# News From Our Superintendent 

## Finishing the First Quarter Strong at West Central

The first quarter of the 2019-2020 school year came and went. It's been a great 9 weeks. There are countless successes I could chronicle here. However, l'll give you the highlights as I see them from the Superintendent's seat.

While West Central's enrollment was down compared to last year, it was up slightly from our projections. On count day we had 735 students enrolled K-12 including a large kindergarten class. We hope this indicates more young families are moving here and staying here because our county is safe and affordable. We continue to host the Medaryville Nursery School and Head Start on our campus.

Through collaborative efforts we've been able to integrate our future Trojans into our school community to compensate for Indiana not providing for preschool funding.

Despite our small size, West Central continues to offer big-time opportunities for students, including advance manufacturing, welding, CNA certification, band, choir, art, a wide array of sports, plus traditional coursework in core subjects. There is something for everyone. Our Fall Sports have made some steps forward, including a strong start to the football season which tapered off after a plague of injuries. Our marching band continues to grow and impress at halftime and contests. Our winter sports are gearing up for great seasons, too.

On the facilities front, we secured a $\$ 100,000$ matching grant for safety upgrades. We are exited to have qualified for such a significant sum, which will free up local money for other improvements. While it took some time, our new Information System is in full swing. Additionally, our investments in instructional technology are reaping fruit, as evidenced by our successful eLearning day on September 25th.

This fall we redoubled our efforts to ensure West Central is a place where learning is first, and we have seen our students take heart and apply themselves with a new vigor. This will play out in test scores now, but more importantly, we want it to play out in our students' long-term success in life after school. We want to thank the community for its continued support as we make West Central the best school it can be!

Sincerely,
Dan Zylstra, Superintendent

## Notes from the Guidance Department

Mark your calendar for the following upcoming events:

## Seniors and Senior Parents:

The FAFSA opened on October 1 and must be submitted by April 15 in order to receive state aid.

Helpful websites:
https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa
https://isfaa.org/docs/toc students.html
https://www.investedindiana.org/

## Attention All $8^{\text {th }}$ Grade Students and Parents!!!

You are encouraged to attend:
What: Freshman Orientation to High School
When: Monday, March 9, 2010
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: High School Cafeteria

Topics to be addressed:

- Diploma Types and Requirements
- Local Graduation Requirements
- Graduation Pathways Requirements
- Scheduling for High School
- Four Year Planning for High School
- College and Career Planning

students in October and November on the scheduling process. Parents and students are reminded to contact the guidance office/student support services if they have questions concerning which classes to take, what is required for high school graduation, what is required for college, and what coursework is needed for each diploma type. Please call and make an appointment if you would like to meet with Mrs. Kennedy to talk about your child's credits, schedule or future plans.

Minimum high school graduation requirements (Core 40) are: 40 Credits and passing the ISTEP for both Mathematics and Language Arts.

8 Credits of English
6 Credits of Math
6 Credits of Science
1 Credit of Health
2 Credit of Physical Education
1 Credit of Preparing for College/Career
6 Credits of Social Studies (1 Gov't, 2 U.S. History, \& 2 World History/Geography, Economics)
10 Elective Credits
In addition, students must be enrolled in a Math or Quantitative Reasoning course each year of high school. STUDENTS in grades 10-12 who have not passed ISTEP may opt to pursue a Graduation Pathway in lieu of passing ISTEP. ALL students in the class of 2023 and beyond MUST complete a Graduation Pathway.

College requirements are increasing. Each college sets its own admissions requirements. State supported colleges are not required to accept Indiana graduates.

Some colleges have standard requirements for all students to meet in order to be admitted to the college. Other colleges have each department within the college establish their respective requirements. Purdue University has different admissions requirements for each department. Two years of a foreign language is a requirement for many four-year colleges.

High Grades + High SAT/ACT Scores = More \$\$ in scholarships, grants and financial aid!! Students need to be encouraged to take high school seriously from the beginning of $9^{\text {th }}$ grade and beyond.

## College Costs Estimator is a fairly new tool for students and parents. Check it out at:

http://www.indianacollegecosts.org/calculate-your-college-costs

| Pre-K | 3 Hepatitis B <br> 4 PTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, \& Pertussis) <br> 3 Polio <br> 1 Varicella (Chickenpox) <br> 1MMR (Measles, Mumps \& Rubella) | Annual influenza 2 Hepatitis A |
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| K-5th Grade | 3Hepatitis B 5 DTaP 4 Polio 2 Varicella 2 MMR <br> 2 Hepatitis A | Annual influenza |
| 6th-8th Grade | 3Hepatitis B <br> 5 DTaP <br> 4 Polio <br> 2 Varicella <br> 2 MMR <br> 2 Hepatitis A <br> 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal) <br> 1 Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria \& Pertussis) | Annual influenza 2/3 HPV (Human papillomavirus) |
| 9th-11th Grade | 3Hepatitis B 5 DTaP <br> 4 Polio <br> 2 Varicella <br> 2 MMR <br> 2 Hepatitis A <br> 1 Tdap | Annual influenza 2 Hepatitis A 2/3 HPV |
| 12th Grade | 3Hepatitis B 5 DTaP <br> 4 Polio <br> 2 Varicella <br> 2 MMR <br> 2 Hepatitis A <br> 1 Tdap | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Annual influenza } \\ & 2 / 3 \text { HPV } \\ & 2 \text { Men B (Meningococcal) } \end{aligned}$ |

HepB: The minimum age for the 3rd dose of Hepatitis B is 24 weeks of age.DTaP: 4 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if 4th dose was administered on or after child's 4th birthday.
Polio*: 3 doses of Polio are acceptable for all grade levels if the 3rd dose was given on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
*For students in grades K-10, the final dose must be administered on or after the 4th birthday and be administered at least 6 months after the previous dose.
Varicella: Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for children entering preschool through 12th grade. Parent report of disease history is not acceptable.
Tdap: There is no minimum interval from the last Td dose.

Eric J. Holcomb
Governor
Kristina Box, MD, FACOG
State Health Commissioner

The Indiana State Department of Health believes that protecting Indiana's citizens from vaccinepreventable diseases is one of the most important roles of public health. Indiana is experiencing an increase in hepatitis A cases. To ensure that all of Indiana's youth are properly protected against this disease, new school immunization requirements are being implemented for fall 2020. All students in kindergarten through 12th grade who attend an accredited school in Indiana will be required to have two doses of hepatitis A vaccine for the 2020-21 school year.

Records from the Indiana Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) indicate that your child has not completed the two-dose hepatitis A vaccine series. Hepatitis A vaccine is recommended by the Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices for all ages and is safe and effective at preventing hepatitis A, a highly contagious liver infection. The Hepatitis A vaccine series is a two dose series that requires six months between doses. Please contact your healthcare provider to discuss options for vaccination and if your child is eligible to receive publicly-funded vaccine.

Please make an appointment with your healthcare provider to complete the series and discuss any other adolescent vaccines that might be needed to protect your child from vaccinepreventable diseases and/or cancer, including human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningitis B.

If you have questions about your child's immunization history, MyVaxIndiana is an online tool that allows individuals to access their immunization records after receiving a secure personal information number (PIN) from their healthcare providers. This tool enables individuals to view, print or electronically stores their records since 2012. Please ask your healthcare provider how to access your child's record.

Yours in health,

The Indiana Immunization Program

## Indiana

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In partnership with local leaders, we are in the beginning stages of creating a West Central Comfort Closet. Our goal is to provide essential items and basic non-perishable food items to students and families within the West Central School Corporation.

We are hoping to get the WCCC up and running in early November, with the possibility of providing services to students and families by the end of the month.

In order to begin selecting those students who could benefit from these services, we would initially need help in identifying students in need. A Google Doc will be shared with all staff where names of High School/Middle School/Elementary School students can be provided. Our hope is to target 30 students initially with the goal of reaching as many as possible once the Comfort Closet is fully funded and stocked. Students receiving items will remain anonymous and all names submitted should remain confidential.

The Comfort Closet will be collecting various items as well as accepting donations. A list will be provided for all items that will be accepted. All donations can be given to Kenley Newbauer, Brad Odom, or Lindsay Hopkins. Donations may also be dropped off in the high school, middle school, or elementary offices.

Please contact Kenley Newbauer (ext 1510), Brad Odom (ext 1208), or Lindsay Hopkins (ext 1036) with any questions.

Thank you for your support and generosity on behalf of our students.

In a compassionate effort to ensure that all West Central students have access to basic needs, the corporation will be equipped with a "Comfort Closet." This service will provide students with items that may not be available to them outside of school, and promote a culture of giving in our community and among our students. This service will allow students to anonymously get what they need to feel their best and be successful.

The Comfort Closet will be stocked with donated items and completely funded through contributions. $100 \%$ of all donations will benefit the students at West Central.



## Hygiene :

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lice Killing Shampoo
- Bath Soap/Body Wash
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Combs/Hair Brushes
- Mouthwash
- Pocket Sized Tissues
- Feminine Products
- Hair Ties

Miscellaneous:

- Reusable Shopping Bags
- Drawstring bags


## Snacks:

- Apple Sauce
- Granola Bars
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Soups
- Canned Vegetables
- Ramen Noodles
- Rice Mixes/Pasta Mixes
- Mac and Cheese
- Cereal
- Individually wrapped Crackers
- Individually wrapped Chips
- Individually wrapped Pretzels
- Popcorn
- Fruit Cups/Canned Fruit/Fruit Snacks
- Pudding Cups
- Jerky
- Packaged Tuna

The Elementary PTC is proud to announce that the playground project is complete, and the children are enjoying it! In the spring, we received grants from Pulaski County Community Foundation, Carroll White REMC Round UP, Jasper County REMC Round Up, and Gutwein Popcorn/Harvey Gutwein Grant. We are grateful to these entities for supporting our school. The PTC also contributed monies towards the playground equipment that was collected from past fundraisers (like the NO Hassle Fundraiser). Thank you to those who volunteered to install border, too. This playground expansion could not have be done without each contribution. We sincerely thank each of you for your donation whether that be time or money. We look forward to years of enjoyment by the children at recess!


A Touchstone Energy ${ }^{\circ}$ Cooperative


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Community Foundation allisinting of Pulaski County l communities

## GUMVEIT GOURMET POPPING



Thank you so much to our shoppers at both Scholastic Book Fairs this fall. We had some very happy students that left with some great books! Books make great gifts! If you are looking for holiday gift giving suggestions you can shop our online book
fairs and sort by age or category to narrow down your choices. Plus, our schools will get a percentage of the sales to buy more books! Visit the sites below to do some shopping.

## Elementary:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/westcentralelemsch2

## Middle School/High School:

https://shop.scholastic.com/parent-ecommerce/parent-store.html


## News from the Student Council

On Monday November 12, at 11:00 A.M. the West Central Student Council will be hosting the 18 Annual Veterans Day Program. We invite everyone to come out and honor our veterans, and remember their sacrifices. If you are able to attend, please notify at 219-567-9119 ext. 1523. Please enter thru door 15.


As we approach the end of the calendar year, please be reminded of the opportunity to donate to the West Central Schools Educational Foundation.

The foundation is a tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and incorporated under Indiana Law as a not-for-profit corporation. Contributions are deductible for income, estate and gift tax purposes.

The purpose of the foundation is to provide scholarships for the youth of the West Central School Corporation. A secondary purpose is to promote educational excellence by raising funds for an endowment through which grants can be awarded for the purpose of strengthening educational programs.

If you would like to become a donor, please complete the form below. You may stop by the Central Office if you are interested in establishing an Advised Endowment Fund Agreement.
$\qquad$
ADDRESS

Contribution of \$ $\qquad$

Please make checks payable to West Central Schools Educational Foundation

Mail to:
WCSE Foundation
P.O. Box 578

Francesville, IN 47946


Our Gym/Swim program is ready to begin! We are excited to get back into the water with the elementary students. During this time students will be working on stroke development, swimming endurance and important life saving skills. Before jumping in the water each class will watch a quick 5 minute video on basic water and sun knowledge. It's a great learning experience for our students and we encourage parents to come and watch! Please remind students to please bring their own towels and brushes, swim caps and bathing suits. Girls are reminded to wear a suit that covers their mid-section. No bikini suits. If students are missing their swim caps more will be provided on their first swim day. Any caps lost after that first day will need to be replaced by students for a $\$ 2.00$ fee. Classes begin in November.

The pool area has several lifeguard positions open. Any student ( 15 or over) or adult interested in taking our lifeguarding or CPR course is welcome. Classes will begin in January. Please contact Elyse Williams for more details at 219-567-9741 ext. 1019


| West Central Pool Schedule <br> All workout classes are free your first time! |  |  |  |  |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | FRIDAY |
| 11:00am- | 6:00am-7:00am | 11:00am- | 6:00am-7:00am | 11:00am- |
| 12:00pm | Morning Lap | 12:00pm | Morning Lap | 12:00pm |
| Adult Aquasize | \$1.00 | Adult Aquasize | \$1.00 | Adult Aquasize |
| \$4 or \$30 punch | \$4 or \$30 punch |  |  | \$4 or \$30 punch |
| Pass | pass |  |  | pass |
| 3:00-4:00 pm | 4:30-5:30pm | 3:00-4:00pm | 4:30-5:30pm |  |
| Open Swim | Adult Aquasize | Open Swim | Adult Aquasize |  |
| \$1.00 | $\$ 4$ or $\$ 30$ punch $\$ 1.00$ Pass |  | \$4 or \$30 punch |  |
|  |  |  | pass |  |
|  | 5:30pm-6:30pm |  | 5:30pm-6:30pm |  |
|  | Deep Water Jogging |  | Deep Water Jogging |  |
|  |  |  | \$2.00 |  |
|  | 6:30-8:00pm |  | 6:30-8:00pm |  |
|  | Open Swim |  | Open Swim |  |
|  | \$1.00 |  | \$1.00 |  |

Pool Rules: No School - No Pool, Suits must cover midsection (women), Babies must wear swim diapers, Children under 7 need to have an adult Supervisor and Lifeguards have final say on all rules!! The pool is always grateful for donations of towels, bags and suits!

## Upcoming Title I Event

## Donuts with Dad

Friday, December 6, 2019 at 7:15 A.M.
Students are allowed to invite one adult male to join them for a free donut and drink in the school cafeteria. There will be activities in the gym as well as a free book for all elementary students. Due to the space and time constraint, this is for ELEMENTARY students and their guest only.


Title I is a federally funded program that is designed to generate high levels of achievement in core academic areas for all students, especially those who are not demonstrating proficiency in meeting the State's achievement standards. A portion of these government funds must be set aside as well for family involvement activities! Please take advantage of the opportunities to be involved with the school programs that are designed to bring teachers, parents and students together!

The Title I department sends home all its invitations to our program on purple paper. Make sure to look through your child's book bag for these important announcements. Invitations and announcements about programs are usually sent home within three weeks of the event.

We hope to see you at our events!
West Central Title I Department


## By: Kayla Hornback and Miranda Thompson

Banquet
On May 20th we
held our annual
banquet. Everyone
received their
awards and enjoyed
the delicious meal.

The chapter had a float in the Fall Feast parade Saturday September 21st this year. The FFA chapter had four people work on the float to get the materials ready for the float of Saturday. There was a lot of members on the float. Everyone had a blast being on the float.

## Breakfast

On October 26, 2019 the 8th annual
Farmer's Breakfast was held in the school cafeteria. FFA members served up a delicious meal of biscuits and gravy, hash browns, sausage, eggs, fruits, and drink. The proceeds from the Farmer's Breakfast went to help the FFA

Chapter.

## DW and Soar

LDW was Sep. 6th-8th. LDW is only for officers. Four officers went and learned leadership skills and learned some things that they could improve or their chapter.
On October 11-13 the West Central FFA chapter had four members go to Soar. Soar is a camp that FFA members in 7 th to 10 th grade can attend. They can learn more about SAE and CDE and work ethic. This year two officers went and two members went. Alex and Collin went as campers. Ryan and Jenna went as

September we had ou chapter Kickoff. The officers had some fun learning activities for them to learn leadership skills and communication skills.

## National

Convention and
Expo
The West Central FFA officers went to Indy October 30 though November 2. They attended sessions and workshops. They also attended a hypnotist show and Old Dominion concert. Everyone had a really great time at National Convention \& Expo.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

## \& ORNAMENTS

The Life Skills class will be selling Christmas Cards and Ornaments the months of November and December. Stop by the Life Skills room to get your cards and/or your ornaments.


Contact Chelsea Reed 219-567-9119 Ext 1521


## Turkey Twist Dance

Thursday, November 14, 2019 6:00-7:30 in the WCES Cafeteria
\$2 per person/ \$8 per family Raffles Concessions Games


## DJ Keystone Entertainment \& Dancing

Sponsored by West Central Elementary Student Council



## What is 21st Century Scholars?

The 21st Century Scholars program was established in 1990 to increase students' aspirations for and access to higher education. The Scholars Program provides 7th and 8th grade income-eligible students the opportunity to earn a scholarship that covers up to four years of tuition and regularly assessed fees. 21st Century Scholars supports eligible students and parents with the tools they need to prepare for college, graduate on time and begin a successful career. The scholarship is awarded on an annual basis. Scholars are provided resources and assistance to help them plan and prepare for college and pay for expenses not covered by their scholarship. The scholarship does not cover the cost of books or room and board.

Enroll online before June 30th of 8th grade at Scholars.IN.gov

## Visit Scholars.IN.gov/eligiblecolleges for a list of approved colleges.

1-888-528-4719
Indiana's 21st Century Scholars Enrollment Introduction (video)
Https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2F0TqMKHEc

# Everyday Preventive Actions That Can <br> Help Fight Germs, Like Flu <br> CDC recommends a three-step approach to fighting the fiu. 

CDC recommends a three-step approach to fighting influenza (flu). The first and most important step is to get a flu vaccination each year. But if you get the flu, there are prescription antiviral drugs that can treat your illness. Early treatment is especially important for the elderly, the very young, people with certain chronic health conditions, and pregnant women. Finally, everyday preventive actions may slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu. This flyer contains information about everyday preventive actions.

## How does the flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze, or talk. Flu viruses also may spread when people touch something with flu virus on it and then touch their mouth, eyes, or nose. Many other viruses spread these ways too.People infected with flu may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick. That means you may be able to spread the flu to someone else before you know you are sick as well as while you are sick. Young children, those who are severely ill, and those who have severely weakened immune systems may be able to infect others for longer than 5-7 days.

## What are everyday preventive actions?

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.
- If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease

ENCOURAGING

## ADVANCING

## WEST CENTRAL STUDENT ATHLETES

## 2019-20 Membership Form—SUPPORT YOUR WEST CENTRAL ATHLETE

Please fill this form out completely for our records. Membership begins the month you sign up and ends in that same month the following year. For example, you become a Booster member in April of 2019, then your membership will expire in April of 2020.

Parent(s) Name(s): $\qquad$
Address: $\qquad$
Cell: $\qquad$
Email: $\qquad$
Child Name $\qquad$ Grade: $\qquad$
Sport: $\qquad$

TYPES OF MEMBERSHIPS: (Please mark membership of choice)
___Member $\$ 25.00$ You will receive a car window decal and listed as a donor in our sports programs.
___Booster $\$ 50.00$ You will receive a window decal, a punch pass for (5) free popcorns to be used at home events and listed as a donor in our sports programs.
_ Black $\$ 100.00$ You will receive a window decal, a punch pass for (10) free popcorns at home events, an invitation to the hospitality room prior to a designated home event and listed as a donor in our sports programs.
___Cardinal $\$ 250.00$ You will receive a window decal, a punch pass for (10) free popcorns at home events, one (1) sports punch pass for (10) home events, an invitation to the hospitality room prior to a designated home event and listed as a donor in our sports programs.
___Trojan $\$ 500.00$ You will receive a window decal, a punch pass for (10) free popcorns at home events, two (2) sports punch passes for ( 20 -total) home events, an invitation to the hospitality room prior to a designated home event, you will be announced at home events for being a donor and listed as a donor in our sports programs.
***This form along with payment can be mailed to P.O. Box 578, Francesville IN 47946.*** Thank you!!!

## Breakfast Available to all student customers

Do you know that West Central offers the best breakfast selection compared to the surrounding choices that our customers have?
We offer over 10 choices of grab and go style combinations in addition to a hot breakfast choice every day.
Students can mix and match different items that make up a great
breakfast selection to start their day.
Students that eat breakfast are more likely to do better in the
classroom and have a better day.
Check out our breakfast menu on the website and make sure you are starting your day with us.

We need to prepare for the winter season that is fast approaching. We realize that any change in the normal school schedule is an inconvenience and in some cases a challenge for families. Here are a few suggestions to consider when making adjustments at home.

- Check the website! Listen to the radio and/or watch the TV for schedule changes. Stations are listed below.
- Notices are given in advance as much as possible.
- Have prior arrangements made for child care in the event of early dismissals and delays. Small children should not be left alone at any time, especially during bad weather.

IN CASE OF SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS OR DELAYS-PLEASE TUNE INTO THE FOLLOWING RADIO OR TELEVISION STATIONS FOR INFORMATION.





