



Wellspring Prep Wolf Weekly

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am-4pm

School Hours: in class by 7:45am, dismissal 2:45pm

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Message from the Principal:

We are excited to get students back in the building and ready for exams. Exams will be January 16, 17, and 18th (all half days). Students will take two exams each day. It's important to be in school this week to review and prepare and the following week to take your exams. Please coordinate with teachers if you will have any absences.

We want to give a huge shout out to our PTO and Geoff Schuur. Over break the PTO commissioned new shelving to be installed in the band room. Mr. Schuur donated his time to create and install these cabinets. The band program is incredibly grateful! Friday Pizza sales, the Silent Auction, and Concession sales help fund initiatives like this. Thanks for all the support! Please check out the picture at the bottom of the message and stop by the PTO meeting this week to see how you can support our amazing school.

Sincerely,

Matthew A. Stolz

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Monday, Jan. 8

No Monday Elective - Tutoring

Jostens Senior Presentation - Advisory

Bowling Vs. West Catholic 3:30 pm @ Westgate Bowl

PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Tutoring

JV Boys and Varsity Girls home @ 4:00 and 5:30 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Board Meeting Canceled (Feb. 14 is the next one)

Thursday, Jan. 11

Tutoring

Bowling Vs. Caledonia 3:30 @ Spectrum Lanes

Friday, Jan. 12

Jostens Freshman Presentation - Advisory

PTO Pizza Sale at Lunch
Student College Wear Day

Future Dates

January 15	No School
January 16, 17 & 18	Exams ½ days
January 17	Collecting orders for Jostens (10:45am Cafeteria)
January 17	Meet the New Principal Lunch
January 18	No School - Students
January 22	Semester Two Begins
February 16	Winter Dance
February 22	Reschedule: Bowling vs. Northpointe Christian @ Northfield Lanes - 3:30 pm
April 10-12	School-wide state mandated testing; (SAT, PSAT, WORKKEYS, MSTEP) 9th, 10th and 11th graders should not have outside appointments on these days. More information to come after 1/1/18.
April 28	Junior/Senior Prom-Blandford Nature Center
May 7-18	AP Testing
May 17	Senior Honor Night- East Leonard CRC
May 31	Class of 2018 Graduation - Calvin Fine Arts Center

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From the Office of College Advising:

KCTC - If you are still interested in KCTC, be sure to check in with Ms. Van Skiver to schedule your site visit at KCTC.

GRCC Placement Testing - GRCC has recently implemented placement testing for all enrolling students who did not send their SAT scores directly to GRCC. They have made an offer to bring their testing to us, saving a lot of individual student trips. We need to have a minimum of 15 students committed to the testing. Once we have that, we can schedule the tests. They would not take place until January or even February. Please email me and let me know you if or your student is interested. There is no cost attached to this testing. avanskiver@wellspringprep.com

Jostens Orders - Our representative, Amy Hollandsworth, will be talking to the Seniors on Monday January 8, about Class of 2018 items available to purchase. This includes, but is not limited to, the cap and gown sets all seniors need for the graduation ceremony. She will be back on January 17 to collect orders.

SENIORS - You are doing a great job in turning in all your College Acceptances. If you haven't gotten one yet, or are having troubles with filling out the applications, please set up a time to meet with me or Mrs. Franks so we can help you through the process.

Also- don't forget to turn in ALL scholarships offered to you. You are doing a really good job so far, as we have over TWO million dollars in offered merit scholarships already! AMAZING!

FAFSA - If you have not already completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) please take some time soon to get it finished. You can find the application at www.fafsa.gov. It is pretty quick and painless!

~Ms. Allison Van Skiver, College and Career Readiness Counselor

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Testing Coordinator/Registrar - As the semester winds down, you and your student should be discussing whether or not the AP exam for their **Advanced Placement** course(s) seems like a good choice. Students who are passing with a B-or higher should plan to take the exam. Most colleges will offer some credit for a score of 3 or higher. Students who have a D- at the end of Semester 1 will ONLY receive credit for the course if they take the AP exam, and receive a C- or higher for the Second Semester of the course. We do not offer AP courses in Summer Academy. Students who are Juniors may repeat the course should they fail it, or take a non-AP course in its place to make up the credit.

The cost of the exam will be around **\$95.00**. The fee for students who receive free lunch is discounted. Please apply for Free/Reduced lunch if you have not already done so. Payment information will be sent out in February. Please do not send payment before then as we will not be able to process it.

Here is a link to College Board's page with the test dates.

<https://www.princetonreview.com/college/ap-exam-schedule>

*Note: students who end Semester 1 with an F in an AP Course will be transferred into a different course for second semester.

The Michigan Merit Exam will be April 10 and 11, 2018. This includes the **SAT, WorkKeys, and M-Step Science and Social Studies**. More information about modified schedules for those days will be sent out in March.

Students wishing to take the ACT need to schedule that on their own. We do not offer the ACT at Wellspring Prep. Most colleges will take a student's ACT or SAT score. Your student should verify with individual schools they are interested in to see if one or the other test is required.

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PTO - You are invited to the PTO meeting on Monday, January 8, at 6:30 pm, in Room 222. We will be discussing the proposed Grand Rapids Promise Zone with Mr. Stolz and Ms. Hurrell as well as upcoming activities and proposed expenditures for the last half of the school year.

Pizza Friday is this week at lunchtime! First come, first served \$2.50 for an extra large thick slice of Jet's Pizza, choice of pepperoni or cheese.

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