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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

This is a long Principal's Bulletin, however, crucial for the success of our students and important information for parents as well.

As we welcome the early signs of spring and the promise of renewal that comes with it, I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. With Easter just around the corner, I want to extend warm wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyous and blessed celebration. May this time bring you closer together and fill your hearts with happiness.

As we approach the much-anticipated Spring recess, whether your plans take you to sunnier destinations or keep you close to home in Western New York, I hope it provides you with the opportunity for relaxation and rejuvenation. Please remember that school will resume on Tuesday, April 9th.

Upon our return, we will have just 7 school days left in the 3rd quarter. It's crucial that our students put forth their best efforts during these remaining days, ensuring a solid finish to the 3rd quarter and a strong start to the 4th quarter. With June fast approaching, let's work together to ensure there are no surprises for parents or students.

Remember, I am here to support you every step of the way. Should you need any assistance or have any concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Your partnership is invaluable, and together, we can ensure the success and well-being of our students.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Spring recess, and looking forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday, April 9th.

Warm regards,

Mr. Scott Benton, Principal

3rd QUARTER

The 3rd quarter ends Wednesday, April 17th (**seven school days remain when we return from Spring Recess**). 3rd Quarter Report Cards will be distributed in homerooms on Friday, April 26th. Please encourage your child to communicate with their teacher(s) if they have questions or need extra help. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers, guidance counselor or Principal Benton. The 4th quarter begins on Thursday, April 18th.

PARENT PORTAL CLOSURE

Parent Portal will be closed from April 17th (end of business day) through April 26th (end of business day). This will allow teachers time to finalize grades and close out the 3rd quarter.

2023-2024 POSSIBLE RETENTIONS

- Students that fail two full year subjects or a combination of two half year courses and a full year subject will be retained in their current grade for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Summer school is expected to be scheduled at the Starpoint Central School District.
 - Summer school information will be distributed to those students that qualify for summer school when it is available.
- Please contact your child's guidance counselor or Principal Benton with questions.

INELIGIBILITY LIST

If your child is placed on the ineligibility list, they should work with their teachers to find out what they need to do in order to improve their academic standing. The list is run on a weekly basis.

SPRING RECESS

No school Friday, March 29th - April 8th. School resumes Tuesday, April 9th.

NYS ASSESSMENTS DATES

- All assessments will be CBT (Computer Based Testing)
- Grade 8 Science - April 10
- ELA - April 22 & 23
- Math - May 6 & 7

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- 7th & 8th Grade last student day - 6/13/24
- 6th Grade last student day - 6/25/24
 - ½ days
 - 6/20, 6/21, 6/24, and 6/25

SPRING PICTURES

Wednesday, May 7, 2024

DRESS CODE

Please review the dress code portion of the student handbook/agenda (Pg. 3) with your child. Quite a few students have been in violation of the dress code wearing pajamas and/or garments advertising alcohol. **As a reminder, pajamas are not appropriate for school.** Thank you for your cooperation.

ATTENDANCE

Please encourage your child to attend school regularly. Students who maintain excellent attendance generally also do well academically. Being in school is the best way for your child to access the resources needed for them to be successful. Unfortunately, there are circumstances that may prevent your child from attending school at times. If your child is absent for an extended period of time, please encourage your child to check Google Classroom and email their teachers regularly for assignments and materials. Please contact your child's guidance counselor or myself if we can be of assistance with attendance.

Please note that unexcused tardiness, absences, and/or early departures may result in disciplinary consequences. **Upon return from an absence, a written excuse, signed by a parent or person in parental relation should be presented by the student when returning to school following each absence.** Additionally, excessive absenteeism not only negatively impacts a student's ability to do well academically, but it may also impact a student's ability to earn course credit.

STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS, CHARGERS & HEADPHONES

Please remind your student(s) occasionally to make certain their chromebooks are charged prior to arriving at school and that they utilize their chromebook case. **Also, please make certain that your student arrives at school with their headphones every day with their chromebook.**

EMERGENCY CLOSING/SNOW DAY

If the district closes school with notice, Superintendent Carter will notify students, parents, and staff that asynchronous assignments will be posted to Google Classroom. Teachers may post an asynchronous activity for students and be available for questions throughout the day. Teachers may post an instructional video or link to be included on how to complete the assignment. If school is closed unexpectedly, staff will not post assignments and we will have a 'regular' snow day.

EXTRA HELP

Teachers are available for extra help on Monday - Thursday during 12th period. If your child requires extra help, please have your child contact their teacher to make arrangements to stay after school.

PARENT/TEAM MEETINGS

If you would like to schedule a meeting with your child's grade level team please contact Mrs. Phillips (751-9341 ext. 124) to arrange a meeting.

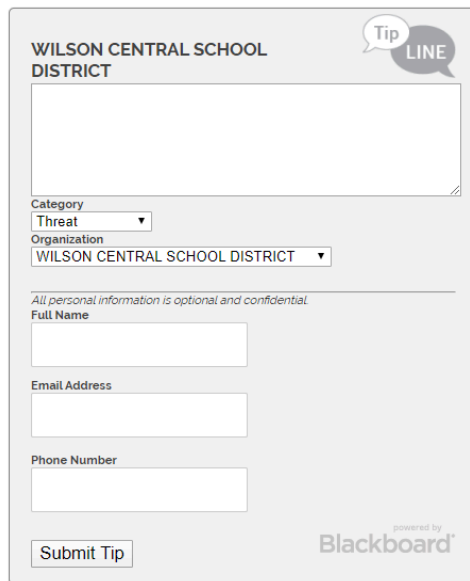
SCHOOL SAFETY & WCSD TIP LINE

The **WCSD** Safety team meets monthly.

The Tip Line is located on the District website. On the homepage look for this link:



After clicking on the link, you will be directed to a new page with this information:



The screenshot shows a web form titled "WILSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" with a "Tip LINE" logo in the top right corner. The form includes a large text area for the tip description, followed by dropdown menus for "Category" (set to "Threat") and "Organization" (set to "WILSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT"). A disclaimer states "All personal information is optional and confidential." Below this are input fields for "Full Name", "Email Address", and "Phone Number". A "Submit Tip" button is at the bottom left, and the "Blackboard" logo is at the bottom right.

Anyone can generate a Tip using this Tip Line by completing the information above. A description of an incident or concern should be typed in the dialogue box. Category and Organization dropdown menus may be used to specify the type of incident or concern as well as a school building or district wide. While a Tip may be submitted anonymously, please know that an anonymous Tip takes longer to investigate. If submitting a Tip, I encourage you to provide your contact information to assist the school's ability to investigate the matter in a more timely manner.

Please note that this Tip Line should not serve as a replacement for students to talk with a staff member or an administrator about an incident or concern but rather to allow for a way to communicate outside of the normal operations of the school day. When a Tip is submitted, building and district administrators are notified. All Tips will be investigated, so please keep that in mind when submitting a Tip.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions related to the Tip Line or any of the other information that was shared.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/29 - 4/8		Spring Recess
4/9		School Resumes
4/10		NYS Science Assessment (8th grade)
4/17		End of 3rd quarter
4/18		4th quarter begins
4/18	6:00 - 7:30	Young Writers Showcase (LMC & Room 18)
4/19	2:30 - 8:30	French Lock In (Mrs. McCarthy's room)
4/20		Solo Festival
4/20	8:00 - 11:00	Earth Day Clean Up at Tuscarora Park
4/22 & 4/23		NYS ELA Assessment
4/24		National Administrative Professionals Day (clerical)
4/24 - 4/26		8th Grade Washington, DC Field Trip
4/26		3rd quarter report cards distributed
4/27	5:00	Wilson Sports Booster Reverse Draw (Ransomville Fire Hall)
5/3		School Lunch Hero Day
5/6 & 5/7		NYS Math Assessment
5/6 - 5/10		Teacher Appreciation Week
5/7		Spring pictures
5/8		School Nurse's Day
5/9	9:30 - 3:30	Red Cross blood drive (LMC)
5/14	7:00	MS Band Spring Concert
5/16	7:00	HS Band Spring Concert
5/21	10:00 - 8:00	Budget Vote
5/23		Progress reports printed/mailed
5/27		Memorial Day
5/30	6:00	MS Choral Concert
5/30	7:30	HS Choral Concert
6/4		Regents - Algebra I - Time TBD (Advanced Students)
6/5	6:00	Jazz on the Green
6/11	7:00	BOE Meeting
6/13		7th & 8th Grade students last day
6/13	8:30	8th Grade Moving Up Day Ceremony
6/14		Flag Day
6/14 - 6/26		Regents exams
6/14 - 6/26		Final grades due in guidance
6/19		Juneteenth Observance (No School)
6/20		6th grade ½ day - Dismissal @ 11:00
6/20	8:00	Regents - Physical Setting/Earth Science (Advanced Students)
6/21	12:00	World Language Proficiency (8th grade foreign language students)
6/21		6th grade ½ day - Dismissal @ 11:00
6/24		6th grade ½ day - Dismissal @ 11:00
6/24	12:00	World Language Comprehensive (8th grade foreign language students)
6/25		6th grade ½ day - Dismissal @ 11:00 - LAST DAY
6/25		End of 4th quarter
6/26		Superintendent Conference Day - Last teacher day
6/29	9:00	Graduation @ Artpark
7/3		Final report cards mailed