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WMST-PCHS Parental Involvement News

It's Our First "WMST PTSA" Meeting!

And everyone is welcome! Parents are asked to bring their students and other family members to join. Let's kick off this school year's first PTSA event in a big way. Come out to our Parent Center (or the multipurpose room if we have a bigger crowd) on Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. and help to get things started.

WMST PTSA needs the energy and input of all our parents because we understand that they want to do many things for our students this year. Joining the PTSA or continuing your membership will help to do just that.

We held PTSA elections for SY 2009-2010 and our new President

is Ms. Barbara King and our Secretary/Treasurer is Ms. Sandra Henderson.

We will need a parent to serve in the capacity of:

- Vice President

All interested members should attend the October 8th meeting and submit their nomination request. Additionally, members will be asked to consider agenda items for the upcoming school year. Please contemplate your values, commitment, issues and capacity as it relates to WMST student performance, parent policy, parent compact, extracurricular activities, and school events.

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Back To School Nite

September 16, 2009 was our WMST PCHS Back to School Nite. Approximately 150 students and their parents were in attendance and it was a wonderful event.

The evening began with many of the parents meeting our new PTSA president, Ms. Barbara King in our Parent Center where she introduced herself and our first PTSA fundraiser. Afterwards, parents moved to the multipurpose

room where Mr. Holbrook gave an inspiring message to all of the parents encouraging them to continue to be active in their student's education. Additionally, he discussed new programs associated with Title I and addressed the handouts that parents received upon arrival.

Students and parents then visited their student's teachers where they were encouraged to ask questions about any issues, academic or otherwise, of concern.

Claire's Gourmet PTSA Fundraiser

The first PTSA fundraiser is Claire's Gourmet a Baltimore, Maryland based company that sells many tasty and popular food items .

Our fundraiser campaign began on September 16th at our WMST Back to School Nite where our officer gave out packets to members and parent volunteers. Orders and money are due on Monday, October 19, 2009

and the scheduled pickup date is Monday, November 16, 2009.

Claire's offers as items for purchase cheese cakes, pizza, pretzels, cookie dough, cakes, éclairs, apple pie and pecan cobbler. These items will arrive just in time for your Thanksgiving table. For more information or if you need a packet please call Ms. Henderson at 202.636.8011. ***Show your WMST Panther Spirit, participate in our PTSA fundraiser!***

Holla Back!

Parents! Yes we heard what you said and now we want to make you aware of our progress.

My child doesn't like eating the WMST lunch.

Beginning in October WMST will offer students a new lunch menu, one we hope that they will be pleased with.

WMST should have an official uniform, something that allows everyone to know just

who our students represent.

Well your students now have them, with the WMST logo and everyone knows who they represent. Make certain your child represents us well while wearing them.

Seniors and students don't have a yearbook or take pictures.

Yes, we took pictures this year and Mr. Holbrook is working on what to do about a yearbook. Later!

School News

Federal Employee? Please support WMST through the CFC Program - Support your child's public charter school, WMST, by designating our school (CFC #29541) in the CFC this fall during CFC open enrollment season. Federal workers, including military and U.S. Postal Service employees, may participate in the CFC. Your donation will help WMST continue to be a top public charter high school serving our young people in 2009 and beyond. Thank you for

supporting WMST!

Parents we need to hear from you. If you have news that our WMST family would be interested in knowing please contact us so that we may consider publishing that news in this newsletter. **Also, view our website** at www.wmstpchs.org. **Remember to log in** to the WMST Power School website at <http://wmstpchs.powerschool.com> to keep track of your child's academic performance. For more information contact Ms. Stafford at 202.636.8011.