



BACK TO SCHOOL!



Junior High West
Connellsville, PA

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Junior High West's Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our students/families back for another great year at Junior High West. Please take a minute to review the following information about upcoming programs, events, etc.

Contact Information

It is important that you keep contact information (i.e. any changes to names, addresses, phone numbers, etc.) current in the office. If applicable, please keep us up to date by providing copies of any changes in legal documentation (i.e. court documents, custody agreements, etc.). This information is needed to ensure the right person is contacted in case of an emergency. Please call the school (724-628-4497) and contact Melinda King with any changes in contact information. You will need to send in a hard copy of any changes in legal documentation.

PIC Tutoring

The PIC Fayette Enrichment

Afterschool Program will be offered at Junior High West again this year starting October 3rd and running through April 26th. The program runs Monday through Thursday (3pm – 6pm) and offers students assistance/tutoring with homework and enrichment through STEM based hands-on activities. The cost of the program is free, a snack is provided, and transportation home is offered. If you have any questions, please call 724-437-2590 ext. 325.

Students must complete an application and receive acceptance before staying for the program. Applications can be picked up from the office counter.

Upcoming Events

School Pictures

Wednesday, September 21st

School Dance

Friday, September 23rd, 7pm – 9:30pm

Olweus Kick-Off Assembly

Friday, September 23rd

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP)

All schools deal with the issue of bullying. Connellsville Junior High West is taking proactive steps to stop and prevent bullying through the adoption of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP). This research-based school wide “systems-change” program has been used successfully in schools all over the country and around the world with positive results.

This program is not a curriculum that students participate in for only a few weeks. Rather, it is a coordinated effort by all the adults in the school to supervise and intervene when any bullying happens. As part of the program, students participate in class meetings to learn about the effects of bullying, what they can do about it, and how they can work with adults at school to put a stop to it even as bystanders. OBPP focuses on building community in our school.

Implementing the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is a long-term commitment to making Junior High West a safer, more positive place. OBPP targets the following goals:

- Reducing existing bullying problems
- Preventing development of new cases of bullying
- Improving peer relations at school

OBPP achieves success by working at the school wide, classroom, individual, and community levels. For more information, visit the website www.olweus.org.

Representatives of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Coordinating Committee are:

Mr. Carnack (7th grade)

Mrs. Witt (Librarian)

Mrs. Lukaesko (7th/8th grade)

Mr. Debolt (9th grade)

Mrs. Mowry (Learning support)

Mrs. Marciante (Hall monitor)

Mr. Kuhns (parent)

Mr. Bauer (parent)

Mrs. White (7th/9th grade)

Mrs. Griffith (8th/9th grade)

Mr. Snyder (Principal)

Mrs. Bielecki-Quinn (Guidance Counselor)

Kick-off events for the OBPP will be held for the students on Friday, September 23rd during the school day.