Sage Park Charger E-News

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Friday, September 11, 2026
ONE DISTRICT...ONE DIRECTION

Excellence Everyday for Every Child!

From The Acting Principal

Dear Sage Park Families,

Two weeks into the school year, I am proud to share that we are off to an amazing start! Seeing our students engaged, excited, and settled into their daily routines has been truly inspiring.

Looking ahead to next week, our primary focus will be on the **i-Ready Fall Assessments**. This assessment provides our teachers with critical baseline data, which they use to plan targeted instruction and meet the unique learning needs of every student.

i-Ready Assessment Schedule:

- **Math:** Monday, September 14 & Tuesday, September 15
- **ELA:** Wednesday, September 16 & Thursday, September 17

How We Can Partner for Success:

To help create the best environment for your child, here are a few simple ways you can support them from home:

1. **Charge Devices:** Please ensure your child's device is fully charged the night before each testing day.
2. **Prioritize Rest:** Help your child get a good night's sleep so they wake up refreshed and ready.
3. **Eat a Healthy Breakfast:** Encourage your child to enjoy a nutritious breakfast at home or at school to stay focused.
4. **Encourage Growth:** Remind your child to do their best and aim to build upon their progress from last year!
5. **Smart Device Policy:** Remind your child that all smart devices need to remain in their lockers for the entire school day.

Please review the Chromebook Curfew with your child.

Warm regards,

William Fisher Jr.

William Fisher Jr.
Acting Principal

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. After School Enrichment Cluster Sign Ups
3. Weekend Wheels Student Food Program
4. Hispanic Heritage Month - Volunteers Needed
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6. Social Services September Newsletter
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Important Dates to Remember:



- ★ **September 14th - 17th** - i-Ready Testing
- ★ **September 14th** - Summit (after school help) begins
- ★ **September 14th** - Last day to sign up for Intramurals (see your child's Advisory Google Classroom)
- ★ **September 16th** - 6th Grade Open House 6:00pm
- ★ **September 18th** - 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: Sept. 8th - 11th
Sage Park Morning Announcements: 9/8/26
Sage Park Morning Announcements: 9/9/26
Sage Park Morning Announcements: 9/10/26
Sage Park Morning Announcements: 9/11/26

Auntie GiGi's Recipe Corner:



Click here for a delicious recipe for Mongolian Beef Ramen!

New This Week!

Fall Enrichment Cluster Sign Ups Are Open!



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.

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

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Sage Park!

Join Us to Welcome Our Students!

Families are invited to gather at the **front of Sage Park Middle School** to welcome our students with festive flags and lively music as we celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month**!

🎉 **PTO will provide the flags and music.**

We hope you can join us and help make the start of the school day extra special!



Sage Park Apparel

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!

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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WINDSOR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

JOIN US FOR A

Grab Bag BINGO

★ FUNDRAISER ★

10 ROUNDS

10 PRIZES

YOU CHOOSE!

★ Win a round and choose the prize YOU want most!

SAVE THE DATE!

OCT 2

— AT —

LP WILSON



★ GREAT PRIZES. BIG IMPACT. ★

- 10 ROUNDS OF BINGO FUN!
- 10 AMAZING PRIZES VALUED OVER $100 EACH!
- SUPPORTING WINDSOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

PLAY BINGO. WIN BIG. SUPPORT EDUCATION.

★ *Thank you for making a difference!* ★



House 1

Hello and welcome to Grade 6 in House 1. Students are acclimating to being back to school and we're happy to have them! Please encourage your students to come prepared each day with all of their belongings, including a charged chromebook and charger, just in case. This year we continue as a district to grow our 4Cs: caring, courage, creativity, and commitment.

Science News

In science students are busy learning the routines and rituals of our classroom. Once all expectations are explicitly taught and our lab safety quiz is given, we can begin with our hands-on learning. Prior to the start of unit one we will be learning and practicing lab safety. Then it is on to chemistry. In unit one, Chemistry, students will explore the movement of molecules and atoms. To be prepared for science students are expected to come to class on time with their charged chromebook and pencil. Preferred items also include a glue stick and colored pencils or crayons. All students should already have a notebook that they brought in for class, and I have provided a folder for each student. Please be on the lookout for weekly emails for updates on what we are working on in the classroom.

Math Update



We have finished up our first two 6th grade math lessons on ratios and unit rates and students completed their first lesson quiz. We will move into our next lesson on equivalent ratios next week. This lesson will take about a week to complete the work and then the follow up quiz will occur.

Students are completing the Math i-Ready Diagnostic on 9/14 and 9/15 which will help determine what topics they need to work on. You may start to hear your student talking about My Path. This is a part of i-Ready that is built specifically for your child. They will spend 45 minutes per week on this part of the program. If the 45 minutes are not completed in class, it will need to be done for homework Thursday night. Students

will get a grade weekly for completing lessons and the required time. The diagnostic determines what skills each student needs to work on and creates the 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. Students may re-do any assignments other than quizzes. If your child is missing an assignment, they can go to our Google Classroom and find the links in a document called "Links to Graded Assignments." In addition, here is a document with links to multiplication facts practice. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Meghan O'Brien & Jennifer Wilcox

ELA News!



Welcome back to school! We spent the first week aligning ourselves with the ways of Sage Park Middle School and collaborated on the 4Cs in our classroom. Through these discussions we created class expectations. We also looked at choosing books that are a good fit for classroom Independent Reading. We are looking to strengthen our independent reading skills and our reading stamina. We have begun Unit 1: Soaring Imagination in which we consider the idea "What makes a story work?" We began our work with story elements and plot structure. Ask your child to show you their notes! They can tell you all about the structure of a plot! We will spend the next few weeks analyzing each element and how they work in a series of short stories. All students should now be reading for at least 20 minutes nightly at home. Please talk with your child at home about their reading and about the assignments they are working on in class. Also, please remind your child to come to school with a charged Chromebook, a pencil, and all necessary materials for class.

Social Studies

It has been a pleasure meeting our new 6th graders this year! The first few days have gone by smoothly and most students have comfortably settled into their routines. We are just beginning our first project for the year, the Covid 19 project. After we finish this project, we will start getting into our curriculum and will be reviewing geography concepts and exploring characteristics of civilizations. This will prepare us to be introduced to the first MesoAmerican civilizations that we will be learning about, which will be the Olmecs. After the Olmecs we will study the Mayans and then begin our first Significant Task in which students will be creating interactive maps. Please make sure to help your child stay organized by having them check Google Keep for assignments that are due, and maintaining a folder or binder to keep social studies materials. Also, please remind your child to charge their chromebooks at home every night.



House 4

As a house and as a district, we are committed to the 4Cs.
Please connect with your children on how they have been courageous, caring, committed, and creative, and set goals for moving forward.

COURAGEOUS	CARING	COMMITTED	CREATIVE
I WILL HAVE THE COURAGE TO TAKE RISKS & SPEAK UP RESPECTFULLY	I WILL CARE BY SHOWING KINDNESS, SUPPORTING, AND INCLUDING OTHERS	I WILL COMMIT TO STAYING FOCUSED AND FOLLOWING THROUGH ON TASKS	I WILL BE CREATIVE IN HOW I APPROACH SOLVING PROBLEMS; I WILL TRY TO THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

Math:
During the first week of school, students reviewed integer number sense by practicing assigning a given situation a positive or negative number (i.e. a loss of five yards is -5), comparing integers, and ordering integers. This past week, we worked on adding and subtracting integers utilizing multiple strategies and ended the week with the rules for computing all rational numbers. You can ask your child to sing you the cheat song! It is a great way to remember the rules. Remember to charge Chromebooks over the weekend because we begin the i-Ready Math Diagnostic on Monday morning!

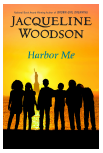
Science:
In Science, we kicked off the year by focusing on safety in the laboratory! Students tested their knowledge during an energetic, game show-style review before completing their first lab safety quiz. From there, we jumped straight into the core of scientific inquiry by learning how to identify independent and dependent variables. Ask your child to explain the difference between the variable a scientist changes and the one being measured, or ask them about their favorite question from the game show!

Social Studies:
In Social Studies we are finishing up our introduction to history. Next week we will be starting the Stone Age and how we look at history before the invention of writing. Students will see how early humans transitioned from hunter-gatherers to farming. Our first significant task will be a cave painting that students will be creating on their own. This task will be ongoing until the end of September.

ELA:
Welcome to Grade 7 ELA! We are looking forward to a year of growth and excellence! Our first unit surrounds the essential question of “Who Is the Real Me?” To begin the unit, students have been exposed to how to annotate a text. They’ve also begun their first essay of the year: personal narrative. They have completed a number of graphic organizers and scaffolded steps to plan to reflect on a defining moment in their life, as well as any obstacles faced prior. The essay will end with a culminating theme. Keep an eye out for an email when they have their presentation due. They will turn their essay

into a visual slideshow with photos to enhance the story. We are so proud of their efforts and vulnerability. Their essays will count for an assessment, help us build rapport, and give us a starting point to know where they need more support in writing. Following this assignment, we will continue the unit by exploring themes in class read aloud mentor texts.

Hadgraft's classes- *Harbor Me* (class read aloud)



Frost's classes- *The Outsiders* (class read aloud)



Please don't hesitate to email your child's ELA teacher with anything you may need. We hope to meet you at Open House and look forward to partnering with you to best support your child!

Physical Education

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a good start to the school year and are looking forward to a positive first quarter. During the year, students will be taking the Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment during class. The assessment consists of push-ups, curl-ups, sit and reach, and the PACER run. We have attached a link that will help you prepare for the CPFA: test link. This page will give you standards along with videos on how to perform each test and the cadence that goes along with those tests.

Throughout the year students will be involved in individual, team, and recreational activities. Please remember to dress for physical activity and bring sneakers for each class.

Things to remember when coming to P.E.:

1. Be prepared with sneakers.
2. Wear comfortable athletic clothing.
3. Do your best with a positive attitude.
4. Please provide a written note if your child needs to be excused from class for the day. Also, please provide a doctor's note if your child has an injury and will be excused from class for an extended period of time.

If you need to contact Ms. Anderson: please email randerson@windsorct.org
If you need to contact Mr. Dunn: please email midunn@windsorct.org
If you need to contact Mr. Michalak: please email rmichalak@windsorct.org
If you need to contact Mr. Oster: please email boster@windsorct.org



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



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

Dress Code Guidelines

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

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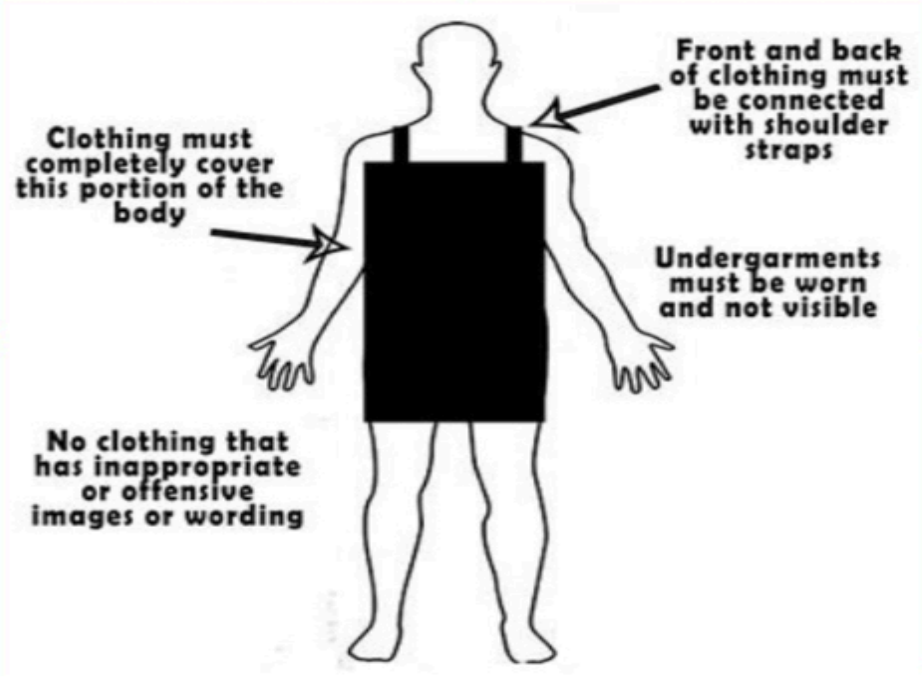

Cell Phone Policy



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

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