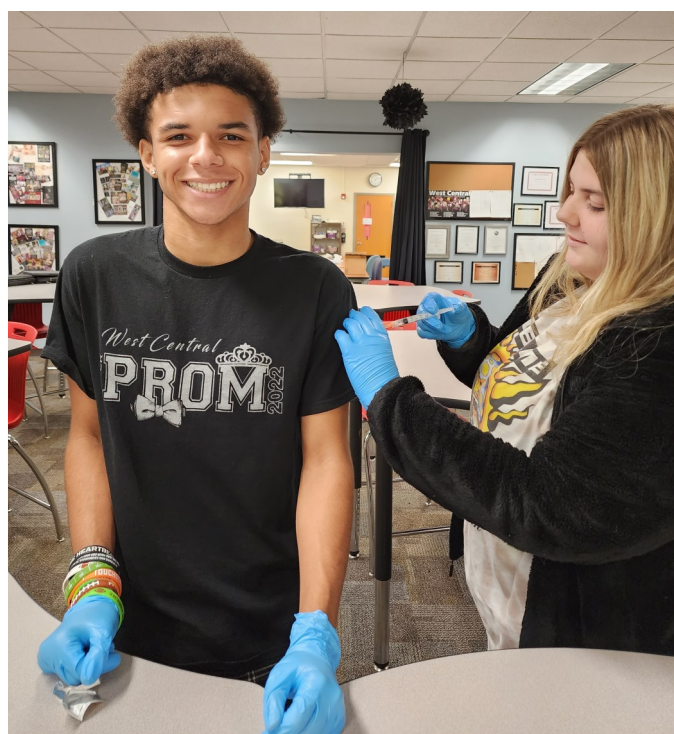
More Fair Oaks Fun!



Health Occupations

CMA students are learning to reconstitute medication and give intramuscular injections using oranges.

Mrs. Jennifer Johns, Health Occupations Teacher



Health Occupations.... More intramuscular injections and Learning about emergencies and first aid



Health Occupations students learn valuable skills to prepare them for the next step of their learning in the health related field.



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School Safety

We practice school safety drills every month. Keeping staff and students safe is our priority! We have conducted numerous drills over the years, and had opportunities to collaborate with local law enforcement and first responders.

Student Meals

If you happen to find your family in need of meal assistance at some point in the school year, you can always submit an application for free/reduced meals. Since there are no longer any free meals from the USDA, students should have money in their account to pay for lunch and a la carte items. Students qualifying for free/reduced meals must have money in their account to purchase a la carte items. See Rebecca Shepperd, Food Service Manager (rshepperd@wcsc.k12.in.us) for any questions you may have.

Inclement Weather, ELearning and Synchronous ELearning

Tis the season for inclement weather so please talk to your child/children about what happens on a 2 hour delay, a school cancellation or early dismissal due to weather. While we will be using our built-in snow emergency/no school days, there may be times when we will use ELearning. ELearning this year may be the traditional ELearning (students log onto their school device to complete their work at any time during the day) or may be Synchronous ELearning (students log onto their devices at a designated time to engage with their teachers).

Oftentimes, the decision to delay or cancel can happen at the last minute due to quickly changing weather conditions, information gathered from the county highway department, forecasted improvements in the weather conditions, current road conditions, etc. I know that it is very hard to plan when families are given last minute notifications, however the decision is made knowing pick up and drop off times from buses, keeping student drivers in mind and overall road conditions that may be entirely different depending on which part of the county is traversed.

In getting ready for bad weather, please talk with your children about scenarios in which they may find themselves getting off the bus early, getting home later than usual, what to do or who to call if no one is home, etc. We all hope none of those scenarios comes to pass, but at least your child is prepared.

Finally, please ensure children wear appropriate clothing to school relative to bad weather each day—even teens. Car accidents, fire drills, and other instances in which students may have to be out in very cold weather are situations students can find themselves unprepared for bad weather.

