

Pioneer Press

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Pioneer Families,

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 2025!

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!

Another piece to winter arrival is the chance for snow days. Parents can learn about school closings through a variety of sources. The fastest are the district website and district social media. Go online to websterschools.org to see it posted as a news story or check Facebook @webstercentralschools and X (formerly Twitter) @WCSDproud. Additionally, parents will be notified through the district's automated communication system, ParentSquare, and local media will be contacted.

Students to be Dismissed Early December 20, 2024

Families of students attending Webster CSD schools, please note that on Friday, December 20, 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 20. 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 20 only.

Winter Recess

School will be closed for Winter Recess after classes are dismissed on Friday, December 20. Classes will resume on Monday, January 6. 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 5, 2025 at noon. Report cards will **not** be printed and sent home from school. Thank you!

Nominations Sought for Oak Tree Award

Once again, the Webster Teachers Association (WTA) and the Webster Central PTSA are jointly sponsoring the Oak Tree Award, seeking nominations of educators who exemplify excellence in their field, a commitment to their students, and leadership in their community. Any Webster resident or district employee, current or former student, parent, teacher, or administrative colleague may nominate a deserving individual for the elementary or secondary award. Award nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Currently teach in a full-time position in Webster CSD and plan to continue to teach 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.

Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2025. Nominate someone today at this [link](#).

Yours in partnership,

Craig Bodensteiner, Principal

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REDEMPTION PROGRAMS

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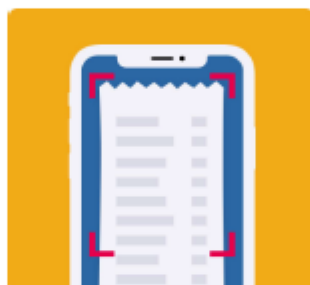


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Bottle/Can Donation at Nickel Back Bottle & Can Return!



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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DECEMBER, 2024

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An Exciting Musical Season Awaits in 2025!

- Willink Middle School, *Annie Jr.*, January 31-February 1
- Webster Schroeder High School, *Hadestown Teen Edition*, February 6-8.
- Spry Middle School, *Once Upon a Mattress Youth Edition*, March 7-8
- Webster Thomas High School, *Legally Blonde The Musical*, March 27-29

Also coming to the stage this year, Webster Schroeder Drama will present *The Cafe Mocha Murders* May 1-3.



Save the dates now and go to websterschools.org for event and ticket details as productions near curtain time!

Enjoy the Winter Break!

We hope you and your family enjoy the upcoming winter break, Monday December 23 through Friday, January 3. Take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy the time together. We look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday, January 6.

Stay Connected!

With all of the exciting events happening in our district, be sure to stay informed by following the district on social media or visiting our district website. Together, we thrive and make a positive impact on our schools and community! Please reach out to us to learn more about our district goals or visit the [Webster CSD Board of Education website](#).

Follow us on X:

[@WCSDProud](#)

"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 10 - Board of Education Regular Business Meeting, Agenda: MTSS, Spry MS, 2nd floor PDC - 5:00 p.m.



Music “Notes”



By Miss Mossey

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 **Francesca DiVeronica** and **Gino Hayes** 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.

Francesca DiVeronica is a 5th grader in Mrs. Rokosz's class where her favorite subject is math. Outside of school, Francesca participates in dance, not just a little dance, a lot of dance! She is at Spins Dance Studio almost every night and sometimes weekends too. She takes classes in lyrical, jazz, tap, hip-hop, ballet and Broadway. At school Francesca is a member of the Plank North Safety Patrol as morning announcer and flag raiser. If you have Francesca over for dinner her favorite food is cheese pizza from Joe's Brooklyn Pizza Shop. When Francesca grows up she would like to become a professional dancer on Broadway and/or have her own dance studio where she teaches dance. Francesca's favorite team to cheer for is Project 21, a dance team/studio. For football her team is the Buffalo Bills.

Gino Hayes is a fifth grader in Mrs. Merkey's class where his favorite subject is math. Outside of school Gino participates in wrestling for Webster Schroeder. He is a very accomplished wrestler with many accolades to his name. He also plays football for the Webster Warriors in the position of linebacker and running back. We asked Gino what his favorite food is and he answered, "steak, medium rare". He loves the way his mom cooks his steak! When Gino grows up he would like to be a professional football player for the Dallas Cowboys. When asked what team he likes to cheer for he quickly answered the Dallas Cowboys!

Congratulations to our Student Athletes of the Month!





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 providing the students with a day of celebration with snacks and games to play in their classroom. Plank North families interested in participating in this year's project can sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094AAFAA29ABFB6-53479813-school>

or use the QR code:



Questions? Need another flier?

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

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Your membership pays for itself in just a few visits to our discount partners!



WC PTSA members get \$5 off rentals Monday - Friday

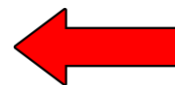


Parents/families, please purchase your PTSA membership today!

WebsterPTSA.org/JOIN

If you have not already purchased your PTSA Membership, please do so through the link above! The cost is \$10 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!

**Webster Public Library
872-7075**

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@websterptsa.org.

Thank you!



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