



WORCESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

“Strive, Support, Succeed!”

December, 2020 Newsletter



SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Worcester Central School Families,

As we close this crazy year of 2020 we can very easily get stuck on all that was difficult, the many exhausting days and nights, and the frustration of ever changing and new information.

We all experienced it, and we all lived through it. However, in every challenge in life there is also an opportunity for growth. Instead of reflecting on all the trials of 2020, our focus should be on the resolve our school community has shown, lending a hand at a moments notice, and exercising great patience and flexibility.

When you focus on those things you should feel proud that throughout this year, the spirit of Worcester never faded. We found new ways to teach, to learn, to meet, to celebrate and to continue the pride of Worcester. The year 2020 posed a test to us like no other, but with your support and collaboration, the WCS school community demonstrated a resilience that is unparalleled. We should all be proud that together, we have preserved our **Worcester Pride!**

I wish all of our Worcester families, a very happy and healthy holiday season and a very prosperous New Year!

Respectfully,

Tim Gonzales
Superintendent



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WCS Computer Based Testing Simulation

WCS will participate in a Computer Based Testing (CBT) Simulation from January 12-14. The CBT simulation is for students in grades 3-8 in the subjects of English Language Arts and Math

Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

Get ready Wolverines! The January and February PBIS focus will be on Citizenship (decision making, responsibility, respect, teamwork).

Reminder: January Regents Exams Canceled

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has canceled the January 2021 regents exams. No decisions have been made regarding the June and August 2021 administrations of regents examinations or any of the other state assessment programs. More information is available on the NYSED website.



College and Career Readiness (CCR) Advisor Training

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In January, CFES will offer a training for parents/guardians that guides them in helping their child become ready for college and the workplace.

This training is free to CFES parents/guardians. It runs January 21-28, beginning with a live opening at 6pm (EST), followed by four 30-minute, on-demand sessions, and a live closing session on January 28 at 6pm (EST). Upon completing this training, parents/guardians will be awarded a certificate from the University of Vermont and provided ongoing support through webinars and digital resources.

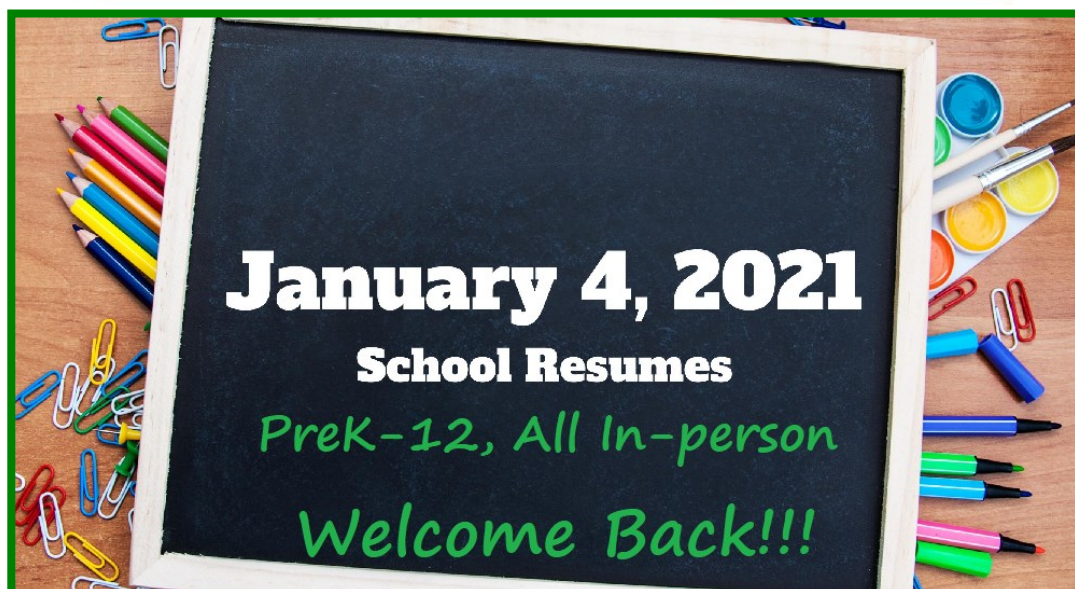
Because families are so influential in their child's decision to attend college and pursue a career, they need the tools to help their child successfully navigate a future of opportunity.

To Register & Learn More:

<https://brilliantpathways.org/readiness-advisor-training/>

Questions:

Email office@brilliantpathways.org



Robinson Broadhurst Grant Enhances WCS COVID-19 Supplies

As Worcester Central School started the school year ensuring that our students, staff and visitors were safe against COVID-19 was at the forefront of our planning. WCS was working hard to secure personal protective equipment and supplies needed to keep our school environment safe.

The burden of securing many of the supplies was lessened thanks to the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation, Inc. The foundation opened a special grant specific to COVID-19 related items and WCS was fortunate to be selected by the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation as a grant recipient. Through their generosity WCS was able to secure things such as a portable hand washing station, no touch thermometers, sanitizing sprayers, wireless internet hot spots, and cloth masks for every WCS student.

Worcester Central School is tremendously grateful to the Robinson Broadhurst Foundation for recognizing the safety of our school community as a priority and for their overwhelming generosity!



EAT.MOVE.SAVE.

Making Healthier Choices on a Budget



Inside Activities

Sometimes, the weather can make it tough to be active!

Whether it is cold, heat, snow, or rain keeping you inside -- we sure get all seasons here in Illinois (and New York!). What can you do to stay active? Here are four fun tips to get you started!

- **Try indoor walking!** You can do this anywhere. Walk in place or around your home while watching a favorite TV show or movie. If you have access to an indoor mall or track, try that for a change of scenery.
- **Let's dance!** Turn on your favorite music or dancing television show and start dancing along. Make sure there is plenty of space to move around!
- **Set up a relay game.** Create 4-5 stations with different activities. Try walking in place, jumping jacks, toe touches, and more. Get the whole family involved and take turns picking out activities.
- **Try a new exercise video.** Check out a free exercise video from the local library to try something new! Many libraries have lots of old and new videos available to take home.

If activity is new to you, make sure to read our Safety Tips section before getting started!

Adapted from Illinois Extension, College of Agricultural, Consumer & Environmental Sciences

<https://eat-move-save.extension.illinois.edu/move/inside-activities>

**Congratulations
Secondary
Student of the
Month
Winners!**

**December
Sean Buck
Michael Martin
Elizabeth Odell**

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Approaching Events

January

- 4 PreK-12 In-Person Classes Resume
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School
- 27 Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafenadium*

February

- 15 President's Day-No School
- 15-19 Winter Break-No School
- 24 Board of Education Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafenadium*

**Location subject to change to meet COVID-19 Restrictions*