Sage Park Charger E-News

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Friday, September 18, 2026
ONE DISTRICT...ONE DIRECTION

Excellence Everyday for Every Child!

From The Acting Principal

Dear Sage Park Families,

I am writing to share how proud I am of our students following our recent i-Ready testing. The administration ran remarkably smoothly, and that success is a direct result of our strong parent-school partnership. We set high expectations for our students, and they truly rose to the occasion with their focus and effort.

I encourage you to sit down with your child to discuss their results. Please ask them about how they performed and work together to discuss a clear plan for how they can build on their progress and improve their score during the winter assessment. Your ongoing support at home makes a significant difference in their academic growth.

As we continue through the school year, we also ask for your assistance in maintaining a safe and focused learning environment. Please remind your student that the following items are inappropriate or prohibited on school property:

- **Footwear:** Slippers (especially plush or novelty slippers, such as those with claws)
- **Personal Electronics:** Personal laptops, iPads, or other non-school-issued tablets
- **Weapons and Dangerous Items:** Pocket knives, multi-tools, tasers, pepper spray, ammunition, kitchen knives, or knives of any type
- **Imitative or Replica Items:** toy guns or water pistols painted to look real, airsoft guns, or facsimile weapons

Thank you for your continued support, collaboration, and dedication to keeping our school community safe and thriving.

Reminder - Coffee Chat with the Acting Principal will be Friday, September 25, 2026 from (9:00 AM to 10:00 AM) at Sage Park. Note - **The Main Office phones are now able to receive calls.**

Please review the Chromebook Curfew with your child.

Warm regards,

William Fisher Jr.

William Fisher Jr.
Acting Principal
Sage Park Middle School

In an effort to strengthen communication between home and school, we will be utilizing this newsletter to share student accomplishments and important information with families. Please read our current issue weekly. Enjoy!

In this newsletter you will find:

1. District Calendar
2. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month at SPMS
3. Computer Aided Design Workshop
4. After School Enrichment Cluster Sign Ups - DUE TODAY 9/18 (You must log in with student email)
5. Sage Park Sports Apparel - LAST CALL TO ORDER 9/20
6. 8th Grade Law & Justice Opportunity
7. House 2
8. House 5
9. Health
10. CTE
11. Library
12. Art
13. Eighth Grade Washington DC Trip (UPDATED)
14. Social Services September Newsletter
15. Project Santa - Register by the end of September!
16. Windsor Education Foundation Grab Bag Bingo Fundraiser
17. PTO Meeting Schedule
18. Dress Code Guidelines
19. Cell Phone Policy
20. Powerschool Registration
21. Food Services for the 2026-2027 school year
22. Weekend Wheels Student Food Program
23. New WPS Apps for Families

Important Dates to Remember:



- ★ **September 18th** - TODAY - Last day to sign up for Enrichment Clusters
- ★ **September 21st** - Parent Conference Sign Up Begins 8:00 am on My Conference Time
- ★ **September 22nd**- Early Dismissal - Teacher PD
- ★ **September 23rd** - 8th Grade DC interest meeting 5:00 pm
- ★ **September 23rd** - 7th and 8th Grade Open House 6:00pm
- ★ **September 23rd** - PTO Meeting 7:15 pm
- ★ **September 25th** - Coffee Chat with the Acting Principal 9:00 am - 10:00 am (Bring your questions and concerns)
- ★ **October 12th** - No School - Indigenous Peoples Day
- ★ **October 13th** - Early Dismissal - Teacher PD
- ★ **October 21st - 23rd** - Parent Teacher Conferences

Please click here for your Virtual Backpack full of programs, events, and additional Windsor Community Information.



Sage Park Morning Announcements from this week: September 14th - 18th
Sage Park Morning Announcements: 9/14/26
Sage Park Morning Announcements: 9/15/26
Sage Park Morning Announcements: 9/16/26
Sage Park Morning Announcements: 9/17/26
Sage Park Morning Announcements: 9/18/26

Auntie GiGi's Recipe Corner:



Click here for a delicious recipe for Baked Hot Honey Mustard Pretzel Chicken Fingers!

New This Week!

SPMS Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month!

This week we kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month as SPMS! Students and staff celebrated with flags, cultural attire, and a fun photo booth at the 6th grade Open House! We are so excited to celebrate the diverse cultures, families, and experiences represented and valued here at Sage Park!










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Want to Build Anything?

This is Where it Starts.



CAD Blitz

The Blazing Spirits are hosting a hands-on workshop in Computer-Aided Design — the software used to design anything. No experience needed.

Friday, Sept 25 · 6:00–7:30 PM

20 William St, Windsor, CT

Scan for More Info

https://bit.ly/4Aanzvd

Fall Enrichment Cluster Sign Ups Close TODAY! Don't miss out!

Students must sign up using their school issued Chromebooks and log in information.



Click here for all of the information and cluster descriptions.

Click here for a quick snapshot of the fall offerings.

Click here for the sign-up link.

Sage Park Apparel – Last Call!

Order by Sunday, September 20th

Support Your Sage Park Sports Teams!

Click the shirt below to purchase Fall Sports apparel.

Deadline to order is Sept. 20!



CLICK HERE TO SEE MORE ITEMS AND MAKE YOUR PURCHASE!

8TH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:
DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE IN LAW & SOCIAL JUSTICE!

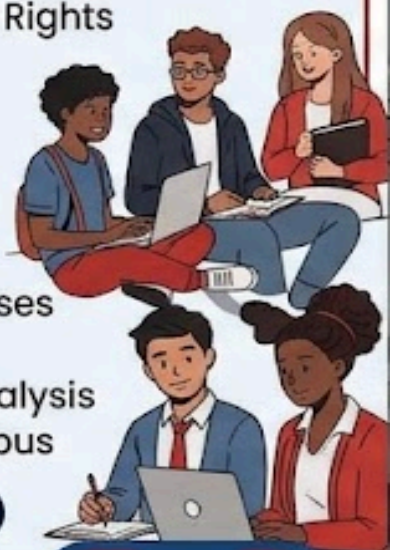
OPPORTUNITY:
CIVIL RIGHTS YOUTH SUMMIT

HOSTED BY: Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO)

WHEN: Saturday, October 24, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

WHERE: UCONN Low Compus



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Take Interactive Low School Classes
- Hands-on Case Briefings
- Learn about Judiciary & Case Analysis
- Guided Tour of UCONN Law Campus

TRANSPORTATION NOT PROVIDED

REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
SPACES ARE LIMITED.

SCAN OR VISIT:
bit.ly/CHROYouthSummit

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At Sage Park, We Believe in Excellence – Every Day for Every Child



House 2

Mrs. Herman/Mrs. Small - Language Arts
Unit #1 has students working with the narrative genre. We began by reviewing story elements and how to identify key episodes in text. Students are reading daily in class. We have visited the library and all students have checked out books that they are welcome to bring home. Students also have access to online books through Sora that are available at home.

Mr.Fye/Mr. Peterson - Math
We are working hard on our first unit on ratios. We had our first quiz and students did a great job showing what they learned. Next we will be getting into equivalent ratios and solving problems with unit rates. Most students have completed the i-Ready math diagnostic, which determines what skills each student needs to work on and creates a program that your child needs. Some parts will fill in gaps they may have or push them on to skills they haven't yet learned. Please be sure to check PowerSchool on a regular basis.

Ms. Wallace- Social Studies
Welcome to World History! We are beginning our first Unit: Middle America & The Caribbean. We will begin the unit learning about the geography and then we will move onto reviewing map skills, such as using directions on a compass to find a location in order to prepare for our first Significant Task.

As a reminder, please check the parent portal on PowerSchool. PowerSchool will allow you to see what was turned in, what is missing, and the grade your son or daughter has

earned for a particular assignment. If you need the login information, please contact Celeste Ryan, our School Counselor.

Mrs. Hrubiec - Science

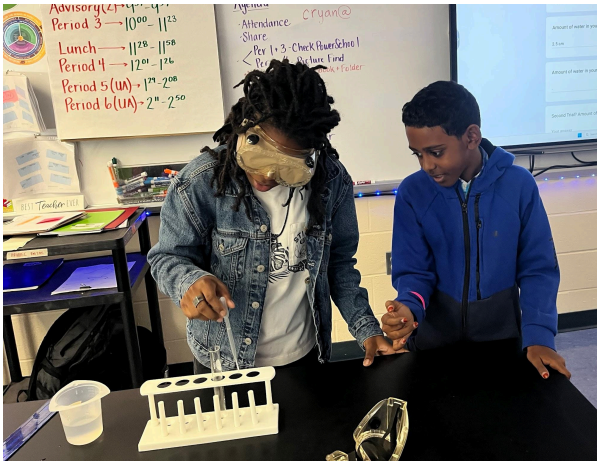
In Science, we have just wrapped up learning about lab safety. All students should be able to state whether a behavior is safe or unsafe in a Science lab. These expectations will remain the same as the year continues.

As we move forward, students will start learning about Chemistry. There will be hands-on activities for students to be able to make observations and connections with the content. Be sure to check the future homework weekly for “Table Talk Topics” to be able to keep up with what your child is learning and have conversations to deepen their understanding.









House 5

Join our House Remind
Parents/guardians and students are encouraged to join to get the texts and emails from the House 5 teachers about upcoming assignments, tests/quizzes, reminders, and 1:1 teacher communication.

- House 5: Text the phone number 81010 with the message **@house5spms**

ELA Updates
In ELA class we have just begun our first unit of study. In unit one students develop their understanding of themes in literature. This unit centers on the historical fiction novel *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. The novel provides opportunities to examine literary elements in text, and link nonfiction texts to provide historical context for the narrative. In addition, all students have independent reading books which they will use to improve their understanding of author's craft.

Science Updates
In science class, we kicked off the year by reviewing lab safety. Students practiced writing strong hypotheses and concluding their experiments using the Claim, Evidence, and Reasoning (CER) method. We also explored the differences between quantitative and qualitative data (with a penny). We'll wrap up our introductory review by learning how to analyze data sets—like graphs and infographics—to make scientific claims. Next up is Unit 1: Genetics and Evolution! Students will examine fossil records, comparative anatomy, and embryology to investigate common ancestry among organisms.

Math Updates
Algebra students just started a unit on equations and inequalities. Students write, simplify, evaluate, and model situations with linear expressions. Students then examine the concept of equality and use linear equations and linear inequalities to model and solve real-world problems. This unit builds on equation solving starting in grade 6 with one-step equations and inequalities.

In Pre-Algebra students are exploring the number system, expressions, and equations. Students will find the value of expressions with exponents and square roots. The students will also learn the difference between rational and irrational numbers. Students will write numbers in scientific notation and standard form as well as perform operations on numbers.

Social Studies Updates
Ms. Rincon - yrincon@windsorct.org

Welcome to the 2026–27 school year! House 5 students are off to a fantastic start in Social Studies. We kicked off the year by practicing essential historian skills, including reading maps and timelines, analyzing sources, and evaluating historical context. We

have also launched our first unit on the U.S. Constitution by reviewing the American Revolutionary War and the pivotal events that drove the colonists to revolt. Next, we will explore the regional differences among the New England, Middle, and Southern colonies to help students connect an area's geography and economy to the type of government its residents favored.



Health

Welcome to a new year in Health. Ms. Anderson, Mr. Michalak, and Mr. Oster are all very excited to be getting underway with our new groups of students. Health is a part of the Physical Education classes. Each student will have three quarters of Physical Education and one quarter of Health. Much like last year, PE teachers are rotating the classes. This means each student will have the opportunity to learn from each of our amazing Health/Physical Education teachers.



Our 8th graders are starting their unit on relationships. We want to delve into the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships. Looking at the characteristics that are involved in making a relationship work or characteristics that can tear a relationship apart. Students will gain knowledge and be able to recognize unhealthy relationships.

This year the 7th grade will be starting off with a unit on eating disorders and body image. Advocating for eating disorder awareness and promoting positive body images are the key takeaways from this unit.

Our new 6th graders who are just starting off their exciting middle school careers will be taking a deeper look at what it means to be a bully. We want to determine the differences between bullying and teasing. Unfortunately bullying is a word that can lose some of its power if it is overused. We want to understand the true meanings and be able to identify it and stick up for people being bullied.



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Culinary Arts
Mrs. Sepulveda

It has been a wonderful experience within the first weeks of the quarter. During the first two weeks, students have learned the importance of safety and sanitation in the kitchen, along with the importance of measuring and reading recipes. Students are scheduled to start their quarter projects next.



8th graders are focusing on how to create a weekly meal plan and grocery list. 7th graders are focusing on designing their own restaurant in small groups or independently. Lastly, our 6th graders are researching a prominent chef and learning about their background and style of cooking.

As we learn more about the culinary world, students will be able to utilize our beautiful kitchen lab. We are all excited to see what these next few weeks bring!

Technology Education
Mr. Fouda, Mrs.Rickis, and Mrs. Rondinone

<u>From Mr. Fouda's Class:</u>

Grade 6 - 3D Design & Printing: Students are starting their introduction to 3D design and learning how a computer model can become a real object through 3D printing. They are getting familiar with Tinkercad, working with basic shapes, measurements, alignment, and other building tools. Students are practicing these skills through small projects that will prepare them for more detailed designs later in the quarter.

Grade 7 - Graphic Design: Students are learning the main principles behind good graphic design, including balance, contrast, alignment, hierarchy, repetition, and white space. We are also looking at typography, color, images, and layout to see how each choice affects the way a poster or advertisement looks and communicates. Students will use these rules throughout the quarter as they begin creating their own graphic design projects.

Grade 8 - Multimedia & Video Production: Students are starting with the basics of video production and learning how different camera shots, lighting, music, and editing can change the way a story is presented. They are also getting started with Adobe Premiere, where they will learn how to import footage, cut and arrange clips, add music and text, and build a complete video. Several video projects are planned throughout the quarter so students can practice both filming and editing.

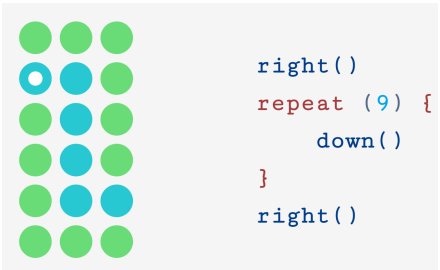
From Mrs. Rickis' Class:



All students have been learning about safety in a lab setting and measuring in the woodworking lab. 8th grade students are going over the machines and tools they will be using for their projects for the quarter. 7th grade students are starting to learn about bridges and bridge design. Lastly, 6th grade students are learning information on the engineering design process.

From Ms. Rondinone's Class:
We are off to a great start in Room 140. Students in Grade 6 are refreshing their computer skills and are starting to learn how to write Pseudocode. Pseudocode is language used to communicate ideas before we write computer code. Students did a great job writing directions for a robot to complete a task. We are about to start making animations in Scratch. Students are excited to show their creativity in our first project next week.

Grade 7 and 8 students are completing a quick coding refresher before starting their first project. It is recommended that students write code for at least one hour of code a year. This year students were excited to test out new options on Code.org. A popular site is Toxicode, an activity where students read Python to complete a task! Can you read this text?



September Library News

Mrs. Curtis retired at the end of June and has lots more time to read.

Please give a warm welcome to Mrs. McGovern who is now working in the library with Mrs. Stieber as a library paraprofessional.



Congratulations to our Sage Park Summer Reading Raffle winners!

These students read five or more books on grade level this summer and filled out the fiction or nonfiction Google Forms on the Summer Reading website. The winners are pictured below with their prizes.



Zadie McMahon, Grade 6



Violet Renno, Kaylee Jameson, Naomi Champlain, Joseph Santoro, Logan Thibeault, Alyssa Kong (not pictured), Grade 7



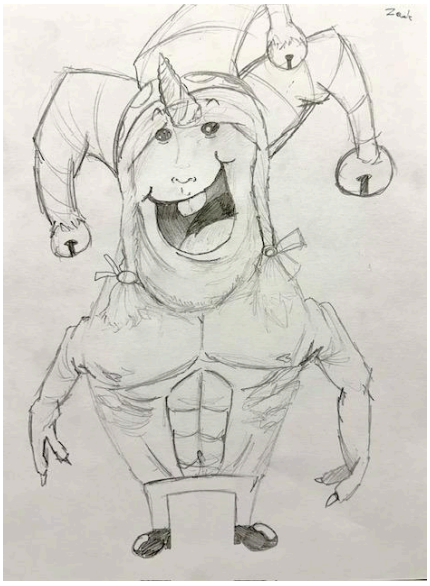
Catherine Thibeault, Grade 8

Art Department

Our artists are off and rolling! We have been spending time going over safety rules and expectations, getting to know each other, and laying the groundwork for our first projects. You can reach us at jschneider@windsorct.org and jmiettinen@windsorct.org.

Ms. Miettinen's students started the year with an ice breaker drawing activity, where students were given cards with different "monster parts" on them and had to combine them into an original creature. We had fun loosening up and getting those creative juices flowing again.











Eighth Grade Washington, DC Trip

September 10, 2026

Hello families of Eighth Grade Students!

We will be continuing the Sage Park trip to Washington, DC for 4 days/3 nights again this year. This year the trip will be run by Academic and Performance Travel. They have put together a package that includes all the frequently visited attractions, a dinner at Dave and Buster's, and the majority of other meals.

A preliminary itinerary has been developed, but will likely be tweaked up until and even during the trip. This is very normal as we will work to maximize our time in the Capitol for the best trip possible.

Currently, we are working to create and hold several fundraisers to help defray the cost of the trip. Some of the things we have planned include:

- Popcorn in the Fall
- Lyman Orchards Pies in time for Thanksgiving
- Sage Park Swag - T-Shirts, SweatShirts, etc
- Concessions at Athletic events

To benefit from the fundraisers a student or family must participate in fundraising in some way. This may mean selling items or volunteering to help with distribution of fundraisers.

We hope students will participate in the trip this year as the fundraising should help families decrease the cost considerably. The cost of the trip this year will depend on the number of students per bus. If we can fill the buses with 44 students per bus, the cost will be $928.00. We plan to take two buses at this time.

Travel insurance is not included in the amount. We strongly recommend that everyone purchases trip cancellation insurance. Specifically, trip cancellation insurance that has the option to add "Cancel for any reason." This will help the participant recover some money should they need to cancel for any reason. We do not endorse any specific company. Following are three potential agencies you can choose to work with:

- Travel Insured International
- Travel Ex Insurance Services
- Allianz Travel Insurance

A deposit of $300 by bank check or money order made out to Academic & Performance Travel is due no later than September 30, 2026 along with the Academic & Performance Travel Indemnity form, a signed Behavior Expectation form, the Windsor Public Schools Indemnity Form, the Windsor Public Schools Medical form, and a copy of your child's insurance card. We will have a notary public available during the parent meeting for $5.00. You must have a valid picture ID to get the district indemnity form notarized.

I hope all students will consider joining us on the trip!

Jennifer Balnis
Eighth Grade Assistant Principal
Sage Park Middle School

Social Services
SEPTEMER 2026

LP Wilson Community Center
599 Matianuck Avenue
860-285-1839



Look for us on Facebook at:
Town of Windsor Social Services.

https://www.windsorct.gov/217/Social-Services

SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

The Windsor HAT is a group of people from local businesses, civic groups, church groups, Windsor Public Schools, town departments and concerned residents who meet monthly to discuss food insecurity in our local community and to work toward solutions.
Each year the Windsor Hunger Action Team takes on a project to bring awareness to food insecurity and our ongoing commitment to resolving them.
This year we are collecting recipes from our food bank clients to share how they are using food items received thru the food bank. We will share these recipes with our membership.

VISIT US AT THE FARMER'S MARKET ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

Be part of our conversation, make your voice heard! Visit the Windsor Hunger Action Team at the Farmer's Market on Thursday, September 10th between 3-6:300PM. Tell us how hunger affect you or those you know.

Weekend Wheels Student Food Program– 2026/2027 School Year Registration Open

This supplemental food program provides qualifying school children pre-k - 12th grade with a bagful of a variety of foods to have for the weekend. Many school children receive free/reduced meals in school during the school week but may not have enough food thru the weekend. This program was created to fill that void.

REGISTER thru the Windsor Food Bank, Windsor Social Services or with the Family Resource Coordinator at your child's school. Qualification based on income. This program distributes weekly home deliveries on Thursday mornings during the school year.

SOCIAL SERVICES WELCOMES NEW STAFF

We are happy to announce that Christianne Fae has been hired as the new Food Bank Coordinator and Gwen Bartolome has been hired as the new Social Services Department Administrative Aide. Welcome to both!!!

PROJECT SANTA 2026 -REGISTRATIONS TAKEN DURING SEPTEMBER ONLY

The holidays will soon be near and it is time to think about holiday gifts for your children. The Project Santa toy program can help! Families who qualify can provide a wish list for donor fulfilment. Project Santa is available to families with children age 15 and younger.
The Social Services Department will be taking registrations for this program Monday thru Friday between 8:30AM-4:30PM **ONLY DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.**

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED to register: photo ID, copy of utility bill mailed to your address, the name, birthdate, social security card OR birth certificate for each registering child, proof of all household income for previous 4 week time frame.

RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM RUNS THRU OCTOBER 1ST

State law provides **a reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled,** and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. **Windsor Social Services are completing Renters' Rebate applications**.
Visit www.townofwindsorct.com/socialservices/rentersrebate for more information, instruction and to view documents needed or stop in the Social Services office to get a program letter and checklist. Upon receipt of all required documents a caseworker will process your application.
If you are a Windsor Housing resident, there is a drop box in the community rooms at Shad Run, Millbrook and Fitch Court.

GROCERIES TO GO FOOD PROGRAM TEA COLLECTION

Social Services will be collecting boxes of tea during the month of September for this senior food program. Please bring to the office Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM.



GROCERIES TO GO
Sept. 11th & 25th
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
at THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK



MOBILE FOODSHARE
Sept. 2nd, 16th & 30th
2:00-2:30PM
Hopewell Baptist Church, 280 Windsor Ave.

Social Services News September 2026

MONTHLY GROUPS:

WINDSOR C.A.R.E.S.

This group takes on community service projects for people of all ages. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1PM. CARES is always seeking new members. Help us to help our neighbors in need. Call Bethany in Social Services at 860-285-1839 for more information.

GRANDPARENT AND KINSHIP CIRCLE

The Grandparent & Kinship Circle is a support service program offered thru the Social Services Department that provides grandparents and kin raising grandchildren with training, support, and resources. Informational, educational, therapeutic and respite events are offered throughout the year to members of this group. Call Christina at Social Services for more information.

WINDSOR HUNGER ACTION TEAM

This group meets the 1st Wed, each month to discuss food insecurity in our local community and to work toward solutions. The next meeting will be on Wed., Sept. 2nd at 9:00 AM at the Windsor Town Hall.

FEATURED PARTNERSHIPS;

ACCESS HEALTH APPTS AT LP WILSON

Access Health CT offers **free 1-1 sessions** with trained professionals who can guide you through your choices, answer your questions, and help you enroll in the right plan for you and your family. Get in-person help all year round & review your health coverage options and make changes that best fit your needs.

Appts scheduled thru the Access Health website and will be hosted in the Social Services office. Scan code to schedule.

LEAN ON ME

Caseworker appointments offered the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Windsor Main Library. Call 860-285-1839 to schedule an appointment between 1-3PM to learn about programs you may qualify for.

LOOK FOR SOCIAL SERVICES STAFF

at the Windsor Farmer's Market on Thursday, September 10th 3-6PM. Stop by and say hello!

HARTFORD AMERICAN JOB CENTER

American Job Centers **help workers find jobs** – for **FREE**! They can help you learn which jobs & careers are right for you, write great cover letters, create a powerful resume that gets you interviews, and conduct effective job searches.

AJC hosts monthly appts at LP Wilson in the Social Services office the **2nd Wed from 10:00-12:PM & the 2nd Friday from 3:00-5PM.** Call Social Services to schedule an appt.

HARTFORD WIC
Women, Infants, and Children

This program helps qualifying women with babies with the purchase necessary nutritional food items and formula. Appointments are scheduled on the first Tuesday each month 9:00am to 1:00pm at the community center. Call 860-757-4780 to make an appointment. Eligibility is based on household size, income, and assets. In addition to the support that is being provided by Hartford WIC, the Social Service staff will continue to offer guidance to residents requiring extra support with food and basic needs for their families.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE UPDATE

CRT will begin taking applications for the 2026/2027 energy season in September. Visit their website for updates: **https://www.crtct.org/programs/basic-needs/energy-assistance/**. Call 860-560-2694 to schedule your appointment.

GENERATION POWER will be taking applications for emergency utility assistance from Sept. 1st-15th. Call Social Services during those dates to make an appt. or visit their website at https://gpct.org/gethelp/

If you are in need of immediate or emergency utility (electric, gas and water) assistance, please call Christina at 860-285-1839 to discuss programs and qualifications.

EVERSOURCE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

Based on household income or receipt of a public assistance benefit, customers may be eligible for a 5%-50% discount off their electric bill per month.
Visit **www.Eversource.com/billhelp** for more info on the electric discount and to see if you qualify.

Meet the Social Services Staff

Scott Colby, Social Services Director
Elaina Medina-James, Caseworker
Bethany Siedlik, Caseworker
Christina Hurdle, Caseworker
Christianne Fae, Food Bank Coordinator
Patricia Gardner, Food Bank Staff
Jasmine Hall, Dept. Coordinator
Maggie Goodman , Caseworker & Municipal Veteran's Services Contact
Susan Nunes, Admn. Asst./Vltr Crdntr
Gwen Bartolome, Admn. Asst.

PROJECT SANTA

Holiday Gift Assistance Program for Windsor Families

REGISTRATION OPEN – MONTH OF SEPTEMBER ONLY

Dear Windsor Parent or Guardian,

Windsor Social Services is here to help make the holiday season joyful for your children. Qualifying families with children **ages 15 and under** can register for holiday gift assistance.

REGISTRATION HOURS

Month of September Only
Monday – Friday | 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

LOCATION

Windsor Social Services
LP Wilson Community Center, 599 Matianuck Ave

1. HOUSEHOLD ANNUAL INCOME LIMITS

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
Max Income	$47,880	$64,920	$81,960	$99,000	$116,040	$133,080	$150,120	$167,160

2. REQUIRED REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS

- ✔ **Parent/Guardian Photo ID** (person registering).
- ✔ **Proof of Residency:** Recent utility bill mailed to your home address.
- ✔ **Child ID:** Social Security Card OR Birth Certificate for each child (15 & under).
- ✔ **Child Info:** Full name and birthdate for each child.
- ✔ **Proof of Income (Last 30 Days):** Pay stubs, child support, unemployment, or SSD.

⚠ **REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNLESS ALL DOCUMENTS ARE PROVIDED.**

What Happens Next?

Upon approval, you'll receive a **Project Santa Family Packet**. Return the included Wish List by the deadline listed in your packet so donors can fulfill your requests!

Questions? Contact Windsor Social Services at **860-285-1839**

We look forward to helping make your family's holiday season special!

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- 10 AMAZING PRIZES VALUED OVER $100 EACH!
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PLAY BINGO. WIN BIG. SUPPORT EDUCATION.

★ *Thank you for making a difference!* ★

Ongoing Groups and Meetings

Sage Park PTO Meetings

2026-2027 Sage Park Middle School PTO Meetings

September 23rd	7:15pm*	February 24th	6-7pm
October 28th	6-7pm	March 24th	6-7pm
November 18th	6-7pm	April 28th	6-7pm
December *No general meeting*		May 26th	6-6:45pm
January 27th	6-7pm		

*Conveniently scheduled after the 7th/8th Grade Open House!

Email us - sageparkmiddleschoolpto@gmail.com

SPMS Resources & Policies

WEEKEND WHEELS STUDENT FOOD PROGRAM

This program provides qualifying Windsor children in grades **pre-k thru 12th grade** with a bag filled with food for the weekend. **Distributions are made from Sept. thru June in a weekly home delivery format.**

Eligibility for the program is based on household income. The table below shows a yearly gross income for each family size. If your household income is at or below the income listed for the number of people in your household, you are eligible to receive TEFAP commodities. (300% of poverty).

TEFAP PARTICIPATION INCOME GUIDELINES

BASED ON HOUSEHOLD SIZE FAMILY INCOME FALLS BELOW:

Household Size:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8*
Annual Income:	$47,880	$64,920	$81,960	$99,000	$116,040	$133,080	$150,120	$167,160

For each additional person add $17,040.

Income guidelines reflects 300% of the federal poverty limit, last updated March 1, 2026

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER:

- Call or visit **Windsor Social Services** at 860-285-1839, LP Wilson Community Center to register.
- Contact the **Family Resource Coordinator at your child's school** for sign up.

2026/2027 School year distributions will begin on Thursday, Sept. 10th.

DON'T WAIT! REGISTER TODAY!

Weekend Wheels is a program of the Windsor Food and Fuel Bank

Dress Code Guidelines

See full **WPS Board** Policy for Details - **Policy 5132**

WINDSOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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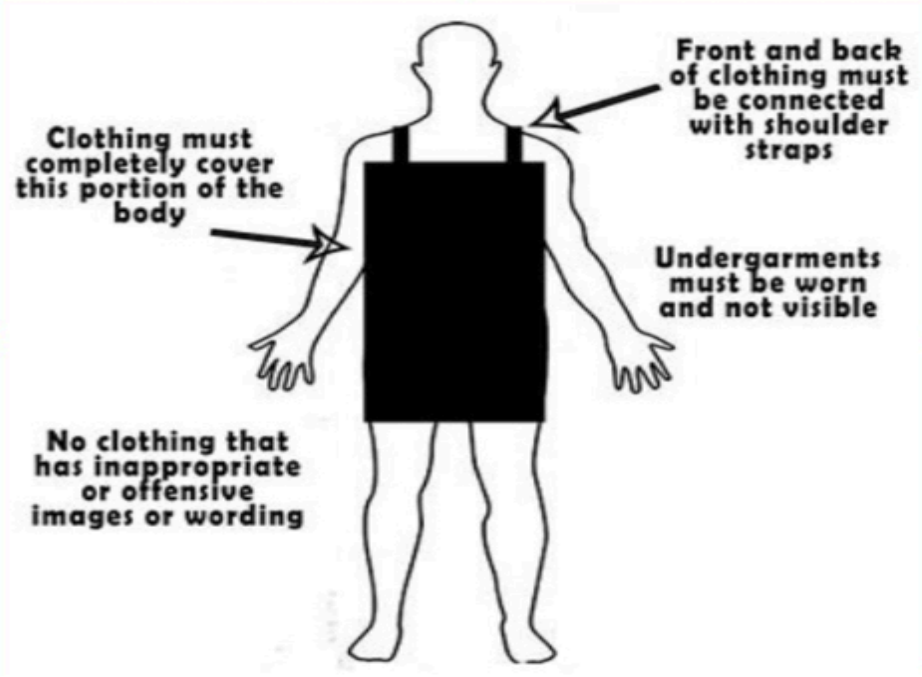

Cell Phone Policy



POWERSCHOOL EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Annual Information Update -School Year 2026-2027

THIS IS A REQUIRED UPDATE

PLEASE SUBMIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -



Dear Sage Park Parents:

In order to receive **any** communications from the school district in the 2026-2027 school year, parents/guardians must complete the Returning Student Enrollment process by following the directions below. Each parent/guardian with students in the district must update the contacts for their child(ren). Parent/Guardians, you must list yourselves under Contact 1 and Contact 2 when completing the update. Many parents/guardians are forgetting to list themselves as contacts. You will also have the opportunity to add additional emergency contacts. Finally, when you are finished, be sure to click the green SUBMIT button at the bottom of the last page.

If your child is NOT going to be attending Windsor Public Schools on August 24, 2026, please come in to the Sage Park Main Office to sign a release of your child's records to the school they will be attending next year (2026-2027 school year).

How do I get started?

Visit https://windsor.powerschool.com/public to enter the PowerSchool Parent Portal. From the Parent Portal (Please use a web browser Ie. Chrome, Safari, Firefox..etc and **NOT the parent portal app**).

> Please click here for detailed instructions on how to update your Powerschool Parent Portal.

I can't remember my login for the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Please fill out the linked form to request your parent portal password reset request below: Parent Portal Password Reset

For technical support, visit our PowerSchool Community help center.

Food Services for the 2026 - 2027 School Year

**** Free and Reduced-price Application Form 26-27 available through****

Windsor Food Services Webpage

Si el inglés no es su primer idioma, comuníquese con la escuela y le ayudaremos a completar el formulario de almuerzo gratuito o reducido.

1. **Who can get free or reduced-price meals?**

- All students residing in households where any member of the household receives SNAP or TFA benefits are eligible for free school meals. Note: *Some* students receiving Medicaid (HUSKY A) benefits are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals.

- Foster children that are under the **legal** responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. (Note: A foster child is categorically eligible for free meals and may be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as members of the household may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits.)

- Students participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.

- Students who are designated as homeless or runaway are eligible for free meals.

- Students may receive free or reduced-price meals if your household's income is at or below the limits of the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

2. **How do I know if my children qualify as homeless or runaway?** Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household?

3. **Do I need to fill out an application for each child?** No. Use **one** *Free and Reduced-price School Meals Application* for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to Windsor Public School, Food Service, 601 Matianuck Ave, Windsor, CT 06095

4. **Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are already approved for free or reduced-price meals?** No, but please read the letter carefully and follow the instructions. If any students in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Patricia Patton @ppattonwindsorct.org or 860-687-2000 ext 1222** immediately.

5. **My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out a new one?** Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first). When the carryover period ends, unless you are notified that your children are directly certified or you submit an application that is approved, your children's meals must be claimed at the paid rate. Though encouraged to do so, the LEA is not required to send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility. Even if your school is offering meals at no cost, it is important that you submit an application to ensure that in the subsequent school year, your child will remain eligible for free or reduced-price meals for up to 30 operating days.

6. **If I get Special Supplemental Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC) benefits, can my children get free meals?** Students in households participating in WIC **may** be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please send in an application.

7. **Will the information I give be checked?** Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

8. **If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced-price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

9. **What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?** You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing **Danielle Batchelder @ dbatchelder@windsorct.org or 860-687-2000**

10. **May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes. You, your children or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced-price school meals.

11. **What if my income is not always the same?** List the amount that you **normally** receive. For example, if you normally make $1,000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made $900, put down that you made $1,000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

12. **What if some household members have no income to report?** Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. When this happens, please write "0" in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will **also** be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you **meant** to do so.

13. **We are in the military. Do we report our income differently**? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food or clothing, or receive Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance payments, these must also be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

14. **What if there isn't enough space on the application for my family?** List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach to your application. Contact **Patricia Patton, 601 Matianuck Ave, Windsor, CT 06095 or 860-687-2000 ext 1222** to receive a second application.

15. **My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for?** To find out how to apply for SNAP benefits and to contact the Department of Social Services office in your town, contact United Way's free referral number **2-1-1** (free call, statewide).

If you have other questions or need help, call **860-687-2000 ext 1222**

Sincerely,

Food Service Director

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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