

Pioneer Press

December 2025

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We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed their time with family and friends! Here we are in the month of December! The school year is more than a third of the way through. Please remember that students should continue to read, write and practice their math facts over winter vacation! Reading and writing can be about any topics they enjoy and shared with parents and siblings alike. Students can also write some resolutions to ring in 2026!

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The cold weather is here and snow is too. Please be sure that your children come to school prepared to go outside for their recess. Students WILL be going outside as often as possible. Please have coats, hats, mittens, snow pants and boots at the ready!

Webster CSD families are reminded that if weather prohibits students from attending school or necessitates closing school early, this information will be communicated as soon as it is available using the district's ParentSquare system. For this reason, parents/guardians need to make sure their contact information is up-to-date with their child(ren)'s school(s). Parents/guardians can do this in one of three ways:

1. Go to websterschools.org, select the Parent Square button, log in and update contact information there.
2. Go to websterschools.org, select the Parent & Student Portal button, log in to IC and update contact information there.
3. Contact the main office of each of their child(ren)'s school(s) and provide the correct information.

Closing information is also provided on the district website at websterschools.org, on the district Facebook page @WebsterCentralSchools, and to local television and radio stations.

When school is closed due to weather, all aquatics, community education, and evening classes and activities are canceled as well. WonderCare may be an exception; please consult their website at websterschools.org/wondercare or Facebook.com/WonderCare

Students to be Dismissed Early December 19, 2025

Families of students attending Webster CSD schools, please note that on Friday, December 19, students will be dismissed early as the district conducts an Emergency Preparedness Early Release Drill required by the New York State Education Department to test the district's plan for the early dismissal of students.

Parents/guardians are notified in advance of the drill so that they may be prepared for their students to be dismissed early and arrive home by bus early on December 19. Buses will depart the Plank North parking lot at 1:50 pm (10 minutes earlier than a typical day). WonderCare will run as usual.

Parents/guardians who pick their student(s) up from school, please note that the pick-up window will be from 1:50-2:00 pm on December 19 only.

Winter Recess

School will be closed for Winter Recess after classes are dismissed on Friday, December 19. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5. Best wishes for the holiday season!

To all our Pioneer families, we wish you a safe, restful holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

Mid-Year Report Cards

Report cards will be available on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on February 4, 2026 at noon. Report cards will *not* be printed and sent home from school. Thank you!

Nominations Sought for Oak Tree Award

The Webster Teachers' Association (WTA) and Webster Central PTSA are once again joining together to honor the district's most outstanding educators and specialists through the annual Oak Tree Award recognition program. This is your chance to shine a light on the exceptional professionals within our district!

Recipients exemplify excellence in their field, a commitment to their students, and are leaders in their community. Any Webster resident or district employee, current or former student, parent, teacher, or administrative colleague may nominate a person who meets the following criteria for the Elementary or Secondary Oak Tree Award:

- Currently in a full-time position in Webster CSD and plan to continue as such in the next year in or retire from Webster CSD.
- Eligible positions include PreK-grade 12 teachers, school counselors, psychologists, social workers, librarians, media and language specialists, and speech, occupational, and physical therapists.
- Have a minimum of five years teaching experience in Webster CSD.
- Be a member of both the Webster Central PTSA and the WTA.

The deadline for nominations is January 30, 2026. For complete details or to nominate someone, follow this [link](#).

Yours in partnership,
Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

Jen Allen, Assistant Principal



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REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

Redemption Programs mean \$ for our School!

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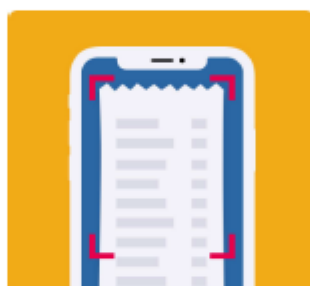


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



Does your family have bottles/cans sitting around to be returned? Please consider donating them to the Plank North PTSA! All funds raised will be used towards activities, programs, etc. at Plank North!

- * All bottles and cans with NYS \$.05 deposits are welcome: fast, friendly hassle-free drop off!
- * No fees involved, the Plank North PTSA will receive all funds for bottles and cans returned!
- * Please label your bags "**Plank North Elementary School**" prior to drop off!

Location:

Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return
659 Ridge Road
Webster, NY 14580
Call for hours: (585) 690-5805
(Behind Hadlock's House of Paint building, next to Bowling Alley)



You are also welcome to email the Plank North PTSA and we will pick-up your bags!
pnptsa@websterptsa.org



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Webster Athletic Hall of Fame: Inaugural Class Celebration

Webster CSD is excited to announce the celebration of the inaugural class of the Webster Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, January 2, 2026!



We invite the entire community to join us as we honor the first class of the Webster Athletic Hall of Fame.

The day's events begin with a ceremony at 3:30 p.m. in the Webster Schroeder auditorium, 875 Ridge Road. The celebration then moves to the Webster Schroeder High School gym:

- The evening tips off with the varsity girls basketball game at 5:30 p.m.
- At 7:00 p.m., the action will pause for the public introduction and honoring of the inaugural Webster Athletic Hall of Fame class.
- The celebration concludes with the varsity boys basketball game starting immediately afterward.

To learn more, please visit websterschools.org/athletichof.

Enjoy the Winter Break!

We hope you and your family enjoy the upcoming winter break, Monday December 22 through Friday, January 2. Take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the time together. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday, January 5.

Stay Connected!

With all of the exciting events happening in our district, be sure to stay informed by following the district on Facebook or visiting our district website.

“LIKE” us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WebsterCentralSchools

Visit our website: www.websterschools.org

Be sure to join us for these upcoming board meetings:

- Tuesday, December 9- Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Speech and Debate, Spry MS, 2nd floor Professional Development Center (PDC) - 5:00 p.m.



Music “Notes”



Season’s greetings to everyone! I want to encourage all of our Plank North families to remember the worth of music during this time of year. Whether it be singing together in the car or playing a favorite album while decorating your home, taking the time to make music with children can help create lifelong memories.

When I was a child my family always listened to the album “John Denver and the Muppets: A Christmas Together.” (Who doesn’t love Miss Piggy’s part in “The 12 Days of Christmas?”) And as soon as we finished decorating the tree, we would play “Stille Nacht” by Manheim Steamroller. Even now as an adult, my holiday isn’t complete until I’ve listened to that music.

I encourage you to incorporate music into your holiday traditions. Your children will be grateful and you will be creating priceless memories.

-Miss Mossey

Plank North Physical Education
Students of the Month – **December**

Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers are very proud of all the students at Plank Road North Elementary. We would like to take this time to recognize two 5th grade students that have demonstrated characteristics that were extraordinary this month. These students have shown that they are working continuously at a high level of achievement. A student must go above and beyond what is expected of them, and demonstrate they are not only an outstanding student of Physical Education, but also a superior member of the Plank Road North community. Characteristics exhibited include the Webster essential skills, personal living skills, and skillful moving. Congratulations to this month's recipients **Peyton Deiure** and **Avery Scaccia** for the month of December. Mrs. Craig and Mr. Sayers sat down with the students to ask them a few questions, and here are the responses.

Peyton Deiure is a 5th grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where her favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Peyton plays outside a lot with her younger sisters. Peyton is also heavily involved with Stages Theater Troupe where she sings, dances and acts. Peyton also takes singing lessons. If that's not enough she downhill skis with her family. At school Peyton is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as part of the morning show team. She also plays the clarinet in the school band. If you have Peyton over for dinner her favorite food is her grandmother's famous pancakes but hold the syrup. The pancakes are so special they don't even need syrup. When Peyton grows up, she would like to become an actress or singer. Peyton's favorite team to cheer for is the Buffalo Bills.

Avery Scaccia is a fifth grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Avery plays hockey for the Webster Cyclones in the position of defense. He also plays football for the Webster Jr. Warriors in the positions of running back and middle linebacker. Avery also manages to play a spring sport; he plays lacrosse for the Webster team as a middie. At school Avery is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as a kindergartner helper. When asked what Avery's favorite food is he answered sushi (which I thought was strange since his parents own a catering business). When Avery grows up, he would like to be a professional football player but he knows that would only be short term, so his backup plan is to become a mechanic working on all kinds of motors (he is working on his skills already!) We asked Avery what team he likes to cheer for and he said, without hesitation, Buffalo Bills and the Lions.





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SCHOOL 17 HOLIDAY GIVING

The Plank North PTSA will be collecting holiday donations for the children at our sister school, School #17 in the city of Rochester. This year we are working with Klem North to provide the students with a day of celebration with snacks and games to play in their classroom, as well as a meal and a book to take home.

Plank North families interested in participating in this year's project can sign up at:
<https://tinyurl.com/m6ruw7s4>



- Please drop off all donations at Plank North 12/4-12/11
- Collection bins are located in the main lobby
- Games and books should be labeled with the grade
- Please avoid snacks with peanuts or tree nuts



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Questions? Need another flier?

Contact Kym Bernard at 860-227-9631 or Kymied@gmail.com.

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Questions? Contact PN PTSA ~ PNPTSA@websterpts.org
<https://www.websterpts.org/committees/PlankNorth>

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Parents/families, please purchase your PTSA membership today!

WebsterPTSA.org/JOIN

If you have not already purchased your PTSA Membership, please do so through the link above! The cost is \$12 per adult membership/\$5 per student membership.

\$6 of the adult membership comes back directly to Plank North to help us run fun events at our school! Also, your PTSA card gets you some wonderful discounts around town this year!

For those of you have already purchased, we are very appreciative of your support!



Plank North PTSA 2025 – 2026

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Chair	Karin Anello
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For program information and up-to-the-minute news on what's new in the Children's Department, visit our blog:
wplkids.wordpress.com

WSCD K-5 Family Handbook

Have a question about your child's school day, school and district policies or PTSA programs? The WSCD Handbook is a great place to start to have your questions answered. In an effort to be more eco-friendly, the handbook is now located on the school's website. You can find it here: www.websterschools.org/planknorth

The PTSA encourages parents to keep this reference book handy throughout the school year to answer questions that may pop up. If there is anything you would like to suggest adding to the handbook in future editions, or if you have any corrections, please contact us at pnptsa@websterpts.org.

Thank you!



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Plank North PTSA 2025 – 2026, continued

Event Chairs:

Bingo for Books	Krista Castronova
Bingo for Books Co-Chair	Colleen Teutonico
<i>Book Fair</i>	Karin Anello
<i>Book Fair Co-Chair</i>	Alison Basch
Community Arts Day	Jessica Bisko
<i>Donuts with Grown-Ups</i>	Elsbeth Ebenhoe
<i>Donuts with Grown-Ups Co-Chair</i>	Marcus Ebenhoe
Fall Fundraiser	Bonnie Deiure
Fall Fundraiser Co-Chair	Sarah Brasse
<i>Fifth Grade Social</i>	Kelly Lape
<i>Fifth Grade Social Co-Chair</i>	Angela Cattat / Sarah Rook
Kindergarten Play Date	Alison Basch
New Family Gathering	VACANT
School #17 Holiday Giving	Kym Bernard
School #17 Holiday Giving Co-Chair	Katherine Roy
<i>School Picture Coordinator</i>	Rachel Eckert
School Apparel Wear	Krista Castronova
School Apparel Wear Co-Chair	Rachel Eckert
<i>School Yearbook</i>	Shari Ebert
<i>School Yearbook Co-Chair</i>	Stephanie Meeks
Spring Plant Sale	Alison Basch
Spring Plant Sale Co-Chair	Krista Castronova
<i>Square 1 Art</i>	Karin Anello
Staff Appreciation Week	Bonnie Deiure
Staff Appreciation Week Co-Chair	Mandy Notareschi
<i>Glow Dance</i>	Krista Castronova Colleen Teutonico /
<i>Glow Dance Co-Chair</i>	Katherine Roy
Trunk or Treat	Shari Ebert
Trunk or Treat Co-Chair	Nicole Militello
<i>Share the Kindness</i>	Rachel Eckert
<i>Share the Kindness Co-Chair</i>	Karin Anello
School Play	Bonnie Deiure
School Play Co-Chair	Anastasia Kastrinos-Salamone

Other PTSA Services:

PTSA Bulletin Board	VACANT
Pioneer Press Newsletter	Sarah Rook

Ongoing Programs:

Box Tops for Education	Karin Anello
Nickel Back Can Return	N/A