

Jan. 17, 2020

## Village School Weekly Update

**Monday, Jan. 20: All WW-P schools and board offices will be closed.**

### PTA News

- **PTA General Meeting** - Our next meeting is **Friday, Jan. 24 at 9:30 a.m.** Elizabeth Samber, Kara Kleckner and Penny Fisher will be with us to discuss reading instruction and the philosophy behind the workshop model. Hope to see you there!
- **Yearbook Party/Field Trip Pictures** - Do you have pictures from your child's holiday party or field trip? Please email us with any pictures ([submit+962387@edophotos.com](mailto:submit+962387@edophotos.com)) and maybe they will make it into the yearbook.
- **Box Tops** - Please send Box Tops in an envelope in your child's backpack. NOTE: *Please check the expiration dates.* There will be a Box Tops contest in early 2020 - check your child's backpack for information!
- **McCaffrey's Receipts** - The Village PTA earns a one percent rebate on the amount you spend at McCaffrey's (minus milk and sushi). Just save your receipts and send them to school. NOTE: *We can only use receipts within three months.*

**Useful links:** [Join the PTA](#) | [PTA Website](#)

### SEPTSA

- **Jan. 30: PTSA Meeting "Understanding How to Improve IEPs and 504s" - 7 p.m.**, at Community Middle School (55 Grovers Mill Rd, Plainsboro). The speaker, Beth Manes, J.D., Special Needs Attorney, will help parents understand how to effectively use IEP documents and evaluations to improve your child's school experience.

Please contact Jennifer Riccards ([jenballen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenballen@yahoo.com)) for questions or to RSVP.

**Links:** [WW-P SEPTSA Facebook](#) | [WW-P SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

- **Jan 28:** [SPAN, Parent Advocacy Network](#) will present **“Look to the Future: Transition from School to Adult Life”** hosted by WW-P and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Education Association Jan. 28, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Community Middle School. Click [here](#) for more details and registration information.
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## School News

### Chamber Club and CJMEA Honors Orchestra Auditions:

**All students who play an orchestra instrument** are invited to audition for Chamber Club on **Wednesday, Feb. 5 or Thursday, Feb. 6** after school. Chamber club is an advanced orchestra group that plays music at the middle and high school level. Students must be able to read notes on all four strings of their instrument, and demonstrate proficiency with the “Low 2” skill. All auditioners must prepare a solo piece (NOT orchestra music) demonstrating these skills, at least at the end of Suzuki book 1 or its equivalent. They will also be asked to sight read a short excerpt at their audition. Current chamber club students do not need to re-audition.

**Fifth grade students who audition but are not accepted to chamber club** will be considered for the **CJMEA Honors Orchestra**. This honors orchestra is a **one-day event in April** (exact date TBA) where advanced students play grade-level pieces with other advanced students in the central NJ area. Date, time, and location details TBA. *In order to be considered for this honors orchestra, students must audition for chamber club.* Please see above for repertoire requirements.

If your child meets the requirements, please click [here](#) to sign them up for an audition time. All children must be picked up from Village School after their 5 minute audition.

### Reminders:

- Our current life skill that we are focusing on for the months of January and February is self-management (Slogan: “I am in charge of how I express my feelings.”).
- Just a friendly reminder to call the **Tel Safe** line if your child is absent or late to school: 609-716-5200 ext 5210 or use the link below for further instructions: [http://www.west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us/schools/village\\_school/tel\\_safe](http://www.west-windsor-plainsboro.k12.nj.us/schools/village_school/tel_safe)
- Check out the [important upcoming dates for January and February](#).

- Click [here](#) for the district's communication process and please make sure your phone numbers and email addresses are up-to-date in Genesis.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Jan. 20 - School is closed
- Jan. 22 - Choral concert 7 p.m. in the gym
- Jan. 23 - Band concert 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room
- Feb. 27 - 6th Grade Orientation: Current 5th grade parents who have children attending Community Middle School or Grover Middle School in the Fall of 2020 are invited to a Parent Orientation Meeting at their respective Middle School at **7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27**. Please mark your calendar.

### **Around the District News**

- [WW-P athletes and fans can now find out about game and practice cancellations by calling our athletic hotlines.](#)

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### **District Updates**

- [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Event Calendar](#)

### **Athletics**

- Check out the [WW-P Athletics monthly newsletter](#) with information on spring sports registration, exciting upcoming competitions, and honors achieved by our student athletes.

### **Counseling and Wellness**

- **Parent University:** The next Parent University event will be held Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m. at CMS. The topic is "Vaping: What Your Kids Don't Want You to Know." Check out the 2020 dates for our upcoming [Parent University Events](#) or review the previous presentations.

### **Community Education**

- **Extended Day Program** registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up by clicking here.](#)
- Space is available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension!** [Register by clicking here.](#)
- **Upcoming SAT Programs** - Community Education sponsored classes through [Kaplan](#), [Princeton Review](#), and [Lentz & Lentz](#) are offered throughout the school year at High School North and South.

### **Community Events**

- Are you looking for programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

### **Food Services**

- **Reduce, reuse, recycle:** Sodexo will be celebrating "[Reduce Utensil Waste Day](#)" Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020, in each of the WW-P elementary schools. The day's menu items will not require a utensil to eat. If bringing a lunch from home, try and create your own "utensil free" lunch.
- Download the [Sodexo's So Happy app](#) to view nutritional information, allergens, [menus](#) and more.

### **WW-P Board of Education**

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) dates. Agenda and materials for Board meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

**Make sure to follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.**

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Youtube](#)