



WELCOME BACK!

We would like to welcome you back for the 2009-2010 Academic year. We also welcome our new students that are just starting their journey at Woodside International School.

NEW TEACHERS

- We are lucky to have added several new members to the Woodside staff:
- Lexy Bethel – Art, Mural
- Chela Bodden – Spanish
- Andrea Feeney – College Counseling
- Whitney Hegseth – French, Catch Up Math, Math ELL and Adventures PE
- Marcus Perry - Drama
- Norma Ward – Mental Health Counselor
- Paul Welch – ELL, English II/III



CLASS CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

In preparation for our new workshops program we have lengthened the school day to 10 periods. School now runs until 5 PM.

For the first time in many years we are pleased to offer a Drama class. We hope to have a fall art show that will showcase short scenes or monologues by Drama students.

CHANGES TO THE CAMPUS

Over the summer we completely remodeled our computer lab. The old gray dividers which used to

define the lab have been replaced by an attractive green pony-wall. We increased the total number of computers to 16 with the addition of six Intel iMacs which will help to improve our Yearbook and Garage Band classes. The computer lab was not the only area of the school that was refurbished. We also revamped our Science room, adding shelving, fresh paint and a shiny new red floor.

In the recreation room we added brand-new lockers with built in combination locks. Each locker has twice the space as the units they replaced, giving students much more room to store books and personal items. We also purchased our own vending machines which are now stocked with healthier and organic selections. We hope to have SAC eventually manage the vending machines.

PROGRAM CHANGES

Last year's after-school tutorial program is being discontinued in favor of workshops. Each main teacher will be holding a workshop at least once a week. These are for ALL students earning less than a C and attendance is required until the next progress report. If grades improve to a C or above, attendance may end with the teacher's approval. Students may be assigned to this workshop upon recommendations by parents, teachers, or headmaster based upon their need and performance. Attendance to workshops will be mandatory and take precedence over all other conflicting classes.

COLLEGE COUNSELING

Andrea Feeney will be scheduling individual meetings with students and parents soon after the start of the year. Seniors should be giving some thought to their plans and come prepared with questions and concerns. Juniors also will be having individual meetings this fall so that they too can get some advance information on college planning. Students and their parents will be notified about their appointments.

PERMISSION AND EMERGENCY FORM

Please see the enclosed form that contains permission for field trips and off-campus privileges, medical information, and emergency evacuation information. This form is very important and needs to be filled out and returned promptly in the envelope provided.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

For some new students and a few continuing students, we may still need copies of immunization records. If there is a slip of paper enclosed with this newsletter requesting these records, please enclose them with the permission form.



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

We will be taking school pictures for the yearbook and student records, on Thursday September 24th. Students will be given school ID cards, and parents that wish to have copies of their student's picture, should contact Mary to arrange to have it sent via e-mail or mailed on a CD.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Parents will have an opportunity to see the teachers and learn about their courses etc. on Wednesday September 16th from 6:30 to 8:15 PM. This event is primarily for parents of new students although returning parents are welcome. Mr. Edwards will introduce the evening with a brief talk and then parents will be directed to the classroom where the teachers will introduce themselves and their classes. Parents are advised to attend the full evening to get the maximum benefit.



HOW TO CONTACT US:

For routine inquiries contact Mary – admin@wissf.org, (415) 564-1063. For admission related questions, contact Ariel at aedwards@wissf.org. For class selections, tuition, or other administrative topics, contact John Edwards at jse@wissf.org.

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2009				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
24	25 Call for ap- pointments to discuss sched- ule/credits	26	27 Class sign-ups; Orientation	28 Faculty mtg 10-12; Orientation
31 First day of classes	1	2	3	4
(7) Labor Day Holiday	8	9	10	11
14	15	16 Back-to- school Night 6:30	17	18
21 Interna- tional Day of Peace	22	23	24 Picture Day	25 Fac. Mtg school ends 2:40

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2009				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
28 Yom Kippur	29	30 Progress Reports Fall I	1	2
5	6 Last day to drop a class	7	8	9
(12) Indigenous People's Day	13	14 11th Gr. test PSAT/ NMSQT	15	16
19	20	21	22 Fall Equinox	23 Fac. Mtg school ends 2:40
26	27	28 Progress Reports Fall II	29 Open House 6:30-8:00	30 Halloween Party