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Hello West Cary Families, this is Mike James, Principal with your weekly updates!

### **Congratulations!**

Big shout outs go to our student athletes who participated in fall sports. Our girls soccer team wrapped up their season by beating East Cary 4-0. Our girls volleyball team finished their successful season by beating East Cary 3-0. And our football team beat East Cary 12-8 to finish their season as the Conference Champions! Congratulations go out to all of our student athletes, coaches, and parent volunteers who made the seasons memorable for our kids.

Ada Mittendorf won the overall Red Ribbon Poster contest for the Cary Police Department. She won over the other Cary area Middle Schools and West Cary will get to host the trophy for the next year.

Tom Bai won the Two Cousins Italian Restaurant T-Shirt Design contest. His design will become the uniform t-shirt for the restaurant.

### **West Cary's Teacher of the Year and First Year Teachers of the Year**

Lisa Vedock has earned West Cary's Teacher of the Year! Ms. Vedock is one of our Special Education Teachers who also co-chairs the Special Education Department. Ms. Vedock is a veteran teacher in WCPSS and is in her second year at West Cary. Ms. Vedock was selected by her peers and will represent West Cary at the district level for Teacher of the Year.

Christine Janecka and James Johnson, III were both named Diane Kent Parker First Year Teachers of the Year for West Cary. Ms. Janecka and Mr. Johnson are both in their first years of teaching at West Cary. Ms. Janecka is a Special Education Teacher and Mr. Johnson teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA. Both teachers were nominated by their peers.

### **Winter Dance – Sponsored by West Cary Athletic Boosters**

There will be a Winter Dance presented by our Athletics Boosters that will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm in the school cafeteria. Tickets can be purchased online at

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/K2CISWMW7TBYA64UJQ2CG47T>

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## Student Peer Tutoring Opportunities

West Cary Families – there is a student peer tutoring opportunity that is available to your child. Panther Creek High School has a student tutoring group that is offering free tutoring services to our students via a virtual platform such as Google Meet. For more information on this opportunity and to sign up for this free service, see the flyer link below. There is a link within the flyer that families will fill in their information.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-adAyBv8FZLnBK6AAH\\_8vbxBCqZv4131/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-adAyBv8FZLnBK6AAH_8vbxBCqZv4131/view?usp=sharing)

**WHAT IS INITIATIVE TUTORING CLUB?**

West Cary Middle is partnering with Panther Creek High School's Initiative Tutoring Club to help students get free tutoring and extra help outside of the classroom. ITC is a branch of **Initiative Programs**, a 501(c)(3) that provides free classes to students in the triangle area.

Panther Creek ITC is a volunteering club that partners with local elementary and middle schools to provide free individual tutoring sessions to students. It aims to promote educational growth in the community and provide opportunities and assistance for the kids who need it. PCHS tutors are paired with a student based on their individual academic needs and preferences. Tutors meet with their student virtually, on google meet, at least once a week and work on anything that they are struggling or want extra help with. This can include reviewing homework, refreshing concepts from class, going over missed problems on tests, etc. All communication is done through WCMHS email and with

[West Cary High School Tutoring Opportunity.pdf](#)

drive.google.com

## New West Cary Interim Principal

Mr. Chip Mack will serve West Cary as the Interim Principal until a new permanent principal is named. Mr. Mack is a retired principal who last served as the Davis Drive Elementary School principal. He has a wealth of experiences and will lead West Cary Middle School very well until a new principal is named.

Dr. Tammie Sexton, Western Area Superintendent, will be holding community input sessions for selecting the next principal for West Cary Middle School. Please stay tuned for more information on this information gathering session.

## Thank You West Cary Community

Thank you, West Cary Community for your support over the last 7 years. To watch this great historic school grow from it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary when I first started, to charting it's course for the next 50 years has been a great thrill and opportunity. The students make the journey so sweet and precious. I've had the privilege of interacting with so many great young people who have gone on to achieve great things. My hope has always been for every student to look back on their time at West Cary with a smile and to

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believe they had a great school experience. The middle school years are the most difficult years of public education for many reasons. This is why I've always held my belief that making the time in middle school memorable is our most important goal for students.

West Cary has a great teaching faculty and support crew that makes this school great. We are so fortunate to have such great teachers, counselors, administration and support staff that solidifies our motto –"Dream, Believe, Achieve – Make it Happen!" I'm thankful for each and every person who upholds that motto daily.

Thank you West Cary for providing me an opportunity that will be cherished. It was my privilege to have been your Principal.

## WCMS PTA Corner

### \*\*\*Spirit Night\*\*\*

Join us this Thursday December 1st from 11am-11pm at Mellow Mushroom in Cary Spirit Night! Mention WCMS when ordering. A percentage of your meal will go back to WCMS.

### Reminders

West Cary Families – our school motto is ***"Dream, believe, achieve – make it happen!"*** We are committed to excellence and helping our students dream, believe, and achieve in their academic and athletic successes.

Thank you,

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