Westfield Virtual School Newsletter

DECEMBER-JANUARY 2023-2024

Hello Westfield Virtual Families:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to our school community. I am in my third week of being the principal of this school and I can tell we have a very dedicated staff who enjoy teaching in this unique, online learning platform. I come to this school with 10 years of experience working as a Principal. The relationship between home and school is very important. This connection between home and school is one of the most important factors in a child's educational success. I look forward to getting to know the families and students at the Westfield Virtual School.

Be Well-

Mrs. Burgess

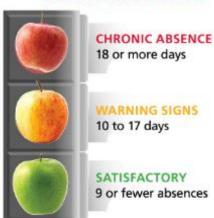
Aftendance Matters!

Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more of school days, counting absences that are excused and unexcused. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as connect to their peers and teachers.

Every day, every single student at the Westfield Virtual School matters. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students access learning opportunities and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

One of our goals this year is to reduce chronic absenteeism. Please reach out if your family or child needs support. Thank you for partnering with us!

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

December 15 Science Slam 1:00-2:30pm

<u>December 25 – December 29</u> Holiday Recess – NO SCHOOL

<u>January 1</u> New Year's Day - NO SCHOOL

> January 2 Schools Re-Open

January 22 Quarter 2 Grades Close

January 24 Meet-Up Amelia Park Arena 10:30-11:30am

January 24
Q2 Final Grades Available

<u>January 31</u>
Westfield Public Schools High School
Science Fair

February 1
SEPAC Meeting
Westfield Technical Academy
6:30-8:30pm

February 19 – February 23 Winter Vacation

March 5
Professional Development Day
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

March 7
SEPAC Meeting

Westfield Virtual School Meet- up

Lace up those skates and come skating with us!

AMELIA PARK ARENA
JANUARY 24, 2024
FROM 10:30-11:30 AM
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Admission for skating is \$8.00 and skates are available to rent for \$4.00



Science

Calling all middle school scientists!

Science Slam 12/15 from 1:00-2:30pm

We welcome our students and families to be a part of this cool event and learn all about the science behind the project!

Important Reminders About Online Learning

- → Attend classes on time and on a daily basis
- → Have your camera on showing the teacher you are here and ready to learn
- → Ask for help if you are struggling or do not understand something – teachers WANT to help
- → Complete work and submit on time and often
- → Do not be afraid to ask questions we are here to help
- → Let the school know if you are sick

ATTENTION WESTFIELD STUDENTS!!!





MASSHIRE'S YOUTHWORKS YEAR-ROUND PROGRAM IS HERE TO GIVE OPPORTUNITIES AND EXPERIENCES TO YOUTH IN THE COMMUNITY THAT WANT TO EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS

SOME THINGS TO KNOW

-First comes first serve -Not a promise of employment







