



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*

Dear Parents of West Bay Christian Academy:

As the month of September nears its end, we should be well into our "school routine" by now. Having said "Goodbye" to the lazy days of summer, we are back on a daily schedule of getting up and out on time in the morning, having our children in school during the day, driving them to a variety of activities after school, doing homework at night—and then (at last) bedtime. While a normal routine helps to bring order to our lives, sometimes we lose sight of where this routine is taking us. That is why West Bay schedules our Parent-Teacher Goal-Setting conferences at this time of the school year. The Goal-Setting conference affords us the opportunity to discuss each child's individual strengths and needs by getting both a home and school perspective. It provides a focused time to better understand how each child functions and what we can do to use his or her particular individual personality and learning style to optimally enhance maturing and growing.

We have often said that West Bay Christian Academy is interested in the *total* development of the child—cognitive, social, physical, and spiritual—and it is our hope that our Christian school environment will adequately challenge each student in all areas. I believe that the level of care and concern that WBCA's faculty has for each student is quite unique, as each teacher attempts to provide the appropriate structure, enrichment, excitement, and spiritual nourishment.

Our teachers look forward to these conferences as a means of setting the course for the year as they understand how important this activity is. I thank you for your thoughtful and prayerful support and participation as we work together in beginning this school year.

Sincerely,
Rick Clarkson
Headmaster

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."
John 3:16, 17

DIRECTORY UPDATES

We welcome two new students to West Bay since the start of classes. Be sure to add their information to your parents' directory.

Laura Evans (Julia, Grade 8) 134 Mark Drive; N Kingstown, 02852; Phone 885-7049

Rebecca Rollins (Kamryn, Preschool) 43 Hendrick Ave; N Kingstown, 02852; Phone 295-5710

Please make the following correction, as the Kleczek/Mastroianni (Grace, Grade 4) family has moved:

17 Periwinkle Dr West, Wakefield, 02879; Same phone number

Another correction - the Roberts family's (Lindsay, Grade 4 and Luke, Grade 2) zip code was wrong. Their correct zip code is: 02889.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Welcome back to school! For over 36 years, *Labels for Education*SM has supported schools across the country by providing more than \$110 million in free educational merchandise. This year, the *Labels for Education* program is getting even better with a new look and focus on supporting the Arts, Athletics and Academic enrichment programs that can spark children's successes. *Labels for Education* is also adding new partnerships and resources. To learn more sign-up for e-newsletters at labelsforeducation.com.

With your help, West Bay Christian Academy can make this year the best ever! To meet our goals, we need to collect 1000 points. Participating in the program is easy – simply save UPC's from participating Campbell products and send them to school with your child. A Campbell's collection bin is located in the foyer by the front desk. Please take a few minutes to review the Product Eligibility List (Bulletin insert) and start sending in your UPC codes, every one counts! Thanks so much for your support. - Linda Nooney (mother of Elizabeth, Grade 5)

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

The October collection date is rapidly approaching, so now is the time to start sending in all the Box Tops you saved during the summer. Our collection box is in the "new" entrance. Keep checking all product boxes and wrappers before disposing them - Each Box Top is money for our school. For more information regarding participating brands, please check out www.boxtops4education.com. Thank you for your support.

- Deborah Carlisle (mother of Jack, Grade 2)

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We are still looking for a volunteer to distribute the Hot Lunch baskets every other Friday. It would be an hour commitment twice a month - 20 minutes to organize the baskets and take them to the classrooms, 20 minutes for lunch with your child, and 20 minutes to collect the baskets and clean up. If you might be interested, call Andrea Medeiros (Max, Grade 6, Julia, Grade 3, and Lauren, Grade 1) at 885-5922.

Wednesday, September 30th is PICTURE DAY

Questions frequently asked...

Q. *What is my child required to wear?*

Regular uniform, Chapel uniform, or Dress-Up Day attire as defined on page 29 of the Parent/Student Handbook. **SPECIAL NOTE FOR GRADE 1B (Mrs. Wilson)** - Wednesday is PE Day for Grade 1B Mrs. Wilson. Students will need to wear regular uniform, Chapel uniform, or Dress-up from the waist up, and bring their PE t-shirt or sweatshirt to change into.

Q. *What if my child is absent, I forget to send in the money, or the pictures are not acceptable?*

There will be a Retake Day (TBA) for absences, forgotten envelopes, and photographic/printing error. In the case of photo error, return the entire package to the Front Desk to be held until Retake Day.

Q. *When do I send in the envelope and money?*

Sending the envelope to school by Monday, September 28 will help you not forget.

Q. *What if I have more than one child? Do I use one envelope?*

Every child needs an envelope with the package being purchased indicated. You may write one check and put it in one child's envelope, with a notation on your other child (ren)'s envelope.

Q. *Is there a Family Plan?*

Please see "SPECIAL FAMILY PLAN" box on order form.

EVERY child's picture will be taken on September 30 for the yearbook regardless if a package is purchased. West Bay participates in the SmileSafe Kids safety card and the 24/7 Rapid Response, in partnership with Lifetouch and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Make the mooooo...ve to ice cold milk at lunch!!!

There will be 1%, chocolate, and strawberry milk from Garelick Farms every day at lunch, beginning October 6th.

Coupon books are available now at the Front Desk - \$3.00 for 5-8oz. plastic chug coupons, or 4-10 oz. plastic chug coupons. Simply tear off a coupon and slip it your child's lunch box. At lunchtime, the 8th graders will go to the Preschool, Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade classrooms to exchange coupons for chugs. Students in 3rd through 7th grade will bring their coupons to the milk cooler to get their milk.



The proceeds from the milk program will go to the annual Grade 8 Missions Trip fund.

We are very excited about this new offering, and hope you choose to mooooo...ve to a healthier you and get milk!!!!

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Bishop Hendricken High School is having an open house on Sunday, October 18, 1 - 3:30 pm. Families interested in taking a campus tour, meeting faculty, coaches, and students, and viewing classroom presentations are invited to attend. For more information, visit www.hendricken.com. West Bay has graduates attending and who have attended Hendricken. We are sure they would be happy to share their experience. If you are interested in making contact, please speak to Mrs. Cole or Mrs. McCormack.

There will be an open house at The Prout School on Sunday, November 1, 1 - 4 pm. This will be a chance for interested students to meet the Prout faculty and staff, enjoy a tour of the school, and experience what Prout has to offer. Go to www.theproutschool.org if you have questions. There are four members of last year's Eighth Grade, the WBCA Class of 2009, attending Prout now. If you would like to speak to them about their transition from West Bay, Mrs. Cole or Mrs. McCormack will help facilitate that.

AFTER-SCHOOL MANDARIN CHINESE PROGRAM

Mrs. I-Chien Young, mother of Lilie Young (First Grade), has offered to start an after-school program teaching Mandarin Chinese to students in Grades 3 - 8. The program would be held Tuesdays from 3:15 to 4:45 pm, here at West Bay. Mrs. Young is a graduate of Columbia University, and is teaching Chinese at the Chinese Christian Church of RI, using a curriculum that emphasizes singing, games, crafts, calligraphy, etc. Mrs. Young wants us to realize that, "proficiency in Mandarin Chinese is in high demand by government and private employers and can open up a window into an ancient and fascinating culture." If you are interested in your child participating in this new program, please call Mrs. Cole at 884-3600, ext. 121.

PARENT VOLUNTEER BODY

The Parent Volunteer Body (PVB) is responsible for promoting good communication between home and school, and for encouraging support for West Bay and Christian education in general. The executive board for this year is:

President	Tina Richter (mother of Brady, Gr 4 and Bryce, Gr 2)
Vice President	Jenn Pezza (mother of Zach, Gr 4, Tyler, Gr 1, & Jake, Preschool)
Secretary	Tracy Miner (mother of Abigail, Gr 5 and Grace, Gr 3)
Treasurer	Sandy Jones (mother of Samantha, Gr 5)
Volunteer Coordinator	Jaime Walden (mother of John, Gr 2)
Teacher Support	Stephanie Pazienza (mother of Paulie, Gr 2)
Head Room Parent	Melyssa Ricci (mother of Myranda Waller, Gr 4)

The PVB meets once a month to coordinate activities and discuss ways for parents to support the school. The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 7, 1 - 3 pm, here at school. All parents are encouraged to attend and get involved in the PVB.