



# The Westchester Wildchatter

## Welcome Back Wildcats!

### CALENDAR

September	07	Labor Day
	10	College Information Night for WAIS Seniors — 6:30 p.m.
	10	6th Grade Project How To's — 6:30 p.m.
	11	Mail First Six Weeks' Progress Report
	11	6th Grade Mixer—3:15-4:30 p.m.
	13-19	Freedom Week
	<b>15</b>	<b>PTA General Meeting— Back to School Night—6:00 p.m.</b>
	17	PTA Board Meeting—7 p.m.
	17	Progress Report mailed
	24	11th Grade College Night—6:30 p.m.
	26	<b>Family Day—9 a.m. –12 p.m.</b>
	26	Campus Beautification Work Day—9 a.m.
	29	Parent Event—Cyber bullying—6:30 p.m.
	30	End of first 6th weeks
	30	Mini College Fair-VS Lunch-Dining Hall
October	1	SilverStarz Induction Banquet
	2	7th Grade Social—Pep Rally
	7	Class of 2010 Dinner—6:00 –8:00 p.m.
	8	7th Grade Fundraiser starts
	12	Columbus Day Holiday

\* Dates and Events may change

Si usted desea recibir la version en español de la revista del PTA (Asociacion de Padres y Maestros) de la Escuela Westchester, por favor pongase en contacto con la oficina de la escuela al (713) 251-1800 o con Angeles Martinez (281) 556-9369 o [yelis@sbglobal.net](mailto:yelis@sbglobal.net).

### Support WAIS and Join the PTA

The WAIS Parent Teacher Association is a non-profit organization designed to support students through improvements in school grounds, investment in technology, equipment, and educational materials, and other programs such as field trips.

Your membership fee helps us achieve those goals. Volunteering is optional but greatly encouraged. If you are interested go to [www.waispta.org](http://www.waispta.org) to register. If you are already volunteering make sure you register with the district at [www.springbranch.com](http://www.springbranch.com) (Be a volunteer).

Go To

**WWW.WAISPTA.ORG**

- **To join the PTA**
- **For contacts, forms, calendar and school store**
- **To register to volunteer**
- **To read the online newsletter**

- Register to receive the e-newsletter at [WWW.WAISPTA.ORG](http://WWW.WAISPTA.ORG)
- Hardcopies will be available at the 3 school offices (713) 251-1800
- Mail your articles to [waisnews@gmail.com](mailto:waisnews@gmail.com)
- Next deadline: Sept. 11, 2009

## A BIG THANK YOU

- To all who helped prepare first day packages
- To all who manned the PTA table for the WAIS welcome

University of Texas  
@ Austin  
Longhorn Admission &  
Financial Aid  
Presentation

All SBISD Students and  
Parents are Invited

September 16, 2009

in Stratford's Auditorium

7pm—9pm

Please park in the west  
parking area.



### Spirit Store

Check out the new  
logos, tee-shirts and  
zip-up hoodies at  
[www.waispta.org](http://www.waispta.org).  
(Tee-shirts, mugs,  
stickers)

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## Have a great idea for Westchester?

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We are now accepting applications to our  
**Investment in Excellence Committee (IEC)!**

The IEC is asking all PTA members to consider worthwhile projects or purchases that would improve our campus and then submit those great ideas. The committee, comprised of board members, parents and faculty will review all submissions and select those that provide the greatest benefit to our students. These projects will then be funded through the annual Write-a-Check campaign and other PTA fundraisers.

Read all the details and submit your application online on the PTA web site at: <http://www.waispta.org/iecrequest/> <<http://www.waispta.org/iecrequest/>> .

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## Interested in serving on the IEC?

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We are looking for **two parent volunteers** to serve on the IEC this year.

We will meet twice this year, once in the fall and once in the spring, to review the fund requests and make recommendations to the board.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Rachel Schipul at [rcschipul@schipul.com](mailto:rcschipul@schipul.com) <<mailto:rcschipul@schipul.com>> . If more than two volunteers step forward, we will run a quick

lottery to select the committee members.  
Thank you for volunteering at Westchester!

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## College Information Meeting

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### College Information Meeting for Seniors and their Parents.

**Thursday, September 10**

Topics to be covered include: the college application process, college and university updates, financial aid, and much more. This meeting is mandatory for all parents of seniors.

### College Information Meeting for Juniors and their Parents.

**Thursday, September 24**

Topics to be covered include: getting into college- what are colleges/universities looking for?; college/university search- how to find the best college or university for your student; testing information- PSAT, SAT, ACT, exit level TAKS- why the junior year is the year of the test. This meeting is mandatory for all parents of juniors.

Contact Beverly Martin at 713-251-1800

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## Spartan Lacrosse

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**Spartan Lacrosse**  
(formerly SWLC Lacrosse)  
is a team is for boys in 4th -  
12th. Visit our website @  
[www.Spartan-lacrosse.com](http://www.Spartan-lacrosse.com).

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## Cookie Dough Sale

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**Cookie Dough sale ends  
Tuesday, Sept. 8 th** -  
bring your envelope & sales  
to your homeroom/advisor  
that day! Lots of great  
prizes and your sales will  
help our yearbook!

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## Art Crew Club

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**Now every Tuesday  
after school from 3-4 in  
A437, Mrs. Lindig & Mr.  
Wegscheid's room.** Art  
Crew is for middle & high  
school students. We have  
guest speakers every month  
and student choice other  
weeks.

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## New at Westchester!

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### Tufts University

Invites prospective students and their parents to a university information session.

Monday, September 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Marriott Houston West Loop by the Galleria  
1750 West Loop South

RSVP:

[TuftsonTourRSVP@ase.tufts.edu](mailto:TuftsonTourRSVP@ase.tufts.edu)

Body Line of email: Please include your name and total number attending (including yourself).

### • Revised schedule:

- Foreign language daily
- More time in content area
- Theater now for 6 and 7th grade
- New Technology Class ...

### • Greater International Focus:

- New World Areas Studies Class

### • More Science:

- New Aquatic Sciences and Environmental Systems Classes

### • New Creative Writing class

### • New SAT prep class

### • We are moving toward becoming an **IB middle year program**

### •Increased rigor and expectations:

- New Standardized Late Homework Policy
- Homework call

### • Addressing bullying and promoting academic honesty

### •New P.E. options:

- Team Sports 3
- Conditioning
- Outdoor Education

### • and more coming ...

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## Have a question about your grade? Contact your grade liaison

6th: - Susan Boylan at [sboylan@ymail.com](mailto:sboylan@ymail.com)

- Elizabeth Honeycutt Martin at [lizhoneycutt@yahoo.com](mailto:lizhoneycutt@yahoo.com)

7th: - Lori Bauer at [darnshame@aol.com](mailto:darnshame@aol.com)

8th: - Sylvia McInroe at [Mcraig2451@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Mcraig2451@sbcglobal.net)

-Loan Pham at [Davgau96@yahoo.com](mailto:Davgau96@yahoo.com)

9th: - Lori Knight at [Lknight65@att.net](mailto:Lknight65@att.net)

10th:- Yvette Silva Feinhandler at [silvauniverse@yahoo.com](mailto:silvauniverse@yahoo.com)

11th:- Dee O'Canas at [Gdzf4@earthlink.net](mailto:Gdzf4@earthlink.net)

12th:- Yvonne Kasinga at [mukulukasinga@yahoo.com](mailto:mukulukasinga@yahoo.com)

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## 7<sup>th</sup> grade - Fair Trade Fundraiser

Starting October 7<sup>th</sup> till 29<sup>th</sup> -

Order delicious chocolates and coffees and help support scholarships which enable all of our students to attend our various fieldtrips at a discounted rate.

We ask that all students participate in the fundraisers as well as the fieldtrips.

Order forms coming soon!

## To contact faculty and staff at WAIS:

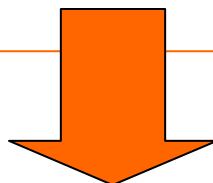
Go to  
[www.springbranchisd.com](http://www.springbranchisd.com)

Click on E-mail  
addresses

## Back to School Night

Come join us

See below





WWW.WAISPTA.ORG

# The Westchester PTA

## PTA Board

**President:** Marianne van Arkel-Priest @ [mvarkel@ppcenergy.com](mailto:mvarkel@ppcenergy.com)  
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713-294-9704

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713-478-4520

## The Westchester PTA is welcoming all parents back to school!

*Come join us at our first PTA meeting of the new school year on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the WAIS Auditorium.*

*Get to know your PTA and meet the members of the board face- to-face*

*Order the new awesome WAIS t-shirts and hoodies*

*Celebrate your child's birthday and sign up for the Birthday Marquee*

*Honor your child with a brick on the WAIS Walk of Fame*

*Bring all your ideas and suggestions for great PTA programs*

*Get involved with your child's school life and sign up to become a PTA member*

*Sign up to volunteer for the different PTA events and projects*