Wheatland-Chili
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 27, 2026

Dear Wheatland-Chili Families,

In true form, our October days are becoming shorter, nights are getting colder, and the leaves are brilliant in their annual warning that winter is coming. As we enjoy the remaining days of October, we can pause to celebrate continued success as we progress through the 2026-27 school year.

Fall and Winter Sports
This month, we close out the fall sports season. I want to congratulate our soccer, cross country, and volleyball teams. I would also like to recognize our student athletes and coaches for their hard work, dedication, and athletic accomplishments. Their commitment to excellence, teamwork, and sportsmanship has made our school community proud and helped make this fall a memorable season.

As a reminder, registration for the winter sports season opened on Monday, October 19th. All athletic registrations must be completed through the Arbiter online registration system. Families can access the registration materials by visiting the Athletics tab on the District homepage and selecting the Online Registration quick link. Registration may also be accessed directly by visiting the District's Athletics Page.

School Safety
As we complete our second full month of school, I would like to remind families that school safety remains a top priority throughout the entire school year. Across the District, we regularly conduct safety drills and maintain daily security protocols to help ensure a safe and secure learning environment for our students, staff, and greater school community. An important part of maintaining a safe school environment is ensuring that we have accurate and up-to-date contact information for every student. Family circumstances and contact information can change unexpectedly throughout the year. We encourage all families to notify their building's clerical staff of any changes to phone numbers, addresses, emergency contacts, or guardianship information. Accurate contact information allows us to communicate effectively with families, especially during emergencies. Please note that some changes may require coordination with the District Registrar.

Social Institute
We are excited to share a valuable resource that is available to all Wheatland-Chili families through The Social Institute. The Social Institute's Family Toolkit is designed to help families navigate the ever-changing world of social media and technology. This easy-to-use resource provides insights into current student trends, overviews of popular apps, conversation starters for meaningful family discussions, and practical strategies for addressing common social and digital situations in positive and healthy ways. If you have not yet registered, the process is quick and easy. To access the Family Toolkit, use our school code: 31d64F2A20E887. For registration instructions and access to the toolkit, please use the links below:

- Social Institute Enrollment Directions
- Social Institute Registration

If you have any questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to your building principal.

Halloween Reminders
With Halloween quickly approaching, I would also like to share a few reminders regarding expectations at both schools. At T. J. Connor, Principal Dr. Murray has shared families with *Tips for Having the Happiest Halloween*. In this communication, he reminds families that student costumes should not include masks, fake weapons, blood, or gore. Families are also encouraged to consider whether a costume may unintentionally perpetuate stereotypes of any group of people. At the Middle/High School, Mrs. Mikoll has shared that participation in Red Ribbon Week spirit days, and Halloween activities must align with the Middle/High School Code of Conduct. Items such as weapons, inflatable costumes, and face coverings are not permitted.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. By working together, we can continue to provide a safe, positive, and inclusive learning environment where all students can learn, grow, and succeed. Please reference the important dates below for upcoming school and District events.

Important November Dates
T. J. Connor Elementary School Important September/November Dates:

- Monday, November 9: Picture Makeup Day and Yearbook Photo Day
- Tuesday, November 10: T. J. Connor Veterans Day Assembly
- Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day: No school for PreK–12 students
- Thursday, November 12: PTA Meeting, 6:30p.m.; TJC Library
- Monday, November 16: Board of Education Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 19: T. J. Connor (Gr. 4-6) Musical; 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 20: T. J. Connor (Gr. 4-6) Musical; 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 23: T. J. Connor Early Dismissal at 11:20 a.m./Parent Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, November 24: T. J. Connor Early Dismissal at 11:20 a.m./Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27: Thanksgiving Recess: No school for students
- Friday, December 4: Elementary Report Cards Mailed Home

Wheatland-Chili Middle/High School Important September/November Dates:

- Wednesday, November 11: Veterans Day: No school for PreK–12 students
- Thursday, November 12: PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; TJC Library
- Friday, November 13: MS/HS Report Cards Mailed
- Monday, November 16: Board of Education Meeting; 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 17: National Honor Society Induction; MS/HS Auditorium
- Monday, November 23: Gr. 6 Early Dismissal at 10:40 a.m.; Parent Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, November 24: Gr. 6 Early Dismissal at 10:40 a.m.; Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, November 25 - Friday, November 27; Thanksgiving Recess: No school for PreK–12 students

Sincerely,



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