



Points of Interest
and
Upcoming Events

**First Day
of School:**

**Tuesday,
September
8th**

Start Time:

7:31 a.m

End Time:

2:31 p.m.

Registration

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**Transportation
provided by
Bay City Public
Schools and
Bay Metro
(for eligible
students)**

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August, 2009



Dear Wenona Families and Students,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. As we begin this year we will see changes in staffing and our program. The changes continue to be influenced with challenges of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and serious economic problems in the state that are affecting all school districts. This school year will offer the placement of a science teacher at Wenona, more support for special education, off site learning opportunities, and the implementation of trimesters.

Trimesters mean a departure from the traditional six period semesters to three five period twelve week sessions to earn credit toward a high school diploma. This allows our students to take three more classes in a school year than what the semester schedule offered. With this opportunity and our other opportunities for credit recovery; the focused students can easily make up lost credits and get back on track to earning a high school diploma.

Please be aware that consolidating eighteen weeks of lessons to twelve weeks, our periods have become longer. Therefore, each absence can further jeopardize one's success. It is most important for every student to remain goal focused and strive for daily attendance.

Wenona will continue to offer the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works funded S.T.A.R. program. This program assists student s in understanding career opportunities and expectations for career preparation. Students are provided with earning opportunities and job placements as they journey through the program.

Please look inside for registration information. At Wenona, all returning students must register. Returning students my register at any time during registration hours. New students must make a registration appointment at 895-5550.

As we begin this new school year, let us all set goals, have high expectations, and be firm in resolution. We leave our problems and worries of the past behind us and set a course for success ahead of us. Together...student, family, and school...we can turn dreams into realities.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lombardo, Principal

August 2009



Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Friends of Bay City Public Schools,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the start of a brand new school year. We strive to continue providing a learning environment for our students filled with innovation, opportunity, and excellence.

Some of the exciting happenings in the Bay City Public Schools this year include:

- The completion of our state-of-the-art facilities thanks to our community support of the 2006 bond issue, which will be showcased at a community open house at all of our schools on Sunday, October 18 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- The introduction of a new technology tool called School Messenger allowing easier, faster, timelier communication with parents, students, and staff.
- The purchase of 20 school buses as we continue modernization of our school bus fleet.
- The installation of security cameras on all school buses to enhance student and staff safety
- The start of the new trimester schedules at our high schools to assist students in meeting the new State of Michigan graduation requirements.
- The installation of security cameras at our middle and high schools to enhance student and staff safety.
- The introduction of Web Portal by our Food Service Department, which is a new Internet based communication tool allowing parents to view lunch account balances and their children's lunch purchases.
- We will be one of a few school districts in Michigan to offer Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language.
- The Bay Commitment Scholarship program will again be in place, which has offered 100 scholarships each of the past two years to graduating seniors who are the first in their families to attend college.

In closing, I am always open to your comments or questions and can be reached at 671-8165 or a newcombed@bcschools.net. I also encourage you to get involved in your children's education in any way that you can such as reading, helping with homework or volunteering at school. Thank you and have a great year.

Sincerely,

Douglas L. Newcombe
Interim Superintendent

School Meal Prices for 2009-2010 Year:

High School Breakfast	\$1.90
High School Lunch	\$2.40
Reduced Student Breakfast	\$0.30
Reduced Student Lunch	\$0.40
Extra Entrée	\$1.50
Milk	\$0.55

*Families applying for free/reduced meals will complete forms during registration.



Students can also pre-pay for breakfast and lunch:

	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount*	Yearly Amount**
Full Price Lunch	\$12.00	\$48.00	\$408.00
Reduced Price Lunch	\$2.00	\$8.00	\$68.00
Full Price Breakfast	\$9.50	\$38.00	\$323.00
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$1.50	\$6.00	\$51.00

*Monthly amount is based on a 20 day month

**Yearly amount is based on 170 days

Wenona High School Registration

Monday, August 24th through Wednesday, September 2nd
from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Extended Hours on Wednesday, August 26th until 7:00 p.m.

Wenona students who have completed the second semester of last year may stop in any time during registration hours. All other students must call (895-5550) for an appointment.

Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to register.

Wenona High School Staff

Jerry Lombardo, Principal
Sheryl Whaley, Counselor
Terra Arnold, Secretary
Brenda Blakes, Service Worker/Case Manager
Milton Mackey, Custodian
Rose Longuski, Instructional Assistant
Jessica Foss, Instructional Assistant
Wendy Mindykowski, Instructional Assistant

Andrea Murphy, Teacher (Math)
Matt Reid, Teacher (English)
Rorie Rickard, Teacher (Special Education)
Todd Thunberg, Teacher (Nova Net)
Lisa Wieck, Teacher (Special Education)
Stephanie Wilson, Teacher (Science)

The 2009-2010 School Year At A Glance:

Classes begin (all grades) – 1st trimester **Tues., September 8, 2009**
2nd trimester begins **Mon., November 23**
3rd trimester begins **Mon., March 8**

School Picture Day **Tues., October 13, 2009**

Non School Days

Professional Development **Mon., September 28**
Professional Development **Tues., November 2**
Thanksgiving Break **Wed., November 25 – Fri., November 27**
Winter Break **Mon., December 21 – Fri., January 1**
Professional Development **Mon., February 1**
Professional Development **Fri., February 19 – Mon., February 22**
Spring Break **Mon., March 29 – Fri., April 2**
Professional Development **Mon., April 26**
Memorial Day **Mon., May 31**

Last day of school **Fri., June 4, 2010**



Wenona Center Starting/Ending Times

Starting time: 7:31 a.m.

Ending time: 2:31 p.m.



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