



WVSD

# WEST VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL. . . .

This school year is flying by, but we still have a couple of hurdles to complete before we graduate approximately 325 young men and women on June 8.

All 10<sup>th</sup> graders with the exception of those who passed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade WASL as 9<sup>th</sup> graders as well as all 11<sup>th</sup> graders who did not meet minimum State standards last year are required to take the WASL beginning March 13. Testing is accommodated by the students' RAM Prep teacher in an effort to make the testing environment as stress-free as possible.

Junior RAM Prep teachers have been helping their students use the State Educational Data System to enroll students for the assessment. The deadline for registering is February 9. Students may also register from home either on-line or by phone.

*WASL testing dates are as follows:*

### March

- Tuesday, March 13 - Writing Session 1
- Wednesday, March 14 - Writing Session 2
- Thursday, March 15 - Writing Session 3
- Monday, March 19 - Reading Session 1
- Tuesday, March 20 - Reading Session 2

### August

- Monday, August 6 - Reading Sessions 1 & 2
- Tuesday, August 7 - Math Sessions 1 & 2
- Wednesday, August 8 - Writing Expository
- Thursday, August 9 - Writing Persuasive

### Senior Project Presentations

The second major hurdle involves our Seniors. Senior Project presentations will be held during WASL testing dates. Seniors who choose not to complete their presentation will not participate in the graduation ceremony June 8. Senior Project presentation make-ups will be available after June 12. Seniors are expected to be present from 8:00 - 10:00 on the day their presentation is scheduled. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The high school will observe a "late start" on test days. Students who rely on bus transportation are welcome to use the library for quiet study between 7:30 - 10:00 on test days. Please refer to the school's home page for specific start times each day. There are no school activities, other than golf, scheduled during the testing windows.

### How can parents help?

Parents can plan an important role in helping their student do well in all testing situations.

Here are some suggestions from the "experts" on helping your student handle the WASL and their Senior Presentation as easily as possible.

1. Make sure your student gets a good night's rest before every test.
2. Make sure your student eats a light, *healthy* breakfast on test day.
3. Send a *healthy* snack with your student to eat during break time.
4. Suggest your student dress comfortably, yet appropriately, and arrive at school on time.
5. Send your student off to school with words of praise, support, and encouragement.
6. Suggest you student do deep breathing exercises to relax before the test begins.
7. Stress the importance of reading and following directions carefully before beginning to respond to the question prompts.
8. Advise your student to do the easiest parts of the test first, and then do the rest. The WASL is NOT timed; students can take as much time as they need to do their very best.
9. Remind your student to check over answers before turning in the test.

Avoid scheduling family trips, medical appointments, or other interruptions during the testing period.

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- **Registrar:**  
Lori Jones 972-5924
- **Attendance:**  
Sandie Hennessy 972-5912
- **Counselors:**  
Bernie Snow A-Gq 972-5921  
Dawn Hester P-Z 972-5919  
Jan Chasse Gr-0 972-5920
- **Athletic Director**  
Joe Coscarart 972-5942
- **Activities Director**  
Craig Lacy 972-5933/972-5969
- **Info Line** 972-5915/ 972-6002
- **Transportation**  
966-2403
- **RAP Night School**  
Kristin Johnson 972-5941

Please make note of the above phone numbers to help alleviate the congestion coming

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## est Valley Agriculture Science/FFA

The West Valley FFA Chapter is gearing up for a busy spring season. In each of our classes we are working on projects that put students cognitive knowledge to use in an application manner. Our Horticulture class is busy working in our new greenhouse planting and transplanting over 1 million seeds and plants. These plants will be cared for by my classes and will be sold to the community this spring at our West Valley FFA Plant Sale. I encourage everyone to stop by and take a look. Floriculture class is sponsoring a district wide Rose Sale for Valentines Day. The students will arrange the flowers and they will be sold on the morning of the 14th at the Middle, Junior High, and High schools. Remind you kids to buy that special someone a rose on Valentine's Day! In Agriculture Mechan-

ics class students are using their construction and welding skills to design and fabricate 2 large propane barbeques that will be available to purchase when completed. With my courses, comes the opportunity to establish good leadership skills within my class content. I have had a great time starting a parliamentary procedures team that is comprised of 6 FFA members. They will compete at the State level in March and will represent West Valley FFA extremely well. Other students are competing in public speaking contest that include prepared and extemporaneous demonstrations.

As you can tell, the West Valley Agriculture Program is actively working towards preparing students for the world by teaching valuable skills and concepts, while incorporating them into an application setting that is meaningful to each of them. Please feel free to stop by any time and check out what our kids are doing!



### 2006 POST-WASL CLASS SCHEDULES -- WEEK ONE

#### WASL Post-Test Schedule for

#### MONDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>

Period 1	10:55-12:20 (85 min.) <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>
Period 2	NONE
LUNCH	12:20-1:00 (40 min.)
Period 4	1:05-2:25 (80 min.)

#### WASL Post-Test Schedule for

#### TUESDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

Period 3	10:55-12:20 (85 min.) <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>
Period 2	NONE
LUNCH	12:20-1:00 (40 min.)
Period 5	1:05-2:25 (80 min.)

#### WASL Post-Test Schedule for

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

Period 1	10:55-12:20 (85 min.) <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>
Period 2	NONE
LUNCH	12:20-1:00 (40 min.)
Period 4	1:05-2:25 (80 min.)

#### WASL Post-Test Schedule for

#### MONDAY MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>

Period 3	10:55-12:20 (85 min.) <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>
Period 2	NONE
LUNCH	12:20-1:00 (40 min.)
Period 5	1:05-2:25 (80 min.)

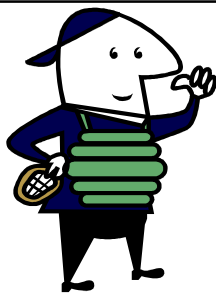
#### WASL Post-Test Schedule for

#### TUESDAY MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>

Period 1	10:55-12:20 (85 min.) <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>
Period 2	NONE
LUNCH	12:20-1:00 (40 min.)
Period 4	1:05-2:25 (80 min.)

**Important Dates to Remember!!!! Please visit our Website for up to date information [www.wvsd208.org/hs](http://www.wvsd208.org/hs)**

February 7	Pre season Meeting for prospective WV baseball players	
February 10	Wrestling Regions @ Sunnyside Drill Team Competition @ Kamiakin	ACT TEST DATE: April 14...National Testing Date YVCC 7:00 am-2:00pm
February 12	Spring Sports Clearance Parent/Athlete Meeting 6:30 pm	SAT TEST DATES: March 10 .... National SAT testing
February 14	Dollars for Scholar Meeting 12:00 pm	HS 8:00 am- 4:00 pm
February 16	No School—Teacher Inservice Day State Wrestling @ Tacoma	
February 17	WV Drill Team Invite	
February 19	Presidents Day—NO SCHOOL	
February 22	Dollars for Scholars—Dinner Down Under—HS Commons	
February 22-23	Josten Ring Orders— Rep will be here at both lunches	
February 23	Pep Assembly—One big lunch	
February 26	Winter Band Concert 7:00 pm Spring Sports Practices begin	
March 1 & 2	2nd Trimester Finals Testing	
March 5	NO SCHOOL-Trimester break day	
March 10	WV Kids Cheer Camp 8-4	
March 13-15	WASL Testing Week I & II	
19-20	School for Junior and Senior's 10:55 am—2:25 pm Senior Exit Projects 7:50am—10:50 am	
March 17	TOLO 8:30-11:30 Convention Center	
March 24	JROTC Ball	
March 26-28	Class 2010 Registration	
March 26	Mr. West Valley Pageant 7pm Capitol Theatre	
March 28	Honor Society Blood Drive—ALL DAY Auxillary Gym	
March 29 & 30	Early Release (11:00 am)	
April 2-6	No School SPRING BREAK	
April 17-20	WASL Testing Week 2 7:50 am-10:50 am	



**Are you an expert at telling the umpire what the correct call is? Put your knowlege, self-confidence, and vocal skills to work for area youth.** The Yakima Valley Umpires Association meeting will be holding a meeting on Monday Feb. 12th 7:00 PM at the Davis HS lunch-room and new baseball/softball ump's are needed to service local games.



**Red Cross / Honor Society SPRING BLOOD DRIVE**



The West Valley High School chapter of the National Honor Society is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 28, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, in the practice gym at West Valley High School. Our goal is to get 105 units of blood! Those wishing to give blood can arrange an appointment by calling or emailing chapter advisor Ron Bergevin and leaving a message containing their name and the time they wish to come in. The phone number is 972-5935. The email address

In cooperation with R & H Theatricals

West Valley School District Presents

# Once Upon a MATTRESS



Music by Mary Rodgers, lyrics by Marshall Barer,  
and book by Jay Thompson, Dean Fuller and Marshall Barer

March 7-10, 2007 Wed-Sat

West Valley Jr. High Auditorium 7:00 p.m.

7505 Zier Rd. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets \$6.00, \$5.00 Student/Seniors.

Tickets available at the JH, HS, Inklings Books, at door

## CLASS OF 2006 GRADUATION INFORMATION

### Senior Week:

#### •Tuesday June 5<sup>TH</sup>:

7:30 am- Pick up checkout sheets in front of Main Office

7:50 a.m.-2:25 pm: Periods 1-5 Regular Classes, *FINALS in 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> periods and check out* of 5th

#### •Wednesday, June 6<sup>TH</sup>

7:50-8:55 am: 1st Period *Final* & Checkout

9:00-9:20 am: 2nd Period Class & Checkout

9:25-10:30 am: 3rd Period *Final* & Checkout

10:35-10:45 am: 4<sup>th</sup> Period Check out...go to gym

10:45-12:00 pm: Graduation marching practice in gym **(REQUIRED)**

Stack chairs/pull out bleachers

12:00-1:30 pm: LUNCH

1:30-1:40 pm: Return to Main Gym, Senior Section

1:40-2:25 pm Moving Out/Moving Up Assembly

#### •Thursday, June 7<sup>TH</sup>

7:00 p.m.: Baccalaureate (optional) @ Holy Family Church, 56th and Tieton Dr.

Arrive by 6:45 pm for line-up. Wear gown (DON'T WEAR CAP/TASSEL/STOLE)

#### •Friday, June 8<sup>TH</sup>

9 a.m.-11:30: Sr. Awards Brunch @ Yakima Convention Center

(\$15 for students/adults, parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles welcome!)

(Tickets on sale in May 15-June 2nd ONLY)

2:00-4:00 p.m.: Dress rehearsal (REQUIRED) @ SunDome (Fair Ave/Nob Hill)

Class & Individual pictures. Bring caps, gowns, tassels, stoles, honor cords!!!

Bring picture envelope (distributed at practice on June 7<sup>th</sup>) with \$\$.

7 p.m.: Commencement @ SunDome (Arrive by 6:30 for line-up...plan for traffic tie-ups around Dome)

After Graduation: Senior Party (Sponsored by Senior Parents)

### DRESS

The Awards Brunch is a dress-up occasion. Girls are expected to wear dresses/skirts or dress slacks; boys attired in slacks and dress shirts. Commencement is a formal event. Girls wear dresses/skirts or dress slacks and shoes. Boys wear dress shirts with or without ties, slacks, and shoes under their gowns. The cap & gown cannot be decorated tape or other materials. No dark glasses.

### BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

Although this is an occasion to celebrate, it is also a dignified event, a time of pride for our families and friends. The behaviors of a few seniors can cause embarrassment for classmates, family members, and the individual involved. To prevent that from happening, be advised that anyone who is presumed to be under the influence of alcohol/other drugs will not be permitted to take part in the ceremonies. Also throwing, spraying, or batting of any objects during the ceremony will not be tolerated. Those engaging in such activities during the ceremony will be escorted off of the main floor. **THE OFFICIALS AT THE SunDome HAVE ASKED US TO REMIND YOU THAT THERE ARE TO BE NO BALLOONS IN THE BUILDING...They will be confiscated at the door.**

### SEATING/TICKETS

Admission into this year's commencement exercises in the SunDome will be by ticket only! Tickets will be available in the commons before/after school and during lunches May 14-18 and each senior will receive 6 tickets. Anyone needing more can sign up on the waiting list and the remaining tickets will be divided equally and distributed by Tuesday, MAY 29th before/ after school and during lunches. Those who know that they will not need 6 are encouraged to share their tickets with their classmates or only take what's needed. If you have guests who are in wheelchairs, they may ask the ushers to help them with special seating. Please remind your guests ahead of time that they should remain outside of the roped off area and in their seats during the ceremony. **YOU MAY NOT SAVE SEATS OTHER THAN HANDICAPPED SEATING.**

### PICTURES

Dorian Photography will be on hand during dress rehearsal to take a group photo of the Class of 2007 and to take individual stills of you receiving your diploma. The individual stills will be taken in the afternoon, **NOT DURING THE CEREMONY**, so be sure to bring your caps and gowns. This will enable us to speed up the commencement ceremony. Information about purchasing pictures will come to your home shortly after graduation. The cost depends on the package you choose.

### PARKING

Parking at the SunDome is free to you and your guests.

### **ACADEMIC REMINDERS:**

All day traditionally scheduled seniors who expect to participate in commencement must have completed all coursework by the time 5th period is excused on Wednesday, June 6th, or in the case of RAP/Contracted Learners, by the end of the day on Friday, June 1<sup>ST</sup>. There will be no exceptions to admitting last minute work so that you can graduate!

