



# Boyertown Junior High West

## *Week in Review*

### November 13, 2009

Monday 11/16	Day 3
Tuesday 11/17	Day 4
Wednesday 11/18	Day 5
Thursday 11/19	Day 6
Friday 11/20	Day 1

#### **Report Cards**

Report cards were distributed today. We are no longer collecting report card envelopes. Please give us a call if you have any questions or would like to speak to your student's school counselor.

#### **Jr. High East-West Jazz Ensemble**

The Jr. High East-West Jazz Ensemble will be holding auditions on Wednesday, December 2nd from 3:00-5:00pm in the West Band Room. Students performing on the saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, piano, drums, and guitar are eligible to audition. If you are interested please see Mr. Jordan for audition information and music.

#### **Locker Clean Out**

On Wednesday, our students clean out their locker. Hopefully every student's locker is now clean and organized!

#### **Destination Book Fair! Read Around the World**

West is having a book fair from Saturday, December 4 to Thursday, December 10. We invite you to Room 16 to share in this celebration of books and reading. Not only does the Book Fair help raise funds to purchase more books for the classroom libraries, it encourages reading among our students. Our Fun with Santa event on the 4th will kick off the book fair so come browse and find books to help your child stay connected with reading. You can visit the website for more information.

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/boyertownjuniorhighwest>

#### **Explore Testing**

On Monday and Tuesday, our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students took the Explore Test. The purpose of this test is to help students begin the process of looking at the way in which their interests, plans and skills relate to the world of work. The Explore Test will measure the student's strengths and weaknesses in 4 major subject areas: English, math, reading and science. Students also answered questions regarding their plans after high school and their interests. The Explore Score Report will assist students by locating career areas on the World Of Work Map that are related to their interests; identifying specific areas of their education that require additional focus and planning their academic track in high school.

#### **Food Drive**

West's annual food drive for the Salvation Army began on Monday, November 9, and will last two weeks. This is an extremely important event because the canned and boxed goods that we collect are used in our community for holiday meals at the Salvation Army and to make food boxes that are distributed to Boyertown residents, our neighbors and friends. The Leo Club has been busy placing boxes in each homeroom and hanging signs throughout the school building that list food preferences like soup, canned fruits and vegetables, pastas, and peanut butter. All donations are greatly appreciated. **Please help us help other.**

#### **Homework Request Procedure**

I just wanted to remind everyone that we have a procedure in place to gather homework for absent students. We will gather homework for students after two days of absence. To make it as easy as possible for you, we simply ask that you request homework when calling your child out sick. Mrs. Bullick notifies the teachers and office of the request so we can serve you efficiently when you arrive to pick up the work.

#### **Early Dismissal (Friday, November 13)**

Students were dismissed from school at 11:35 a.m. due to staff development activities on Friday afternoon.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences (November 18 and November 24)**

On Wednesday, November 18 and Tuesday, November 24, we will be holding our Parent-Teacher Conferences. Feel free to join us either night (or both if necessary) from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. A letter was sent home with the students on Wednesday which list the rooms for the teacher. I have also attached the letter to the Week In Review. Please note that Mrs. Keck (only 11/19) will be in room 18 and Mrs. Wisler will be in room 87. They were on the last line of the teachers and unfortunately were cut off when we printed them.

### **BCTC Application Information**

Applications for admission to BCTC in 10<sup>th</sup> grade will be available the 1<sup>st</sup> week in November in the main office. Completed applications will be due by November 20, 2009. Please contact Mrs. Donovan at 610-473-3791 or at [ddonovan@bovertownasd.org](mailto:ddonovan@bovertownasd.org) with any questions or concerns you may have.

### **Home Access Center – Tips for Use**

Thanks everyone for your patience as we converted to a new student information system and parent access center. See the attachment for some useful tips on where to locate information in the home access center.

### **7th Grade Dental Examinations**

In Pennsylvania all students are required to have a dental exam in grades kindergarten or first, third, and seventh. The dental exam can be completed privately or by the school. A private examination completed after September 1, 2008 will be accepted. Please return your child's dental form to the nurse's office by November 25, 2009. The dental forms are available at <http://www.bovertownasd.org>; go to our schools-Junior High West and click on Nurse. If your child is unable to have a private exam; a school dental exam will be offered on 2/23/2010. Please contact the nurse's office with any questions at 610-473-3770 or email Mrs. Moser at [cmoser@bovertownasd.org](mailto:cmoser@bovertownasd.org).

### **Can Tab Kick-Off**

The Unity Walk was the official kick-off for the Can Tab collection. The district has set a goal of collecting 6 million can tabs which will eventually be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Why six million? That is the number of Jewish people killed during the Holocaust. Eleven million people were killed in all. Can Tabs can be dropped off at any Boyertown school, McDonalds, the United Way office, and many other locations in the district.

### **Winter Sports Physicals/Information**

If a student had a physical done at school during the summer or by his/her family doctor that is dated after June 1, 2009, he/she is cleared to participate in a winter sport. If he/she did not get a physical, it will be the parents/guardians responsibility to schedule a physical with their family doctor. Remember, if you got the comprehensive physical done at school or by your family doctor for a fall sport, you do not need to get another physical. You will only need a parent/guardian to fill out the Re-Certification form. All forms are the school district's website located under *Our Schools* and then *Athletics*. Athletes cannot participate until all forms are received.

### **West Side Story**

This year, the high school musical will be West Side Story. The shows will be March 18<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>. Advanced ticket orders are now on sale. Please see the attachment for the order form.

### **Support Our Troops**

The West Cheerleaders are working with *Socks for Soldiers* organization to collect Chap-stick. The Chap-stick will be put into care packages sent to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The goal is 500 Chap-sticks, we ask for no flavored Chap-stick. Collection boxes will be put in homerooms. The collection will begin October 12 through October 23. Please lend a hand in helping our real life heroes!

### **My Coke Rewards**

Do you or your family members drink Coke products? If you do, you can help West earn points that can turn into school supplies for our students. Many Coke products have a code inside the bottle cap or inside the cardboard box carrier. By simply logging onto <http://www.mycokerewards.com/> and typing in the code, you can donate those points to West as a part of their My Coke Rewards program. (You'll see a place on the website that directs you to donating to a school.) If you start now, Coke will double the points through the month of October! We've saved hundreds of dollars by converting those points into materials such as construction paper and other classroom supplies. It's an easy way to help support our students and the work they do here at West.

### **660**

That is the number of books that we have added to our classroom libraries which have been donated. 80 of them have been donated this year. Thank you to everyone who has sent books in.

### **School Pictures**

Pictures retakes are Wednesday, November 4 from 1:00-3:00.

**Homework Help**

We are pleased to announce that we now have our after school homework help program back in place. Students who are struggling to finish their homework may be assigned to homework help. The program starts immediately after school and runs until 4:00. Homework help will be available Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

**Math Hotline Open for Business**

The math hotline opened on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Students can call one of the numbers below or stop in to Junior High West in Room 19 Monday-Thursday anytime between 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The hotline has two high school students and a math teacher available to help. Visitors should enter Junior High West through the side door. This is a great opportunity for all the students to get help.  
(610) 473-3720, (610) 473-3721