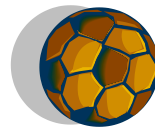


September 2011

Welcome Back! We are excited to kick off the 2011-2012 school year! Please check the White Oak website – www.whiteoakschool.org – for information & calendars. Each month The Acorn will keep you updated with school news & student work. Hope you have a great year!

Soccer News!

-By Kyle Feeney

The 2011 soccer season is just beginning. The team starts practice on Tuesday September 6th, as they get ready for first game at home on September 14th. Out of the twenty-two players currently on the team, there are ten returning players. The soccer schedule is posted on at [www.whiteoakschool.org/student life/sports/cal-sports.html](http://www.whiteoakschool.org/student%20life/sports/cal-sports.html) and the team appreciates the support of the fans coming to the home games. All updates to the schedule will be on the website. We look forward to seeing everybody at the games and we look forward to having a great year.

Below: Nick R. is ready for another school year!

Right: Scuelin T. poses with her favorite snack!



CLASS NEWS!

Middle School News

Advisors: Mr. Marshall & Mr. McGovern

Contact Mr. Marshall for fundraising and event information.

9th Grade News

Advisors: Ms. Luff & Mrs. O'Connor

The ninth grade class had its first class meeting of the year. At the meeting we discussed ideas for our fall trip, ideas for local trips, fundraiser ideas, and ideas for our spring trip. Every one in the ninth grade is looking forward to their first year of high school.

By: Garrett Southworth

10th Grade News

Advisors: Mr. Schindel & Mrs. Carey

Welcome back to school! The tenth grade class recently had their first class meeting in which we discussed possible class activities, fundraising ideas, and volunteer possibilities for the school year. There was a noticeable excitement amongst the students about what the year has in-store. We are looking forward to working with the class throughout the year!

Helping Hands News

Advisors: Mrs. Phelon, Mrs. Sherry, and Ms. Rossi

Welcome back everyone! It's that time of the year again! Helping Hands will be participating in the annual Rays of Hope Walk on October 23rd in Springfield's Forest Park. All the money raised for the walk will be donated towards breast cancer research. The first meeting with students will be held September 8th at milk break. The deadline to raise money is October 19th. Please see Mrs. Sherry or Mrs. Phelon if you would like your son/daughter to participate! Thanks in advance!



11th Grade News

Advisor: Mrs. Gibson

The 11th grade class had their first official meeting of the year. During the meeting, we were introduced to two new classmates, Ryan Bishop, and Max Cardillo. We are glad to have them in our class, as they will make great additions. The class is looking forward to going on their first class trip to the Springfield College East Campus to participate in a challenge course made of up of low and high ropes courses on September 17th. This will be a good chance to get know each other. Check back to find out about more trips in the future!

By: Kyle Feeney

12th Grade News

Advisors: Mrs. Sherry & Mrs. Dombrowski

The school year has begun and Friday was our first Senior class meeting and we had tons to talk about.

1. Senior Raffle – although the senior raffle is in February, we need to get started now. We have over 100 businesses to send letters to asking for donations and the seniors will need to sign, address and stamp each letter. We are hoping to accomplish this during school time however an after school meeting might be necessary.

2. On The Border – **Mark your calendars for Tuesday November 15, 2011** as this will be our fundraising night at on On The Border in West Springfield. Please let all your friends and relatives know- a % of each bill will be donated to our class!

3. NYC Bus Trips – we are hoping to schedule one or two bus trip to New York City as a fundraising activity for the students. We are hoping to schedule the first for early December.

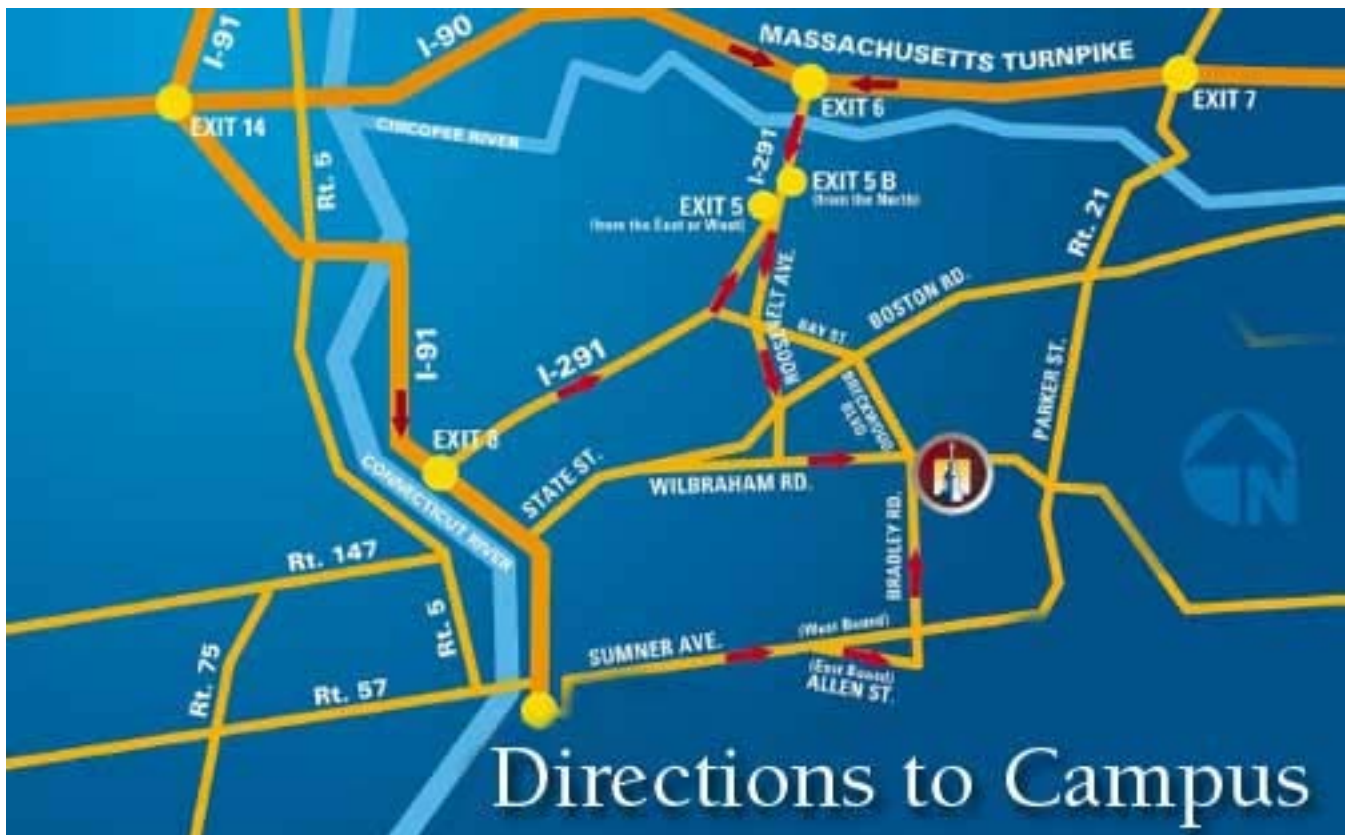
In addition students talked about running school store and possibly selling snacks for the home soccer games.



College Fair Information

The New England Association for College Admission Counseling will sponsor a College Fair on Sunday, **September 18, 2011 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm** at Western New England University. The Fair will be held in the University's Alumni Healthful Living Center.

Representatives from over 200 colleges, universities, and other post-secondary institutions will be available to answer your questions. There will also be a financial aid and guidance counselor table to assist you. The fair will be preceded by an Admissions and **Financial Aid Information Session that will be held from 3:00 - 3:45.**





- Make sure you check the White Oak School web site for the latest news! This includes up-coming college field trip information from the Career Counseling office, the updated sports schedules, the lunch menu, and inclement weather information! Go to www.whiteoakschool.org!
- Don't forget to collect Box Tops For Education! Go to www.boxtops4education.com to see the complete list of products that have box tops on the packaging. Clip box tops and earn cash for our school! Submit Box Tops to Mrs. Lynch!



* There are many, many ways for students to get involved in the White Oak Community, including through community service projects, sports groups, Girls' Club, Guys' Club, after-school activities and more! All students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities throughout the school year. High school students should keep in mind that participation in these activities enhances resumes for college, job, and scholarship applications. Information about upcoming events and meetings is announced at morning meetings. Students should listen for activities that interest them! Looking forward to a busy & fun-filled year!