

W I N T E R 2 0 1 6

the **WVHS PTA**

Dear Warrior Families,

The days are getting longer and the temperature is finding the mid 40's, spring is coming!

Second semester is underway, and we are taking advantage of the instructional time heading into the spring break vacation. Instructionally, we are focusing on a few areas this second semester within our Professional Learning Communities. These areas include the following: increasing student engagement by conducting Learning Walks and Learning Conversations, further communication and structural support of our testing center, and an outlined plan involving parental support for the achievement gap.

This spring will mark the second year of new testing protocol mandated by the state to better assess the shift of curriculum with the installation of Common Core. Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) will be given to students taking freshmen level English and Algebra 1. There is also a strong possibility that a science assessment of Biology will happen in May. This, coupled with a possible change to SAT has us continuing to stay abreast of the ever changing assessment landscape in Illinois. We are in the start of dramatic changes. Through this we appreciate your flexibility, communication, and support as we move into these uncharted waters.

As many of you may be aware we have made an adjustment to our bell schedule this year. The purpose of this was to better celebrate all accomplishments that happen throughout our school, as well as strengthen the communication of events that are happening daily. This move puts us in line with our sister school Neuqua, and returns us to the schedule we had two years ago. From the informal conversations I am having with students, they appreciate the information. As it stands, Wednesday's bell schedule stays the same, and there has been a minute shaved off of periods 3-8. In all, minimal impact to instruction that we feel can be made up for by proper planning. If you have concerns with this adjustment, please contact me.

Lastly, I encourage all of our parents to consider taking part in this year's 26th annual silent auction entitled "March Madness". The auction is scheduled for March 11th at White Eagle Country Club. The PTA has been generous in their support of teaching grants, senior scholarships, LMC and option area renovations. All proceeds from our silent auction will go directly to our PTA. This is a great evening for our whole school community to come together.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve as your principal.

Go Warriors!

Jason P. Stipp
Principal



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WVHS PTA's ANNUAL
MARCH MADNESS AUCTION 2016

March 11, 2016 @ White Eagle CC
7:00 PM - Midnight

Pre-Registration - \$30- per Person or \$35 @
the Door

Special GROUP RATE: 4 or more register, \$25 per person -- *Get a group of friends and sign up!*

ONLINE REGISTRATION CAN BE FOUND @

<http://WVHS16.gesture.com>

Door Prizes ~ Raffle Tickets (Apple Watch/Stock Your Bar) ~DJ
50/50 Mock Bracket Competition ~ Mobile Bidding

Silent Auction items include: Disney Passes, Travel Packages, White Sox & Bull's Tickets, Zip Lining, Golf Packages, Hotel Stays, Comedy Club, T-Shirt Quilt, Happy Hour Party, Restaurant Gift Cards, Museum Tickets, Auto Maintenance, Theater Tickets, Blackhawk's Memorabilia, Parking Passes, Prom & Homecoming baskets, and MUCH

Waubonsie Valley PTA

Winter 2016 Newsletter

CONGRATULATIONS WAUBONSIE STAFF GRANT RECIPIENTS

This past fall WVHS' PTA awarded grant money to staff members of Waubonsie Valley for various materials to be used in class and/or around the building. This year's grant recipients are:

Guidance Department – Books & Materials
Nurse/Health Office – 5 Privacy Curtains
World Language Department – 40 Headsets for LLL Classes
Art Department – CNC Machine for 3D Printing
LMC – Teaming Table, Monitor & Chairs

SENIOR YARD SIGNS Provided by WVHS PTA?

Yes, this spring, *senior yard signs*, provided by Waubonsie's PTA, will be delivered between May 5 - May 8. PTA provides a sign for every graduating Senior of Waubonsie Valley yearly.

A HUGE *Thank You* to **Mary Howicz & Yvette Williams** for chairing this committee and a BIG "Thanks" to the many volunteers who place the signs in the yards.

WV PTA would like to give a "Shout Out" to **Ann Pachapa** and thank her for serving as WVHS PTA's Reflections this school year.



WVHS PTA'S New Grocery Fundraising Program - *Schwan's Cares*

You can order from Schwan's Home Delivery and help our organization meet its fundraising goals. Here are two ways to support us!

ORDER ONLINE:

1. Visit Schwans-Cares.com
2. Click on "Find A Campaign" on the home page
3. Enter Campaign Name Waubonsie Valley High School PTA or ID 21962 into the search box and click to open the campaign page
4. Click the "Support Now" button
5. Shop!

ORDER BY PHONE: Call 1-855-870-7208

ATTN SENIORS & SENIOR PARENTS

PTA Scholarship Forms are NOW available! You can access the forms by going to the **NAVIANCE** site. Once you or your student has signed in using his/her full email and email password, choose the link "COLLEGE". All scholarship opportunities are listed.

PTA Scholarship Forms are DUE FEBRUARY 24th

BUONA'S SUPER BOWL WEEKEND WVHS PTA FUNDRAISER

WVHS and Buona Beef have partnered together to make your SUPER BOWL PARTY as easy as can be. Pre-order a BIG GAME PARTY PACK or BUONA Beef by-the-pound for your party at the location given below by February 5 @ 2:00 PM, and you can pick up your order on **February 6 or February 7**. BUONA will have all the Catering orders packaged and ready for you to pick up before the BIG GAME.

BUONA BEEF
1230 Ogden Avenue
Montgomery, Illinois 60538
630-585-2333

If you don't need any catering, you can come in and pick up a few sandwiches and the purchase still counts towards your SUPER BOWL Fundraising for WV PTA!

OFFICERS NEEDED FOR 2016-17 WVHS PTA BOARD

The WVHS PTA invites your recommendations for filling officer vacancies for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested in serving or would like a job description for the open positions please contact Nancy Hunt at huntnancy@sbcglobal.net. A few of our board members have graduating seniors and won't be back next year, so it is very important that we fill these positions with new volunteers.

Open positions include President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer. All positions, with the exception of Treasurer, can be filled as co-officers (split between 2 people- so grab a friend!). The PTA benefits WVHS students and staff by funding project and departmental grants, student activities, senior scholarships, staff appreciation events and much more.

**Be a part of this important organization
that helps to make WVHS great!**