

Washingtonville Central School District

## WASHINGTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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*The Washingtonville Central School District is committed to the intellectual, cultural, physical and emotional growth of our children in a safe and supportive environment.*

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### NEWSLETTER #3 NOVEMBER 2009

### REPORT CARDS

Our first marking period report cards are to be distributed in homeroom on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. If you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to call your daughter's/son's teacher and/or guidance counselor.

### SAFE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

We have begun a new initiative at Washingtonville High School to “combat bullying.” 40 students have been selected to be “the eyes and ears” of our school community. The Safe School Ambassadors (SSA) Program was developed in 1999 to help 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students prevent and stop mistreatment and violence among their peers. Ten years later, over 650 public and private schools have adopted this powerful program in 27 states and in Canada.

Following the tragic events at Columbine High School, schools disproportionately focused on school safety from the “outside-in,” installing airport-like security: locks, fences, metal detectors and security cameras. They largely ignored the role that students can play in reducing violence and mistreatment. The SSA Program provides a complementary, “Inside-out” approach, which harnesses the power that students have to change things from within and puts them at the center of the solution.

### INTERESTING INFORMATIONS!

- 86% of high school students have personal pages on social networking sites
- 20% of all 9-12 graders who go online have met someone they first met on the Internet face to face
- 25% of students in grades 5-12 know of at least one student whose online postings have led to serious consequences like suspension, expulsion and arrest.
- 33% of 5-12 graders said their parents would disapprove or punish them if they knew about all their Internet activities.

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## DATES OF IMPORTANCE

October	27:	Report Card Distribution
November	3:	Superintendent's Conference Day: No School for Students
	6:	7:00 PM: Class of 2011 Game Night
	7:	JROTC Drill Meet
	9:	Varsity and JV Winter Sports Begin
	9:	7:30 PM: BOE Meeting at H.S. Library
	11:	Veteran's Day: No School
	13:	7:00 PM: Class of 2010 Pasta Dinner
	16:	Modified Winter Sports Begin
	16:	7:30 PM: BOE Meeting at Round Hill
	18:	7:00 PM National Honor Society Induction
	18:	8:00 AM: JROTC Blood Drive
	*23:	7:00 PM: Winter Sports Parent Meetings
	25:	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period
	26-29:	Thanksgiving Recess
	30:	7:00 PM: PTSO Meeting