



Webster

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Webster Central School District • Back to School 2018-19

2018-19 School Calendar

Sept. 4.....	School Opens K-12
Oct. 5.....	Superintendent's Conference Day: No School K-12
Oct. 8.....	Columbus Day: No School K-12
Oct. 18-19 & 26.....	K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences; ½ days
Nov. 12.....	Veterans Day: No School K-12
Nov. 21-23.....	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 24-Jan. 1.....	Winter Recess
Jan. 21.....	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day: No School K-12
Jan. 22-25.....	Regents Exams
Jan. 25.....	Superintendent's Conference Day: No School 9-12; K-8 in session
Feb. 18-22.....	Presidents' Day/February Recess
Mar. 14-15 & 21.....	K-5 Parent-Teacher Conferences; ½ days
Mar. 22.....	March Break, No School K-12 (This is a new one-day break.)
April 2-3.....	Grade 3-8 ELA Testing
April 8.....	Superintendent's Conference Day: No School K-8; 9-12 in session
April 15-22.....	Spring Recess/Good Friday
May 1-2.....	Grade 3-8 Math Testing
May 14.....	Annual Budget Vote & Election
May 24 & 27.....	Memorial Day: No School K-12
May 28-31.....	Grade 4 & 8 Science Performance Test
June 3.....	Grade 4 & 8 Science Written Test
June 3, 18-26.....	Regents Exams/Local Exams
June 14.....	Last Day of Classes Gr 9-12
June 20.....	Last Day of Classes Gr 6-8
June 21.....	Middle School Testing
June 21.....	Last Day of Classes K-5
June 26.....	Last Day for Teachers
June 30.....	Graduation at RIT 10:00 a.m. Webster Thomas 2:30 p.m. Webster Schroeder



Carmen Gumina
Superintendent

How quickly 13 years passes in the lives of our new Webster CSD alumni! I was proud to shake the hands of nearly 700 members of the Class of 2018 during graduation ceremonies at the Rochester Institute of Technology on June 24. While this chapter of their lives with our district ends, I'm confident the chapters to come will be exciting ones for the dynamic Class of 2018. My hope is that they carry their home district's vision of Compassionately Connected,

Joyfully Engaged, Always Learning, forward in all that they do. Congratulations to all!

As WCSD prepares to open its doors to nearly 8,400 students in 11 schools on Tuesday, September 4, the district is simply buzzing with activity. As you know, WCSD voters approved a capital project in December 2016. Since that time, plans have been drawn, approvals made, and phase one of this campaign is actively under way. I wanted to provide a brief update on all the improvements currently being made throughout the district.

As I write this, new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant playgrounds at all seven of our elementary schools are being installed and awaiting inspection so they can be ready for the eager students who can't wait to play on them when school begins. Plus, elementary students at Schlegel, Plank South, Klem South, and DeWitt will come back to schools with new bathrooms that are also ADA compliant. Throughout spring 2018, boilers (many of which were 40 years old) at many of our schools were removed and new ones were installed all summer long to get ready for the heating season (At the writing of this, it seems like we are already in the "heating" season with almost a week-long of days topping 90 degrees!).

Phase two of this capital project kicks in next spring and summer as the district is currently in the planning/approval stages to construct a new cafetorium at Spry Middle School to replace the one originally built in 1924, along with a state-of-the-art media center at Webster Thomas High School. I'll continue to keep you updated as I'm hopeful groundbreaking for both of these projects will be in spring/summer 2019.

As you can see, the 2018-19 school year promises to be another exciting one, filled with changes and countless opportunities. Thank you for your continued support in all that we do. Our entire district team is privileged to work with your children every year!

Administrative and School Directory

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K-12 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

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Superintendent for Instruction 216-0024
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PUPIL SERVICES AND CSE CHAIRS

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COMMUNICATIONS

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STUDENT REGISTRATION

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Neil Flood 265-6585

TRANSPORTATION

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WEBSTER AQUATIC CENTER

Ben Whipple & Brian Wilcox, Aquatics Directors..... 670-1087

HIGH SCHOOL HOURS - 7:25 AM - 2:25 PM

Webster Schroeder High School, 875 Ridge Road 670-5000
Principal Paul Benz 670-5001
A-De – Dan Sepka, Asst. Principal 670-5137
Df-K – Isaac Collins, Asst. Principal 670-5069
L-Re – Chris Callahan, Asst. Principal 670-5098
Rf-Z - Jacqueline Goodwine, Asst. Principal..... 670-5094
Rebecca Saiff, GOAL Administrator 670-5265
Registrar's Office – Lucia Potenza 670-5010
To report school absences 670-5022

Webster Thomas High School, 800 Five Mile Line Road 670-8000
Principal: Glenn Widor 670-8001
A-E - Kylene Anson, Gold House Asst. Principal 670-0802
F-L - Dr. Andy Maillet, Blue House Asst. Principal 670-0801
M-R – Karen Murray, Blue House Asst. Principal 670-8043
S-Z - Mary Kidd, Gold House Asst. Principal 670-8044
Registrar's Office - Karin Schraf..... 670-8033
To report absences 670-8074

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOURS AS LISTED

Spry Middle School, 119 South Avenue, 7:30 AM - 2:30 PM
Main Office 265-6500
Principal James Baehr 216-0052
White House Office - Brian Powers, Asst. Principal 216-0096
Blue House Office- TBD, Asst. Principal 216-0093
Red House Office - Brandi Wallace, Asst. Principal 216-0044
To report absences contact School House Offices

Willink Middle School, 900 Publishers Pkwy, 7:45 AM - 2:40 PM

Main Office 670-1030
Principal James Gindling 670-1034
Red House Office - Jason Berger, Asst. Principal 670-1038
Green House Office - Jeremy McBride, Asst. Principal..... 670-1040
Blue House Office - TBD, Asst. Principal 670-1042
To report absences contact School House Offices

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS AS LISTED

DeWitt Elementary, 722 DeWitt Road, 9 AM - 3:30 PM
Principal Mark Schichtel, Asst. Principal TBD..... 671-0710
To report absences 670-1004

Klem North Elementary, 1015 Klem Road, 8:50 AM - 3:20 PM
Principal Laura Ballou, Asst. Principal Denise Lemcke 872-1770
To report absences 217-4108

Klem South Elementary, 1025 Klem Road, 9 AM - 3:30 PM
Principal TBD, Asst. Principal Dr. Stephen MacAdam..... 872-1320
To report absences 217-4137

Plank North Elementary, 705 Plank Road, 9 AM - 3:25 PM
Principal Craig Bodensteiner, Asst. Principal Heather Balsamo.. 671-8858
To report absences 670-4012

Plank South Elementary, 715 Plank Road, 8:50 AM - 3:20 PM
Principal Scott Wilcox, Asst. Principal Jennifer Sullivan..... 671-3190
To report absences 670-4062

Schlegel Elementary, 1548 Schlegel Road, 9 AM - 3:30 PM
Principal Francine Leggett, Asst. Principal Robin Jennings 265-2500
To report absences 265-2513

State Elementary, 1401 State Road, 9 AM - 3:20 PM
Principal Christine Noeth-Abele, Asst. Principal Lucia Kaempffe 872-4200
To report absences 217-5306



New Student Registration Requirements

Children who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2018, are eligible to enter school. To attend Webster Schools, students must live in the district with their parents, a legal guardian who is a resident, or meet other requirements such as foster care placement. It is illegal to send a non-district student to a public school district without paying tuition. Students are assigned to schools (K-5 elementary, 6-8 middle school, or 9-12 high school) based on their primary residence. If predetermined class sizes have been reached, a new entrant or an existing student whose family has moved to a new address within the district may be assigned to an alternate Webster school for the school year.

Registrations are taken by appointment at the Central Registration Office, located on the third floor of Spry Middle School, 119 South Avenue. Call (585) 216-0029 to schedule an appointment. A completed registration packet, along with all required documents, must be provided during the meeting. Packets are available at all WCSD school buildings and on the district website, websterschools.org; click on the Central Registration quick link.

SCHOOL STARTS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - REGISTER NOW!

BOE Directory



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2018-19 BOE Meetings

The WCSD Board of Education's regular meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are in the Spry Middle School Auditorium, 119 South Avenue, unless otherwise indicated. Agendas are posted at the District Administrative Offices, located on the third floor of Spry, and on the district website, websterschools.org. Copies of approved board minutes are also posted on the website.

9/6	Regular Meeting and New Staff Reception
9/20	Workshop
10/4	Regular Meeting
10/18	Senior Citizens' Day
10/18	Workshop
10/25-27	NYSSBA Convention, NYC
October TBD	School Board Recognition Week
11/1	Regular Meeting
11/15	Workshop
12/6	Regular Meeting
1/10, 2019	Workshop
1/17	Regular Meeting
2/7	Regular Meeting
2/14	Executive Session
2/28	Executive Session
3/7	Budget Meeting (Building/Dept Budgets), Spry Library
3/14	Regular Meeting
3/21	Budget Meeting (Staffing)
3/28	Workshop
3/30-4/1	NSBA Convention, Philadelphia, PA
4/11	Regular Meeting/ Budget Adoption
4/23	8:00 a.m. Special Meeting: BOCES Budget/Election, Superintendent's Office
4/25	Workshop
5/2	Regular Meeting/ Public Budget Hearing
5/9	Workshop
5/14	Annual Election & Budget Vote, Webster Schroeder, 6:00 a.m. --9:00 p.m.
5/23	Workshop
6/6	Regular Meeting
6/20	Workshop
7/2, 2019	Reorganization Meeting, 2019-2020 School Year/Regular Meeting

Required Immunizations

Students must meet New York State immunization requirements with correct ACIP spacing to enter and attend school. Exemptions are allowed for religious (not philosophical) or documented medical reasons only. Medical exemptions must be renewed annually. Students whose health records are not in compliance will not be permitted in school.

- Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT, DT, DTaP): 3-5 doses
- Hepatitis B vaccine: 3 doses
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella vaccine (MMR): 2 doses
- Polio (OPV, IPV): 3-5 doses
- Varicella (Chicken Pox): 2 doses (Medical documentation of disease or immune blood titer confirming immunity is the only acceptable substitute for this vaccination.)
- Tdap booster: 1 dose in grades 6-12. Tdap is approved for students aged 7 years and older
- Meningococcal: dose #1 before entering seventh grade; dose #2 before entering 12th grade. (If dose #1 was received at 16 years of age or older, dose #2 is not required.)

For details on state law regarding vaccinations, refer to <http://www.nyhealth.gov/publications/2370.pdf>.

Monroe County Department of Public Health (585-753-5150), 111 Westfall Road, has a walk-in immunization clinic on Wednesdays, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Last check-in is at 6:00 p.m. Immunizations are free of cost for children. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Bring your child's immunization record. If you have Child Health Plus insurance, you must bring your insurance card.



Required Screenings

Vision and hearing screenings are required for students in kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh and 11th grades and all new entrants to WCSD. Scoliosis screenings are required for girls in fifth and seventh grades and boys in ninth grade. Parents will be notified of any significant findings.

Communicable & Infectious Diseases

School nurses may exclude any student from school upon suspicion of a communicable disease and until a medically confirmed diagnosis is provided in writing. These include, but are not limited to:

Head Lice: WCSD requires students to be nit-free. If a student is found to have head lice or nits, parents will be contacted and the student will be excluded from school until he/she has received treatment and all nits removed. Parents must accompany their child to school the first day of return so the school nurse can confirm that the child is nit-free. Readmitted students will be checked for nits at days seven, 10, 14, 21, and 30.

Strep Throat: Students suspected of having strep throat should have a throat culture and await results before returning to school. If positive, please notify the building nurse. Students may not return to school until 24 hours after the initiation of antibiotic therapy AND the student has been fever-free for 24 hours without the assistance of fever-reducing medication.

Physicals & Dental Exams

Physicals exams are **required** for and dental exams are requested for all new entrants to WCSD and students in

kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and 11th grades. Physicals dated on or after September 1, 2017 are accepted as school physicals for the 2018-19 school year.

Students in grades seven through 12 participating in Section V sports should have a physical by their own healthcare provider. Physicals are valid for one calendar year only. Contact the school health office for further information.

Medications in School

School personnel may dispense medication to a student **ONLY** under the following conditions for over-the-counter **AND** prescription medication:

- The medication is necessary to keep the student in school.
- A written order is provided from the student's healthcare provider stating medication, dosage, frequency, and reason. (A prescription label or parent instructions from the provider are **NOT** medical orders.) This must be renewed annually.
- The parent must authorize in writing that school personnel may administer the medication.
- Medication must be brought to school by a parent in the original container. Pills in baggies or in mislabeled Rx bottles are not accepted.
- Parents of children who require special attention should discuss their concern with the building nurse.

Health Insurance

Students injured during school sponsored/supervised activities are first covered under their parents' insurance. Uninsured parents should apply through Child Health Plus. For more information call 1-800-716-4885, TTY 800-421-1220, OR 585-613-7662, or log on to <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/>.





Allergy Protocol

Food, latex, and environmental allergies are prevalent among the childhood population. No food may be consumed on the bus. If food is permitted in classrooms for celebrations, it must be commercially prepared and labeled. In elementary schools only, parents are notified if their child is in a classroom where exposure must be reduced due to food allergies.

Reducing the Spread of Illness

Hand washing and respiratory etiquette help prevent the spread of illness, including flu. Please discuss and practice these with your children:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water.
- Avoid people who are ill.

- Stay home from work or school if you are ill or have a fever of 100.4 or greater.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve; dispose of the tissue and wash your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Clean shared items such as phones, keyboards, office equipment, and toys more often.
- Refrain from sharing personal items such as forks, spoons, toothbrushes, and towels.

Potassium Iodide

WCSD lies within the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant evacuation area. In the event of a nuclear accident, the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management may determine that students should receive a Potassium Iodide (KI) tablet to block the effects of radiation. If you do NOT want your child to receive KI, you must submit a refusal form one time to your child's school. Refer medical concerns to your healthcare provider.

BMI Reporting

WCSD is required to report Body Mass Index (BMI) summary data to the New York State Health Department. No names or individual student information is sent. You may choose to have your child's



information excluded from this report by sending a letter to your child's building nurse in September. This request must be renewed for each physical.

Flu Shots for Students and Their Families

WCSD is hosting Seasonal Flu Shot Clinics for families and children 3 years and older on Monday, October 22, Monday, October 29, and Tuesday, December 4. All will take place 4:30-6:30 p.m. in Willink Middle School Library, 900 Publishers Parkway.

All children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian. The clinics, offered by Workplace Vitality Flu Prevention Partners, are NOT FREE; insurance is required. Most major insurances cover these. Without insurance, the cost is \$29.00 per person, cash or check. No credit cards are accepted. Refer medical questions to your healthcare provider. Refer insurance questions to your insurer.

Health law requires schools to post influenza educational material within the facilities. You will find this information in or around the main office of each building.

Building Health Office Phone Numbers

DeWitt Road Elementary.....	670-1003
Klem North Elementary.....	217-4107
Klem South Elementary.....	217-4136
Plank North Elementary.....	670-4011
Plank South Elementary.....	670-4054
Schlegel Road Elementary.....	216-6023
State Elementary School.....	217-5307
Spry Middle School.....	216-0059
Willink Middle School.....	670-1035
Webster Schroeder High School.....	670-5026
Webster Thomas High School.....	670-8019
Nurse Coordinator.....	670-5217
Flex Nurse.....	670-5208

Find more information on health-related items at websterschools.org; hover over the Departments tab, then select Health Office-District.

School Closings and Early Dismissal



Should WCSD need to close school or dismiss early, parents will be notified through the district's automated communication system, Infinite Campus.

The local media will also be contacted and information will be posted to the district website websterschools.org, the district social media

[Facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools](https://www.facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools) and [@wcsdproud](https://twitter.com/wcsdproud), superintendent's Twitter [@superwebstercsd](https://twitter.com/superwebstercsd), and Spectrum cable channel 1301. Due to the nature of social media, it is often the fastest way to receive this information.

The decision to close before the school day begins is usually made by 6:00 a.m. Every attempt is made to announce afternoon and evening cancellations by 2:30 p.m. Early dismissal may occur due to weather and parents are asked to be prepared with a plan and discuss it with their child(ren). When an early dismissal does occur, bus riders will return home in the same order as a regular school day, and school offices will remain open and staffed for approximately 45 minutes after students are dismissed.

Weather conditions vary widely across the district. Parents/guardians are the final authority in deciding whether or not to send a child to school. Weather related absences are legal absences; however, parents are required to notify school(s) if their child(ren) will not be attending.

Please note that when school is closed due to weather, all aquatics and community education classes and evening activities are cancelled as well.

Emergency Evacuation

Webster schools are located within a 10-mile radius of the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant. As such, the district works closely with federal, state, and local emergency preparedness officials in emergency planning. Should a Ginna related emergency require the evacuation of students and staff, parents will be notified through Infinite Campus. Information will also be available through local media outlets as well as the district website and district social media. Monroe Community College is the designated site for a district-wide evacuation. Should a need arise to evacuate an individual school or schools, students and staff will be relocated to predetermined sites. Parents will be notified as described above.

Safe School HelpLine

WCSD provides an educational environment where students can feel safe as they learn. The district is enrolled in Safe School HelpLine, a toll-free number anyone can call to anonymously report health and safety concerns. The number, 1-800-4-1-VOICE, ext. 359, is monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Reports may also be made by texting the word "TIPS" to 66746 or online at safeschoolhelpline.com. The Safe School HelpLine app quickly gives users all three options for reporting valuable information. Callers are able to reconnect with the agency to be advised as to what actions were taken on their information.

In most cases, the company sends the district transcripts of calls they receive the next day. However, if the matter is urgent, school officials are contacted immediately, day or night.

Sex Offender Notification

Individuals who wish to be informed regarding registered sex offenders residing in our area can go to Legal Notices on the district website, websterschools.org, where they will

find links to local, state, and national organizations tracking registered sex offenders, including NY-ALERT, a site where persons may register with the state to receive notifications when moderate to high risk sex offenders (Levels 2 and 3) move into the school district.

Visitor's Pass Requirements

A camera and intercom entry system are located in the lobby of each elementary and middle school building. Visitors must press the red call button to alert building staff of their presence. Office staff then speak via intercom with the visitor to determine the nature of the visit prior to allowing entry. Visitors allowed entry are admitted to the main office or asked to wait in the lobby for a brief moment. Per board of education policy, visitors must provide photo identification, sign in, and wear a visitor's pass.

Parent-Teacher Conference Dates

Elementary conferences take place between teachers and parents October 18, 19, and 26, and March 14, 15, and 21. Watch your school newsletters and communications for early dismissal times.

Stations Announcing School Closings

TELEVISION STATIONS

Spectrum News.....	Channel 9
WROC-TV.....	Channel 8
WHEC-TV.....	Channel 10
WHAM-TV.....	Channel 13
Fox Rochester.....	Channel 7

RADIO STATIONS

WARM.....	101.3 FM
Mix.....	100.5 FM
News Radio WHAM.....	1180 AM
WBEE.....	92.5 FM
WCMF.....	96.5 FM
WXXI.....	1370 AM
WPXY.....	97.9 FM
ESPN Rochester.....	95.7 FM/950 AM
Fox Sports.....	1280 AM
KISS.....	106.7 FM
Sunny.....	102.3 FM
Radio 95.1.....	95.1 FM
The Bull.....	107.3 FM
Fickle.....	93.3 FM
The Buzz.....	98.9 FM
The Zone.....	94.1 FM

When in doubt if school it out also check [Facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools](https://www.facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools), [@wcsdproud](https://twitter.com/wcsdproud) Twitter, [@superwebstercsd](https://twitter.com/superwebstercsd) Twitter, websterschools.org, and Spectrum cable channel 1301. Parents should also receive closing notifications by email and/or voicemail through Infinite Campus. There is also a text option parents may select by visiting their child(ren)'s Infinite Campus account(s) and clicking on the Contact Preferences tab.

Staying Informed

WCSD communicates in a variety of ways with the public, including through its website websterschools.org, social media [Facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools](https://www.facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools) and [@wcsdproud](https://twitter.com/wcsdproud) Twitter, and superintendent's Twitter [@superwebstercsd](https://twitter.com/superwebstercsd). Webster Cable access WETV-Channel 1301 is used to broadcast school board meetings, many school concerts, sporting events, and other programs. Also, the automated communication system Infinite Campus is used to send home key school and/or emergency messages to parents via phone, text and/or email.

WCSD also shares district, school, and community program and event information via e-flyers. Interested persons can go to websterschools.org, type e-flyers in search, and click on the E-flyers link for directions on how to properly submit flyers for consideration. Approved E-flyers are shared on a weekly basis via the district's social media and are passed along to the appropriate school principals for their consideration in sharing via their school newsletters or e-communications.

2018-2019 Testing Schedule

DATE	TEST	GRADE
Jan. 22-25.....	Regents Examinations.....	Grades 9-12
April 2-3.....	NYS ELA.....	Grades 3-8
May 1-2.....	NYS Math.....	Grades 3-8
May 6-17.....	AP Examinations.....	Grades 9-12
May 28-31.....	Science Performance Test.....	Grades 4 and 8
June 3.....	Science Written Test.....	Grades 4 and 8
June 3, 18-26.....	Regents & Local Exams.....	Grades 9-12

For the complete testing schedule, please go to websterschools.org.

Senior Citizens' Day

Each fall the WCSD Board of Education welcomes 700 senior citizens to a day of music, feasting, and celebration. This year the 47th annual Senior Citizens' Day will take place October 18. WCSD's very talented high school students will perform, door prizes donated by area merchants will be given away and delivered to your seat by elementary school students, and a meal prepared by WCSD Food Service will be served by our high school students.

Senior citizens age 55 and older residing in WCSD who are interested in attending should send their contact

information (name, address, telephone number) to Jenifer Calus, WCSD District Administrative Offices, 119 South Avenue, Webster, NY 14580; or jenifer_calus@webstercsd.org subject line Senior Citizens' Day. Your information will be added to the Senior Citizens' Day database that is used to send invitations later this fall. Seniors who have been invited in the past need not send their information as it is already on the database.

The venue can only accommodate 700 guests, so when invitations are mailed, seniors are encouraged to fill out the required registration form and mail/deliver it immediately.

Parent & Student Portal – Your Online Resource for School

The Infinite Campus Parent & Student Portal found as a quick link on the district website, websterschools.org, is a valuable tool for all WCSD families, grades K-12.

It is there so that parents can access bus schedules and monitor their child(ren)'s grades, attendance, report cards, daily schedules, contact information, and transportation records. The district also uses the Parent & Student Portal Messenger system to send important emails, phone calls, and texts throughout the year, including school closings. Parents may update email information for their child(ren) through the portal by clicking on the Contact Preferences tab. This tab enables parents to decide the ways they receive important school and district messages and the types of messages they wish to receive. Any changes to existing Parent & Student Portal phone

numbers must be made by contacting your school's administrative offices.

Secondary students are also encouraged to take full advantage of what the Infinite Campus Parent & Student Portal has to offer them. Using their six-digit, district assigned student ID, students can access their account where they can monitor their grades, view or print out report cards, and see their transportation information.

The Parent & Student Portal is a secure, password protected, web-based program that provides families

with an online portal into student information. Parents are only able to view their own child's information, and students are only able to view their own information.

Parents and students can download the portal app to their electronic devices to make monitoring the portal even more convenient. Please note that changes cannot be made to the Contact Preferences tab using the app. See the portal for details. Individuals who need their activation code or who have questions should contact ICportal@webstercsd.org.

Parents who don't have computer access may call WCSD Transportation at 265-3840 or the main office of their child(ren)'s school for transportation information. Private and parochial school families will now have access to the Parent & Student Portal. Schedules for private and parochial students living in WCSD will also be mailed.





Meal Costs & Free/Reduced Information

The Webster School Lunch program offers high quality nutritious meals that comply with all USDA federal guidelines. Student lunch prices for the 2018-19 school year are \$2.80 for high schools, \$2.75 for middle schools, and \$2.55 for elementary schools. Your child(ren) may qualify for free meals or reduced priced meals at a cost of \$.25. New for 2018-19 there is no cost for reduced priced meals if you submit an application and qualify in advance.

Free/Reduced Price Meal
Applications must be renewed before September 30 for the current school year. Parents can submit applications online at heartlandapps.com. Click on "START APPLICATION" and enter your household information. Food Service will notify you of the results. Applying online speeds up the process and eliminates the need for a paper application. For more information on this program, or to download the Free/Reduced Price Meal Application, visit the district website at websterschools.org and select the quick link Food Service. Print and complete the application, or fill out the application inserted in this newsletter and return it to your child(ren)'s school(s).

Breakfast

All WCSD schools offer a hot breakfast every school day beginning on the first day of school. The price for breakfast is \$1.75 at elementary schools and \$2.00 at secondary schools. For children who qualify for free or reduced priced meals there is no charge. WCSD hopes children will take advantage of the opportunity to start the day with a

healthy breakfast. Your MySchoolBucks account will work for both breakfast and lunch.

Nutrition/Ingredient Information

Visit the Food Service website to access nutrition/ingredient Information. Go to websterschools.org, click on the Food Service quick link, followed by the Menus link. Then choose the appropriate menu and scroll over items to see nutrition information, including ingredients and carb counts.

Menu Selections



Menu items designed to appeal to students are offered daily. Webster Food Service encourages students to try these items and welcomes feedback. Snack items such as milk, fruit, yogurt, ice cream, etc., are available daily for an additional cost at all schools. To see the snack price list, look for the link on the food

service website. It also contains a form to restrict snack purchases. Complete the form for each student and send it to the school kitchen or simply email Mark_Balfour@webstercsd.org. The snack price list is subject to change at any time.

Menu Publication

Lunch menus are posted at every serving line and on the food service website. Menus can be sent to your email by visiting the Food Service website, clicking Menus, followed by the Going Green! Menu icon.

Prepaid Point of Sale & Online Prepayment Service

Webster Food Service utilizes a free computerized Point of Sale system, MySchoolBucks.com, which enables students to participate in a prepaid system for all lunches and snacks. This system is NOT a charge account. Students MUST have money in their account or pay with cash or check made

payable to Webster Food Service. Prepayments with paper check may be mailed directly to your child's school or sent with your child to be given to the lunch cashier. If you have more than one child at a school, please include a note that explains how much to deposit into each account. If siblings attend different schools, a separate check must be written for each student. Prepayments may also be made online. Students are encouraged to use the prepaid system to avoid lost money and expedite lunch lines.

High school students can also access MySchoolBucks.com. Simply create an account for your student without the banking information. Heartland offers a mobile app for smart phones to make balance information available at any time. A flat fee of \$2.49 is charged for all online deposits, regardless of dollar amount or payment type (credit, debit, or eCheck). To minimize online convenience fees, please consider making larger, less frequent payments. As always, cash or paper check prepayments may continue to be made at the school kitchen register with no fee. Free services include, transaction history, low balance email alerts, and automatic account replenishment. Please visit the food service website for more information.

Charge Policy

If a student does not have money for lunch, he/she will receive a full meal and be charged the full lunch price.

Dietary Restrictions

If your child has dietary restrictions based on medical needs, it is possible to have a special meal prepared. Please contact the Webster Food Service Office at 670-5104 for information and the necessary paperwork.



Employment Opportunities

If you are interested in pursuing job opportunities within WCSD, please apply through our new Frontline Education application system by:

1. visiting www.websterschools.org
2. selecting the Job Postings & Applications button
3. identify a position that you are interested/qualified for
4. clicking the red Apply button to start a new process or log-in to an existing account.

The district is actively recruiting and screening qualified applicants for substitute teachers, educational support (aides and assistants), food service, and bus drivers (training sessions are provided). Please use our new system to apply for any of these positions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Human Resources Office at (585) 216-0010 for assistance with the application process, or the WCSD Transportation Department at (585) 216-0203 for bus driver or bus monitor positions.

Work Permits

Any student under the age of 18 who seeks employment must obtain a work permit. For WCSD students, these are available in all of the district's secondary schools. Applications for 14- to 17-year-olds must be signed by a parent/guardian and require proof of residency, date of birth, social security number, and documentation from the student's doctor that he/she has had a physical examination within the last 12 months. The student and a parent/guardian must be present to sign the permit in front of the issuing officer.

Tax Installment Plan

Monroe County tax law allows residents the opportunity to pay school taxes in installments or one full payment. You elect to pay taxes by installment upon remittance of the first installment payment. A service charge must be paid with all installment payments. To pay by installments follow the instructions on the back of the school tax bill. This option is offered to Webster and Penfield residents only. Questions regarding this plan should be directed to your town's receiver of taxes. Payment of school

taxes for Webster and Penfield residents may also be made online by credit card or eCheck with an additional fee at monroecounty.gov; click on View/Pay Taxes Online.

Wayne County tax law does not provide residents the opportunity to pay school taxes in installment payments. WCSD residents living in Ontario and Walworth may pay their taxes at Webster Town Hall, in addition to the instructions on the bill.

WCSD sets its tax rates in August.

Enhanced STAR Income Verification Program (IVP)

This information below does not apply to new homeowners and first-time STAR applicants. If you're a new homeowner or first-time STAR applicant, you need to register for the STAR credit with the Tax Department, instead of applying for the exemption. Go online to <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm> to learn more.

New for 2019, if you're applying or reapplying for the Enhanced STAR exemption, you must enroll in the Income Verification Program (IVP). You only need to enroll once, and you'll receive the exemption each year, as long as you're eligible. In the first year, your assessor will verify your eligibility based on the income information you provide. In the following years, the New York State Tax Department will verify your income eligibility, and you will not need to reapply for the exemption or provide copies of your tax returns to your local assessor. The tax department will not disclose your income to the assessor. It will only disclose whether your income satisfies the income eligibility requirement.

Schoolwide Enrichment



Enrichment, with differentiated instruction as its foundation, is an important part of WCSD's overall program for elementary students. This is done through varied grouping, instructional materials, and

assignments. An instructional specialist for enrichment works with teachers to develop instructional strategies and assist with differentiated planning. In addition, opportunities are investigated for students to explore their interests and talents. The Reteach and Enrich blocks provide classroom teachers with the opportunity to extend and enrich the curriculum for students who are ready to explore curriculum components at a deeper level. Teachers in the grade level can work with the enrichment specialists when developing plans for this instruction.



One Webster Invited to Take Advantage of Community Ed, WAC Programs, Activities

The One Webster community is invited to take advantage of the many programs and activities offered through Community Education and Webster Aquatic Center (WAC).

Community Ed offers a wealth of programs for all ages, everything from day camps for youngsters, to driver's education for teens and adults, to finance classes for adults and senior citizens, plus so much more!

If you like to swim but don't want our weather to impact your workout, consider attending open swim or a fitness program at WAC. It also offers a variety of fun and educational programs, including learn to swim, lifeguard certification, and various of types of water aerobics.

For complete details on Community Ed and WAC offerings, view the program guide contained in this newsletter or go to websterschools.org and see Community Education and Webster Aquatic Center under the Departments drop down menu, or follow them on Twitter @websteraquatics and Facebook at Webster Aquatic Center and Community Education (@WCSDCommunity.Programs).



Meet the 2018-19 Team:

Allison Fedyk Featherly - Co-president
Stacie Peters - Co-president

1st VP Elementary - Jennifer Hryhorenko
2nd VP Secondary - Sharon Zukoski

3rd VP Communications - Linda Cope
Secretary - Tricia Batz

Central Treasurer - Monica Shannon
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PACE Chair - Kate Potvin
Advocacy Chair - Dorothy Petrie

Community Arts Day Chair
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Membership Chairs
Lynn Peterson & Jen DeGrace

DeWitt Building Chair - Kat McCusker
Klem South Building Chair - Diane Pecora

Klem North Building Chairs
Kansas McDonald & Tanya Morris

Plank North Building Chair - Jill Jones
Plank South Building Chair - Michelle Lowe

Schlegel Building Chairs
Courtney Freeman & Kelly Manza

State Road Building Chair - Gloria Santoli
Spry Building Chair - Julie Burley

Willink Building Chairs
Jennifer Hryhorenko & Judi Hoffer

Schroeder Building Chair
Dorothy Petrie

Thomas Building Chairs
Deana Darling & Jen Altobelli

Webster Central PTSA's Top Tips for Back to School

- * **Subscribe to free PTSA eNews** from each of the schools your kids attend. This is how you'll hear about programs, events, and services available to you and your kids. Don't miss out: websterptsa.org/enews.
- * **Buy a \$5 school calendar** at Hegedorn's service desk in August and at various school events. Calendars include school, district, and PTSA events, and proceeds fund PTSA projects.
- * **Become a member.** Membership is not a commitment to volunteer. It shows your support for our mission and funds our programs. Purchase \$10 Adult and \$5 Student PTSA memberships at: websterptsa.org/join.
- * All members get great local discounts and **entry in a drawing for a free Family Membership to the YMCA, a free Family Membership to the Webster Aquatic Center and Dinner + 4 tickets to South Pacific.**
- * **Volunteer!** We need your help. Let's find a spot that fits your interests, schedule, and skills. See openings and sign up at: websterptsa.org/help.

What is PTSA?

Webster Central PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) is a member of National PTA, the largest parent volunteer organization in the United States. Together we are a powerful voice for children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the education and wellbeing of every child.

Questions or Suggestions?

Contact Co-presidents Stacie Peters and Allison Fedyk Featherly at: CentralPTSA@websterptsa.org. Find all PTSA contact info at: websterptsa.org/board.

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Webster Marching Band, KIDets, & Percussion Theatre



The Webster Marching Band is a Large School Division 2 competitive band that draws its membership from students in grades seven through 12 from all four of the district's secondary schools. As a member of the New York State Field Band Conference, the Webster Marching Band competes weekly across the state each fall, as well as in various regional and national competitions throughout the country. This year, the band has been invited to march in the National Veterans Day Parade and compete in a Field Show Competition in Washington D.C. The band also performs at community events throughout Webster, including parades and football halftime shows.

The Webster KIDets Marching Band is a program provided by the Webster Marching Band to introduce the marching band activity to younger students in all of the district's

elementary and middle schools. This band returns this year for fifth and sixth grade students within WCSD and includes performances at the Webster Fireman's Kiddie Parade and also at Autumn Fanfare.

Webster Percussion Theatre is a program offered to all current marching band members and secondary school students within the district. It competes during the winter months and gives musicians the opportunity to learn and perform on percussion instruments.

The public is invited to attend the Webster Marching Band's annual Autumn Fanfare, to be held Saturday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Webster Schroeder High School Stadium.

For more information, please visit the band's web page at <http://webstermarchingband.webs.com/>.

The Webster Marching Band Boosters, Inc. is a not-for-profit group composed of dedicated parents and community members who support the mission of the marching band through fund-raising and other volunteer efforts. Booster members are grateful for the continued support of the community. The growing partnership between the band and community is a tremendous source of pride throughout the organization.



Webster Athletic Booster Organization

Webster Athletic Booster Organization (WABO) supports and enhances Webster's Interscholastic Athletic Program. Parent volunteers man concession stands at Webster Schroeder and Webster Thomas high schools as a service to event participants as well as a way to raise funds that support Webster's teams and student athletes. Please refer to the PTSA Calendar for actual meeting dates held quarterly. Meetings are open to all who are interested in supporting Webster's athletic teams. For more information please contact Shawn Strege, Webster Schroeder Director of Physical Education and Athletics, at 670-5230, or Steve LaMonica, Webster Thomas Director of Physical Education and Athletics, at 670-8065.

Special Education PTA

Special Education Parent Teacher Association (SEPTA) is a committee of the Webster Central PTSA. It strives to support both teachers and parents of children serviced through IEPs or 504 plans by promoting better educational and community opportunities. SEPTA organizes meetings, seminars, and family events throughout the year, and is always looking for volunteers. For further information, visit websterptsa.org/septa, or contact co-chairs Mandy Kresge and Kristin Ricci at septa@websterptsa.org.

Sports Registration Available Online

WCSD student athletes are reminded that all WCSD sports in every season are available for registration online! Log on to FamilyID (www.familyid.com), a secure registration website that provides families with an easy, user-friendly way to register for the WCSD athletic programs throughout the year. When you register through FamilyID, the website keeps track of your personal information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your personal information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs.

Registration for all WCSD fall sports is under way. Simply visit familyid.com, click on "Find a Program," enter your middle or high school, and then click on "Register Now." Families who are new to the website will need to create an account prior to registering.



Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) affords parents certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. The rights under PPRA transfer from the parents to a student who is 18 years old or an emancipated minor under state law. These include the right to:

1. Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education (ED):
 - a. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
 - b. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 - c. Sexual behavior or attitudes;
 - d. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 - e. Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 - f. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
 - g. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
 - h. Income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program.
2. Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:
 - a. Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 - b. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law; and

- c. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
 3. Inspect upon request and before administration or use:
 - a. Protected information surveys of students;
 - b. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 - c. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

Webster Central School District has developed policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. The district will notify parents of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive changes in such policies. The district will also directly notify parents, such as through U.S. mail or e-mail, at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above. For surveys and activities scheduled after the school year starts, parents will be provided reasonable notification and an opportunity to opt their child(ren) out of such activities and surveys.

Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with the Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.

Student Records and Privacy

Under provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, and the No Child Left Behind Act, parents and guardians must be notified of their rights annually with regard to student records and information. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18.

Education Records

Parents/guardians have a right to inspect and review all education records related to their child within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for records access.

Education records include records, files, documents, and other materials which contain information directly related to a student, and are maintained by Webster Central School District.

Requests should be made in writing to the building principal. The school will notify the parent of the time and place where the records can be inspected. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless it is impossible for parents to review the records; a copy fee may be charged.

If a parent/guardian believes that information contained in the educational records is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights, he/she may make a request in writing to the building principal that the record be amended. The request must identify the records to be amended and the reason the amendment is requested. If the principal decides not to amend the record as requested, the district will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided with the notification of the hearing right. Parents/guardians may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education if they feel the district has failed to comply with FERPA and its regulations. The U.S. Department of Education can be contacted at: Family Policy Compliance Office, US Dept. of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-8520.

Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

Webster Central School District is committed to ensuring student privacy in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations and district policies. To this end and pursuant to U.S. Department of Education (DOE) regulations (Education Law §2-d), the district is providing the following Parents' Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security:

- A student's personally identifiable information cannot be sold or released for any commercial or marketing purposes.
- Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record.
- State and federal laws protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information and safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
- A complete list of all student data elements collected by the state is available for public review both online and at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/irs/sirs/documentation/NYSEDstudentData.xlsx> and via regular mail by requesting a copy from the Office of Information & Reporting Services, New York State Education Department, Room 863 EBA, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
- Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to:

Brian Zimmer, Director of Educational Technology and Information
Webster Central School District
119 South Avenue
Webster, NY 14580
Brian_Zimmer@webstercsd.org

And to:
Chief Privacy Officer
New York State Education Department
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12234
cpo@mail.nysed.gov

The bill of rights is subject to change based on regulation of the Commissioner of Education and the SED Chief Privacy Officer. Changes/Additions are also anticipated as SED releases further guidance documents.

If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Zimmer at 585-216-0099. More information is also available on the following websites:

- New York State Department of Education guidance document issued on July 29, 2014 (PDF);
- U.S. Department of Education press release: Guidance for Schools Issued on How to Keep Parents Better Informed on the Data They Collect on Students (PDF);
- Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC): newly established one-stop resource for education stakeholders to learn about data privacy.

Student Directory Information

Personally identifiable information contained in a student's educational records will not be disclosed without parental consent, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes. Under the provisions of FERPA, the district may release student directory information without parental consent. In addition, two federal laws require the district to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories — names, addresses and telephone listings — unless parents have advised the district that they do not want their student's information disclosed to military recruiters without their prior written consent.

Directory information is designated as student name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, name of the educational agency or institution previously attended by the student, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight of athletic team members, and degrees and awards received.

The Webster Central School District has developed policies regarding release of such information to an outside group without individual consent, at the discretion of the superintendent, in consideration of protecting student privacy and preventing use of personal

information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes.

If a parent/guardian does not wish to have some or all of the directory information as described released without prior consent, he/she must notify the building principal in writing by September 1, 2018.

Release of Information Exceptions

FERPA allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to other school officials within the district whom the district has determined to have legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a member of the board of education; a person or company with whom the district has outsourced services or functions it would otherwise use its own employees to perform such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; or a parent, student, or volunteer serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review a student record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities.

Personal identifiable information may also be disclosed to officials in another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for the purpose of the student's transfer or enrollment. Upon request, the district will disclose educational records without consent to such officials of other school districts for such purposes.

Student education records may be released to authorized representatives of certain designated federal and state agencies pursuant to a lawfully issued court order or subpoena; and persons who need to know in case of a health or safety emergency.

The district reserves the right to release student records for other purposes and to other individuals as authorized by, and in accordance with, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.



Attendance Standards

New York State Education Law requires that all children attend school until the last day of the school year in which they turn 16.

School districts must record all absences, tardiness, and time lost by a pupil.

Parents must inform school if their child will be absent for any part of the day. School personnel will contact parents whose children are absent and have not been reported as such.

Absenteeism is classified as excused or unexcused. Excused absences are those that are due to unavoidable circumstances or are related to the educational needs of the student, such as personal illness, religious observance, weather conditions, required legal appearance, approved college visits, military obligations, or other reasons as may be approved by the commissioner of education.

Absences for activities that could have been done outside of the school day or avoided with appropriate planning, such as vacations and baby-sitting, are considered unexcused. School principals or their designees will determine whether an absence is excused or unexcused.

The board of education has established 85 percent as its minimum attendance standard.

Pupil Services

Students have access to many services that can help them reach their full potential as learners. Teachers, literacy specialists, psychologists, social workers, school counselors, nurses, speech/occupational/physical therapists, along with building and administrative personnel work as a team to develop a plan that will integrate necessary services with classroom instruction, helping all students succeed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your building administrator.

Special Education

Special education services are available to children between the ages of 3 and 21 who are residents of WCSD. These services include specially designed instruction, related services, or programs designed to meet the unique needs of students with disabilities. Parents and school personnel work together to identify and meet student needs, keeping children in general education programs wherever possible. For more information, please contact the Office of Special Education at 216-0036.

Counseling Services

School counseling services provide support to students so they may successfully meet district expectations. School counselors assist with personal, social, and academic development, as well as career planning. School social workers provide direct support to students or assist them in finding community support. District psychologists help students alleviate difficulties that would otherwise impede successful learning and include assessment, intervention, and/or other consultations.

Tutoring/Home Instruction

Students in grades 1-12 who are injured or chronically ill and have been out of school for 10 or more consecutive days may be eligible to receive home instruction. A doctor's note is required. Questions may be directed to building principals (grades K-5) or school counselors (grades 6-12).

Code of Conduct

WCSD is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive and district personnel may deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other district personnel, parents, and visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The board of education recognizes the need to clearly define expectations for acceptable conduct on school property, to identify the possible consequences of unacceptable conduct, and to ensure that discipline is administered in a prompt and fair manner. It has adopted a Code of

Conduct that is in compliance with the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education Act. A copy of the district's Code of Conduct is available in every school office, and on the district website, websterschools.org, at Policies & Regulations under the District dropdown menu.

Notice of Non-Discrimination

WCSD does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's race, color, creed, religion, religious practice, national origin, ethnic group, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, age, marital status, military status, veteran status, disability, or any other basis prohibited by New York State and/or federal non-discrimination laws in its programs and activities. WCSD provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Any parent, student, or employee who has questions regarding this non-discrimination policy or who wishes to report a violation of the policy may do so by contacting Janine Sanger, Coordinator, Title IX and Section 504, at WCSD, 119 South Avenue, Webster, NY 14580; telephone: (585) 216-0026.

Discipline

Students engaging in inappropriate behavior are subject to disciplinary action including reprimand, parent contact, detention, and suspension. Examples of student behaviors that may result in an out-of-school suspension include, but are not limited to:

- Actions that endanger the health, safety, or welfare of others.
- Violation of criminal code.
- Possession, sale, use, or manufacture of drugs, alcohol, or weapons.
- Verbal abuse toward a staff member or student.
- Assault of a staff member or student.

For complete information see the Code of Conduct and Regulation 5201 on the district website, websterschools.org.

No Smoking Policy

Federal and state laws prohibit smoking in schools, on school grounds, and in school vehicles.

Bomb Threats

Making a bomb threat against a school is a Class E felony. The False Reporting Act of 1999 allows government, school, and emergency service organizations to recover costs when responding to a false report. This law holds individuals (parents of those under the age of 18) who make bomb threats liable for the costs of responding to those threats.

Dignity for All Students

In WCSD, incidents of discrimination/harassment are taken very seriously and are not tolerated. It is important to work with your school teams initially, including teachers, counselors, administrators, etc., to ensure that they are aware of the concern and are able to address, without delay, situations related to discrimination and/or harassment.

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) (§§10-18 of Education Law) defines harassment as the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or by verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that has or would have the effect of unreasonably and substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being; or conduct, verbal threats, intimidation or abuse that reasonably causes or would reasonably be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety. DASA prohibits harassment against students based on, but not limited to, the following: a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression).

Dignity Act coordinators are assigned to each school building. To learn more, contact your building's main office or consult Pupil Services under Departments on the district website, websterschools.org.

English as a New Language

English as a New Language (ENL), formerly Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), services are provided to facilitate the acquisition of the English language as well as an understanding of American culture while maintaining respect for students' native languages and culture.

ENL and classroom teachers regularly collaborate. Services range from basic conversational skills to content area support and preparation for state tests.

Technology & Internet Use

Students should use technology and the internet in an appropriate manner. Technology is an integral part of a student's educational experience and must be used in support of education and research consistent with the educational objectives of WCSD. Technology includes, but is not limited to, computers, other hardware, electronic devices, software, internet, email, all other networks, etc. Student use of technology is a privilege. Students are responsible for appropriate use of all computers to which they have access. Obscene, pornographic, threatening, or other inappropriate use of technology, including, but not limited to, email, instant messaging, social networking, cyber bullying, webpages, and use of hardware and/or software which disrupts or interferes with the safety and welfare of the school community is prohibited, even if such uses take place off school property (i.e., home, business, private property, etc.). Altering the pre-set district software image is prohibited. WCSD adheres to the provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Regulations regarding device and internet use are available at Policies and Regulations under the District dropdown menu at websterschools.org.



Pesticide Notification

School districts are required to inform residents and staff of all pesticide and herbicide applications throughout the school year. They are posted on the district website; go to websterschools.org, click on Buildings & Grounds and see Pesticide Notification.

Residents and staff who wish to be informed in advance of applications during the school year are asked to call Blaine



Cunningham, manager of buildings and grounds, at 265-6585. Your name will be kept on a contact list until July 1, 2019.

Public Records

In accordance with the state Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) and Article 6 of the Public Officers Law, requests for access to public records are to be made through the FOIL Office, Cynthia Cushman, Webster Central School District, 119 South Avenue, Webster, NY 14580; (585) 216-0001, or Cynthia_Cushman@websterscd.org.

Use of WCSD Facilities

The use of school facilities for social, civic, and recreational activities is welcome when they are not being used for school events. Under education law, such events must be non-exclusive and open to the general public. If admission is charged, proceeds must benefit an educational or charitable program.

Inquiries regarding the use of:

- athletic fields, gyms, school classrooms, cafeterias, or auditoriums should be directed to Jane Laskey at 670-8066.
- swimming pools should be directed to Ben Whipple at 670-1082 or Brian Wilcox at 670-5260.

Please note that all events at district facilities are cancelled when school is closed due to inclement weather.

Report Cards

Report cards for all WCSD students are published to the Parent & Student Portal at websterschools.org (click the Parent & Student Portal button). Report cards for secondary students will be available on the portal on November 16, February 4, April 15, and July 1. Report cards for elementary students will be available on the portal on January 30 and July 1.

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Photo, Video Consent

Throughout the school year, photographs or video may be taken of students for use in WCSD produced social media, publications, videos, podcasts, and webpages, or by the news media.

If you do not wish your child to be photographed or videotaped, you must indicate this in writing to your child(ren)'s school principal before the start of school on September 4, 2018. E-mail does not constitute a written request; please type it on paper, sign, and mail/deliver. This request must be updated annually. Be sure to include all instances in which you do not want your child's image used.

WCSD Welcomes New School Resource Officer

WCSD is pleased to announce the addition of a second school resource officer to the One Webster community. Webster Police Officer Kevin Johnson's full-time school resource officer position was made possible by the collaborative efforts of the Town of Webster and the district as the position is jointly funded by both entities. Officer Johnson will join Officer Dave Herrle in making meaningful connections with students and promoting positive interactions with law enforcement officers at all 11 WCSD schools. Both are invaluable assets to the district, not only as positive role models for students, but also as additional trusted adults students may rely on and approach for support.

Along with Officer Herrle, Officer Johnson is also a Webster Thomas high school graduate (Class of 2009). Officer Johnson began his career in law enforcement in early 2013 as a deputy with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. After four years of service, he joined the Webster Police Department in December 2016. Born and raised in Webster, his entire family still lives in the WCSD community. He is thrilled to be serving his hometown and school district as the newest school resource officer.

Officer Johnson attended Monroe Community College and the University of Pittsburgh via baseball scholarships with aspirations of playing professionally. A three-sport athlete for a

portion of his Webster Thomas career before exclusively playing baseball, he knows the dedication and commitment required to play sports at elevated high school and Division I levels.

"I truly understand the balancing act so many students face today and the life pressures that come along with that," said Officer Johnson. "I know I can be of support inside and outside of the classroom, along with a listening ear for our students."

A former member of the Webster Yankees' collegiate summer league, Officer Johnson still spends plenty of time on the baseball diamond as a coach for his younger brother's Webster Warhogs' team. Officer Johnson's father, Sean Johnson, was the founder of the Webster Warhogs and Officer Johnson was a member of the inaugural team. He and his wife, Dominique, have one son, Jeter (3)...guess whose namesake that is?

Officer Johnson looks forward to sharing his love of police work (and the New York Yankees!) with WCSD students beginning this school year. Welcome to WCSD, Officer Johnson.



Pictured, l-r, WCSD Superintendent Carmen Gumina, SRO Dave Herrle, Webster Police Chief Joseph Rieger, SRO Kevin Johnson, and Webster Town Supervisor Ronald Nesbitt.


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