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President's Message

It's hard to believe we are now half way through the year! Report cards will be distributed Feb 5th during 7th period classes, so please ask your student for it!

If your student is having difficulty in a particular subject, there is free tutoring available through the **BITS Tutoring program**, co-sponsored by the school and the PTSA. Go to http://www.fcps.edu/WestfieldHS/student_services/bits.htm. It's not too late to improve on things before the end of the year. If your student is sailing through with flying colors, BITS also offers tutoring opportunities which can help your student earn service hours for various school honor societies, while helping kids who struggle. Only the final grades are what appear on the end of year transcript!



Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee put together a wonderful artistic celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's Legacy on Sunday January 17th. Students and adults from Westfield and the surrounding community performed in this terrific event. Thank you to Deneen Vaughn, Mark Richardson and Dr. Johnny Nelson, President of CPMSAC for their support in this effort.

Thanks also to Jin Yeo and Bonnie Castillo of PNC Bank in Centreville for their presentation on Identity Theft at the January PTSA meeting. It is especially important to be wary of identity theft following a disaster such as the Haiti earthquakes, when scam artists try to dupe people into sending them money. Two web sites - www.bbb.org/charity and www.charitywatch.org - may be helpful to check the legitimacy of non-profit organizations.

These are grim times when it comes to the FCPS budget and cuts in the upcoming year. Please stay informed about the school budget issue. I recently attended one of the community discussions and felt a bit disenfranchised, as there seemed to be little representation by current high school parents. Parents of younger students often don't realize how important a role some high school programs play in integrating new kids into our jumbo-sized schools and keeping them in school until they have a child in high school. There are decisions being made this year on both paying fees for some programs and services (for those who can afford them) and on total elimination of programs that contribute to student success. More information is available at

<http://commweb.fcps.edu/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=1332> and <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm>. School Board Chairman Kathy Smith sums things up in her [Centreview commentary](#). Please contact the FCPS School Board members (Schoolboardmembers@fcps.edu) about your concerns. It is also critical that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/> hear from you regarding the need for transfer of an additional \$57.8 million of county funds to FCPS to prevent any further cuts and to help maintain the high standards of education that we have come to expect.

In spite of the gloomy financial forecast for FCPS, **over 40 Westfield teachers showed their school spirit and strutted their stuff in the Friday, January 15 pep rally** - in fact, they did so twice, due to technical difficulty with filming! For both academic and extracurricular reasons, we are blessed to have teachers who are committed to our kids, regardless of what is going on around them. [Take a peek at the pep rally](#). You've got to love them! Go Bulldog Teachers- they rock!

The Northern Virginia District PTA, George Mason University and Virginia Lottery are promoting the SUPER TEACHER PROGRAM, dedicating the GMU basketball game on February 9th against VCU to recognize our great teachers! The Super Teacher award honors outstanding Virginia public school teachers and thanks them for their dedication and commitment to students and their families. Nominations from Westfield parents for Super Teachers include: **Susan Bean***; **Deirdre Crescioli***; **Carmen Danies**; **Brigid Duffy**; **Shaun English**; **Greg Greentree**; **Charles Homm**; **Danielle Miles**; **Angie Sheldon***; **Joy Sibley***; **Diane Underwood***; **Todd Utter**; **Barbara Wiley*** and **Kristi Williams*** (* denotes staff PTSA member:). These names will be put in a hat and two will be drawn and will receive two free tickets to the basketball game. Other teachers are welcome to attend the game as well, receiving 50% off the standard ticket price with their valid teacher ID. We thank all teachers who go out of their way to help our students and inspire others to do the same. More information on this event is available at

<http://www.novadistrictpta.org/events/superTeacherDay.htm>. The VA Lottery also has an additional teacher recognition program where teachers can be nominated for cash awards during Feb 1 - March 5, 2010. For more information, go to <http://www.valottery.com/promotion/teacher/>

We are still accepting registrations for the Saturday February 6 Princeton Review SAT/ ACT combination test at Westfield High School, 9:00am - 12:45pm in the cafeteria. Download a registration form to reserve your place at this test. Please keep in mind that the Snow Date is 2/13, same time, but the location will be in various rooms in the E hallway and Lecture Hall. This is a PTSA fundraiser: please make checks payable to WHS PTSA for \$15 per student. There will be no refunds for no-shows.

Save the date for the WHS Saturday Night in the Suburbs, a free presentation for parents on Thursday, March 18, 7pm, in the Lecture Hall. We will be selecting a panel of WHS 12th graders to be led by a moderator to answer questions about what teens are doing when adults aren't looking. For those who missed the Reaching Out: To Protect Your Child From the Realities of Substance Abuse program that we held at WHS on October 19, CD's have been made, thanks to Lauren Jones, but without recordings of the teen speaker contributions to

- February 1, 2010 [State PTA Essay Project Submission Deadline](#)

- February 1, 2010 [PTA Day at the General Assembly](#)

- February 3, 2010 [Curriculum Night](#) (7-8:30pm EST)

- February 6, 2010 [SAT/ACT Practice Testing](#) 9am-12:45pm Cafeteria

- February 6, 2010 [BITS Class](#) (9:30am EDT)

- February 8, 2010 [Chantilly HS Academy Open House](#) (6-8:00pm EST)

- February 9, 2010 [ANGP Planning Meeting](#) (7:00pm EST)

- [VA Lottery Super Teacher Night GMU vs VCU](#) (7:00pm EST)

- February 11, 2010 [After Prom Celebration Meeting](#) (7:00pm EST)

- February 15, 2010 [Student Holiday](#)

- February 16, 2010 [Minority Achievement Committee Meeting](#) (7:00pm EST)

- February 18, 2010 [Monthly PTSA Meeting](#) (7:00pm EST)

- February 20, 2010 [BITS Class](#) (9:30am EDT)

- February 27, 2010 [BITS Class](#) (9:30am EDT)

- February 26, 2010 [Deadline to submit newsletter articles](#)

- March 1, 2010 [VAPTA Scholarship Application Due](#)

- March 18, 2010 ["Saturday Night in the Suburbs"](#) (7pm EDT)

- March 29 - April 2, 2010 [Spring Break](#)

Board Officers

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Links of Interest

- [Fairfax County Public School](#)
- [Fairfax County Council of PTAs](#)

insure confidentiality. A copy is available to each of the departments at school and I have a couple copies that parents can sign out through me to view. Even without the teen speakers it is quite informative.

Our After Prom Celebration is back! Thank you to Damita Snow and Mark Richardson for chairing the event and making it possible for our seniors to have a safe, chaperoned, alcohol and drug free celebration following their senior prom on June 4th. They are looking for feedback regarding location of the event, as well as adult assistance the night of the event. Please contact afterprom@westfieldhs.org.

Attention parents of seniors- buy your student's All Night Grad ticket (for June 20) before the price goes up March 1. More information is below or on our web site <http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org/ANGP/ANGPindex.htm>. **Risk (permission) Forms are now available on our web site to download**, print, and drop off at the main office at school. All students attending the event **MUST** have these forms filled out to attend the event for safety reasons. **Please save the date, APRIL 10 for All Night Grad's major fund raiser- Mulch Day!** Volunteers are needed! Sales have been begun and order early, since we will be cutting off orders once we've reached our 14,000 bag goal!

Phantom Ball invitations will be mailed out within the next week. This is the "ball that doesn't really happen" and is a smaller, secondary fundraiser for our All Night Grad Celebration that enables us to provide ticket scholarships for seniors who otherwise cannot afford to go to the event.

We need to form a nominating committee to fill PTSA board slots for the upcoming school year, including Treasurer, Newsletter, PTSA Web Site coordinator and others. While not mandatory, it is desirable for willing persons to fulfill two one year terms for continuity and transitions of the board. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee or in any PTSA position, please contact me at ptsa_president@westfieldhs.org.

Based on feedback received at our last meeting, please note some additions to the newsletter regarding student activities that parents might want to encourage their child to participate in. **Our next PTSA meeting is Thursday, February 18 in the library.** Hope to see you there!

Contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Jennifer Campbell, WHS PTSA President

PTSA Tidbits

2010 WHS Curriculum Night Feb 3, 2010
All subject departments will be represented to answer your questions concerning core classes, electives, physical education, Honors, Advanced Placement, ESOL and Special Education. [View information flyer.](#)

ITALY and GREECE with a GREEK ISLAND CRUISE (July 2010) Great opportunity for an amazing GRADUATION GIFT!!! A very limited number of spaces are still available for this summer's trip to Italy and Greece, culminating in a Greek Island cruise. If you have any interest in this tour, you can go to www.eftours.com and type tour number 695655 in the "CHECK OUT TOUR" box located in the bottom right hand corner OR you can email questions to tjsakole@gmail.com. A detailed price quote can be sent if requested. Enrollment for this tour closes soon, so if you are interested you must act quickly.

COSTA RICA Trip (June/July 2011)
Parents of Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors... Want to give your child the experience of a lifetime?!? Want to give him or her the chance to see one of the most beautiful places on earth?!? Want to give your child a graduation gift that he or she will NEVER forget?!? If you answered yes to any of the above, you should enroll your child in the Summer 2011 Trip to Costa Rica!!!

Spots are now available for students to sign up for this amazing Costa Rica trip. This trip leaves in late June (around June 27th - after school has ended) for 10 exciting and fun-filled days touring the beautiful country of Costa Rica. This ALL INCLUSIVE trip will include a bilingual tour leader; Fairfax County teacher chaperones with over 6 years of experience leading student tours; airfare; three meals a day; sightseeing of volcanoes, waterfalls, hot springs, mountain peaks, and much more; beach trips; overnight accommodations in 4 and 5 star hotels; and memories that will last a lifetime. What would such an incredible experience cost??? **For students who sign up before the end of March, the tour cost is LESS THAN \$115 a month!!!** [Read more details.](#)

FCPS Newswire

[View latest information about H1N1](#) and what FCPS recommendations.

Keep Up-to-Date on the FY 2011 Budget With New FCPS E-Newsletter *The Bottom Line* Fairfax County Public Schools is now publishing *The Bottom Line*, a new publication that will be sent to all FCPS parents and employees every two weeks while the budget for next school year (FY 2011) is proposed, discussed, and approved (in May 2010). It contains the latest budget news, facts, dates, and rumor busters to help the FCPS community better understand the budget and the budget process. Links will be posted on the FY 2011 budget web site at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm>.

Superintendent Advisory Council Meetings: I invite you to join me to discuss hot issues and share what's on your mind at the four Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council meetings this year held at Gatehouse Center Café:

- Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 7 pm
- Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 7 pm

2010-11 Standard School Year Calendar has been posted and is [available online](#)

Incident Weather and Emergency Closing Plans Due to incident weather or other emergency situations, it may be necessary to close schools for the entire day, to open schools late, or to close early. Parents are urged to make arrangements now for the care of their children when schedule changes are made (and to provide for the rare situation when it is necessary to close an individual school because of a power failure or other circumstances). Children should know where to go if a parent will not be home.

FCPS Emergency School Closings Telephone Hot Line to Be Discontinued December 31 Due to budget cuts, the FCPS emergency school closings telephone hot line will be discontinued on December 31. Employees, students, parents, and community members who have relied on the hot line exclusively in the past will now need to check

- [Northern Virginia District PTA](#)
- [Virginia PTA](#)
- [National PTA](#)
- [US Department of Education](#)
- [Safe VA Highways](#)
- [Alliance for Virginia Students](#)

- [FCPS Family Gram](#)
- [FCPS Parent Resources](#)
- [FCPS Incident Weather Plans](#)
- [Sign up for FCPS Keep In Touch](#)

- [Athletic Boosters](#)
- [Band Boosters](#)
- [Choral Boosters](#)
- [Guitar Boosters](#)
- [Orchestra Boosters](#)
- [Theatre Boosters](#)

Reminder

Items to be included in the March 2010 Bulldog Bulletin must be [submitted to newsletter@westfieldhs.org](#) on or before Feb 26, 2010,

Your feedback is important to us. Send to newsletter@westfieldhs.org comments or suggestions to make your PTSA better

FAIRFAX ACADEMY INFO NIGHT FOR INTERESTED STUDENTS & PARENTS

- THURSDAY, March 4, 2010
- Snow Date, Tuesday, March 9, 2010
7:30 – 9:00 PM
- FHS AUDITORIUM
- "What, How, and Who" of the Academy
-Visit Classes and Meet the Teachers
- More news and information is found on the [FAIRFAX ACADEMY INFO NIGHT](#) homepage.

the [FCPS web site](#), Channel 21 (a cable TV channel programmed by FCPS), or local TV and radio stations or sign up to receive emergency school closing information from the [Keep in Touch](#) e-mail notification system.

5K News

Westfield 5K Race Committee [Calls for Participants and Sponsors](#) The Westfield HS 5K Race is calling for race participants and sponsors for its 9th annual run, which will be held on **Saturday, May 8, 2010, at 8a.m.** All proceeds from the WHS 5K race run will be used to fund scholarships for Westfield seniors. [Register Online](#) or [Download Application](#). Read [more online](#). Any questions, please contact us at 5kPTSA@westfieldhs.org.

All Night Grad Party (ANGP) & Mulch News

Five months until graduation! The committees and subcommittees for the ANGP are settling in and addressing the issues needed to make the ANGP a success. The first big hurdle is our major fund raiser, **Mulch Day, April 10, 2010**. Please go to the [PTSA web site](#) to find out how you can help with this event intended to keep our graduates alive.

ANGP MULCH SALE NEEDS TRUCK DONATIONS The Mulch Sale is the largest fundraiser for the All Night Graduation Party and delivery day is set for April 10, 2010. On that day we hope to be deliver total limited number of available bags (up to 14,000) of double-shredded hardwood mulch to homeowners who have graciously supported our efforts to raise funds in support of the 2010 alcohol/drug free All Night Graduation Party. However, to make this fundraiser successful the PTSA ANGP Committee needs the **donation of stake trucks, pickup trucks, etc.** that can be used for delivery. **If you own or work for a construction company, landscape company, rental company or any other business that has these types of vehicles** and are willing donate the use of those trucks on April 10, 2010 please contact Mary Coleman at ptsa1stvp@westfieldhs.org or 703-449-9176. Remember, given that the PTSA is a 501(c) organization all donations are tax deductible. Help us help our students!!!!

*Sincerely,
Suzanne Oljjar, ANGP Coordinator*

After Prom Celebration is Back

We had our kick off meeting last month and we had great input from parents. We thank everyone that was able to attend. We want to again invite the parents AND seniors to the next meeting. (Seniors, we want your input. We want to know what you would like to see at your Celebration.) Our **next meeting will be Thursday, 3/11/10, in the library**. The After Prom Celebration will take place on Saturday, 6/5/10, from 12:30 am - 4:30 am. We need parent/guardian volunteers to help plan the event, purchase/solicit prizes, help at the check-in desk, and serve as chaperones. Please contact Mark Richardson or Damita Snow (APC co-chairs) at afterprom@westfieldhs.org if you have any questions/comments. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Mark Richardson & Damita Snow, Co-Chair*

State & District PTA News

NOVA District PTA Looking for a few good Volunteers to fill upcoming 2010-2012 school year. Both board and committees chairs need to be filled. Find out what the job descriptions are online at <http://www.novadistrictpta.org/aboutus/officerDuties.htm>. Contact Debbie Kilpatrick at districtdirector@novadistrictpta.org if you are interested.

PTSA ESSAY PROJECT Virginia PTA is proud to sponsor a Citizenship Essay Project. The 2010 theme is **"Strong Citizens - Strong Communities"**. This Essay Project allows students to express their views and opinions on **"Character or Citizenship"**. First Place is awarded a \$1000 savings bond. **Deadline for the application is Feb. 1, 2010**. For more details go the the State PTA web site at <http://www.vapta.org/statecommittees/pta-programs/209.html>

PTA Day at the General Assembly is February 1, 2010. [Find out why](#) it's important for you to attend. [Download](#) the registration form and join us in Richmond as we advocate for our children. Students are encouraged to participate.

Virginia PTA Scholarship Program The Virginia PTA offers scholarships to graduating high school students planning to enter teaching or other youth-serving professions in Virginia. A \$1,200 scholarship is awarded in memory of M. Frieda Koontz, who served as the Executive Secretary of the SCA from 1922-1950. Another \$1,200 scholarship honors S. John Davis, Virginia's Superintendent of Schools from 1979-1989. All remaining scholarships are \$1,000. [Read more about this program](#) and [download application package](#).

Minority Achievement News

Please plan to attend the **next Minority Achievement Committee, which will be held February 18, 2010** in the Westfield Library.

We are going to complete the planning for the MAC Spring Parent Coffee, which is going to be a fun yet informative event. It will consist of 3 skits that evolve around effective communications between Westfield Students, Teachers, Administrators, but most importantly, you, the Westfield parents. We have looked how the MAC can help parents and students as they attend Westfield. Often times parents or students feel the need to communicate with

teachers. We want to help make you as parents and students be better able to communicate effectively with teachers to make our students as successful as they can be.

- **Phi Sigma Pi, Alpha Tau Chapter** is a non-profit organization founded in 2007 on the campus of Howard University. We support students in the Maryland, Washington, DC and Virginia area by **awarding \$500 scholarships** for them to pursue their college education. Please see the attached application for your child to complete. **Applications are due: Friday, February 26th, 2010.**

[Read more news online.](#)

*Co-Chairpersons
Milan Coleman, Evelyn Spain*

Reflections Committee

Fairfax County PTA (FCCPTA) Reflections Program Award Winners Have Been Chosen!

The WHS students who are winners from the Cluster 8 Senior High School category are:



2nd Place: Award of Excellence

- Nicolena DeWitt (Photo)
- Ashley Ziegler (Visual Arts)

....And....

1st Place: Outstanding Interpretation of the Theme

- Katie Reilly (Literature)
Katie's entry entitled "Butterfly Wings" will move on to the District round of judging which includes Fairfax County, Arlington County, Alexandria City, Fairfax City and Falls Church City schools.

Further information regarding the [Reflections Program](#) can be found on online.

*Co-Chairpersons
Sue Bark & Mary English*

Volunteer Committee

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with the blood drive. A record number of students (over 250) gave blood. Thanks also to Mr. Mandigo for organizing this event.

A special thank you to two ladies working quietly behind the scenes: Rose Mary Bunda and Anna Ayres. Thank you ladies for organizing volunteers and keeping track of their hours. The PTSA is required to report our volunteer hours, so all volunteers need to remember to sign in and OUT in the front office so your volunteer hours can be accurately counted. Thank you!

*Sincerely,
Suzanne Olijar & Rosemary Bunda, Volunteer Coordinator*

Ways & Means Committee

Two new PTSA fundraiser programs to announce ([Read more details online](#)):

- **Harris Teeter Together In Education program.** Our **school code is 8134**. This program is easy and part of normal daily living without additional investments.

Parents and teachers please **remember to sign up your Giant Bonus Cards** and **designate Westfield #03798** for your A+ Bonus Bucks contributions. Customers can support up to three schools to benefit from the A+ Bonus Bucks that accrue. We currently have 310 Bonus cards designated. If you have friends and family without children encourage them to designate their cards to Westfield High as well. This can be done in the store, [online](#) or by phone 1-877-275-2758 **Our school code is #03798**. There are [extra credit items which change every two weeks found here](#) but check back every two weeks. With each Extra Credit purchased using the Giant Card, you can earn an extra 50 A+ Bonus Bucks. The A+ Bonus Bucks **program started October 9, and runs through March 25, 2010.**

Renew your eScrip for Safeway for Westfield High School. **Our group ID is 6634243.**

Safeway contributions for those supporters who have not renewed will stop on Nov 1st Please RENEW today. eScrip requires a minimum of one group and a maximum of three groups to receive contributions from your purchases.

Any questions feel free to contact me waysmeans@westfieldhs.org

*Sincerely,
Lea Holland, Ways & Means Chair*

Booster News

Band Boosters

We wish to start the New Year with a **HUGE thank you** to the Westfield High School community for their support at the holiday band concerts. For this year's concerts, we asked that each family coming to the concerts bring a toy as a "price of admission" to donate to the local charity, Our Neighbors Child. The charity sent two boxes in hopes they would be filled. We not only filled those two boxes, but seven, 55 gallon drum bags as well! They were overwhelmed and thanks to you, the community, hundreds of children in our area had a wonderful holiday instead of going without.



After the school holiday break, the band students participated in the district band try-outs. Over 500 regional students try out for the two bands, each with about 40 to 60 players each. Westfield had its largest placement yet with 24 students making the "cut". To put it in perspective, only a very few of the regional high schools come close to that amount of students being selected with most only garnering 8 or less!

Crew News

2010 Basket Bingo & Silent Auction Is Here! It's time for the third annual WHS Crew Basket Bingo and Silent Auction. Basket Bingo is one



of the team's primary...and most fun...fundraisers of the year. To be a huge success and fund this high quality sports program for approximately 100 rowers, we need your attendance and that of your family, friends, and neighbors.



So, please spread the word!! Basket Bingo is on Saturday, February 6, 2010, from 5 PM to 8 PM in the Westfield High School cafeteria.

- Tickets purchased in advance of February 6th at 12 noon are \$15 each. Tickets purchased at the door are \$20 each. Lock in your discount today!
- You may purchase tickets in advance on this web site:
<http://basketbingo.westfieldcrew.org/>
- Your payment card will be charged on completion of this order.
- On completion of your on-line order please print out the receipt that will arrive via email and present at the door on February 6th for entry.

Please contact Elena Howard by email at exh9330@yahoo.com or by phone at 703-830-7251 with any questions.

Theatre Boosters

Westfield Theatre will present the classic Stephen Sondheim-Arthur Laurents-Leonard Bernstein musical **West Side Story** February 11 at 7 p.m., February 12 and 13 at 8 p.m., and February 14 at 2 p.m. at Westfield High School in Chantilly. Tickets are on sale online at



www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com. All seats are reserved so early purchase of tickets is encouraged to secure favorable seating. Westfield's assistant theatre

director Susan McCormack Pike is the director with Yvonne Henry as choreographer. Westfield's West Side Story is headed by Taylor Aucott as Tony, Carey Jarosik as Maria, Colby Dezelick as Riff, Avery Hobbs as Anita and Max Ehrlich as Bernardo. Trevor Knickerbocker (Action), Kevin Clay (Baby John), Adam Thomas (A-Rab), Nick Burroughs (Diesel), Phoebe Dillard (Rosalia), Meghan Webber (Consuela), Michelle Lerch (Francesca), Eric Mitchell (Doc), Andrew Oquendo (Chino), Sarah Bowden (Velma) plus an experienced ensemble of singers, dancer and actors round out the 50-person company.

West Side Story will feature an orchestra led by Westfield High School Choral Director Jessica Lardin, who is also the vocal director. Students Melanie Aponte, Alex Cain, Kerowyn Brewer, DeAnna Hughes and Lani Fu lead the production team. Chris Hobbs is heading up costume design and production. West Side Story is a modern adaptation of William Shakespeare's tragedy Romeo & Juliet. Manhattan serves as the backdrop of the story with Tony and Maria as Romeo and Juliet. These star-crossed lovers are caught amidst racial tensions and violence as they struggle to stay together despite insurmountable odds. The themes of bigotry, diversity, and cultural assimilation are as relevant today as they were when the show debuted on Broadway in the late 1950's. West Side Story has music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and a book by Arthur Laurents. The Bernstein and Sondheim score features such classics of the American musical theatre as "Something's Coming," "Tonight," "America," "I Feel Pretty" and "Somewhere." For more information, contact www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com or call 703-488-6439.

Community Programs

Look at what The FCPS Parent Resource Center has coming up!

View a complete list of all upcoming Workshops and Activities posted to the PRC [web site](#).

Westfield Community Coalition (more resources online)

Underage drinking parties can be reported Under Your Influence This [web site](#) is meant **anonymously** to the police at 703-691-2131 to be your resource and link to the where they will disperse police assistance, or 703-246-2333 for the "Shut it Down" Hotline, to report date, time, and location of an underage drinking party. To report WHS security concerns, contact Ray Clements at 703-488-6307 or Ray.Clements@fcps.edu

information your need in your role of teaching your child about underage drinking and discusses impaired driving to vital importance of seat belts and enforcement of graduated driver license laws as well as your role in both teaching your child and establishing rules that will protect them both as a driver and passenger.

Parents: the Anti-Drug

<http://www.theantidrug.com/>

TheAntiDrug.com was created by the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign to equip parents and other adult caregivers with the tools they need to raise drug-free kids. Working with the nation's leading experts in the fields of parenting and substance abuse prevention, TheAntiDrug.com serves as a drug prevention information center, and a supportive community for parents to interact and learn from each other.

Feeling Alone? Don't know what to do? Tired of Signaling for help? Is your Adolescent in trouble? Is your teenager running away, truant, abusing alcohol or drugs, out of control at home, school, or in the community? This is a free group sponsored by the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Parent's Support Group — Every Tuesday at 7:30pm at The Historical Courthouse Bldg, 4000 Chain Bridge Rd., Fairfax, VA Room 2221. This is a walk-in group with no registration necessary, for parents of a teenager seeking help finding information, gaining insight or regaining control of their child. Contact Fran DeLoatch or Paula King at 703-246-2495 for further information.

Leslie Churn, MA, Substance Abuse Counselor for Westfield HS Contact 703-488-6308 or at Leslie.Churn@fcps.edu for a free and confidential assessment.

Powerful video on seatbelts. It was produced by Montana Dept of Transportation. It is a true story. No actors."

Shut It Down Hotline 703-246-2333, to report date, time and location of an underage drinking party if you hear about it ahead of time.

Ethics Day at Westfield HS (Cluster 8; Westfield HS) Sophomores learn valuable lessons about decision-making and consequences. [View Video \(5:15 min\)](#)

Parents Who Host Lose the Most (Safe and Drug Free Youth; All Clusters) [Interview with Diane Eckert](#), Safe and Drug Free Youth and Tim Thomas, Westfield HS. (4:26)

Westfield Community Coalition Coordinator: Jennifer Cooper ([jalcooper@aol.com](mailto:jcooper@aol.com)) 703-966-8304.

Unified Prevention Coalition

The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax

County Public Schools is dedicated to promoting prevention and early intervention for violence and drug use in our community.

[Visit web site for resource information.](#)

Contact Jennifer to be on the email list to receive free information about prevention programs and upcoming events.

Under Age Tip Line 703-691-2131.

Underage drinking parties can be reported anonymously to the police at this number. They will disperse police assistance.

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