



December 1, 2010

Dear Parents and Patrons:

December is here and so is the snow. It is hard to believe that we still have three weeks until the official start of winter. Thanksgiving is past and the Christmas break is 17 school days away – but who's counting? We are half way through our second quarter of school and winter sports are going full blast at this time. **Second quarter Progress Reports will be mailed out on Tuesday, December 14, 2010.** Our first semester ends January 21, 2011. And remember you can check on your student's progress, homework, test scores and attendance each week on the "**Parent Access**" on our website at [www.cashmere.wednet.edu/hs](http://www.cashmere.wednet.edu/hs).

### **Sports Schedules**

At the same website as listed above Cashmere High School you can look at the schedules for each sport. Just scroll down to the sports section on the left of the page; click winter sports; and then select the sport you want to see. Under the picture of the team click on the word schedule and you will have it.

### **Students Drive Carefully**

December and the snow are here. Please remind your children who are driving to high school to be cautious driving in the snowy and icy conditions. For many of our students it is their first time driving on the snow and ice. Most cars will go just as fast on the slick roads but it takes longer to stop and turning needs to be done at a reasonable rate of speed. Each year we have students who get into winter driving accidents simply because they drive too fast for the conditions on the roads and in the parking lot. Be safe-drive smart. Have a talk with your young drivers. You will be glad you did.

### **High School Proficiency Examination-HSPE formerly WASL**

The class of 2013 (this year's sophomores) will be the first class to have to meet standard on the Reading, Writing, Math and Science sections of the new test.

Juniors and seniors who do not pass the Math section of the WASL test are required to be in a math class this year and to pass that class in order to graduate.

The new HSPE math tests are end of course Algebra I and end of course Geometry tests. They will be administered in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade to all students taking those classes. If you 10<sup>th</sup> graders have already taken Algebra I and Geometry they will take the Comprehensive Test I or II. At this point we are not certain of the math dates, but know they will be at the end of the school year in June.

Seniors who have not yet passed the Reading or Writing sections of the WASL are now enrolled in the "Collection of Evidence" option and are compiling portfolios to submit to the state in February. If their portfolios meet standards they will pass the reading or writing requirement. They will still be required to take the WASL in the spring.

The Class of 2011 will have the three WASL standards listed on their transcripts. Only those students who meet standards in Reading, Writing and Math will receive a "Certificate of Academic Achievement" (CAA) designation. Those who meet the standards by an alternative method will receive a "Certificate of Individual Achievement" (CIA) designation on their transcripts.

## **WOIS**

Each year we tell our students and parents about a resource for our students in our Career Center. It is called WOIS and it allows students to complete career interest surveys, research and explore careers. It can be accessed by going to [www.wois.org](http://www.wois.org). This site also has SAT or ACT test prep and practice tests on it. PSAT test prep and college level examination program test prep are also included. We think this will be a valuable tool to our students both for career exploration and test preparation for those important college entrance exams. Please contact Mrs. Henning or Mrs. Hightower for the WOIS site key.

## **College and Scholarship Nights**

Mrs. Houseman and Mrs. Henning hosted college night and scholarship night this fall at the high school. If you have a 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grade student they also hosted a High School 101 night to help students prepare for graduation, state HSPE testing, college and other important academic topics. If you missed these workshops contact Mrs. Henning [phenning@cashmere.wednet.edu](mailto:phenning@cashmere.wednet.edu) or Mrs. Houseman [jhouseman@cashmere.wednet.edu](mailto:jhouseman@cashmere.wednet.edu) and they can tell you where to find much of the valuable information they shared on those two nights.

## **Winter Activities**

Winter activities are taking place after school and in the mornings each day. We have over 250 students participating in sports, music and drama this time of year. It is a busy time but if you have the opportunity to come watch these students perform I can assure you, you will be impressed by the hard work and time that goes into their practices. Our high school Christmas Concert is December 20, 2010 at 7:30 in the auditorium at the middle school. The high school musical rehearsals are going strong with the curtain set to go up for Beauty and the Beast, each night February 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 5th.

I would like to wish all Cashmere High School students and parents a safe and happy holiday season. Before we know it 2011 will be here. Enjoy Christmas break. We will release early on December 21<sup>st</sup> and return to school on Monday, January 3, 2011.

**Important Dates:**

Dec. 3	Boys and Girls Basketball – Bellevue Christian	6:00 girls 7:30 boys home
Dec. 4	Boys and Girls basketball - Quincy	6:00 girls 7:30 boys home
Dec. 4	Wrestling @ Omak Invite	10:00 am
Dec. 6	Knowledge Bowl @ Ephrata	4:00
Dec. 7	Boys and Girls Basketball @ Cle Elum	6:00 girls 7:30 boys
Dec. 8	Late Start	10:00
Dec. 11	Wrestling at Sedro Wooley Invite	10:00
Dec. 16	Boys and Girls Basketball – Brewster	6:00 girls 7:30 boys home
Dec. 17	Wrestling – Nooksack Valley	7:00
Dec. 18	Cashmere Invitational Wrestling Tourney	9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Dec. 20	High School Christmas Concert	7:30 pm MS
Dec. 21	Early Dismissal – Christmas Vacation	11:15
Dec. 21	Boys and Girls Basketball – Granger	6:00 girls 7:30 boys home
Dec. 22	Boys and Girls Basketball – Lake Roosevelt	Town Toyota Center
Dec. 22	Wrestling – Warden	7:00
Dec. 29	Wrestling @ Royal Tournament	10:00 am

As always you can contact me at the high school anytime you have a question or concern by email [tboyle@cashmere.wednet.edu](mailto:tboyle@cashmere.wednet.edu) or phone 782-2914.

Sincerely,

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