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Dear Wenona Families,

We ended 2009 with a most festive holiday dinner for nearly 200 members of the Wenona Community. The event included not only dinner but also Christmas cookies, and a visit from Santa. The evening was sponsored by a grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation, our activity fund, and a private donation. Look within the newsletter for pictures from the evening.

Into the new year we find ourselves already half way through the second trimester. Progress reports will be distributed at Parent/Teacher conferences this Thursday, January 28, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please find time to personally touch base with our staff regarding your student's progress. Also, keep in mind that you may go to [www.edline.net](http://www.edline.net) to view on a regular basis how your student is meeting the academic expectations at Wenona.

It is already time for our senior students to begin thinking about next year. We had a good turnout of students and families at our financial aid seminar earlier this month. February is a key month for applications to higher education institutions and for filing for financial aid.

On February 12, we will measure for cap and gowns and prepare our diploma order for our 2010 graduates. Letters are being sent to all potential graduates to remind them of dates and responsibilities to bring this school year to a successful conclusion.

I cannot emphasize enough how attendance and keeping up with daily classwork are imperative to being a successful student. As each student begins the final stretch of this trimester, I ask that parents stay informed about their student's progress and have regular discussions as to what is happening at school. The staff and I are pleased to offer each student the opportunity to be successful, but it remains the responsibility of each student to embrace the opportunity offered and to follow through.

Wishing all of you a Happy and Better New Year!  
Sincerely

Jerome J. Lombardo  
Principal

**Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

## Superintendent Newcombe's Message



**February 2010**

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

With the holidays now behind and mid-school year at hand, there are a few items that I want to share and hope are of interest to you.

The District is developing long-range plans for curriculum, preventative maintenance, and middle school scheduling which we hope to roll out before the end of this school year.

In January, the Board of Education was provided an update on trimesters at the high school. This was a big change at the high school level; one that we believe will be beneficial to our students. Because this is new to our district, we are still working through some concerns related to student scheduling, honors and advanced courses available, and commute times to and from the Career Center.

We held two town hall meetings on school funding in Michigan and our budget situation. We are beginning development on our 2010-11 budget with an expected per-student funding reduction of roughly \$450 at the present time. This year the reduction was \$165 per student. While this is not the best of news, the changes already made to our budget for this year will help us next year as well.

Finally, these are difficult economic times for many. If you know of someone who is unemployed or looking for some extra work, the U.S. Census Bureau is actively seeking workers for the Bay County area. The number to call is 1-866-861-2010 or visit the U.S. Census website at [www.2010CensusJobs.Gov](http://www.2010CensusJobs.Gov).

If you have comments or questions, I can be reached at [newcombed@bcschools.net](mailto:newcombed@bcschools.net) or 671-8165. I remain thankful for your interest and support of the Bay City Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Douglas L. Newcombe  
Interim Superintendent

### Wenona Holiday Party



Holiday Friends



Santa Brings Cheer to Wenona Families

## Important Graduation Information

### **Meeting: February 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**

All Graduates and Potential Graduates of the 2009-2010 school year should plan on attending this meeting.

Agenda Items:

- Graduation Fee
- Caps/Gowns
- Graduation Dates
- Diploma Application
- Herff Jones Representative

#### **Timeline for attending college in the fall:**

- Complete FAFSA (financial aid) application now. They are processed by the order in which they are received.
- Apply now for fall admittance to college: Delta College Applications available at: [www.delta.edu](http://www.delta.edu)
- Note: Delta will not process your FAFSA UNTIL you are formally admitted as a student.
- TBA-February Field Trip to Delta for students to take their applications and \$20.00 fee.
- Once admitted to Delta College students must set up their electronic account.
- Students complete the on-line orientation. (mandatory)
- TBA-March Field Trip to Delta for students to take their COMPASS assessment test and meet with academic advisors.
- April 2, 2010 1:30 p.m. students register (on-line) for fall classes.

## Bay Area Community Foundation Scholarship Information

**Scholarships available to seniors starting January 1, 2010**

- **Deadline: March 1, 2010**
- [www.bayfoundation.org](http://www.bayfoundation.org)
- See Ms. Whaley, Counselor to apply



## FREE! Tax Filing Program

The United Way of Bay County is offering Tax Assistance for Low-Income Individuals, Families, Senior Citizens, and Persons with Disabilities through the **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program**.

Appointments may be made by calling the United Way office at 893-7508, ext. 19, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

\*VITA Community Partners: Bay County Division on Aging – Riverside Senior Center, FinancialEdge Credit Union, IRS, Pinconning Library, Alice and Jack Wirt Library, Bay Valley Christian Church

## Free Food Assistance

**36 families per month will receive a gift certificate!**



The gift certificate is through the Angel Food Ministries and will redeem a package of FRESH food that has a retail value of \$60, including a variety of meats, vegetables, grains, milk and eggs.



Individuals/Families can call the United Way at 989-893-7508 ext. 12 to schedule an appointment. A 15 minute meeting will determine need and location of convenience for pick up.

\*This program is sponsored by the Bay Area Community Foundation Initiative Fund, Rotary Club of Bay City and United Way of Bay County

## School Calendar

### Upcoming Events:

**Thurs., January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Mon., February 1**

**Fri., February 5**

**Fri., February 12**

**Fri., February 19**

**Mon., February 22**

**Fri., March 5**

Parent/Teacher Conferences

**No School:** Professional Development

10<sup>th</sup> grade visit to Career Center

(No Career Center for Regular Career Center students)

Graduation Information Meeting

**No School**

**No School**

End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

### **Other:**

STAR Meetings – every Thursday @ 1:30 p.m.



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