

CMS NEWSLETTER



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October is Global Diversity Awareness Month—a month to celebrate and increase awareness about the diversity of cultures and ethnicities. Globalization and the advancement of technology have made it so easy to connect that borders have become elusive.

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We want to bring to your attention alternate high school opportunities available to your children. Some of these programs are full day, while others are partial day. Please review the descriptions and follow the links for additional detailed information regarding the schools of interest. Please be sure to share this news with your 7th/8th grade student so they are aware and can explore these programs before deadlines/due dates pass.

The Sound School

With sweeping views of New Haven Harbor, our little school on the water" prepares students for college, **careers**, and life in a maritime-focused environment. Coupled with rigorous academics and a dedicated faculty, we have become Connecticut's premier aquaculture/agricultural science and technology education center (ASTE).

- Click here to watch a [Virtual Open House](#)
- Click here for the [Freshman Recruitment](#)
- Click here for [Admissions](#)

The Center for Global Studies

Our 290 students learn Arabic, Chinese, or Japanese, study the cultures and history of Asia or the Middle East, read literature from around the world, and travel on two-week study tours to broaden their understanding of the world. Students will study world language, world literature, and world history, and they enroll in global studies-themed math, science, art, gym, health, and other electives.

The Regional Center for the Arts

Is a part-time, public interdistrict magnet high school for Fairfield County students interested in the performing arts. RCA promotes voluntary integration by encouraging collaboration and cooperation among socioeconomic and ethnically diverse school districts. Students who feel a passion for performance, with or without professional training, are welcome to apply to the program.

Student/Parent Open House November 11!

- Click here to [Learn About RCA](#)
- Click here for [RCA Information Session](#)

Alternate High School Options

Academy of Information, Technology & Engineering (AITE)

Is an inter-district, college preparatory public high school with a STEM focus. With high academic standards and rigorous graduation requirements, students take 4 years of English, Math, Science, Social Studies and a World Language. Electives are chosen from 5 areas of concentration - Information Technology, Architecture & Engineering, Business, Fine Arts and Biomedical Sciences.

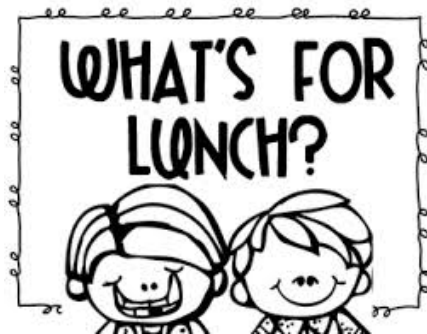
AITE will be offering a webinar Tuesday November 9, 2021 at 6pm. Please go to <https://www.stamfordpublicschools.org/> and click on "AITE" to sign up!

JM Wright Technical High School

Is an innovative high school with a technology-rich **environment** that prepares students for jobs of the future. JM Wright offers ten career technical education programs in addition to our academic courses. The dual curriculum allows students to pursue academic college-bound courses, while also getting real-world experience.

Feel free to visit the school's websites to learn more about the opportunities available. If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's grade-level counselor:

- 8th grade counselor: Alecsa Wecker
awecker@westportps.org
- 7th grade counselor: Lindsey Shortell
lshortell@westportps.org



Join the CMS PTA

Our PTA drive is STILL ON! Please join. Your membership dues are one of the biggest sources of revenue we take in to fund our year of cool stuff for kids, families, teachers, staff and our Westport community. If you haven't joined, it's easy. For \$30, we'll give you access to the school directory, MobilArq, and we'll do the lion's share of the PTA work for the year. I think that's a pretty fair deal. Click here to join: https://westport.mobilearq.com/school_directory_parent_register.html The password to join is the word westport all lowercase.

What's for Lunch?

Visit the food services webpage for more information.

[Food Services Webpage](#)

Pay online and check your child's balance.

School Lunch Menus

Chartwells Newsletter

Free & Reduced Lunch Info

Medical Statement for Meal Modifications

Election Day Bake Sale

November 2, Election Day

Please support the PTA on Election Day and purchase a freshly baked item.

Parent/Student Volunteers will be on campus as you enter the polls.

Grab a tasty treat for you and your family.

School is closed for students.

Staff will be participating in Professional Development.

Report Cards First Marking Period November 12

Report Cards 6th, 7th, & 8th Grades:

The school year is divided into four marking periods of approximately nine weeks each. Report Cards are available online through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Parents wishing to receive a hardcopy should contact the Guidance Secretary. Parents can access the PowerSchool Parent Portal by using this link: <http://powerschool.westportps.org>

If a student has any accountability, i.e. outstanding library books, lost textbooks, etc., Parent Portal access to the report card will be denied until the issue is resolved.

Any student who has received a grade of Incomplete should attend extra help sessions. Teachers will help students to plan a schedule for completing back work or tests. An Incomplete becomes a Failure if the student does not make up the work or tests as scheduled.

See the School Calendar for Report Card dates. Interim Progress Reports (IPRs) are not generated. All parents have access to the PowerSchool GradeBook feature through the Parent Portal.

In lieu of IPRs parents will receive an email alerting parents it is mid-marking period and prompting them to check their child's grades online.

Parents who have questions or concerns about their child's grades should contact the teacher first.

Report Cards Viewable after 4:00 pm:

November 12, January 28, April 12, June 14

Visit

The Middle
School
Handbook for
More
Information

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1628430196/westport/el1yucyzbs0jm3dhjqpg/WestportMiddleSchoolsHandbook2021-2022forCMSandBMS.pdf>

Coleytown Company -Save the Date



Buy your seats now. Both in-person and virtual ticketing options available. [BUY YOUR TICKETS HERE](#)

All Together Now

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at 7:00pm

Ten Broadway performers in our own CMS theatre!!

Coleytown Company is thrilled to announce our new musical ALL TOGETHER NOW.

Save the date for this once in a lifetime event, where our very own 7th and 8th grade students will perform alongside ten amazing Broadway performers.

All patrons eligible for vaccination must provide proof prior to entering the theatre and masks must be worn while in the school building and throughout the performance regardless of vaccination status.

By loving them for more than their abilities we show our children that they are much more than the sum of their accomplishments.- Eileen Kennedy-Moore