

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Whitney M. Young Magnet High School for the 2011 - 2012 school year and to extend a special welcome to our seventh graders, freshmen and other students new to Whitney M. Young Magnet High School.

We are proud to have you here and we hope you embrace our motto "Where Academic Excellence is the Standard." Coming to the city's finest magnet high school does place added responsibilities on all of us. Our faculty is committed to providing the highest quality of educational experiences for all Whitney Young students. However, in order for each student to benefit from a quality education, it becomes imperative for each student to assume a major role in his/her education. Therefore, all Whitney Young students are expected to do the following:

1. Successfully progress academically toward graduation at the expected pace.
2. Diligently pursue their educational goals to the fullest extent possible including qualifying for enrollment in at least one advanced placement course.
3. Demonstrate proper respect for themselves, their peers, their teachers and all members of the Whitney M. Young Magnet High School family and community.

It is of extreme importance that parents continue to take an active role in their son's/daughter's four-year educational program at Whitney M. Young as they have taken in the process of getting their son/daughter enrolled in Whitney M. Young. It is expected that all parents will monitor their son's/daughter's daily homework, assignment notebook each weekday evening, and initiate teacher conferences via a phone call to the teacher's voice mail when they fail to see evidence of consistent homework, graded tests, and assignments which reflect superior progress. Students must attend school daily and all classes on a regular basis. The first day of school this year is Tuesday, September 6, 2011. We will follow a Long Division Bell Schedule on the first day of school. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY.**

We (teachers, parents and community members) must all work together as a supportive family for each of our students. To remain competitive, we must stay at the cutting edge of computer information technology so our students can compete in the "New Economy." In that regard, we will continue to assess a technology fee of \$75.00 per student. This money will be used to purchase computers, software, hardware, printers, etc. I am confident that students will continue to receive excellent educational preparation for the future provided each student properly assumes his/her educational responsibilities.

Sincerely,
Joyce D. Kenner, Ed.D.
Principal

2011 - 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

FEE PAYMENT INFORMATION

You will receive an invoice for your child's fees for the 2011 - 2012 school year in a separate mailing to your home. The invoice will indicate the total fee payment for your child based on the subjects selected for the fall term. **Parents are strongly encouraged to send the payment in the form of a check or money order payable to Whitney Young Magnet High School by Monday, August 15, 2011.** Do not send cash in the mail. Please use the envelope enclosed in that separate mailing marked to the attention of the School Treasurer to make your payment via the mail. After Monday, August 15, 2011, payment must be made on the date of assigned registration noted on page two. Acceptable forms of payment are personal checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and cash. There will be a \$34 fee for an overdrawn check. There will be a \$25 late fee if not paid by September 30, 2011. An ATM is available near Door #1 by the main office.

We are assigning a date and time for each 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade student to report for registration. Participation in the registration process is **mandatory.**

Open House 2011

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Meet Your Child's teachers!

In order to increase participation in the annual Parent Open House, we have moved the event to early evening hours. Please put this notice in a convenient place. When your child receives his/her schedule in August, have your child write down his/her schedule for you. Bring that information with you on September 15, 2011. The evening will be divided into class periods. Please follow your child's schedule as indicated below:



	Welcome Bell 5:30 p.m.
Period 2	5:35 pm - 5:47 pm
Period 3	5:52 pm - 6:04 pm
	Division will not meet.
Period 4	6:09 pm - 6:21 pm
Period 5	6:26 pm - 6:38 pm
Period 6	6:43 pm - 6:55 pm
Period 7	7:00 pm - 7:12 pm
Period 8	7:17 pm - 7:29 pm
Period 9	7:34 pm - 7:46 pm

Parking is limited. Come early and carpool if possible!

Important Registration Information

PARTICIPATION IN REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY.

Each student has a set day and time to report for registration. Please review the schedule below and report at the correct time.

A. The registration process will take place in the foyer area of the first floor of the Academic Building. Report to Door # 3 near the corner of Jackson and Laflin to begin the process.

B. The times and dates of registration are noted below:

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

SENIORS (Last names A - K)	8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
SENIORS (Last names L - Z)	9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
JUNIORS (Last names A - K)	10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
LUNCH	11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
JUNIORS (Last names L - Z)	12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
SOPHOMORES (Last names A - K)	1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
SOPHOMORES (Last names L - Z)	2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

SEVENTH GRADE	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
EIGHTH GRADE	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

FRESHMEN

Last Name	Orientation	Registration
A-Go	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	10:05 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Gr-Ne	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	12:05 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Ng-Z	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	2:05 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please see Page 5 for more Freshman information.

Thursday, September 1, 2011

Late registration	8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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Tuesday, September 6, 2011

Late-late registration	7:00 a.m.
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C. All students are to report at the date and time assigned.

D. Students who have not paid their fees via the mail must pay their fees at registration. If you are not available, a parent, guardian, or designated adult may register for you. Please see the list of fees that follows in this newsletter.

E. Acceptable forms of payment are personal checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and cash. There will be a \$34 fee for an overdrawn check.

F. After payment of fees on the day of registration, students will:

1. receive a copy of their class schedule, student handbook and folder.
2. have an opportunity to purchase school combination locks for \$12.00; key locks \$15.00 (cash only).
3. have an opportunity to purchase CTA Student Riding Permits for \$5.00, if available (exact cash, please).

G. An ATM is available near Door #1 by the main office.

List of Student Fees

Many high school classes require fees to cover costs not met by the Chicago Public Schools. Please note that these fees are necessary to the educational program. Students must be prepared to pay the fees promptly at the time of registration. The student's name and division number should be placed on the bottom left hand corner of all checks and money orders. The general and department fees for the year are listed below.

ACTIVITY FEE	\$50.00
This fee covers the cost of the school newspaper, handbook, folder, special mailings, newsletters, school testing programs and photocopier needs for the total school.	
SENIOR GRADUATION FEE	\$130.00
TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$75.00
This fee covers the purchase and maintenance of computers, software, hardware and other items related to our needs to maintain our superior school standing.	
DEPARTMENTAL	
American Sign Language	\$25.00
Art (all classes)	\$50.00
Business/Computer Science (all courses)	\$35.00
Business/Accounting/Office Occupations	\$35.00
Dance	\$45.00
Debate	\$40.00
Drama	\$20.00
English 1 and 2 (includes 2 workbooks)	\$30.00
English 3 and 4	\$20.00
Fashion (all courses)	\$35.00
Foreign Language (includes workbook)	\$47.00
Journalism	\$20.00
Math	\$20.00
Music (all courses)	\$45.00
Physical Education	\$20.00
Science	\$35.00
Social Studies	\$25.00
Video Production	\$50.00
ACADEMIC CENTER	
Additional Activity Fee (7 th and 8 th graders)	\$30.00
Covers the cost of copier usage and additional materials and supplies used by all Academic teachers and students. Note: This fee is in addition to the All School Activity Fee.	
Graduation Fee (8th grade)	\$71.00
Social Studies Fee (7 th grade)	\$40.00
This fee covers a subscription to the Junior Scholastic magazine and fees associated with the participation in the "Future Problem Solvers Bowl."	
English (8th grade)	\$50.00
Science Fee (7th grade)	\$8.00
This is a subscription to <i>Science World</i> Magazine for the CPS Reading Initiative.	
MISCELLANEOUS FEES	
Late fee after September 30, 2011	\$25.00
Payment Plan Fee	\$25.00

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Questia is the revolutionary online library offering the full text and images of scholarly books and journals focused in the humanities and social sciences, plus magazine and newspaper articles. Combined with powerful search and writing tools, Questia provides access to students 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help them study, conduct better online research, and write better papers. To receive a 1 year subscription, include \$20 for the optional Questia charge with your fee payment. Questia normally retails for \$99.95/year. The yearly \$20 charge represents an 80% discount for our school. Questia was used extensively last year by 47% of our students.

<p style="text-align: center;">Student Parking Permits</p> <p>Most student parking spots have already been sold for the 2011-2012 school year. However, there are still a few spots available. Parking permits are \$85. You must submit an application complete with your parent's signature with a copy of your driver's license and registration to Ms. Zalon. Cash, checks or money orders are accepted. Applications can be obtained in Ms. Zalon's office - 1C/2C on the second floor.</p> <p>***Cars parked illegally are subject to ticketing and towing. The fee to retrieve a towed car is \$150.00.***</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student Programs</p> <p>A school which offers an intensive program such as WYMHS faces certain problems in order to meet the needs of its students. Since many of our courses are single class offerings, counselors must spend a great deal of time assisting students in making appropriate program selections. The computer sometimes literally has to make thousands of attempts before each student receives a program. This means that once a program has been issued, it is considered a final program.</p> <p>For this reason, students were told not to take a course in summer school for which they were registered for in the school year. If a student has not followed this instruction, the student will be permitted to drop the course taken during the summer, but it may not be possible to permit the student to select a replacement class of his/her choice because space may not be available. While counselors are always willing to discuss individual problems regarding a program, it must be understood that any change in a program is rare and very difficult to effect. The deadline to request a program change is Tuesday, September 6, 2011.</p> <p>The mandate from the Illinois State Board of Education requires every student to have a minimum of five (5) clock hours (300 minutes) of instruction daily (6 classes of 50 minutes each).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Academic Center Buses</p> <p>All Academic Center students who have applied for bus service will be notified of their bus assignments and times in late August.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">School Policy (Dropping Classes)</p> <p>It is imperative for parents and students to understand that course selections made during the spring of the year become a reality in September.</p> <p>Students and parents must realize that course selections are made for the entire school year. In some instances, students desire to drop courses when they experience the rigorous challenge of a demanding course. Please be advised of the following statement of school policy concerning dropping courses:</p> <p>All students are required to take 300 minutes of instruction, and no student can drop below this requirement. Students who have selected seven classes may not drop a class during the semester without receiving a grade of "F" which will be recorded on the official transcript.</p> <p>An Advanced Placement Course contract lasts one full year (September - June); no one will be allowed to drop the class after registering without the permission of the A.P. teacher, counselor, and A.P. coordinator. If the A.P. class is dropped, the student is not guaranteed a replacement class and may receive a failing grade.</p> <p>This action is necessary because in many instances the student who wishes to drop a class has already denied a seat (because of class size requirements) to another student who was ready, willing, and able to work hard to fulfill the class requirements and responsibilities. This policy should alert all students to the responsibility they assume when they select their classes. Similar class drop procedures are imposed at the college and university levels.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Unpaid Fees</p> <p>Students with debts and/or unpaid current fees will not be allowed to participate in any club or organization or be a member of any team until all debts are cleared.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Obituary</p> <p>It is with great sadness that the <i>Newsletter</i> reports the passing of Lawrence Beverage. Mr. Beverage opened the school as a Social Studies teacher, then spent several years as the school's Course Programmer before his recent retirement. It was in this capacity that he literally touched the lives of every student and every teacher at Whitney Young High School.</p> <p>Dr. Kenner referred to Mr. Beverage as a "well-respected" scholar. Those who knew Mr. Beverage know what she meant, and will miss him. He was sixty-nine.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Residency Requirements</p> <p>Parents or legal guardians must be Chicago residents in order for a child to attend Whitney M. Young Magnet High School. If you move outside the City of Chicago area during the school year, the CPS rules allow seniors and 8th graders to complete that school year. Students in all other grades (7th, 9th, 10th and 11th) must transfer immediately. Students may not remain at Whitney Young or re-enroll the next year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Student Handbook/Assignment Book</p> <p>Your child will receive his/her copy of the Student Handbook/Assignment Book at the time of registration. Please take time to read these important items and review them with your child. Check the assignment portion on a weekly basis. You may also want to check out the latest cell phone policy on another page in this <i>Newsletter</i>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Note to Parents</p> <p>Your son/daughter should bring home a program after registration. This program gives his or her schedule of classes for the year and the names of his/her class teachers. We encourage you to record this information and retain it so that you can contact teachers through out the school year whenever you have questions regarding studies. Your student's division number is also on the program. This number identifies his/her level and "House."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Necessary Program Changes</p> <p>At the end of the school year, all programs are considered to be established for the next school year. However, we realize that errors do occur. The following policy accounts for this fact:</p> <p>When a student picks up his program on his assigned program pick-up day, it should be carefully reviewed. Pick-up days are August 23 and 24, 2011. If there is some error, a request for a program correction must be filled out and filed with the counselor on duty. All requests for a program correction are to be filed with the counselor by the end of the first day of school, September 6, 2011. Counselors will review these requests and forward approved ones to the scheduler. No requests should be filed after the opening day of school. All corrections will become the final program for the student.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Physical Education Uniforms</p> <p>Freshmen and seventh graders - please remember to purchase your PE uniforms on your assigned registration day, August 24, 2011. The Physical Education class fee does NOT include a uniform. Prices are: T-shirt \$10 and shorter shorts \$10. Optional items: long shorts \$15, sweatpants \$20, sweatshirts \$20, and replacement bathing caps \$5 (cash or check).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p>

Items you should be aware of for the 2011-2012 school year.....

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 6, 2011 is the official first day of school. All students report at their assigned times. School will be in session for a full day, and will follow a Long Division Bell schedule. See page 5 of this edition of the *Newsletter* for exact times.



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Materials Needed

Be prepared for the first day of classes. Each student should bring a pen, pencil and paper because serious work begins immediately.

Mandated Attendance Policy

Chicago Public Schools and State guidelines mandate attendance each day. Parents please call in absences by 10:00 a.m. on the day of the absence to avoid truant days. Call 773.534.7500 and press 2 to reach the attendance office.

Parents please encourage your children to take their education seriously. Don't let foolish acts tarnish your child's future.

ID Cards

All Whitney Young students are required to have their ID cards in their possession while at school. This card is issued to each student at the start of the school year and also must be displayed upon entry into the school building. The card must be presented to any staff member upon request. If lost, a temporary ID card must be purchased immediately by door #2 of the Academic Building between 6:30-8:45 a.m. at a cost of \$2.00, or a replacement permanent ID card must be secured at a cost of \$5.00.

Public Transportation

We do not have information concerning CTA Riding Permits at the time of this mailing. We anticipate that permits will cost \$5.00. Students should bring \$5.00 (in cash) on your assigned registration day to purchase a CTA pass for the coming school year.

Building Security

In an effort to assist with addressing the responsibility of monitoring building security for our three buildings, it will be necessary to utilize metal detectors at times during the school year. The metal detector units will be utilized as needed during the school year.

School Locks

Whitney Young sells only high security combination locks and high security key locks for use on house and gym lockers. For security purposes, these are the only locks students are allowed to use. Unauthorized locks will be removed from student lockers. If a student has PE or is participating in athletics, he or she will also need a separate lock for the PE lockers. It is imperative that students have their locks for the first day of school to secure their belongings in their assigned house lockers.

Locks will be sold during registration - August 23 and 24, 2011. Locks will also be sold throughout the year from the Deans' offices. Combination locks cost \$12 and key locks cost \$14. Students may choose which locks work best for them. Either style can be used on both the house lockers and the gym lockers.

Homework Policy

Homework is assigned in every subject to supplement class work and meet the needs of the student. This may include written as well as reading assignments, research projects, etc. Your academic success depends on doing your assignments regularly. In some cases, a homework assignment may be the basis for an entire class discussion the next day. The length of the assignments varies with the subjects each student has chosen. Daily work assignments should be expected in most academic subjects. In addition to written assignments, time must be set aside for study. Too often, unless a student is given a written assignment, the student feels there isn't any homework to do. Study and reading constitute homework.

A DAILY MINIMUM OF TWO HOURS OF HOMEWORK IS RECOMMENDED FOR EVERY WYMHs STUDENT.

Tutoring

Free tutoring is available for students experiencing difficulty. Please see your counselor for details. There are also mandatory tutorial sessions for students who fail one or more subjects when grades are issued.

Standardized Testing Prairie State

State of Illinois law requires that Whitney Young Magnet High School affix your Prairie State scores to your permanent record (transcript). Please be advised that colleges and universities will see your scores and be able to compare your test results to others who took the test. Students who wish to take an advanced placement or honors class must meet or exceed State of Illinois standards on their Prairie State exam. This requirement is in addition to other requirements noted in the School Course Guide Newspaper.

Division Numbers

Parents need to know their child's division number to report absences accurately. Freshman students and their parents should make a special effort to learn this number as soon as possible as it will be used often. Upperclassmen: Some students received division changes. As you are aware, the first number refers to the year of graduation, the second number designates house and the third number refers to the sequence within the house.

Free/Reduced Lunch Waiver Forms

We hope that our supply of Free/Reduced Lunch forms will arrive on or before August 15, 2011. Please call the main office at 773-534-7500 during August to see if the forms have arrived. Please feel free to come to Whitney Young on Monday, August 15, 2011 to get a F/R Lunch application and fee waiver form. *Again, be sure to call ahead so you do not make a wasted trip in the event the forms have not arrived.* If you take the form home and complete it, you can get on the fast track without delay. You may return the completed form or your Direct Certification letter from D.C.F.S., and appropriate documentation to register at your scheduled time on August 23 or 24, 2011.

We encourage all students who feel they are eligible to complete a F/R lunch application. Return the completed application to Ms. Zalon (1c/2c) or to Mr. Tennison (3c/4c). Please note that students who are approved for **free** lunch can submit supporting documents and receive a waiver of their class fees and activity fees. Waiver forms will be available in the main office as well as the Deans' offices after August 15, 2011.

YOU MUST APPLY EACH YEAR FOR A FREE/REDUCED LUNCH. NO STUDENT CAN RECEIVE A FEE WAIVER WITHOUT FIRST BEING APPROVED FOR FREE LUNCH.

**Whitney M. Young Magnet High School
2011-2012 Fall Sports Information**

Sport	Head Coach
Football	Tim Franken x23755
Golf	TBA
Girls Tennis	Ed Cruzat 312.217.3800
Boys Soccer	Ian McCarthy x24707
Boys X-Country	Eric Weigmann x23756
Girls X-Country	Bob Geiger x23757
Girls Volleyball	Jamie Walters x23759
Girls Swimming	TBA
Cheerleading	TBA

All fall sports start in August. Check with your coach or the Whitney Young Web Site (www.wyoung.org) for individual start dates and times. All athletes must have a valid physical. Contact Mr. Chris Cassidy, the school's AD, at 773.534.7332 for more information.

Freshman Kick-Off Friday, August 26, 2011 9:00AM – 2:00PM

All incoming freshmen are encouraged to attend the Freshman Kick-Off! Walk through your schedule of classes before the first day of school, participate in a Back to School Pep Rally, and enjoy a cookout with your classmates and Freshman Mentors! Remember to bring your schedule! We look forward to seeing you there!

**Freshman Registration and
Freshman Orientation
Wednesday, August 24, 2011
8:00AM – 3:00PM**

All incoming freshmen and their parents must attend Freshman Registration and Freshman Orientation on Wednesday, August 24, 2011. Please follow the schedule below:

Last Name	Orientation	Registration
A-Go	8:00-10:00am	10:05-11:00am
Gr-Ne	10:00-12:00pm	12:05-1:00pm
Ng-Z	12:00-2:00pm	2:05pm-3:00pm

Important Information:

- Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointed Freshman Orientation time.
- Please enter at the Arts Building (on Jackson Street) and proceed to the theater.
- Please bring the completed medical form you received at Freshman Programming Day.
- Please contact Ms. Neal, Admissions Director, at ndneal@cps.edu with any questions or concerns.

2011-2012 WYMHS Class Schedules

Regular Schedule

Period	Time
1	7:05-7:55
2	8:00-8:50
3	8:55-9:45
Division	9:50-10:00
4	10:05-10:55
5	11:00-11:50
6	11:55-12:45
7	12:50-1:40
8	1:45-2:35
9	2:40-3:30

Long Division Schedule

Period	Time
1	7:10-7:55
2	8:00-8:45
3	8:50-9:35
Division	9:40-10:10
4	10:15-11:00
5	11:05-11:50
6	11:55-12:40
7	12:45-1:30
8	1:35-2:20
9	2:25-3:10

Early Dismissal Schedule

Period	Time
2	8:00-8:30
3	8:35-9:05
4	9:10-9:40
5	9:45-10:15
6	10:20-10:50
7	10:55-11:25
8	11:30-12:00
1+9	12:05-12:35

Football Camp

Our summer football camp runs from June 27 - July 28, 2011 four days a week (MTWTh) from 7:00-9:00 am. The cost is \$100 due no later than June 27, 2011. All freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors are encouraged to attend. Contact Coach Franken at 773.534.7500 x23755 for more information.

2011-2012 PTSO Meeting Schedule

- September 8, 2011
- October 13, 2011
- November 17, 2011*
- December 8, 2011
- January 12, 2012
- February 9, 2012
- March 8, 2012
- April 19, 2012*
- May 10, 2012

The Parent Teacher Student Organization meets in the Library at 6:00 p.m. usually, **but not always**, on the second Thursday of the month.

* Meeting follows report card pick-up.

All Are Welcome!

2011-2012 Local School Council

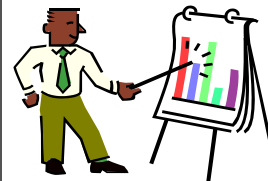
- Principal: Dr. Joyce Kenner
- President: Julia Spearman
- Parent Reps: Elizabeth Blinderman
Alexander Dee
Kelly McGinnity
Ruben Salcedo
Sally Tannenbaum
- Community Reps: Mary Baldwin
Amy Sue Mertens
- Teacher Reps: Jim English
Michael Johnson
- Staff Rep: Nick Dardugno
- Student Rep: TBA



2011-2012 LSC Meeting Schedule

All Local School Council meetings take place in the Library at 5:00 p.m. usually, **but not always**, on the third Wednesday of the month.

- September 21, 2011
- October 19, 2011
- November 16, 2011
- December 21, 2011
- January 18, 2012
- February 15, 2012
- March 21, 2012
- April 18, 2012
- May 16, 2012



WYMHS: A High Octane Education!

The WY debate team is finishing up another incredible year:

- **We're city champions, again!** On March 27, juniors Marcel Roman and Hanna Nasser went undefeated in the varsity division, keeping the title with Whitney Young. Fourteen of our debaters made elimination rounds at the City Championship: Sydney Doe and Hiba Sheikh were semifinalists; Kendall Mason and Rahat Sajwani were quarterfinalists; and Teresa Smit and Ada Vargas were octofinalists. In the novice division, Kiana Gonzalez and Phuong Vo made the final round, and were joined in elimination rounds by Clara Torres & Shayne Officer (octofinalists), and Noah Evans & Andrew Richards (octofinalists). Seven of our debaters were individually congratulated with speaker awards because of their exceptional performances: Teresa Smit, Sydney Doe, Kendall Mason, Marcel Roman, Hanna Nasser, Kiana Gonzalez, and (1st place overall) Rahat Sajwani.
- **We're District Champions!** On March 4, Hanna and Marcel finished as the top team in the Ilini district.
- **We're All-State!** Marcel made the All-State team on March 19.
- **We're National Semifinalists!** Sydney and Marcel, who each received speaker awards, made it to semifinals at the April 17th Chase Urban Debate National Championships in New York City.
- **More National Records!** On May 1-3, Hanna became the first female from Chicago to qualify for the most prestigious tournament in the nation – The TOC (Tournament of Champions). She and Marcel are also the first juniors from Chicago to qualify.
- **One more to go!** Marcel and Hanna are preparing to debate at the National Forensics League Tournament on June 13-18, where Whitney Young is the reigning champion.



Congratulations to all our debaters for another record-setting year, and a special thanks goes out to Mr. Scheur for his dedication and expertise.

Seniors with Perfect Attendance – 2011

Congratulations to the following seniors who maintained perfect attendance for 4 or more years: Lissette Alvarado, Aryel Brookins, Rich Chung (6), John Elue, Miranda Huang (6), Wesley Moy (6), Joanie Ng, Vivian Ng, Alvin Nham, Jose Partida, Michael Tam, and Kysintlay Wu.

Each senior listed received a Target gift card. Well done!

Academic Decathlon

We have now won twenty-five out of the last twenty six state titles, and we are in our eighth year of back-to-back victories.

2011 NATIONALS: We did it again! Another Banner Year--Another Banner for 3rd Place in Division 1 now hangs in our school accompanied by many other banners that together represent a testament to our program. Some moments of mention from Charlotte, North Carolina. Co-Captain Dohyun Bae received the Gold medal in Math; Matt Ahrenholz received a Gold in Super Quiz, and a Silver in Music; Anji Bei received a Gold in Music, a Silver in Language and Literature, Bronze in Social Science; Simon Whedbee received a Gold in Social Science and Art, a Silver in Music, and a Bronze in Super Quiz; team co-Captain Alyssa Bivins received a Bronze in Economics and Super Quiz. The team won a Bronze in Super Quiz Team event beating out Wisconsin and Arizona.

Thank you to Tabitha Rice who helped as assistant coach this year. Tabitha helped with essay and language and literature as well as general support for me and the rest of the team. Our program continues to succeed nationally as a testament to our school community's herculean effort to remain an outstanding educational environment for all our students.

A special thanks goes to the parents that helped transport, support, and celebrate the entire team. Your consistent presence and conversation aided me greatly.

Sincerely,
Brian Tennison, Coach

P.S. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Coach Tennison, without whom none of this would have been possible!

Academic Center Bridge Building Results

The Academic Center had another successful Bridge Breaking at Family Night. The construction and testing of model bridges promotes the study and application of principles physics and also helps students develop "hands on" skills through bridge construction. By participating in the Bridge Building Competition students get a flavor of what it is to be an Engineer, designing structures to a set of specifications and then seeing them perform their function. The 7th and 8th graders constructed over 65 bridges. The top 4 teams were:

Grade	Builder(s)	Teacher Name	Mass (g)	kg held	Efficiency
7	Allison Huske and Maia Sanders	Solomon	16.1	12.18	756.52
7	Cole Gartner and Delphy Li	Solomon	14.7	7.4	503.4
7	Sam Wischnewsky and Elizaveta Kalinina	Solomon	12.6	5.8	460.32
7	Annesha Mondal and Jeff Lyang	Solomon	11.7	5.22	446.15

A Sports Booster Thank You



Please tell everyone involved that the sports booster fundraiser was by far the best activity we have ever had at the school!!! It was first class, first rate, and every other first you can think of! I am so proud of our school and the people that are affiliated with it. Thanks from the bottom of my heart for all you do to keep it the number 1 school in the world!! I am looking forward to next year's event!

Dr. Joyce Kenner

WYMHS: A High Octane Education.... (cont.)

Bridge Champion



Karol Przybyzewsk recently competed in the Illinois Institute of Technology's Chicago Regional Bridge Contest! Karol was Whitney Young's bridge efficiency champion. He showed his Whitney Young skills by coming in second place. His efficiency of 2360 is the highest ever recorded for a WY student! Karol also went on to compete in the International Bridge Contest. Congratulations Karol, and thank you Mr. Solomon.

A Sports Booster Thank You

A huge thank you and congratulations to all the parents, teachers, coaches and administrators involved in the planning and attendance of this tremendous Whitney M Young Magnet High School event! Together as a community, with donations and support from all the athletic teams and coaches, and many parents and students too, the first annual Sports Boosters event raised over \$30,000 profit and we hit our first year target of 400 tickets sold! It was an enjoyable and fun event where a great time was had by everyone!



Thank you again for your generous support of our efforts to keep Whitney Young an outstanding high school for all our students with continued support and improvements to our athletic programs! We are already making plans for next year's annual Sports Boosters fundraising event. If you would like to join the planning committee, please send me a note – we need everyone involved to continue Whitney Young's strong tradition of success! Coach Christopher Cassidy and the Sports Booster Steering Committee

BPA Awards Luncheon

The following students participated in the 45th Annual BPA Awards Luncheon Ceremony at the Hyatt Riverwalk: Monica Bator, Alexandria DiLoreto, Sydney James, Susan Kuang, and Matthew Moresi. Monica and Matthew qualified to advance to the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Awesome!

ODIS the Robot Visits Whitney Young



Derhun Sanders, a civilian engineer representing the Department of Energy, recently brought ODIS the Robot to Whitney Young to share with Mrs. Dudzik's Honors Physics students the excitement of real science and math applications. As part of a national effort to encourage interest in Science Engineering Technology and Mathematics, the STEM program has been set up to organize efforts for us to meet future challenges.

President Obama has supported the initiative and stated, "Today, more than ever before, science holds the key to our survival as a planet and our security and prosperity as a nation. It's time we once again put science at the top of our agenda and work to restore America's place as the world leader in science and technology."

Nice job everyone!

Pom Pon

The Whitney Young Pom Pon squad recently won the State IDTA competition. This is the second Championship in a row for the team.

Nice job ladies!

Culinary Delight

Tonnette Peters recently took third place in the City-wide Careers through Culinary Arts Program competition.

Well done!

Softball Champion

Mr. Hinrichs has notified Dr. Kenner that Stephanie Schreiber has been named one of the top 100 softball players in the state.

Awesome!

WYMHS: A High Octane Education.... (cont.)

WYMHS Performing Arts Department

The Whitney Young Magnet High School Performing Arts department has had an enormously successful second semester including:

- CPS Music Contest: Honors Superior ratings for the Chamber and Concert Choirs and the Philharmonic Orchestra, Superior ratings for the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic and Concert Band.
- IHSA Organizational Contest: Division I ratings for the Wind Ensemble and Philharmonic Orchestra.
- Thaddeus Tukes was featured in the IMEA All-State Honors Jazz Combo marking him as the finest jazz vibraphonist in the state.
- Harrison Flagler wrote two compositions that placed in the IMEA All-State Composition Contest. *Miniature for Strings*, which earned 2nd place in the small ensemble category and *Rondo for Saxophone and Orchestra* which earned 1st place in the large ensemble category.
- Marcelina Suchocka in addition to performing a marimba concerto with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra this year, won the NPR: From The Top / YouTube Big Break competition and will be performing next year at Carnegie Hall.
- We had over 125 students from the band, choral, piano and orchestra departments participating in city and state solo & ensemble festivals.
- The Dance Show: Horns and Hope was a phenomenal success.
- The Wind Ensemble earned the opportunity to perform at the New York International Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall in February, 2012 through a three-stage audition process.
- Jeff Peek and the Guitar Department hosted Whitney Young's first Battle of the Bands.

IIT Boeing

Dr. Kenner has been notified that Emily Bush has been selected to participate in the 2011 IIT Boeing Scholars Academy. Among the more than 300 high-achieving students from more than 100 high schools who applied, Emily stood out as exceptional, particularly in her commitment to academics, promise as a future leader, and vision for positively impacting her community.
Nice job, Emily!

Congressional Breakfast

Zachary Stuart spoke at the First Tee Congressional Breakfast in Washington, D.C. to kick-off National Golf Day. He spoke about how golf has positively impacted his life.

Wow! This was a great honor.

Scholarships and Free Money

Any student or parent interested in scholarship opportunities should check out the Counselor Section on your Edline account. Every year thousands of dollars go to waste because students fail to apply. Last year Whitney Young seniors earned over 10 million dollars in college scholarships. Why not you?

Piano News

Congratulations to the following piano students who recently competed in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Competition at Reavis High School:

Superior: Noah Evans, Nicholas LaBun, Precilla Li, and Romanna Baran.

Excellent: Julissa Baran, Dorothy Humphrey, Michelle Jiang, Malik Patton, Brandon Radford, Savanna Rhodes, and Montell Williams.

Congratulations to all the students, and a big thank you goes out to Ms. Wiggins.

Fall Carnival

The Whitney M. Young 2011 Fall Carnival is going to be a fantastic fundraising opportunity for all WY school groups and organizations. Friends of Whitney Young are making booths available for students to run activities that will raise money for their club or team. Groups will be provided a tented area adjacent to the carnival midway where they can run their fundraising activity. Contact Sherry Schuerman of FoWY at 773.791.6332 or sbschueler@sbcglobal.net.

The carnival will be Friday through Sunday, September 23, 24 and 25. Groups need to reserve a booth with FoWY, so connect with Sherry today!

A Summertime Activity

The following is a partial excerpt of book recommendations in Chicago Public School's Readers are Leaders Program.

1984

by George Orwell

All Creatures Great and Small

by James Herriot

Angela's Ashes

by Frank McCourt

Barrio Boy

by Ernesto Galarza

Black Elk Speaks

by John G. Neihardt

Coming of Age in Mississippi

by Anne Moody

Downriver

by Will Hobbs

Ender's Game

by Orson Scott Card

Go Ask Alice

by Anonymous

Into Thin Air

by Jon Krakauer

Life on the Mississippi

by Mark Twain

On a Pale Horse

by Piers Anthony

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek

by Annie Dillard

Summer of My German Soldier

by Bette Greene

The Bean Trees

by Barbara Kingsolver

The Chocolate War

by Robert Cormier

The Count of Monte Cristo

by Alexandre Dumas

The Giver

by Lois Lowry

The Martian Chronicles

by Ray Bradbury

Watership Down

by Richard Adams

When the Legends Die

by Hal Borland

White Fang

by Jack London

Also try www.questia.com for your reading needs.

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National French Contest

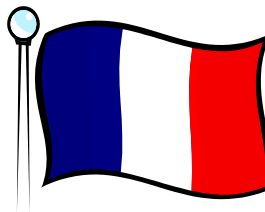
The students listed below competed in the recent National French Contest. Their names and rankings follow:

Nat'l Certificate: Jenna Geiman and Shiela Mcintosh.

Certificat d'Honneur: Kyra Keigher, Benjamin Radinsky, Rachel Gonzalez, Danisha Pulley, Maia Sanders, Karinna Oliveros, and Alondra Romano.

Certificat d'Reussfrancelite: Karla Magna, Genevieve Sachs, Robert Johnson, Liu Katie, Emily Ash, Melanie Balanon, Dorothy Carpenter, Jordan Hall, Sabina Kim, Alexis Mora, Misa Myong, Lucy Teruel, Amarillys Guzman, Cristian Perez, Fabiola Ramirez, Tara Stafford, Edward Yanez, Matthew Fujimoto, Paige Pohlada, Sonia Fonseca, Alenda Little, Adriana Magana, Daniel Romero, Tori Ferman, Shannon Knight, Cole Gartner, Sarah Quander, Derjan Avalos, Adinah Gray, Morgan Hawthorne, Maria Cortes, Alexandra Oliva, Lauren Andrews-Clady, Khary Armster, James Coates, Leonel Diaz, Kalene Johnson, Alyssa Jordan, Autumn Keplinger, Lizeth Campa, Colin Lee, Juan Reyes, Jack Schultz, Erica Perez, Faith Lloyd, Breanna Robinson, Brianna Reed, Sophie Rodgers, Cheyenne Baker, Cole Spanierman, Julian Sanchez, Eric Ziegler, and Thomas Hamilton.

Well done students, and thank you Ms. Stoiljkovic.



Math News

The Whitney Young Math Team had a landmark season this year with several impressive results. The team won its second consecutive city championship with a total of 1240 points. Closest rivals were Payton with 1036 points, and Northside with 999 points. We competed in the North Suburban Math League and finished 5th, a school record.

At the state finals in April the team won two state championships in the Geometry and Calculator competitions, and won second place in the freshman-sophomore relay competition. Overall the team finished 6th in the state, another school record.

Five students from Whitney Young (Ptryk Lipski, Emanuel Perez, Mark Waechter, Shunping Xie, and Cindy Zhang) will represent Chicagoland at the American Regions Math League National Competition on June 4th in Iowa.

Congratulations to our math students, and thanks to coaches Mr. Moran and Ms. Au.

Exchange Students

Madame Stoiljkovic is in need of families to host exchange students for the coming school year. If you feel that you may be interested, contact Ms. Stoiljkovic at 773-534-7500 x23752. She may also be reached via email at mgstoiljkovic@cps.edu.

History Finalist

Mr. Edwards has reported to the *Newsletter* that Lina Kapp is a State History Fair finalist and will compete in Springfield. Our school will have our own event next year. Nice!

World Plumbing Day

Elizaveta Kalinina was recently named a winner in the IAPMO World Plumbing Day Poster Contest. This was done as a project in Mr. Solomon's Environmental Science Class. Very well done!

All-Star Poetry

Dr. Kenner has recently been notified that Essie Lindsey and Christian Palacios have been selected to the nationally recognized "Louder Than a Bomb" All-Star Poetry Slam Team. Awesome!

Dance News

- Jada Rose Cunningham and Turiya Ingram will both be attending the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers in the fall. Ms. Cunningham will be majoring in dance.
- Elisa Meyers was accepted into L'Academie Americaine de Danse a Paris summer program.
- Cierra Burton will be spending her summer in New York City studying with Complexions Dance Company.
- Ivan Aguago will also be in NYC studying theater at the Open Jar Institute. And many of the Guys & Dolls Dance Company dancers were accepted into various Chicago summer dance programs: Deeply Rooted, Thodos Dance Chicago, Lou Conte School of Dance and The Chicago Multi-Cultural Dance Center.
- WY Guys & Dolls' *Til We Bleed*, choreographed by Jasmin Williams has been chosen from over fifty dances to be performed in the Illinois High School Dance Festival Gala. It was held at Oak Park River Forest High School.

Congratulations to the students, and a big thank you goes out to Ms. Jeanette Gordon, our dancing instructor.

Union League Award

Officials at the Union League Club of Chicago have notified Dr. Kenner that Claire Henriques was nominated for the Union League Club of Chicago's Democracy in Action Award for 2011 by Ms. Lent and Ms. Heesemann.

Job well done!

World Class Climber

Michaela Kiersch has competed in five international climbing competitions, three of which were world championships, on four different continents. She was 2nd in the 16-17 year old category. Wow!

A Full Boat

Ms. Sherry is reporting that senior Amber Fredricks was awarded a four-year renewable scholarship to the University of Illinois at Chicago through the Chicago Public Schools Student Science Fair. She plans to major in Biology. Awesome!

Science Fair Winners

Ms. Sherry has reported Whitney Young City and State Science Fair winners to the *Newsletter*. They are: Cyerra Brown, Yichao Chen***, Anna Hernandez*, Martin Jastrzebski*, Elliot Mondry, Adrian Mui**, Paige Pohlada, Milica Popovic*, Alaina Stacey, and Joshua Woodard*.

There were many levels of winners both at City and State. All are worthy of recognition, but the *Newsletter* would like to individually recognize Yichao Chen and Joshua Woodard. Yichao won a \$250 First Place Essay prize at City, and a Second Place at State. Joshua was selected as an alternate to the 62nd International Science and Engineering Fair. This year's Fair was held in Los Angeles, CA.

Congratulations!

*Gold at State; **Silver at State; ***2nd Place at State



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Chinese News

- **Midwest Chinese Speech Contest:** Paulina Rico has won a gold medal in the Chinese II Division in the Third Midwest Chinese Speech Contest. Danielle Craan won a silver medal in the Chinese III Division in the Third Midwest Chinese Speech Contest.
- **Shanghai 6-week Summer Program:** Seven of our students, Alexandra McRaith, Becky Lomahan, Christopher Zowaro, Danielle Craan, Irene Lu, Mellissa Lin and Stephanie Guan, have received a scholarship to participate in the 2011 CPS Chinese Summer Language Institute in Shanghai. This scholarship is funded by the United States Department of State Bureau of Cultural Affairs and National Security Language Initiative for the Youth (NSLI-Y). These seven students are among 20 students in CPS who have received this scholarship.
- **Shanghai 2-week Summer Program:** Nora Murphy and Julian Rapoport, our current Mandarin Chinese I students, have received a scholarship from MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION among 20 of the CPS high school students. They are going to participate in a 2-week program that will enhance Chinese proficiency and knowledge of Chinese history and culture in Shanghai, China this summer.
- **STARTALK Summer Programs:** STARTALK is a presidential initiative to fund summer programs in critical languages including Arabic, Chinese, Hindi and so on. Since 2007, we have sent 36 students from different levels of the Chinese Classes to DePaul University, University of Chicago and China Eastern Normal University for 4 to 6 week summer intensive language programs. The scholarships cover the cost of tuition, transportation and meals, including home and board when students get into the program in Shanghai, China. Students who go to University of Chicago Summer Program will receive a \$1,000 stipend upon successful completion of the program. The DePaul and U of C programs are still in the process of selecting applicants and we will keep the news updated in the near future.



Track News

Mr. Geiger is reporting that Raena Rhone finished 2nd at the Nationally acclaimed Arcadia Invitational. The 4 x 400 relay of Claire Kieger, Maisie Vachuska, Rori Nalls, and Raena then followed with an 8th place finish in an Illinois State leading time of 3:56.55. Both the relay and Rhone are currently ranked 1st in the state.

At Homewood Flossmoor, Olga Wroblewski highlighted the meet with a one minute personal best in the 3200, running 12:34. This happened after running the JV 4 x 800 relay with a split of 2:44. The Varsity 4 x 800 relay broke 10:00. Running on that relay were Shianne Baggett, Isobel Araujo, Jenna Geiman, and Morgan Jackson. Asha Woodfolk ran a 400 split personal best on the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 1:01.5 as the relay took 6th place with Kynosha Hurst, Hannah Blackwood, and Jenna Geiman running 4:14. Summer Williams once again tied her school record in the pole vault, placing 3rd with a jump of 8'6".

At Loyola, Shianne Baggett highlighted the meet by running a split of 2:20.5 for the 4 x 800 relay (personal best), 60.6 in the open 400 (personal best) and then splitting 58.9 in the 4 x 400 relay (also a personal best).

Maisie Vachuska ran 2:18 in the 4 x 800 relay and 58.5 in the 4 x 400 relay, both season bests. Summer Williams went 8'6" once again, placing 2nd. There were several other personal bests at the meet.

In other matters, five Dolphin runners will be running in Australia this summer. They are: Shianne Baggett, Morgan Jackson, Summer Williams, and Sam and Alex Hinton. Follow this and other track events at <http://www.wytfxc.com>. Great job Everyone!

Beacon News

The Beacon has won nine awards at a recent Media Day sponsored by the Scholastic Press Association of Chicago. Most notably, Editor-in Chief Matt Stanton was named Journalist of the Year out of all Chicago student journalists and received a \$1500 award. Nice job Matt, and thank you Ms. Alison Stojak for your guidance!

Business News

Whitney Young High School had two teams that competed as State Finalists in the Illinois Personal Finance Challenge (IPFC) sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and Wells-Fargo Advisors on April 7, 2011. The team of Samuel Ghilardi, Billy Leung, Nicholas Mansfield, and Angel Silva, made it to the final round, a college-bowl format head-to-head face-off with Nequa Valley High School, and finished in second place. Each student received a \$250 Savings Bond for their win. Congratulations to Sam, Billy, Nick, and Angel for an outstanding job!

In other news, Whitney Young participated in the Network for Teaching for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) 8th Annual Citywide Business Plan Competition - Semi-Finals Round at Northwestern University on May 11, 2011. The two Whitney Young teams who presented their plans were:

1. Renita Williams and Tia McClellan: iCP, or iCollegeProcess, is a mobile software app that allows college-bound students track the college application process for multiple schools.
2. Greta Baldwin: I BIKE CHI is a manufacturing/retail business that creates fashionable bike seat covers. The company also provides personalized bike seat covers as a new form of advertising for local businesses.

Renita Williams and Tia McClellan advanced to the Finals Round. Although Greta did not advance, she was able to make an important business connection with a potential customer, the Chicago Cubs. Greta plans a follow-up meeting with Todd Ricketts, one of the judges for the NFTE Competition and owner of the Chicago Cubs.

The *Newsletter* would like to thank Ms. Joan Kane for her efforts in both of these matters.



Coca-Cola Scholarship

Anthony Thomas has been selected as one of two hundred fifty finalists in the 2010-2011 Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Reaching this level distinguishes Anthony as an outstanding leader in his school and community because there were almost 71,000 applicants and 2,100 semi-finalists for this prestigious honor.

As a finalist, Anthony qualified for an all-expenses-paid trip to Atlanta, Ga. to be honored at the Coca-Cola Scholars Banquet.

Nice job!

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Biodiesel Update

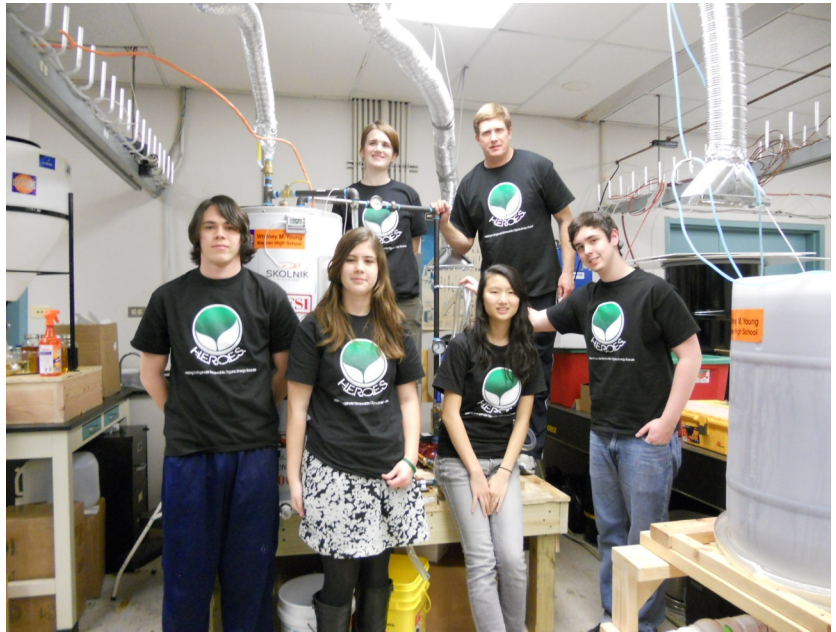
The Whitney Young Biodiesel club, H.E.R.O.E.S (helping to engender renewable organic energy sources) is a first place winner in the national Lexus Eco-Challenge contest.

Approximately 300 high schools across the country entered the contest and the WY H.E.R.O.E.S team was one of five schools across the nation to win an award in the final round of the contest. The team won \$15,000 for their final round, and that coupled with their first round win of \$10,000 brings their total winnings to \$25,000.

Recent club highlights include:

- an 80% reduction in overall IDOT emissions using a Volkswagen Jetta they borrowed from Mr. Moran of the math department.
- Working with a non-profit group called Food Desert Action (FDA) to rehab on old CTA bus into a grocery store on wheels.

The team members include sophomores Anna Hernandez, Jeane Em Dubose, Sabrina Kwan, seniors Jake Morley and Sam Redmond, and team coach/sponsor Mr. Sievers.



Biodiesel Club Members

*Front Row: Sam Redmond, Anna Hernandez, Sabrina Kwan and Jake Morley
Back Row: Jeane EmDubose and Mr. Brian Sievers - Club Moderator*



Nutrition Support Services

Our school's dining manager, Linda Kriehner, recently placed in the top 3% of all CPS school dining managers in a recent skills assessment that gauged knowledge in three critical performance areas. These areas were: accountability procedures, banking procedures, and the LR33 meal tracking tool. We are extremely fortunate to have Linda on board at Whitney Young.

Congratulations Linda!

Japanese Speech Contest

Four of Ms. Schrock's Japanese students recently competed in a Japanese Speech Contest at the Japanese Consulate. They were: Jacovie Rodriguez, Carolyn Epmier, Joanne Mai, and Suzan Zao. Jacovie placed second.

Awesome!

Spanish Exam

For the second straight year, Mr. Hanafee's Spanish students took the National Spanish Exam. Naomi Ostrander earned the top score in the Chicagoland area and was awarded a \$100 prize.

In addition, there were twenty-two gold Medal winners this year, a figure that is up considerably from last year. They are: Anji Bei, Zach Blacker, Peter Casey, Valentina Devita, Jessica Difoggio, Klaudia Dziewulski, Emily Erf, Jeff Fisher, Cathleen Gui, Martina Hale, Preston Lee, Leslie McCauley, Vivien Ng, Naomi Ostrander, Erik Ostrander, Nina Posner, Erik Salinas, Ethan Sargent, Stephen Shepherd, Alex Steffek, Iysha Thornton, and Sam Wischnewsky.

Nice job!

Justo Lamas

For the second straight year, the World Language Department brought in Argentinean singer Justo Lamas to give a Spanish Language concert. On April 29, 2011, Justo presented an inspiring concert in the Whitney Young Theater. He shared stories from his life and encouraged students to reach for their dreams.

Two hundred students from Whitney Young attended the concert. Students from two other schools, Bogan and Oscar Mayer, also attended. Whitney Young was the only school in the city to host a Justo Lamas concert this year. Thanks Mr. Hanafee and all the World Language teachers!

IAM Examination

Zachary Blacker, Adina Cohen, Sam Licata, Ben Radinsky, and Charles Zhang passed the 2011 Illinois State Achievement Music exam for Piano. It is a two part test consisting of music theory followed by performance.

Nice!

Revised Student Cell Phone Policy

This policy is meant to help maintain an educational focus in classrooms and other study areas and respect the needs of our students to have reasonable access to their phones and other electronic devices. We acknowledge that this is the age of instant communication as well as the need to maintain a proper environment for students, faculty and the educational process.

Cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3s or other electronic devices are not to be used in the classrooms UNLESS authorized by the classroom teacher. Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off or placed on silent / vibrate mode during class. Students should keep these items in their backpacks or purses.

Cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3s or other electronic devices may be used before/after school, during passing periods, and lunch periods except in classrooms, the library, tech centers and the theater. Only texting is permitted on the second and third floors; no phone calls are permitted to be made on upper floors.

Unauthorized use of these devices in the classrooms, library, tech centers and the theater is a violation of this policy. Violators of the policy will be subject to disciplinary action based upon the circumstances. **First time/minor offenders will receive a Saturday School. Repeat or flagrant violators will receive an out of school suspension. Phones will be confiscated and given to a dean at the time of the infraction. The phone will be returned during the disciplinary conference.**

Students may use their cell phones to place calls only in the first floor foyers of the three WY buildings during their lunch periods. In an emergency situation, an administrator or faculty member can give a student permission to make a call from a cell phone.

The use of camera and video phones is absolutely forbidden at any time in private areas, such as, locker rooms, wash-rooms, dressing areas, classrooms and offices. Such use may also constitute a violation of the criminal code.



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Yearbook Information

The price of a yearbook is \$45.00 if you buy your yearbook at the time of registration. The price will go to \$55.00 after September 16, 2011. Bring a separate \$45.00 check or cash, on your registration day. There will be a special table near the main office to make your yearbook purchase.

You must pay on or before December 16, 2011. If you do not prepay by this date, a book will not be reserved for you.

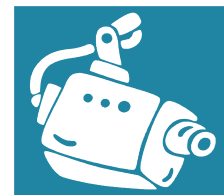


Security Reminder

Students must enter the building only through one of two doors:

- the door by the Main Office, or
- the door at the south end of the Arts Building.

All other doors have restricted entry.



Senior Trips/Class Trips

Please remember that Whitney M. Young Magnet High School does not sponsor class trips or vacations. We take no responsibility for activities organized by students or outside travel agents, and we encourage parents to be very careful when dealing with these package tours.

If you have any questions, call Mark Grishaber, Assistant Principal, @ 773.534.7508.

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Illinois Transportation Reimbursement Notice to Parents/Guardians

Officials from the Illinois State Board of Education have notified school officials throughout the State that a fiscal year 2011 appropriation was not awarded for the Parent Guardian Transportation Reimbursement Program authorized under Section 29-5.2 of the Illinois School Code.

The lack of fiscal year 2011 funding will prevent the State Board from paying any Parent Guardian Transportation claims filed for the 2010-11 school year. These payments are normally made in December of each year. In the event that funds are restored this fiscal year, the State Board will promptly pay the 2010-11 claims that were submitted.

If you have any questions, contact the Division of Funding and Disbursement Services at 217.782.5256.

Locker Policy

Students' lockers and desks are the property of the Chicago Public Schools.

They are subject to search at any time.



FOWY

On behalf of the Friends of Whitney Young (FoWY), we hope you are enjoying the Summer!

Most of you are probably familiar with 'Friends Of' or PTA organizations from your elementary school. Like those organizations, we offer a place where you can get involved, and give back, to the school community. Through our Grants program, in 2010-2011 FoWY awarded over \$50,000 back to WY teachers, clubs and teams. We not only raise money but we also plan community events.

Mark your calendars for our 2nd Annual Fall Carnival, September 23-25, 2011...we have bigger and better rides, carnival games, Friday and Saturday music entertainment on the main stage, student booths and all the carnival munchies you crave! This event is not just for students, it's an opportunity for parents to socialize as well. Pre-Sale 3-day Mega Passes will be on sale at Registration for \$35. If you or your student is not into the rides, there's no admission charge to come for the music and entertainment. Hope to see you there!

In addition to the carnival, we helped coordinate a Sports Booster auction last Spring, stay tuned for more information on the event in 2012. Recently, we also started a Social Committee which will be planning parent events on Friday evenings throughout the school year. We plan to organize these events at various locations throughout the city so people have the opportunity to meet others from their area.

FoWY is a place where you, as parents who most likely aren't coming to the school every day, can make and build connections and relationships with other WY parents, teachers and the administrators. We hope you will consider getting involved with the organization. Below is a list of Committees that are a part of FoWY. You can learn more about these committees at our first meeting of the school year which will be held on **Sept. 12, 2011 at 6 PM in Blue House** (2nd floor of the Main building).

The activities and efforts of FoWY are designed to provide all of the students with a well-rounded high school experience. Hopefully you'll become a part of that experience through participation in the organization. We'd love to see you in September and at our monthly meetings (see the schedule below). Meetings are typically held the first Monday of each month but due to CPS holidays some dates are switched.

FoWY Committees 2011 - 2012

Fall Carnival
WY Phone Directory Committee
Annual Letter/Phon-a-thon Committee
Grants Committee
Sports Booster Committee
Social Committee

FoWY Meeting Schedule 2011 – 2012

September 12
October 3
November 7
December 5 (*Annual Potluck meeting*)
January 9
February 6
March 12
April 2
May 7

Fee Waiver Process

In order to receive a fee waiver the following steps must be completed:

- Complete a 2011-2012 Free/Reduced application form and be approved for Free lunch
- **OR** present a Direct Certification Letter which you will receive from the State by mail during the summer.
- Complete an Application for Waiver of Fees (2011-2012). This application must include income documentation, such as a recent wage statement, W-2 form, 1040 form, AFDC or food stamp eligibility notice or government documents for social security, pension, etc.
- Medical or Link cards are NOT ACCEPTABLE as income documentation.

Free/Reduced Lunch applications and **Fee Waiver applications** will be available in the Main Office beginning the second week of August. Please call 773-534-7500 before coming to the school to be sure the forms have arrived. You may pick them up, complete them and bring them with you to the August registration. We will process them on that day and you can be approved for a waiver at the same time.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, September 23, 2011. Students who submit applications will be notified in their division if the application was approved. The approval form in yellow and should be retained for your records.

Parents who paid the fees and were then approved for a fee waiver must complete a **Fee Refund Request** form which will be available outside the Deans' offices (1C/2C or 3C/4C) beginning on the first day of school. The deadline for submitting Fee Refund requests is Friday, September 23, 2011. Refund checks will be issued within four to six weeks after that date.

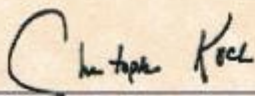
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