



# BULLETIN

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*"How priceless is your unfailing love!  
Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings."  
Psalm 36:7*

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Dear Parents and Friends of West Bay Christian Academy Students;

On the Friday before Thanksgiving, West Bay hosted the 2nd Annual Lifetime Service Award Gala and Auction. It was a great night for the entire WBCA community, as so many from the past were able to re-connect during this enjoyable evening. The program featured a plethora of silent auction items and an address by keynote speaker Walt Day, Director of Athletes in Action's Pro-Sports New England and past chaplain of both the Red Sox and Patriots, who emphasized the need for Christian education in today's world.

While the auction and speaker were fun and inspirational, I was deeply touched as we presented Lifetime Service Awards to four friends from "the early days" of West Bay: Dave Greenhalgh, Don Zeyl, Dick Nooney, and Charlayne Ekelund. Each one has a special place in our hearts and contributed in many ways to the establishment and growth of West Bay Christian Academy.

David Greenhalgh was the first headmaster of WBCA, serving from 1981 - 1992. His remarkable leadership and vision for the Academy built the strong foundation on which WBCA still stands more than 28 years later. Dave was able to bring together a wide range of interested founders to establish WBCA. All four of Dave and Ellie's children graduated from WBCA. Currently David is the Director of the doctoral program in Organizational Leadership at Eastern University. His award was presented by Joe Hadfield, former treasure of the Board, who praised Dave's sacrificial leadership in the development of West Bay and his current role in Christian education around the world.

Charlayne Ekelund was WBCA's volunteer extraordinaire for many years. She was extremely talented and willing to help in many areas, from yearbook coordinator to costume maker to driving West Bay's first (and only) "bargain" school bus. She was also Connie Cole's right hand woman, and was joined in service by her husband, Don, who was on the Board of Trustees. Charlayne's daily walk was a constant reminder to follow Christ's example of a humble and willing servant, for which West Bay is most thankful.

Donald Zeyl served in leadership roles on the WBCA Board of Trustees for many years, including two terms as President. Don has been a Philosophy professor at URI for 38 years and is currently the department chair. He and his family have served West Bay faithfully for more than two generations and have been a source of strength and encouragement to many. Don worked closely with Dave Greenhalgh in the early years, providing wise counsel and strong support. Don and Judy's children graduated from West Bay and currently they have five granddaughters enrolled. Their son, Jon, was honored to present the award to his father. Don and Judy are presently involved in helping alumni stay connected and grandparents get connected.

Dick Nooney served on the Board of Trustees at WBCA for several years, providing strong leadership during the early years. His service included two terms as Vice President. Dick and his family have been faithful, giving friends of West Bay for many years. Dick also distributes Bibles with the Gideons International around the world. Dick's daughter is a former West Bay teacher, who is married to another former West Bay teacher. He has two granddaughters who are West Bay graduates, and one granddaughter is currently in Fifth Grade.

The stories of these four, remarkable individuals is both moving and inspiring. They, along with many others, provide a rich heritage for the current West Bay community, and we look back on their service with gratitude and admiration.

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"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."

*Matthew 2:6*

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## Winter Uniform Dress Code

During December, January, February, and March, girls may wear navy pants instead of their jumper or their skirt on Chapel Day. If wearing navy pants for Chapel, girls must wear the appropriate blouse ("Peter Pan" collar for Kindergarten – Grade 5 and oxford or pointed collar for Middle School) with navy pants.

Please be sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather for recess, with a coat, hat, and mittens or gloves. If the temperature is above freezing, teachers will take the students outdoors, and we want to be sure they are toasty warm.

Once there is snow on the ground, and students are wearing boots, they must also bring a pair of shoes to change into. We don't want their little (or BIG!!!) feet getting sweaty and uncomfortable. We also don't want slush tramped all over the building.

## Emergency or Weather-related School Closings

Emergency or weather closing will be announced on local television and radio stations. Please note that NBC/Channel 10 is the first to be contacted.

Special notes from the Parent-Student Handbook:

1. Whenever North Kingstown School Department cancels school prior to the start of the school day, the Academy will always also cancel. ***However, it is possible that North Kingstown will not cancel but the Academy will.***
2. Once the school day has begun and a storm becomes severe, parents are encouraged to pick up their children at any point during the day. There is no need to call the Academy for early pickup permission during severe weather conditions.
3. The Academy will **always** remain open once the school day has begun under all weather conditions, until all children have been picked up. Therefore, please do not call the Academy for closing times.

## Grandparents Day Committee

We are forming a committee to plan the annual Grandparents Day. If you are interested in being a part of this special event, to be held in April 2010, please contact Bonnie Sawyer (mother of Chad, Grade 8, Abby, Grade 7, and Ben, Grade 3) at 294-5251 or Rochelle Zeyl (mother of Victoria, Grade 8, Gabrielle, Grade 6, Emilia, Grade 2, and Olivia and Sophia, Kindergarten) at 789-1477.

## Christmas Cards

If you are interested in ordering Christmas cards designed by your child, preview the original artwork during the Book Fair next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 2:30 to 5 pm, and place your order then.

## Happy December Birthdays

Julia Xu	Gr. K	12/1
Joel Roache	Gr. 4	12/2
Sarah Maciel	Gr. 1	12/5
Alexandra Koop	Gr. 7	12/6
Katie Moran	Gr. 1	12/7
Nevaeh Freeman	Gr. K	12/11
Joseph Kralicky	Gr. 7	12/11
Delaynie Johnson	Gr. 8	12/12
Emma Lokey	Gr. 3	12/14
Astrid Harris	Gr. 5	12/15
Tabitha King	Gr. 5	12/15
Myranda Waller	Gr. 4	12/15
Sarah McDonald	Gr. 2	12/20
Mrs. Cannistraci	Preschool	12/21
Jonathan Braddock	Gr. 2	12/22
Aidan Fox	Gr. 4	12/22
Zachary Pezza	Gr. 4	12/25
Dakota Yoon	Gr. 2	12/26
Lindsey Morgan	Gr. 3	12/27
Mrs. Dennis	Phys Ed	12/28

### H1N1 Clinic

Our **H1N1 Clinic** will be held **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

All students **MUST** be picked up by the end of dismissal (at 3:15 pm), unless they are a regularly-scheduled Extended Day student for Tuesdays. There are **NO** after-school activities on Tuesday. Please do not remain at school or return to school until your family's scheduled time.

Immunizations will be given alphabetically, by grade. Siblings will be immunized with the youngest in the family.

Please **arrive** at the times listed below and enter from the parking lot at the Middle School Wing:

**Kindergarten & Siblings:** 4:00pm

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 5:50pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade & Siblings:** 4:30pm

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** 6:00pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade & Siblings:** 5:00pm

**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades:** 6:15pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade & Siblings:** 5:20pm

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping this clinic run smoothly!!!**

## Mark Your Calendar

For more/updated information, visit [www.westbaychristianacademy.com](http://www.westbaychristianacademy.com)

**Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**  
Christmas Program at Exeter Chapel  
Performance by Grades 2 – 5

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 8 pm**  
H1N1 Clinic  
(see page 3 for details)

**Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>,**  
**2:30 – 5 pm, in the WBCA Library**  
Scholastic Book Fair

**Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**  
1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Cards distributed

Submission deadline for  
the December 17<sup>th</sup> Bulletin

**Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**  
WBCA Board of Trustees Meeting  
*ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!!!*

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 3:10 – 4:45 pm**  
Brownies Troop #841 Meeting

