



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◇ Monday, November 28—Young Author's projects have begun.
- ◇ HOLIDAY SHOPPE—Students only— Information coming home today , 12/2/16
- ◇ Thursday, December 8—4th & 5th Grade Orchestra Concert—7:00 p.m..
- ◇ Wednesday, December 22 thru Tuesday, January 3 —**NO SCHOOL** - WINTER BREAK
- ◇ Wednesday, January 4—**SCHOOL RESUMES**
- ◇ Monday, January 16—**NO SCHOOL**—MLK Day
- ◇ Friday, January 20 - **Young Author's Due**

## WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

District #427 School Cancellation Procedures Timeline: If it becomes necessary to cancel classes, we will make every effort to make the decision by 6:00 a.m.

Options: If it becomes necessary to alter the school day because of winter weather, one of the following options will be used:

1. Classes Cancelled for the Day—Generally speaking, when classes are cancelled, all activities for the day/ night are cancelled as well. Exceptions can be made regarding high school activities as determined by weather conditions later in the day.
2. One Hour Late Start— The start of the school day could be delayed by one hour if improving weather conditions are likely. If this option is used, the school day and bus pickups, etc. will be exactly one hour later than normal.
3. Early Dismissal—Although rare, this option would be used if students were already in school and deteriorating weather conditions become imminent before the end of the school day.

Sources of information to receive cancellation information. Do Not Call the Admin. Center or Your School. WLBK 1360 AM, WDKB 895 FM, WNIU 89.5 FM, WIFR Channel 23 Rockford, WSQR, WGN, WREX, District 427 Website [www.syc427.org](http://www.syc427.org), Daily Chronicle Website [daily-chronicle.com](http://daily-chronicle.com)

## WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

When the temperature is *60 degrees* or below, students should be wearing jackets. Please dress your children appropriately for the weather. Should it snow, children need to have hats, gloves, boots and snow pants at school. Please be sure to put their names legibly in the items. We go outside for recess unless the temperature is below 0 degrees.

### GENEROSITY

*"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves"*

*- Helen Keller*

REMINDER: WE ARE USING THE "VIRTUAL BACKPACK" PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING ACTIVITIES, NEWSLETTERS, AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET OR WANT PAPER COPIES SENT HOME, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW. THANK YOU!

**REMINDER: We collect these items all year long!**



Pop tabs, and General Mills Box Tops.



Students may bring these items into school office anytime or put them in the bins that are provided in the hallway. **Thanks in advance!**

**W.S.O./P.T.O. 2016-2017 OFFICERS**

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Treasurer: Allison Yates 815.751.1517  
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**WSO/PTO MEETING**

**What?** West School Organization Meeting (P.T.O.)

**When?** Monday, January 9 , 2017

**Time?** 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** West Learning Center

*Parents, please join us if you can!  
(Babysitting provided)*



Please congratulate the following students whose artwork was displayed at the Sycamore High School during parent teacher conferences.

Kdgn: Leiya Baird, Anthony Bentz, Liam Farrell, Ella West, Ava Laurie, and Trey Carr.

1st: Lucas Bliujus, Dominic Biundo, Lena Pappas, Connor Vowels, and Ava Haptonstall.

2nd: Brooklyn Bickner, Jayden Dohogne, Andrew Swedberg, Cecilyn Fredin, Gretchen Kovac, and Kendall Hutchison.

3rd: Laney Block, Evan Davis, Carlton Joseph, and Carlos Rojo.

4th: Aidan Kovac, Michael Kuropas, and LillyAnne Thompson.

5th: Christiana Bell, Marissa Hernandez, Julia White, Emily McCann, Lucas Jacob, and Lilyanne Potts.

**WEST SCHOOL IS SO PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR PARTICIPATION!**



**rite bite Fundraiser**

Butter Braid order forms are due. We will accept the orders through **Tuesday, December 6th**. Hopefully you saw relatives or neighbors over the Thanksgiving holiday and they may want to purchase from you. If you have not yet tried these Danishes, we think you will find that they are delicious, especially warm from the oven! They also make nice gifts, baked or unbaked for all occasions. However, they are not a quick bake until you let them rise overnight :).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Orders can be picked up at West School on **Thursday, December 15th from 3:00-4:30 p.m.** Just in time for the holidays and winter break!

Thank you in advance for your help with this small fundraiser. Any questions, please call Vickie in the office at 815.899.8199



**SCHOOL LUNCH FEES**



Please check online to see if your child has a negative lunch balance. All fees need to be up to date. If an account is negative more than \$5.00 your child will receive a cheese sandwich.

Parents, please monitor this. Call Vickie in the school office at 815.899.8199 if you have questions.

This is District Policy and will be enforced.



**SOUP SUPPER VOLUNTEERS!** Thank you Alicia Hughes for chairing and to **every-one** who donated salads, soups, crackers, utensils and paper supplies, cheeses, dessert and time! Parent volunteers are truly appreciated in every capacity! We do have a few kitchen items still in the office that have not been picked up. Everything was delicious!



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS!** Once again Thank you to **all** of the parents who volunteered during the Book Fair. A big thank you to Lyndsey Simonds for chairing it and being so creative in designing the theme and Tracy Egerman for the use of the Learning Center and her additional help.



West School Kids!

This past month has been very productive in our new club at West, the K-Kids. K-Kids is a student club for helping others through service projects and fundraising. We help our school, our community, and the world. We packed meals at Feed My Starving Children, helped with a fundraiser for UNICEF and raised \$185.50 to help keep mothers and babies healthy around the world. We've had an outing with the Sycamore Kiwanis members at Mardi Gras bowling alley, celebrating our new club.

Thank you to the Sycamore Kiwanis for paying for the bowling and pizza!

New members are always needed: ages 9-11. Just ask Mrs. Williar or Mrs. Copple our supervisors for more information.

Submitted by club secretary: Megan Brannon

## West School Organization's

HOLIDAY SHOPPE

DECEMBER 13th and 14th

The Holidays are fast approaching. As a special service, the West School Organization (WSO) is holding a Holiday Shoppe. The Holiday Shoppe is a wonderful chance for West School students to do their holiday shopping at school. This year, all items are \$1.00 which makes it very affordable for the children to give their own "special gifts." The Holiday Shoppe will be held December 13th and 14th during school hours. Each classroom will have a designated shopping time.

With many items from which to choose, every child can find the perfect gift for everyone on their list. Please help your child make their shopping list for whom they need to buy, and send it with them to school on Tuesday, December 13th with their money. It is important to stress that the children are buying gifts to give to others! They will be bringing their gifts home on either December 13th or 14th depending on which day their class shops. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer during the shopping times, please contact Amy Bickner at 815-751-4141 or abickner@me.com.

Forms for volunteering and making the list for the "special gifts" are coming home and should be returned to school according to the dates listed above.