

The mission of West Side Middle School is to:  
**Work** with students, families and community as we **Strive** for academic excellence in a safe environment, **Maximizing** their individual potential as we help students to **Succeed** as lifelong learners.

## Event Calendar

### October

- 14 Progress Reports
- 22 No School – Fall Recess
- 26 Memorial Band Festival
- 28 Choral Festival

### November

- 4 Picture Retakes
- 23 Progress Reports
- 25 -26 Thanksgiving Recess

### December

- 9 Band & Orchestra Concert
- 15 Choir Concert
- 20 Winter Recess

### January

- 3 School Resumes

### From the Principal

West Side students are off to a fantastic start! Thanks to all of the families that attended parent conferences! We saw 70% of you! Please remember to keep the lines of communication open. All of our staff members have voice mail and e-mail. We also encourage you to stay up to date with the progress of your student by accessing their grades, attendance, discipline and homework via the internet. If you have questions as to how to do this please contact the main office.

As we move into the winter months our staff will continue to implement our school improvement plans. You should be seeing homework each night with your student. Ask to see their agenda book so you will know what assignments they have for the next day. As always we encourage our students to **READ, READ, READ.**

### Acuity Testing

West Side student's will be participating in acuity testing at the end of October. They will be testing in their language arts, math, science and social studies classes. The test will help teachers determine classroom interventions to assist with mastery of the Indiana State Standards. Helping students to master the state standards will assist them with passing the ISTEP + test in the spring. Please encourage your student to do the best that they can on each of these tests! If you have additional questions related to testing please feel free to call us.

### Book Rental

Book rental invoices have been attached to the September Progress Reports. Each student's fees are based on the classes that they take. The fees are for the school year.



### Fall Recess

No school on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for Fall Recess.



### Music Notes

The annual Memorial Band Festival will be October 26<sup>th</sup> at Memorial High School at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

The West Side Band & Orchestra Concert will be on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial High School Auditorium. Admission is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students. Preschoolers and seniors are free.

The West Side Choir Concert will be on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in the West Side Multi-purpose room. Admission is a donation of canned goods.

### Picture Retakes

Picture retake day will Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Students who did not get their picture taken earlier or who need retakes will do so on this day.

There will be packet information in the office for students. Those students who are having retakes should return the picture packet received earlier. These pictures should **not** be cut up.



## Veteran's Day Tribute

There will be an all school assembly on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. We will again honor all military veterans on Veteran's Day. Parents are invited to attend this recognition assembly. Veterans from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard will be present. If you are a veteran and would like to participate please contact Mrs. Wilson at West Side at 295-4815. Hope to see you on Veteran's Day

## End of Semester

The end of the first semester is December 17<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be mailed home the week of December 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Winter Recess

School will be closed for winter starting on December 20, 2010 through January 3, 2011. School will resume on Monday, January 3, 2011.

## Building Entrance

Just a reminder that student may not enter the building until 7:15 am.

## Emergency School Closings

Information concerning the closing of school due to severe weather, unsafe road conditions or emergency situations may be obtained by tuning in to local radio and television stations or the website for Elkhart Community Schools.

## The Daily West Side

I would like to invite any parent with an email to subscribe to the Daily West Side information email service. Student announcements and general school information will be sent out daily to parents who request this service. All you need is access to a valid email account. To receive these emails, simply email Mr. Smeltzer at [ssmeltzer@elkhart.k12.in.us](mailto:ssmeltzer@elkhart.k12.in.us) and ask to be placed on the Daily West Side list. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Protect Your Child and Family from the Flu

The best way for families to prevent illness this school year is to follow these four recommendations from the Centers for disease Control and Prevention (DCD).

1. **Practice good hand hygiene** by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing and sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
2. **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into you elbow or shoulder; not into your hands.
3. **Stay home if you or your child is sick** for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine.) Keeping sick students at home means they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.
4. **Get you family vaccinated** for seasonal flu and H1N1 flu when vaccines are available later this fall.

Parents should ensure the school office has all necessary contact information so staff can reach them should their child become ill during the school day. Also, parents should develop an at-home child care plan for if and when their child becomes ill.

More information on the flu and other illnesses is available at [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov).



## Ski Club 2010 - 2011

Welcome back! Yes, we will enjoy another year of ski club at West Side. Forms will be available in the office after October 1. We have always been able to enjoy many Friday nights at Swiss as well as extra trips on days such as President's Day and maybe Martin Luther King Day. We will entertain ideas of scheduling those extra days. I will collect money into the month of December. But remember, to get your ski club pass and use extra days over break, you have to sign up by the deadline. This year I'll need the money by November 18<sup>th</sup>. Ski Club membership's makes a wonderful Christmas gift! Lessons are available when you come with the club and for the first three visits. See you on the slopes!

## Staff e-mail addresses

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