

Wester Newsflash

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Wester's Core Values

Respect

Integrity

Service

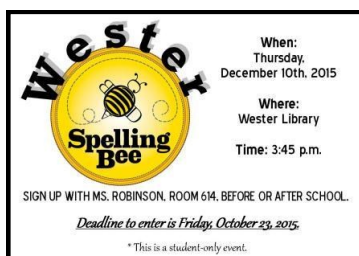
Excellence

Wester Mission Statement

Wester Middle School will collaboratively create a positive learning environment committed to equipping society with empowered learners.

October 7, 2015

Upcoming Events



Coffee with the Counselors

Coffee with the Counselors is a program designed with our parents in mind. We will present various topics throughout the year that are of interest to parents in today's world. We'd love to have you join us on Thursday, October 8th, at 5:00 in the Wester Library.

Counselors will be presenting:

Healthy Relationships/AIM for Success/College Ed/Groups

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Wall of Fame

Every six weeks, each team recognizes students who exemplify Wester's core values of "Respect, Integrity, Service, and Excellence". The students receive a certificate and their picture is posted on our Wall of Fame outside the office. Congratulations to the 2015-2016 first six weeks Wall of Fame students!



Bryan Fatheree, Devin Cybulski, Konnor Swink, Flavia Schiopu, Madeline Varney, Brydn Abraham, Hannah Kurth, Spencer Tolman, Trinity McMillan, Jacob Redenbaugh, Reagan Rasmussen, Hayden Smith

Riverdog and Star Awards



Rachel Hallett, Aubrey Hutzler, Alyssa Adkins, Brian Fatheree, Hunter Phillips, Owen Davis, Ella Stewart, Rohan Pillai, Chase Gordon, Devin Cybulski



Satvik Gurram, Madison Romberger, Maggie Wallace, Freddie Lengart
Cassidy Collins, Flavia Shiopu, Megan Jernigan, Vlad Georgescu, Ty Volk, Konnor Swink

Hillcat and Rockhound Awards



Aubri Diaz, Jacob Dominguez, Tasneem Jamal, Trey Walters, Maddie Smiga, Kayla Stover, Xiyah Dorsey, Iqra Mustafa, Courtney Spencer, Patrick Sigler



Brooke Potter, Allison Duntley, Sierra Smith, Lily Burleigh, Ashley Money, Gregory Oganesyan, Tate Gutschlag, Caleb White, Kenner Cox and Daniel Padron

Express and Thunder Awards



German Sanchez, Rushil Chander, Lauren Green, Grant Caldwell, Alondra Diaz, Jakob Carlson, Jawan Washington, Sarah Bartley, Annabel Brooks, Michael Wheeler, Dylan Cockrell



Abigail Gildea, Sophie Heyen, CeCe Pelayo, Jamie Seigel, Addie Ortiz, Sydney Gordon, Collin Shelton, Chiara Tabash, De'Andre Doss, Kyler Mobisa (not pictured), Tyler Slone (not pictured), Alaina Gunn (not pictured)

Resources and Other Information

Report an Absence

Please remember to send a doctor's note, written parent note, or email when your child is absent. A phone call is not an acceptable notification of an absence. If written documentation is not received within three days of your student returning to school, the absence will be marked as unexcused.

Email: Wester@friscoisd.org

Early Check-out Procedure

We cannot pull students for an appointment prior to parent or guardian arrival. Please allow 5-10 minutes for us to call your student from class, get items from his/her locker, and check out. Be sure to bring your driver's license with you in case we need to scan it before checking out your child.

Homework Requests

As per the student handbook, a request for homework may be made on the second consecutive day of absence. Requests are made by calling the office at 469-633-4800 no later than 10:00 am. Assignments will be available for pick-up in the office by 3:00 pm. Students who are absent one day should see each teacher upon their return for schoolwork missed.

Book Fair

It's Book Fair time!

"Zombie Beatdown"

October 7 - 14

Regular Book Fair Hours -
7:55 am - 4:00 pm

**Monday, Oct. 13 -
10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

Wednesday, Oct. 14 -
7:55 am - 1:00 pm

Shop Online 24/7 beginning
October 3rd

Go to [http://
bookfairs.scholastic.com/
homepage/westerm](http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/westerm)

Students earn TRIPLE TICKETS
on Conference Day!

All proceeds from the book fair
go directly to the Wester
Library to purchase books and

support programs for students.

Volunteers are needed to work
the Book Fair. Daily one &
two hour time blocks available

If you would like to volunteer
during the book fair, please
email our librarian, Mrs.
Friend, at
FriendE@friscoisd.org.

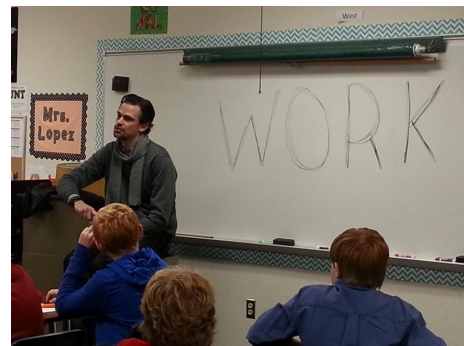
Career Day

Wester's Annual Career Day
is November 20th. Please
help us make this year's
Career Day a success by
volunteering your time.

We are looking for individuals
who are willing to share
their exciting career with
our students at Wester. We

will need approximately 40
different careers.

If you are interested in being
one of our Career Day
presenters, please contact
Michelle Ott at
OttM@friscoisd.org by
October 23rd



Michael Durkin, owner of Durkin's Pizza in McKinney, talks to Wester students about the importance of hard work.

Other News

Congratulations to the **Wester Symphonic Band** and the **Wester Symphonic Orchestra** for their success in The Foundation for Music Education National Contest. The Wester Symphonic Band was named a National Winner in the National Wind Band Honors Project and the Wester Symphonic Orchestra was named a National Winner in the National Orchestra Honors Project. The recordings that were submitted by the two groups were judged by world renowned conductors and placed in the highest category in the contest. Both groups were in the Top 10% of ensembles that had entered the contest.

Not only did the groups perform well as individual ensembles, the combined group, **The Wester Symphony Orchestra**, placed 6th in the state in the TMEA Honor Full Orchestra Contest this past summer. The Wester Symphonic Band is under the Direction of Brad Smith and Michelle Black and the Wester Symphonic Orchestra is under the Direction of Jennifer Vanhook.



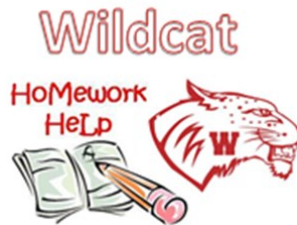
Wester Symphony Orchestra



Wester Symphonic Band

Attention all students!!! Do you need help in a core subject area? Well, help is on the way with **Wildcat Homework Help.**

NJHS members have started a new program at Wester to tutor students in the Library during Wednesday afternoon tutorials. Tutors are available to help in all core subjects: Math, Language Arts, Science, and History. The Wildcat Homework Help program began September 30th, and will continue throughout the year. See you there!



Fall Fitness Grams are almost complete and Wester is happy to share that we have earned our **Healthy Zone School** designation and are no longer a school in training. We are excited to take our students to the next level in understanding health and wellness through this amazing program. Please access the website for more information.

<https://www.healthyzoneschool.com/>