

# WangenheimNews

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Keeping Parents Informed

Summer

Dear Wangenheim Families,

On behalf of the Wangenheim Middle School Staff, I would like to personally express our thanks and appreciation for your ongoing support as we begin the 2008-2009 school year. Our program has been carefully designed to help students to realize their full potential. Our teachers are lifelong learners dedicated to excellence and the continual improvement of teaching practices. The administrators, counselors, teachers, and support staff stand ready to assist our students to meet their needs.

During late summer, you should receive results from the STAR assessments via U.S. Mail. Please take time to look over these test scores and discuss their implications with your son/daughter. Remember, it is our goal for all students to perform at the Proficient level or above. As students move through the K-12 system, it is imperative that they are made aware of their progress as well as what they need to do to improve or maintain their level of proficiency.

If you have any questions about our educational program, please feel free to call me, Robert Grano, or one of our vice principals, Mr. Gallardo or Mrs. Sloan.

Sincerely,  
Robert J. Grano, Principal

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

### BELL SCHEDULE

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> LUNCH

ADVISORY	7:30 – 7:50
PERIOD 1	7:54 - 8:48
PERIOD 2	8:52 - 9:46
PERIOD 3	9:50 - 10:44
<b>LUNCH</b>	10:48 -11:18
PERIOD 4	11:22 -12:17
PERIOD 5	12:21 - 1:16
PERIOD 6	1:20 - 2:15

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> LUNCH

ADVISORY	7:30 -7:50
PERIOD 1	7:54 - 8:48
PERIOD 2	8:52 - 9:46
PERIOD 3	9:50 - 10:44
PERIOD 4	10:48 - 11:43
<b>LUNCH</b>	11:47 - 12:17
PERIOD 5	12:21 - 1:16
PERIOD 6	1:20 - 2:15

#### MINIMUM DAY BELL SCHEDULE AND DATES

PERIOD 1	7:30 – 8:10
PERIOD 2	8:15 – 8:50
PERIOD 3	8:55 – 9:30
PERIOD 4	9:35 – 10:10
PERIOD 5	10:15 – 10:50
PERIOD 6	10:55 – 11:30

September 17  
October 15  
February 25  
March 11  
June 15

### New - Advisory Period

This year we have added a 20 minute Advisory period to the beginning of the day. The purpose of the Advisory is for students to meet with a mentor teacher who will monitor their social, emotional and academic progress. During Advisory, the teacher will check on the students and counsel them as needed. Other Advisory activities include character education lessons, watching the broadcast, passing out and collecting important handouts, and reading of announcements. In addition, the ASB will organize many fun activities throughout the year. Advisory is a fun way for students to get organized and get their day off to a great start.

# Orientation

Thursday, August 28, 2008

- Get your schedule
- Meet your teachers
- Purchase PE clothes and PE locks

7:45 a.m. Distribution of class schedules on the lunch court

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Classroom visits

## New student orientation:

8:00 – 8:30 or 8:30 – 9:00 (choose one)

New student orientation for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

### **PE CLOTHES WILL BE SOLD ON:**

**THURSDAY (Aug. 28) from 7:30 – 12:30 AND  
FRIDAY (Aug. 29) from 9:00 – 12:00  
IN ROOM 111**

**T-SHIRTS \$10, SHORTS \$12, SWEATS \$13**

PE Locks will also be sold on Thursday and Friday. Locks cost \$5. If you pay with a check, please pay with a separate check for PE clothes and locks.

For PE clothes make check payable to: Wangenheim PTSA

For Locks make check payable to: Wangenheim Middle School



On the FIRST day of school, students will need to pick up a new schedule starting at 7:00 a.m. on the lunch court.

# VEEP Students

August 2008

Dear VEEP Students,

We would like to extend a special welcome to you at this time!

Before Tuesday, September 2, the Transportation Department will mail your new bus schedule to you. If you have not received your schedule from Transportation by August 28, call transportation at (858) 496-8460 to verify that your name is on their list to obtain your bus schedule. Transportation will begin on the **first day of school, September 2, 2008.**

## **Important Orientation Day Information!**

**We hope you can join us on Thursday, August 28, 2008 from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Schedules will be given out on the lunch court.**

Students attending Wangenheim under the VEEP Program can go to **any school listed below** to receive transportation for Orientation on August 28.

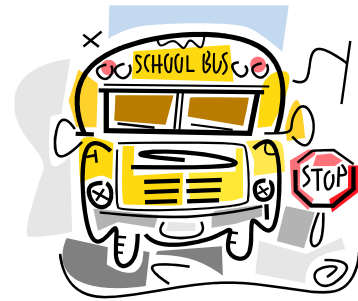
**Bus Transportation on Thursday, August 28 ONLY**, will be available to you as follows:

### **BUS A**

- Pick up at McKinley Elementary School will be – 7:05 AM
- Pick up at Jefferson Elementary School will be – 7:15 AM
- Pick up at North Park Elementary School will be – 7:20 AM
- Pick up at Garfield Elementary School will be – 7:25 AM
- Pick up at Birney Elementary School will be – 7:35 AM

### **BUS B**

- Pick up at Baker Elementary School will be – 6:55 AM
- Pick up at Mead Elementary School will be – 7:05 AM
- Pick up at Chollas Elementary School will be – 7:15 AM
- Pick up at Marshall Elementary School will be – 7:25 AM
- Pick up at Jackson Elementary School will be 7:35 AM



Buses will **leave** Wangenheim for the return trip at **9:30AM!**

**Parents/Guardians**, the buses are available for you to ride with your child. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to visit our school with your child during the orientation, Thursday, August 28. We are looking forward to having your child as a student this coming year and want you to know how much your participation in the VEEP Program is appreciated.

Sincerely,

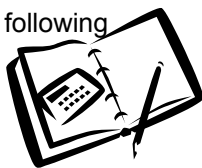
Catherine Holm  
Head Counselor

## Student Planner

Good organization and study habits established now will help students achieve their goals in the future. Each student will receive a student planner in which they are expected to record daily assignments, homework, upcoming tests, projects, etc. Students will purchase the planner from their English teacher. Cost is \$4.00. Lost planners must be replaced. They are available in the Finance Office for \$5.00. :

We are asking that each student have the following items and bring them to school each day:

- 1 ½" metal three-ring binder
- Dividers for each subject
- 1 pen/pencil plastic pouch to fit the binder
- 8 ½ X 11 notebook paper punched for the binder
- Personal reading book: students will read at least 25 books per year to meet District & State Language Arts Standards.



## **5% Back to Schools Program**

If you purchase your supplies at **OFFICE DEPOT**, they give Wangenheim 5% back. When you check out, ask them to credit **WANGENHEIM MIDDLE SCHOOL**. The ID# **70013883**

**CHEWING GUM  
IS NOT  
ALLOWED AT  
SCHOOL**

**Wangenheim Middle School Website**  
**<http://www.sandi.net/Wangenheim>**

**Check out our website. You will be able to contact teachers and learn about all the exciting things going on at Wangenheim Middle School. You can also keep informed about your child's information on Parent Connection. A Parent Connection account allows you to look at information such as grades, attendance and homework. More information will be sent home in the Opening of School Envelope in September.**

## Dress Code

The dress code is in effect any time students are on campus, including after school and evening events. All clothing and footwear is to be safe and appropriate to a school setting.

- No hats, headwear and sunglasses.
- Only Wangenheim hats may be used for sun protection. These hats are available for purchase.
- Undergarments cannot be visible.
- Shorts and skirts must come down to near the knee. No short shorts or skirts.
- Students may not wear tube or halter tops, spaghetti straps, off the shoulder, backless, mesh, midriff, crop or cut-out shirts, including "muscle" undershirts.
- Items which denote gang affiliation, crime, profanity, weapons, alcoholic, or illegal substances are not allowed.
- Clothing cannot be ripped, shredded, or cut.
- Spikes, chains, or safety pins are not allowed.
- Shoulder straps must be at least 3" wide
- All shirts must adhere to the dress code, including shirts worn under sweaters, jackets, or sweatshirts.
- The P.E. uniform may **only** be worn during P.E. class.
- Slippers, pajamas, or flip-flops are not allowed.
- No hoods on while inside.

Students who dress inappropriately will be asked to change, to have parents come with a change of clothes, or be sent home. Inappropriate clothing will be confiscated. If item is not picked up within one week by a parent or student with parent signature, it will be donated to charity.

# Important Dates to Remember

August 28	Student Orientation, 8:00-9:00
<b>September 2</b>	<b>School Starts - Full Day of Instruction</b>
September 16	Picture Day
September 17	Minimum Day – 11:30 dismissal
September 23	Back to School Night for Parents
October 15	Minimum Day – 11:30 dismissal
October 15	Parents are invited to <b>Shadow A Student Day</b>
October 22	Picture Make-up Day
November 11	Holiday –Veterans Day Observance - No School
November 24 - 28	Thanksgiving Break – No School
December 22-January 2	Winter Break –No School
January 19	Holiday – Martin Luther King Day Observance – No School
February 9	Holiday – Lincoln’s Birthday Observance – No School
February 11	Open House
February 16	Holiday – President’s Day – No School
February 25	Minimum Day – 11:30 dismissal
March 11	Minimum Day – 11:30 dismissal
April 6 - 10	Spring Break – No School
May 25	Holiday– Memorial Day – No School
June 15	Last Day of School, Minimum Day – 11:30 dismissal

## Grading Period Ends:

## Progress Report/Report Card Goes Home:



October 17  
 December 5  
 January 30  
 March 15  
 May 1  
 June 15

Friday, October 24  
 Friday, December 12  
 Semester Report Card mailed home  
 Friday, March 20  
 Friday, May 8  
 Final Report Card mailed home

### MASCOT AND SCHOOL COLORS

School Mascot: Wildcat  
 School Colors: Royal blue & Yellow



### OFFICE HOURS

7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
 Students may enter campus  
 at 7:00 am

**“BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT” for parents**  
**Reserve this date!!**  
**Tuesday, September 23**

## INAPPROPRIATE ITEMS

Possession or use of items inappropriate to the educational process, such as poppers, CD players, iPods, PSP's, laser pointers, tape recorders, video games, cameras, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, toys, spray cans, permanent markers, white-out, and trading cards are not allowed at school.

First Offense: the item will be returned to the student after the parent signs a warning.

Second Offense: the item will only be returned to the parent.

Items not retrieved within one week will be discarded. Items for repeat offenders may be confiscated until the end of the school year. Wangenheim is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

## Attendance Information

Mrs. Johnalee Bean & Mrs. Pat Hart, Attendance Clerks

Student Information Cards will be sent home on the first day of school and must be returned within one week. The state and district require that we have a new set of information cards each school year. This is your opportunity to update phone numbers and inform us to whom we may or may not release your child in case of emergency or early release. The information you provide will be updated in our computer system. In addition, this is a good time to discuss with your child your family's plan in case of emergency. Please make sure your child memorizes and has a copy of important phone numbers.

**Please call the school whenever your child is absent.** All absences must be verified with a parent/guardian through personal contact, note, or telephone call. If a parent/guardian has not contacted the school regarding his/her child's absence within five days of absence, the school will consider the student's absence to be unexcused. If your child must leave early, please send the student to the Attendance Office (**not the teacher**) with a note or call the office in the morning. Please allow time for us to send for the student. If students are suited up for P.E., it can take up to 20 minutes or more for them to change and walk to the office.

Our Automated Dialing System will call your home number between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. each day to verify absences and tardies when parents have not notified the office.

If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance, please call us. *We are here to help!*

**To Report An Absence, Please Call  
858-578-1400 Extension 2300 or 2301**

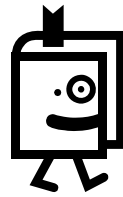
## MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Ms. LaMerle Mouton, School Librarian

Wangenheim Middle School's Library is looking forward to another busy and exciting year.

The library is a favorite place for kids to visit during the school day. I look forward to sharing my love of reading and research with students while supporting the teachers and the curriculum.

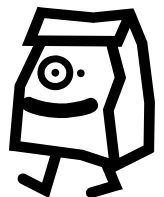
**Textbook Checkout** will be during the first month of school. Individual textbooks are available for some courses. Students will keep these textbooks at home during the school year. Each textbook should be covered and kept in a safe, dry place. Please be aware that your student checks out books with a specific number and the books with these same numbers must be returned in good condition at the end of the school year. Each student is responsible for returning the same textbooks we checked out to him/her, so



please be careful not to mix those books with textbooks belonging to other students. Textbooks are very expensive with most core subject books costing over \$50. **Library Books:** Students may check out up to 5 books at a time. Each book is checked out for 2 weeks. If books are overdue, there is a fine of 5 cents a day for each overdue book. If a student needs to keep a book for longer than 2 weeks, he/she may renew (recheck) the book. **Computer Catalog:** Computer Catalogs are available in the library for students to look for books. Students may also access the computer catalog at home. The Computer Catalog is a web-based search program that allows patrons to search for books and other instructional materials. It replaces the old-fashioned card catalog. Visit this website to check the collections in the Wangenheim library – <http://www.sandi.net/IMC/>

## LUNCH

The lunch period lasts 30 minutes and students must remain on campus. Students will go to lunch at the same time as their 4<sup>th</sup> period teacher. The Tiger Eatery sells complete lunches for \$2.00 and a large variety of a la carte items and drinks. Students are permitted to eat only in the designated lunch area. Breakfast is 75 cents and is served from 7:00 a.m. to 7:25 a.m. (Prices may increase in September)



Students are encouraged to **bring sack lunches for the first two weeks.** Long lines are possible while students are becoming familiar with the new menu and trying to remember new pin numbers. For information on prepayment, menus, newsletters, etc. check out the SDUSD web page: [www.sandi.net/food/payment.htm](http://www.sandi.net/food/payment.htm)

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

The development and maintenance of physical fitness is an integral part of our curriculum. The following information provides a basis for our physical education program.

### **GOALS OF THE PHYSICALLY EDUCATED STUDENT:**

- To learn skills necessary to perform a variety of physical activities
- To be physically fit
- To participate regularly in daily physical activity
- To know the implications of and benefits from involvement in physical activities
- To value physical activity and its contributions to a healthy lifestyle

### **PROGRAM:**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade program will focus on:

- Individual and cooperative games that develop throwing, striking and movement patterns relating to skills
- Recognizing the importance of social interaction in a variety of activities and beginning to develop lifetime knowledge and interest in physical activity.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade course will:

- Continue to practice throwing, striking, and movement patterns relating to individual skills
- Recognize the importance of social interaction in a variety of activities
- Identify principles of training and conditioning
- Develop lifelong knowledge and interest in physical activity. Students participate in team games.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade course includes emphasis on:

- Fitness
- Advanced skills, techniques and strategies in team sports.

The typical class period consists of recording attendance, uniform checks, warm-ups, instructional time (lecture, demonstration, drills) and/or participation in an activity. Activities may include: games, skill drills, basketball, football (flag), volleyball, volley tennis, team handball, fitness activities, rope jumping, aerobics, track and field, disk throwing/spinning, rhythms, softball, hockey, volleyball and racquetball.

Students are required to dress daily for P. E. class. **Students excused by a PE teacher or parent from an activity due to sudden illness are still required to dress for class. If a student needs to be excused for more than three days because of injury or illness, a doctor's note must be sent to the nurse before school.**

**UNIFORM:** The physical education uniform consists of the following: **Required:** 1 Wangenheim PE shirt- \$10.00; 1 Pair of Wangenheim gym shorts- \$12.00; 1 pair of athletic socks; 1 pair of tied-athletic shoes. **Highly Recommended:** Wangenheim Sweatshirt-\$13.00; Wangenheim Sweatpants-\$13.00; Teachers will label the student's uniform. Students should label their PE socks and shoes. The PTSA will be selling uniforms and a Wangenheim baseball cap for protection from the sun at Orientation and throughout the year. No other hat may be worn at school.

For safety reasons the PE Dept. **does not** allow the following:

- Wearing leggings, sagging shorts, extra shorts and a shirt, a sweatshirt with a zipper, hood, or pockets. Coats are not allowed.

- Wearing slip-on shoes or slip-on gym shoes. These do not provide enough support for the foot in strenuous activities.
- Wearing tied athletic shoes with the laces tied under the tongue of the shoe and/or a sock placed under the shoe tongue.
- Sharing PE clothes with another student and/or sharing a PE basket.

Failure to suit up and/or participate in class may result in consequences and will effect both scholarship and citizenship grades. If a student has two (2) days of not suiting for PE, the highest grade they can earn is a "B". The following specifies the grade that can be earned if a student is a "Non-suit" for PE class. 2 NS = B; 3 NS=C; 4 NS=D. (NS =Non-suit)

**LOCKS:** Combination/keyed locks purchased from the Wangenheim office are used at Wangenheim. Each lock is registered by serial number, name, and basket number and may be used each year the student is enrolled at Wangenheim and may be passed on to a sibling. **A lock costs \$5.00.** This type of lock improves security, reduces theft and aids a student who has forgotten the combination. Only PE teachers and the principal have the keys to access the locks. A student must replace any lock that is lost at his or her own expense. Locks not purchased from the school will be removed. A student without a lock must carry his/her PE clothes daily in his/her backpack.

**Security Recommendations for using locks:** Rest assured that it is close to impossible for the school locks to be broken or "kicked off". To reduce theft and loss of belongings please speak with your child about the need to:

- \*Memorize his/her lock combination without sharing it with friends. \*Not share his/her lock or basket with others.
- \*Not to take short cuts by setting the lock to the last number of the combination. Gravity or another student may bump or tug it open gaining access to your child's belongings. \*All valuables must be locked. Cell phones and money should be taken out of the backpack and locked into the PE baskets while the student is attending P.E. class.

**General Grading Policy:**

**Scholarship:** Participation, Physical Fitness, Skills, Knowledge, and Improvement.

**Citizenship:** Participation, Responsibility (uniform, equipment, etc.) Tardiness, Behavior and Conduct (class and locker room).



## HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned on a regular basis. Homework helps students become self-directed, independent learners, and improves their academic achievement.

The amount of homework may vary, but all students are responsible for completing homework. In all classes, students should consider that any unfinished work automatically becomes homework. Each teacher sends home his/her individual late work and homework policies in the syllabus at the beginning of the year. All policies have been reviewed and approved by Mr. Grano and have his full support. Your child is responsible for recording assignments on the homework calendar, which you may then check. Don't forget, every student has a homework partner for each period as a double check. Parents can also see assignments on Parent Connection.



## LIVE HOMEWORK HELP

Use your Library Card to get help online. Live Homework Help is a free, live, one-to-one online tutoring service connecting students in the SDUSD to qualified tutors from any Internet-enabled computer. Students, parents, and teachers can connect to online tutors seven days a week between 1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Currently the service is only accessible on computers from home running Microsoft Windows.

To use Live Homework Help and connect with a live online tutor, you need either a valid San Diego Public Library Card Number and Personal Identification Number (PIN) or a San Diego Public Library Access card. To assist you in completing a Library Card Application you may download the application by visiting [www.sandiego.gov/public-library/](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/). Select "I Want To apply for a library card" on the upper-left side of the screen.

To access Live Homework Help, visit [www.sandiego.gov/public-library/](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/). Choose Live Homework Help from right side of screen.

## COUNSELING OFFICE

If a student wishes to talk to a counselor, he/she must fill out the "Request To See Counselor" form.

These forms are located on the counter directly inside the Counseling Office. **ALL STUDENTS MUST SIGN IN WHEN VISITING THE COUNSELING OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE ADMITTED DURING SCHOOL HOURS WITHOUT A PASS.** If parents or guardians would like to meet with their child's counselor, they should call and schedule an appointment.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY (A.S.B.)

A great deal of emphasis is placed on student activities at Wangenheim Middle School. We encourage all of our students to become involved in the activities that are offered. We believe that students who participate in activities can more closely identify with the school and develop a feeling of pride and loyalty. Many student activities will be scheduled during lunch periods. The purpose of the A.S.B. is to promote the welfare of the school, encourage loyalty and school spirit, and to develop leadership. **Every student is a member of the Associated Student Body.**

## HEALTH OFFICE

The health office is open to students, parents and staff from 7:15 am until 2:30 pm on regular school days. Please contact the Registered Nurse if your student needs to take prescription medication during the school day. Asthma inhalers are considered a prescription item and the student's doctor needs to complete a school district form for the student to carry the inhaler. Please have a parent/guardian bring the completed form to the school nurse. New forms are needed each school year. Items left in the health office at the end of the school year are discarded if not picked up by the parent/guardian.

Over the counter medications such as Acetaminophen (Tylenol), Ibuprophen (Motrin), and Advil are available in the health office on an as needed basis when a Registered Nurse is present. No other staff can administer these medications. If your student needs to take over the counter medication on a daily basis, then a physician's recommendation form needs to be completed, given to the registered nurse, and a supply of the medication brought to the school. The school nurse can then arrange for other staff to give the medication for the physician indicated purpose only.

Short term medications (such as antibiotics) may be given by the school staff if the orders from the physician are on the label and the medication must be given more than four times per twenty-four hours. If the medication is ordered three times per day or less, it is possible and safer to give the medication at home.

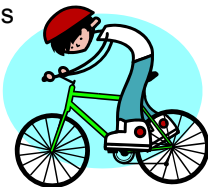
## Cell Phone Policy

Students may have a cell phone on campus. However, **cell phones may only be used outside before and after school.** They may NOT be used between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. During school hours, they may not ring, vibrate or be seen. Any staff member who hears a cell phone ring or sees it may confiscate it. Students who text during school will receive additional consequences. Wangenheim is not responsible for phones that are lost, stolen or damaged at school.

## Safety

**Campus Security....**In order to keep our school secure, San Diego Unified School District has asked that all schools keep their campuses safe by locking all gates. Anyone wishing to visit campus must enter through the front office and sign in.

**Bicycle Security....**Wangenheim takes every precaution to provide security in the bicycle rack, however students park their bicycles at their own risk. The school is not responsible for damage to or theft of bicycles. Students who ride a bicycle to school must have a secure lock with which to lock the bicycle to a rack in the bicycle rack. In addition, state law requires students to wear helmets when riding their bicycles. Students are expected to walk their bikes in front of the school and on campus. It is strongly recommended that all bicycles ridden to school be registered and/or licensed. **NO SKATEBOARDS, ROLLERBLADES, WHEELIES OR RAZER SCOOTERS** are allowed on campus. The bike racks are locked from 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.



## Procedure for Student Pick Up and Drop Off...

Please arrange a meeting spot **OFF CAMPUS** to pickup and drop off your child. Parents are not allowed to drive into the parking lot to pick up or drop off students during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

You may drive into the parking lot and park under the following circumstances only:

- You have an appointment or need to go into the office.
- Your child has a medical condition which has been brought to the attention of the school nurse and the school nurse agrees that your child should not walk in from the street.
- Your child has a very heavy project to bring to school.
- It is not between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. or 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

**When dropping off your child, please do not allow your child to:**

- **get out of the car in the middle of the street**
- **get out of the car in the middle of the crosswalk**
- **get out of the car while the car is in a red zone.**

We are trying to avoid traffic accidents, traffic citations, and most important, injury to any of our Wangenheim students. The red zones and crosswalks are marked specifically for students' safety. It is **illegal** to park the car next to a red curb, in a crosswalk, or to release passengers from the middle of the street. The streets are very congested and we need to keep the cars out of these areas to prevent an accident. It is much less congested one half a block away from the main entrance to school, and we recommend that you drop off and pick up your child in a less congested area.

Please ensure that anyone transporting your child complies with the parking and driving laws that are designed for your child's safety. By arranging to drop your child off in a safe and legal location, you will be teaching your child important safety rules that may prevent an accident or injury.

## ParentConnection

Communication between schools and parents is important to improve student achievement in the classroom. In an effort to build on this belief and to ensure academic success for all students, we have implemented ParentConnection. ParentConnection can provide parents with another way of connecting with their child's education. By using ParentConnection, parents are able to view educational information about their children.

ParentConnection is a web-based application that allows parents secured access to academic information about their children from home. Information that can be accessed includes attendance, behavior, GPA data, report cards/progress report grades, and student schedule.

ParentConnection requires a computer with Internet access and a web browser such as Internet Explorer. ParentConnection will work on a computer running either Windows or Macintosh OS. If you do not have a computer in your home, computers at public libraries have Internet connections and can be used for free.

As a security measure, to protect the privacy of student information, parents are required to register to use ParentConnection. **You do not need to re-register if you already have a ParentConnection account from Wangenheim Middle School.**

Watch for more information in the Opening of School envelope in September.



## Wildcat Way Character Education Program

We encourage all students to work towards earning a **Leadership, Character, and Service Award**. This award is part of our Wildcat Way character education program. The purpose of the award is to encourage all students to develop leadership skills, strengthen important character traits, and begin a life-long tradition of community service. The award is designed so that all Wangenheim students can earn it if they put in the effort. Our goal is to have as many students as possible earn the award.

Each grade level has a certain number of points which the students must earn to receive the award. To learn about all the ways the students can earn points in the areas of Leadership, Character, and Service, you can either pick up the form in the Counseling Center or look at it on-line. (<http://www.sandi.net/Wangenheim>)

Students who earn the award will be honored in a special assembly at the end of the year when they will receive a special certificate. I hope that you will review the requirements with your child and encourage him or her to make the effort required to earn the award.

### Student Wildcat

Students who are following the 9 pillars of the Wildcat Way can be awarded a Wildcat Card by any staff member. These cards can be turned in to the raffle jar in the Counseling Center. Once a month we will have a raffle drawing which will be broadcast on the Friday Update.

### Wildcat of the Month

Each month 5 students will be chosen as "Wildcat of the Month." Students will be nominated for this award by the staff. The principal will choose from these nominations. The winners will be treated to lunch at a nearby restaurant with the principal. Students will receive certificates and be honored in an assembly.

### PICTURE DAY

Please help your child remember that **September 16th is school picture day**. Every student will be photographed whether they wish to buy pictures or not. Identification cards, with the student's picture, will be issued that day. These I.D. cards are used as student bus passes for those who ride the school bus. They are also used to check out library books and for identification when picking up yearbooks and entering other school activities.

### Wangenheim Discipline Policy

Students are to respect the directions of every staff member. The discipline code is in effect whenever a Wangenheim student is on campus **24 hours a day**. The following behaviors are absolutely forbidden at any time and will result in disciplinary action:

- Defiance or disrespect of authority
- Habitual tardiness
- Classroom defiance or disruption
- Injuring another person
- Sexual harassment or battery
- Possession or use of weapons
- Fighting, "play fighting," pushing, shoving
- Possession or use of drugs or alcohol
- Smoking or possession of tobacco products such as cigarettes, lighters or matches
- Extortion or threats
- Cyber bullying and internet harassment
- Theft or possession of stolen property
- Vandalism including graffiti
- Profanity/rude language, abusive language
- Gambling, loitering, truancy, gum chewing
- Misbehavior going to or from school
- Littering
- Selling on campus without permission
- Cheating, plagiarizing, academic dishonesty
- Walking or running through landscaped areas
- PDA: Public display of affection, including holding hands, hugging and/or kissing
- Inappropriate items: iPods CD players, poppers, PSP's, laser pointers, tape recorders, video games, cameras, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, toys, spray cans, permanent markers, white-out, and trading cards.

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR WANGENHEIM PTSA

First of all, I would like to thank all the students, parents, staff and volunteers for all their hard work.

We started the school year with the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation. We held a Back to School Breakfast for the Wangenheim staff in August along with selling PE clothes at Orientation. PTSA hosted a drug awareness program for both students and parents to attend. Our annual Family Bingo Night was a success once again. The PTSA staff members were surprised at the holidays with a gift from their PTSA Santa. They were also treated to a week of goodies during Teacher Appreciation Week. The entire school was surprised to receive ice cream for our great test scores once again. Our PTSA student members were treated to a pizza luncheon. They also received front of the lunch line passes as a bonus for joining their Wangenheim PTSA and 2 lucky students even won iPod Shuffles. When students are 8<sup>th</sup> graders they have a blast at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance held at the Officers' Club on Miramar. We finish the year with an awesome BMX bike show for the outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

Mr. Grano, our Wangenheim Principal, was chosen as Prize Principal in October by the KyXy radio station and honored at a luncheon at the Outback Steakhouse with 40 guests. Mr. Grano has always supported the PTSA and attends all our board meetings. In the past he has traveled to Sacramento to attend the PTA State Convention. He is a great principal.

The new PTSA Board is looking forward to making a difference. Don't forget to look for us at Orientation on August 28<sup>th</sup> and Back to School night on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. PTSA membership forms will be available in the front office and you will receive one in your child's take home packet at the beginning of the school year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my 2007-2008 PTSA board for all their hard work. It has been a privilege working with you all. We will miss the ones moving on.

Thanks again, Gina Vasquez  
2007-2008 Wangenheim PTSA President

### **YOUR INCOMING 2008-2009 PTSA BOARD**

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WE HAVE OPEN BOARD POSITIONS. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER. OUR CONTACT INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE ON THE WANGENHEIM WEBSITE.

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**Labor Day**  
**September 1, 2008**  
**School Begins September 2, 2008**

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

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**858-578-1400**  
**FAX 858-578-9481**  
**Office Hours 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Attendance Office x2300 or x2301**  
**Cafeteria x2401**  
**Counseling Office x2208**  
**Financial Office x2245**  
**Health Office x2303**  
**Library x2513**  
**Transportation (late buses) 858-496-8460**



### **Crime Stoppers**

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