

Marc Elin, Principal • Chris Vetrano and Amy Zigler, Assistant Principals
Dr. Steve Herrington, Superintendent



Message from our Principal

Adjusting to the New Normal of Economic Survival

It is frustrating to feel powerless against the political decisions made in Sacramento that affect our kids in Windsor. Thanks to the Governor's political shell-game called the "Gas Tax Swap," public schools will see \$250 less per student in funding next year. This is in addition to the 20% yearly reduction in special categorical funding we have had to grow accustomed to.

An added surprise to next year's budget is that we will only get 50% of our normal School and Library Block Grant (SLBG) allocation. This alone is a \$52,000 hit to Windsor High School. In addition, to help purchase needed books and resources for the Library, the SLBG also funds three key support staff: a library technician, our bilingual community liaison, and our volunteer coordinator. You can only imagine the difficult decisions ahead....and the budget woes are still not over.

Now, more than ever, we need to pull together and try and fill the gap of what will not be there next year. Some of the answers will continue to come from the creative ways our teachers have learned to do the same with less -- less paper, less photocopies, less supplies. Support from parents will also be needed in a variety of ways: volunteering time at school or with our community partners (Boosters and the Windsor Education Foundation) and contributing to classroom needs and activities to raise money for programs affected by all the cuts.

We must do everything in our power to avoid having these cuts affect the quality educational and extracurricular experiences Windsor High prides itself on providing its students. These are the only high school year our kids will know. They do not have the luxury to wait for budgets to return to normal. This is the new normal -- let's figure out, together, how to make it work.

Marc Elin

Do you need credits? Want to graduate on time?

Omega Session 3 is a GO!
Omega Session 3 will begin on **Monday, March 22** and ends on **Thursday, May 6, 2010**. It is Monday-Thursday, 4-7 pm in G Quad.



Remember...there is no summer school this year! Sign up with your counselor today.

Jaguar Dates to Remember

Monday, March 8, 7:00pm
Boosters Meeting, room M110

Tuesday-Wednesday, March 16 and 17
CAHSEE Testing

Tuesday, March 16
Parent Connections

Weeks of April 12-30
STAR Testing

April 17
Prom, at Santa Rosa Vineyard Hyatt

Windsor High School 707-837-7767

Administration

Marc Elin- Principal (x111)

Assistant Principals:

Amy Zigler grades (10 and 12) (x106)
Chris Vetrano grades (9 and 11) (x103)

Lorraine Souza, Principal's Secretary (x104)

Leigh McTaggart, AP Secretary (x101)

Counselors

For students with last names beginning with:

Ron Wheatley (x119) A-D, H-J
Paolo Breschi (x121) E-G
Eva Velasquez (x108) M-R
Mindy Burgert (x118) K-L, S-Z

Attendance/Absence Hotline

Yvette James 837-7767 (x102)
Diane Contreras 837-7767 (x112)

Registrar

Joan Dockter 837-7767 (x109)

Volunteer Center

Cathryn Catania 837-7767 (x147)

WHS Library

Linda Chatham 837-7767 (x117)

Student Advisors

Chris Boncz, Sabrina Abraham 837-7767 (x116)

Bilingual Community Liaison

Elvia Bonè 837-7767 (x126)

CAHSEE Testing

The California High School Exit Exam (**CAHSEE**) will be given on Tuesday and Wednesday, **March 16th and 17th**. Passing scores on CAHSEE are required to graduate and receive a high school diploma. All sophomores will be taking the test on these days, as well as juniors and seniors who have not passed the exams yet.

The exams are conducted in two parts: **English Language Arts** on Tuesday (3/16) at 8 am, and **Mathematics** on Wednesday (3/17) at 9:20.

10th graders with A-day core will test both days in their core classes. All other students including 10th graders with B-day core, WISH students, and 11th/12th graders retaking the exams will report to the Large Gym at the beginning of those school days.

Study guides are available online:

English: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/elaguide.asp>

Math: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/mathguide.asp>

Students taking the exams should get a good night sleep and eat a nutritious breakfast.

All test takers need to bring **Picture ID**, **two #2 pencils**, and a book to read (in case they finish testing before the block is over). Absolutely, **NO** electronic devices are allowed to be on in the testing rooms. These are untimed tests so students will be allowed sufficient time to finish each test.

Please make sure your child has **no outside appointments** on these days. There are **no makeup exams** scheduled for CAHSEE – students must wait until the next testing date in the Fall 2010.

If you have any questions, please call the counseling office at 837-7767 ext 110, or the WHS reception desk at 837-7767 ext 101.

Press Democrat Awards

The **Press Democrat Community Youth Service Award (CYSA)** honors ten outstanding seniors in Sonoma County for service to our community and school. CYSA's purpose is to alert young people to their future responsibilities as community leaders by recognizing the students who selflessly serve others. It is neither a talent search nor a scholastic competition. Ideally, categories should be selected based on the student's volunteer service, not academics.

One student is nominated from each Sonoma County High School in each of the 10 categories. All nominees undergo interviews, and the "winning" student in each category has an article written about them in the PD, and is awarded a \$1000 scholarship.

Those honored from Windsor High School this year are:

Agriculture/Vocational: Caity Anderson

Arts: Salina Shelton

Athletics: Camille Alcalá

Community Involvement: Jessica Perez

Ecology: Darek Bailey

Language: Danielle Swift

Health: Jacques Laxton

Journalism/Media: Luis Alba Sanchez

Mathematics/Technology: Marcus Begley

Music: Rebecca Royer

Parent Connections Meeting

Our next Parent Connection meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, from 6:30-7:30 pm in our Counseling Center. This month's topic will be: Academic Performance: Learning Styles & Motivation.

This meeting will provide information to parents on the different learning styles of adolescents. We may have students present to talk about their own learning styles and experiences. Then, there will be an opportunity for open discussion. All WHS parents and guardians are welcome to attend!



February marks the second month of use for the new Vintana gate.

The gate's location was moved from behind Windsor Oaks to the area beyond G-Quad.

Campus Supervisors monitor the gate hours as well as student behavior regarding posted hours. The gate will be open: MON - FRI 7:30-8:30a.m. (Wed 7:30-9:30 a.m.) -and- MON - FRI 1:30-4:00 p.m.



Portraits for All Seven Focus Areas Now on Permanent Display

The WHS Yearbook exchanged ad space for studio time with **local photographer Jeneanne Ericsson**. Jeneanne took seven photos using recommendations from Focus Area teachers on the attributes that typify their students. These images will appear in the yearbook with articles using a simple Q & A interview format. **Focus Area Profile photos** were mounted in matching frames with a student quote positioned below each frame. Check-out all seven portraits on permanent display in the reception area of the school office.



California Scholarship Federation

The California Scholarship Federation (CSF), established in 1921, is a statewide organization to honor outstanding high school students. Students apply for membership the first five weeks of each semester; eligibility is determined by the grades of the previous semester. A student who has been an active member of CSF for four semesters (including one the senior year) becomes a Life Member (Sealbearer).

Our Spring 2010 CSF members includes sophomores from both academic and honors cores, as well as juniors and seniors from every 11/12 focus area.

Congratulations to the following Fall 2009- Spring 2010 CSF members for their outstanding academic achievement:

<p>Class of 2010 (Fall)</p> <p>Camille Alcala Jessica Ampuero Raina Blumenthal Denise Castillo Kai Clark Taylor Cross Kellie Floyd Shelby Funez Tyler Higashi Hailey Laskey Angela Lawrence Zaynab Madani Jenna Nicholson Rebecca Royer Christina Saschin Kelsey Sprenger Matt Theiss* Rachelle Thysell Cole Vernon Allison Walters Paige Williams</p> <p>Class of 2011 (Fall)</p> <p>Karen Alvarez Amy Arend Shannon Bell Rachel Belrose Thalia Canchola Gabriella Carroll Eunice Cho Jakob Christensen Kirsten Craig Elizabeth Del Greco Emily Glanton Milagros Gomez Amanda Graveson</p>	<p>Melissa Graveson Kathryn Harper Stephanie Henry Jamie Ibrahim Jillian Janairo Amy Jeffrey Grethe Kelso Brittany Kelleher Rachel Kelley Cameron Lane Meike Lobb-Rabe Kathryn Luna Allison McConnell Danielle McLean Robby Morales Christa Myers Jose Nava Vanessa Padilla Nallely Ramirez Yazmin Ruiz Sara Schulken Christopher Singhavara Mariah Smith Derrick Snyder Melanie Toth Jaclyn Vaishville Mandy Vucurovich Kayla Winter</p>
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Class of 2010 (Spring)

Jessica Ampuero*
 Dylan Bakas
 Brad Betschart*
 Denise Castillo*
 Taylor Cross
 Laura Fauss*
 Kellie Floyd
 Shelby Funez
 Diana Grandi*
 Tyler Higashi
 Hailey Laskey
 Zaynab Madani*
 Jenna Nicholson*
 Rebecca Royer*
 Yazmin Ruiz*
 Christina Saschin*
 Danielle Sawyer
 Kelsey Sprenger
 Matt Theiss*
 Allison Walters*

* = seal bearer

Class of 2011 (Spring)

Brooke Adair
 Sina Amini
 Amy Arend
 Rachel Belrose
 Maddy Cacciatore
 Thalia Canchola
 Gabriella Carroll
 Eunice Cho
 Jakob Christensen
 Kirsten Craig
 Elizabeth Del Greco
 Frankie De La O
 Kirsten Ferro
 Emily Glanton
 Amanda Graveson
 Melissa Graveson
 Jessica Hareland
 Kathryn Harper
 Marisa Herrera-Keehn
 Jamie Ibrahim
 Jillian Janairo
 Amy Jeffrey
 Brittany Kelleher
 Rachel Kelley
 Grethe Kelso
 Cameron Lane
 Catalina Leon
 Cailin Lobb-Rabe
 Meike Lobb-Rabe
 Amanda Locke
 Kathryn Luna
 Allison McConnell
 Danielle McLean

Christa Myers
 Cathy Ngo
 Vanessa Padilla
 River Poze
 Nallely Ramirez
 Mary Riley
 Sara Sewell
 Christopher Singhavara
 Kyle Smith
 Mariah Smith
 Derrick Snyder
 Jack Stewart
 Melanie Toth
 Arianna Touchstone
 Jaclyn Vaishville
 Nicole Villa
 Mandy Vucurovich
 Kayla Winter

Class of 2012 (Spring)

Taryn Anderson
 Taylor Anderson
 Jason Brendel
 Alexander Briones
 Devon Brook
 Remy Canto Adams
 Casey Carpenter
 Alex Caruso
 Matt Cogorno
 Charity Davis
 Axel Espinosa
 Jason Fauss
 Catalina Frausto
 J. Samuel Haley
 Patrick Foster
 Jonathan Jeffery
 Peter Jeffery
 Derek Keeley
 Jared Lefebvre
 Alejandro Loyola
 Nina Mendia
 Joshua Micallef
 Cori Miller
 Shane Morgan
 Janarthan Nadendla
 Andrew Nguyen
 Julie Nguyen
 Amber Piersol
 Stephanie Ramirez
 Charles Roady
 Yvette Sanchez
 Larissa Saschin
 Samantha Scott
 Laura Theiss
 Tyler Tappin
 Kristine Vucurovich
 Chelsea Weller
 Michelle Whipple
 Samuel E. Williams

Students getting text messages to leave school

by Diane Conteras, Attendance Clerk

Recently, a lot of our students are receiving text messages to leave school. Parents are not calling and/or not signing their student out according to proper procedure. Most of the time students do not come to the attendance office to sign-out once a parent has released them via text. The Attendance Office has no way of knowing why



the student is leaving or if the person texting them is authorized to do this. Any student that leaves school during the day is expected to sign out, **no exceptions**. If they do not sign-out it is considered a cut -- which leads to angry parents and complicates the already stressed downstairs attendance desk. Cuts, of any kind, can lead to credit loss.

The attendance office is asking teachers to not release any student until we have contacted a student with an Off-Campus slip or Call Slip. Students should never be released from class without some type of administrative authorization.

Host Families Needed

Cultural Homestay International is looking for host families for exchange students from various countries. Bring culture to your family and share a rewarding experience.

For more info please visit www.chinet.org or call Chelsea at 344-

The WHS ASB Leadership Fundraising Committee is proud to organize the **Second Annual Windsor 5K Challenge!** Sign up now for this walk/run that will be taking place on Sunday, May 2, 2010, at the Foothills Park. The Windsor 5K Challenge benefits our school, so tell family and friends that might be interested! Registration forms are in the leadership room and online at www.windsorhs.com. **Sign up today!**

Advanced Placement Exams

Advanced Placement exams are scheduled for May 5th through 14th. The cost of each exam is \$86 (fee reductions will be available for eligible students). Application deadline is March 19th. Any student currently enrolled in AP classes should consider taking these exams for their particular subject areas.

Please look for **information packets and registration forms** in the mail shortly. Information about several on-line services which provide AP exam preparation, will be included.

For questions or concerns, please contact **Mindy Burgert**, Windsor High School counselor and AP Coordinator at 837-7767 ext. 118.

Volunteers at work....

A big thank you to the many parents that support our **musical endeavors**: Vicky Royer, Joella Olsen, Barbara Poulter, Lilli Inman, Janet and Chris Mulligan, Jody Harper, Theresa Swift, and Angela Dodge.

We had a very successful **Turnabout Dance** on February 6, and would like to thank the parents who chaperoned and ran the coat check: Jen Richardson, Aida Herrera Keehn, Alice Carver, Concepcion Borjon, Michael Brook, Marla and David Jeffrey, Patty Kijak and Kathleen Whipple.

Looking ahead.....

On March 31st, the **WHS Band** will perform a combined concert with Cloverdale and Healdsburg High Schools. It will be at the Citrus Fair Auditorium in Cloverdale. It would be great to have some parent volunteers to carpool by meeting at the high school before the concert. Contact Erica Batten for more information.

Our **Prom** is scheduled for April 17 at the Santa Rosa Vineyard Hyatt. We are looking for a group of parents to chaperone from 7:15pm-1:00am. Please contact Cathryn Catania at 837-7767 x147 or ccatania@wusd.org to sign up.

Dance to the Music!

Tickets are now on sale for **Saturday, April 24th Dance Concert** featuring the Windsor Jazz Ensemble Big Band playing hits from the 60's and 70's at Huerta Gym in Windsor. The music starts at 7 pm. Tickets are only \$10.00 and if you buy them from leadership or music students the Band will contribute \$2.50 for every ticket sold to benefit those programs. Don't miss out on

Padres de Familia meet to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. We invite all WHS parents to attend. Come to the next meeting to learn about the differences between the American and Mexican school systems.

When: Wednesday March 3, 2010

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Counseling Center, WHS



A big THANK YOU to Tim Oxford and Richard Spaulding for our beautiful new trophy cases, now located in the Library Lobby.

American Legion Auxiliary and
Girls/Boys State Leaves
a Lasting Impression

American Legion Auxiliary Girls and Boys State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young men and women responsible citizenship and provides them the opportunity to learn firsthand how their state and local government works.

High school students who have completed their junior year spend an intensive week of study, working together as self-governing citizens at Auxiliary-sponsored Girls/Boys State programs in every state. Participants learn about their state's government in preparation for their future roles as responsible adult citizens. Two girls are selected from each State program to attend Girls/Boys Nation, a national government training program. Nation "senators" meet for a week in Washington, D.C., where they run for political office, campaign for the passage of legislation and possibly meet with state representatives and senators. Capping off the week of Girls/Boys Nation is oftentimes a meeting with the President of the United States at the White House.

Our local American Legion panel interviewed six 11th grade WHS girls. The results are:

Winner- Jordan Davis

Alternates: Carmen Mudgett, Amanda Locke

Our Boys State winners are:

Delegate: Michael Llamas and Austin Gradek

Alternates: Jack Stewart, Jordan Vandekraats, and River Poze

Congratulations!



Roadrunner Driving School offers both classroom *Drivers Education* classes and *Behind the Wheel Drivers Training*. We are offering two **Spring Break Drivers Education Class** sessions. The first session runs March 29th through April 1st and the second session runs April 5th through

April 8th. The classes are held from 8:30am until 4:30pm.

Their classroom is conveniently located across from the Montgomery Village shopping center, 725 Farmers Lane in Santa Rosa.

To sign up for our Driver Education Class or Behind the Wheel Training, please call us at 707-546-3238 or visit us at www.roadrunnerdrivingschool.com.

Bright Horizon School of Driving also offers *Spring Break Drivers Education* in a 4 day session in Healdsburg on April 5,6,7,8 call Dawnna at 431-5153 for details. Learn the rules of the road the best way!

Project Grad...
just 3 months away!

2010 will be the best Project Graduation party yet!

Our Junk Food Bingo fundraiser on February 5 was our most successful fundraiser to date and was featured in a terrific article in the Windsor Times. Our next Junk Food Bingo for 2010 will be held on April 23rd. Watch for more information and bring your family and friends - it's a blast! Donations are welcome for this event, including junk food, prizes, and of course, monetary contributions.

Our committees are hard at work arranging games and entertainment, planning menus and making decorations. The prize committee is hitting the pavement to find the best prizes for our graduates and schedules are being set for volunteers.

This party is a **HUGE** undertaking and we can use more volunteers.... both students and parents are needed to insure the party is the success the Class of 2010 deserves. More than 100 volunteers are needed to work the night of the party. If you can work a 4-hour shift, please let us know. This is a really fun way to support our graduates. Students (no seniors - this is their year to relax and enjoy) can volunteer also to help with party set-up, decorations, and clean-up.

Parents of Seniors, remind your student to return the student contract for the event. Ticket prices are \$40 only until March 17, then will increase to \$50. If you need another copy of the contract you can obtain it in the front office of Windsor High School.

Selix will donate \$10 per tuxedo rental to the Project Graduation party fund, so encourage your student (or your student's date) who is attending the Prom to rent a tuxedo from Selix Formalwear.

The combined efforts of parents and community allows us to show our graduates how much they mean to us. Thank you to everyone who supports our efforts.

For questions or information, please contact us by email at whsprojgrad@hotmail.com or elotzwlsln@att.net or by phone at 707-479-6917 or 707-694-7206.