

TO: PARENTS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
FROM: GREG JOHNSON AND MIKE FREESE
PRINCIPAL DEAN OF STUDENTS
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Grade Cards

Grade cards will be given to students at school on Friday, Oct. 30th. Second quarter interim reports will go home with students Dec. 4th.

Student-Led Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for 3:00-6:00pm on Thursday, Nov. 5th and Thursday, Nov 12th. This year, WL-S Middle School will be holding student-led conferences. Students were given scheduling information that they were to have parents fill out and return to the school this week. If you have any questions, please contact your student's first period teacher.

Parent Viewer

Do you check your student's grades online? If not, are you aware that you can? By going to the school website, www.wlstigers.org, and clicking on the following link: [Parent Login to Progress Book](#), you can not only check your student's current grades, but also see the grades that your student has earned for each individual assignment, quiz and test. To get a unique username and password for your student(s), please contact Linda Wilson at lwilson@wlstigers.org or at 465-1060 between 7:30am - 3:30pm on days that we are in school. Fees must be paid or you must have begun making fee payments before you will receive a username and password.

Dear Parent,

As you are most likely aware, West Liberty-Salem Middle/High School has been recognized as an Excellent school on the Local Report Card for the 2008-2009 school year.

However, it is necessary to inform you that West Liberty-Salem Middle/High School has also been identified as a school in need of improvement by the Ohio Department of Education. School Improvement means that we did not meet Ohio's goals in reading for two years in a row. Although the students at WL-S met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as a whole for all grade levels in reading and math, we have one subgroup, the Students With Disabilities subgroup, that has not met Ohio's target for AYP in the following area: Grade 5-8 and Grade 10, Reading, for the last two years.

Our local report card, found at www.ode.state.oh.us, shows how well West Liberty-Salem Middle/High School did when compared with other schools. While we are very proud of our successes as a school, we also recognize that we have targeted areas in which we need to improve.

To help West Liberty-Salem Middle/High School progress out of School Improvement, we have developed and will continue to update our Strategic School Improvement Plan. The plan will be used to help all our students, including those with disabilities, do better in reading and mathematics for the coming year. If you would like more information about the plan or would like information on ways you can help, please contact Greg Johnson at (937) 465-1060.

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the MS Students of the Month! Each student received a gift bag from Marie's Candies and a t-shirt donated by ProSign Design. Thanks to both of these local companies for supporting our students.

September Students of the Month

8th: Anna Naderer & Brandon Smoot

7th: Caitlin Fannin & Jordan Wolfe

6th: Miranda Etgen & Reese Shafer

October Students of the Month

8th: Sarah Landis & Zach Smith

7th: Abigail Rabenstein & Michael McIntosh

6th: Taylor LeVan & Justin Salyers

Overnight Class Trips

May 5-7, 2010 8th grade trip to Washington, DC (w/ stops in Gettysburg and Mount Vernon)

May 26-28 7th grade trip to Chicago

May 27-28 6th grade trip to Kirkmont Outdoor Educational Center

After-School Hallway Loitering

Attention students and parents: This has become a serious problem. Students are not to remain at school after 2:38 unless they are under the supervision of an adult. Students have until 2:50 to get to their activity. Any unsupervised student still in the hallways after 2:50 will receive a detention and be sent to the office to call for a ride.

West Liberty-Salem Science Olympiad Team Has High Expectations

West Liberty-Salem's Division B Science Olympiad team is off and running. Expectations are very high after last year's 5th place finish at the State Tournament. With most of last year's team returning, the students and coaches are excited about this year and are committed to improving. This year's team has 38 students in grades 6 through 9. Practice begins the first week in November. The team's first field trip is scheduled on Wednesday November 4th. The 8th graders on the team have been invited to the Ohio State campus for a "Breakfast of Science Champions". This outing will include breakfast provided by the OSU faculty and a tour of Orton Hall along with a discussion of Ohio Geology and potential career opportunities. On December 10th, the team is scheduled for a Chemical Demonstration show on the campus of Wright State University. After the show the team will receive a campus tour. The tournament season begins on January 9th at Northmont Middle School. The next tournament will be at Magsig Middle School on January 23rd followed by Solon Middle School on February 6th. On March 6, 2010, West Liberty-Salem will be very proud to host its second Science Olympiad tournament. Approximately 25 schools from four different states are expected to compete at the West Liberty-Salem Invitational. This tournament will serve as final preparation for this season's Regional tournament at Grandview Heights High School on March 13th.

Students Participate in Diabetes Walk

Last week WL-S elementary and middle school students raised \$2350 by participating in a Diabetes Walk to Benefit the American Diabetes Association. Way to go!

Upcoming Events

- Wed. 11/4 – MS Science Olympiad FT to OSU
- Thurs. 11/5 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-6
- Mon. 11/9 – 7:00 BOE Meeting in HS Media Center
- Tues. 11/10 – Picture Re-Takes
- Wed. 11/11 – Veterans Day
- Thurs 11/12 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-6
- Sat. 11/14 – Dodgeball Tournament
- Thurs 11/19-20 – Differentiated Assessment Conference
- Fri 11/20 – Foundation Basketball Games v. Urbana
- Wed 11/25-27 – Thanksgiving Break
- Mon 11/30-12/1 – Middle School Conference in Columbus
- Tues. 12/1 – Interim Grades Due
- Fri. 12/4 – Interim Reports Go Home with Students
- Thurs 12/10 – Science Olympiad FT to Wright State University
- Mon. 12/14 – 7:00 BOE Meeting
- Mon. 12/14 – HS Band/Choir Concert
- Thurs. 12/17 – MS Band/Choir Concert
- Dec.21-Jan.1 – Holiday Break – return on Jan. 4th

Career Day

On Oct. 15th, WL-S hosted Middle School Career Day. Students, staff, and administration wish to give a BIG THANK YOU to all those who volunteered to spend the day with us and share about their careers. It was a very educational day in which students were exposed to a great variety of careers.

West Liberty-Salem Athletics

Congratulations to all our fall sports teams for the numerous individual and team accomplishments!

Middle School Girls Cross Country

The WL-S MS Girls finished their cross country season at the OHC finals. Finishing in the top 10 in the OHC were: Michaela Rausch-5th and Brooke Markin-6th. Great season girls!

Middle School Boys Cross Country – OHC Champs

The middle school boys cross country team finished their season by winning the OHC meet. Finishing in the top 10 in the OHC were: Chris Buschur-2nd, Nikolas Yoder-3rd, Adam Zirkle-7th, Bryce Yoder-9th, and Alex Steiner-10th. Great season team!

8th Grade Girls Volleyball – OHC Champs

Congratulations to the 8th grade girls volleyball team for winning the OHC tournament. During the one-day tournament, the girls beat the #3, #2, and #1 seeded teams to take home the championship.

7th Grade Girls Volleyball

The 7th grade girls volleyball team had a good season, finishing with a record of 2-12 and having a lot of fun.

8th Grade Football

The 8th grade boys football team had a great season and finished with a record of 4 wins and 3 losses.

7th Grade Football

The 7th grade boys football team also had a great season. They finished with a record of 5 wins, 1 loss and 1 tie.

MS Cheerleading

Also, thank you to our cheerleaders for cheering on our teams, even on those cold and wet evenings!

Basketball, Wrestling and Cheerleading

It is now time for winter sports to get started. If your student is interested in participating in basketball, wrestling or cheerleading and you need information about conditioning or practice schedules, please contact our Athletic Director, Jake Vitt, at 465-1060.

All directions for away OHC Schools can be found at www.wlstigers.org, or can be found in the fall and/or winter sports program. Updated schedules or changes can be found at www.highschoolsports.net where you can sign up to receive text messages or emails to alert you of immediate schedule changes.