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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 22nd.

Upon our return from Spring recess, we will be in the 1st week of the 4th quarter and students still have 40% of their grade left to earn with 4th quarter grades and final exams/projects. It's crucial that our students put forth their best efforts during the remaining quarter, ensuring a solid finish to the school year. 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 22nd.

Warm regards,

Mr. Scott Benton, Principal

Early Release Drill - TOMORROW - Friday, April 11th @ 2:15

Drill Details:

- Time: The early release drill will commence promptly at **2:15 PM on April 11, 2025.**
- Student Arrival Home:
 - Students will arrive home approximately 10-15 minutes earlier than their normal dismissal time.

2nd ANNUAL YOUNG WRITERS SHOWCASE & RECEPTION

Students in grades 6th - 12th will have literary pieces on display in the Library Media Center. Readings begin @ 6:30 on April 24th.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Thank you to the BOE for approving Friday, 5/23 as a district wide Holiday extending Memorial Weekend:) No school Friday, 5/23 and Monday, 5/26.

PARENT PORTAL CLOSURE

Parent Portal is currently closed and will be through April 29th (end of business day). This will allow teachers time to finalize grades and close out the 3rd quarter.

3rd QUARTER REPORT CARDS

Will be distributed on April 29th during homeroom.

2024-2025 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 2025-2026 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 Monday, April 14th - April 21st. School resumes Tuesday, April 22nd.

NYS ASSESSMENTS DATES

- All assessments will be CBT (Computer Based Testing)
- ELA
 - April 23 & 24
- Math
 - May 13 & 14
- Grade 8 Science
 - May 8

TICK-TOCK, TICK-TOCK

- 7th & 8th Grade last student day - 6/16/25
- 6th Grade last student day - 6/24/25
 - ½ days
 - 6/23 and 6/24

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.**

EXTRA HELP

Teachers are available for extra help on Monday - Thursday during 10th 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.

Clean-up the Wilson Waterfront

Please consider volunteering for the Earth Day event, *Clean-up the Wilson Waterfront*, on Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 8:00 - 11:00a.m. This event will take place at Wilson Tuscarora Park and we are looking for as many volunteers as possible. Please click here for the [Wilson Earth Day Clean-up Registration Link](#) if you are planning to attend.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

- 8th grade - DC field trip - April 30 - May 2
- Wilson Winners - May 28th
- 6th Grade Bisons Field Trip - May 29th

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 form is titled "WILSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" in the top left corner. In the top right corner, there is a logo with the words "Tip" and "LINE" inside speech bubbles. The form contains a large text area for a description, followed by a "Category" dropdown menu with "Threat" selected. Below that is an "Organization" dropdown menu with "WILSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT" selected. A line of text states "All personal information is optional and confidential." Below this are three input fields labeled "Full Name", "Email Address", and "Phone Number". At the bottom left is a "Submit Tip" button, and at the bottom right is the "Blackboard" logo with the text "powered by" above it.

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

4/9		4th Quarter begins
4/11		Holocaust Day of Remembrance
4/14 - 4/21		Spring Recess
4/19	8:00 - 11:0	5th Annual Earth Day Clean Up the Wilson Tuscarora Park
4/22		School Resumes
4/23 & 4/24		NYS ELA Assessments
4/24	6:00 - 7:30	Young Writers Showcase and Reception (LMC)
4/29		Report Cards Distributed
4/30 - 5/2		8th Grade Washington, DC Field Trip
5/8		8th Grade NYS Science Assessment
5/13 & 5/14		NYS Math Assessment
5/20	10:00 - 8:00	WCSD Budget Vote (Zipp foyer)
5/21	7:00	MS Band Spring Concert
5/23 & 5/26		Memorial Day Weekend - NO SCHOOL
5/28		Wilson Winner Field Trip
5/28	7:00	MS Chorus Spring Concert (Aud)
5/29		6th Grade Bison's Field Trip
5/30		Band/Chorus Darien Lake Field Trip
6/4	6:00	Jazz on the Green (Front Lawn)
6/13		Flag Day
6/16	8:30	8th Grade Moving Up Day Ceremony (Aud)
6/16		7th & 8th Grade - LAST DAY
6/16 & 6/17		6th Grade Final Exams during normal class periods
6/18	12:00	Regents: Algebra I (8th grade accelerated students)
6/19		Juneteenth Observance
6/20	12:00	Regents: Physical Setting/Earth Science (8th grade accelerated students)
6/20		6th Grade Brownies Field Trip
6/23		6th Grade ½ Day (10:54 dismissal)
6/23	8:00	World Language Assessment: Checkpoint A (8th grade students)
6/24		6th Grade - LAST DAY
6/24		6th Grade ½ Day (10:54 dismissal)
6/25		End of 4th quarter
6/28	9:00	Graduation (Artpark)
7/3		Report cards mailed