



# WOLVERINE TIMES

NURTURING THE WHOLE CHILD THROUGH ACADEMICS, SOCIALLY AND EMOTIONALLY



## MESSAGE FROM THE *Principal*

Our students have been very busy with work, internships, summer school, leadership programs, workshops, conferences, and, let's not forget vacation. My hope for this upcoming school is for your student to take advantage of our rigorous academics, wonderful programs, clubs, and athletics and be well-rounded. Please look for athletics and club updates in Schoology. We will continue to keep you posted throughout the year.

Educationally yours, Jewell M. Ralph

*A little bit of summer is what the whole year is about.*  
- John Meyer

## ORIENTATION DAY

*9th Grade (Class of 2027)*

Students entering grade 9 are invited to participate in Orientation Day at Western Tech.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023**

**7:30 AM - 11:15 AM**

**7:30 am - 7:50 am** : Welcome in gym; Students will get a copy of their schedules

**8:00 am - 10:45 am** : Students will attend classes in the order of their schedule.

Students will have the opportunity to meet teachers, navigate to classes, meet classmates and more.

**10:45 am - 11:15 am** : Lunch & Announcements

*No need to RSVP.*

Transportation will be provided from student's assigned bus stops.

## 2023-2024 PTSA

WT - Working Together in 2023-2024! Summer is quickly coming to an end. We are excited and looking forward to Working Together for the upcoming school year. In order to do that, we need YOU. Feel free to review, complete, and submit your dues through the QR code below.

*PTSA Application*



*Pay Dues Here*



Be on the look out for information regarding our first WSTES PTSA General Meeting. Continue to have fun and be safe.

Lisa Palmer, PTSA President

## CULTURAL COALESCENCE

Cultural Coalescence is scheduled for Friday, November 10, 2023. Seniors, start to think about your groups. Registration for Cultural Coalescence will be open to seniors during the week of September 5, 2023.



## 9TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

All students should have the following items:

- Heavy Duty Binder-3 ring (one will be provided to you during the New Wolverine Workshop, Orientation Day or first day of school)
- Some students may like 2 binders (one for A-Day and one for B-Day), other students may like one binder. Some teachers may require a separate binder specifically for their class.
- Loose leaf paper
- Pens and pencils
- Post it notes
- Reusable water bottle
- Success Guide-agenda that will be provided by the school
- Highlighters
- Headphones or earbuds that are compatible with the laptops
- Since many high-stakes exams require the proficient use of a graphing calculator, the Mathematics Department **REQUIRES** students have a TI-84+ calculator to become proficient when working through problems at home.



*Full supply list*





# Welcome

## MARK STIGLIANO



### MY FAVORITE QUOTE

*"Often it isn't the mountains ahead  
that wear you out,  
it's the little pebble in your shoe."  
-Muhammad Ali*

I have worked for BCPS since 2009, first as an aide in a CLS classroom and then as special education paraeducator. Gradually ascending the educational ladder, I transitioned to become a special education teacher at Western Tech in the Fall of 2021. I've always had a passion for math, all types of sciences, and psychology. Other than that, some of my interests include: nature, hiking, traveling, theatre, and film (especially sci-fi). In college, I initially pursued a degree in Computer Engineering, but my passion for mind/brain sciences led me to switch my major to Cognitive Science. I received my BA degree from Johns Hopkins University in 2012. I ultimately decided to pursue a teaching career, drawing upon my eclectic background in math and sciences. As a paraeducator and later as a teacher, I actively engaged in supporting students with mathematics. Most recently, I co-taught Geometry and Algebra classes as a special educator. This Fall, I will embark on an exciting new chapter at Western Tech, teaching mathematics classes part-time, while also continuing to work in special education. I look forward to the 2023-2024 school year and hope to inspire students to gain a deeper understanding of math, while continuing to support their academic success!

## LAKISHA SMITH



I am an honor graduate of Pendleton High School, bachelor's from the University of Phoenix with a major in psychology. I took up education as a career after discovering my oldest faced disabilities. I have now been in education for over 24 years. I have always had a passion and heart for children. I have also completed my master's program in special education from Grand Canyon University. I currently am pursuing my second Master's in Education Leadership and Administration from Rutgers University.

Academically, I am interested in reading and writing, specifically news, current events, and science. I also love writing music. I believe in the power of a village to help induce change personally and globally. Just like one took time for me, I too want to take time for others. I dedicate myself in providing help to students of all walks of life and backgrounds. I provide efficient lessons and exercises that help students develop.

It is my vision for all people to once again appreciate the art of education and following their DREAMS. Determination, Respect, Education, Attitude, Mendability, and Success. With the rapid development of technology, young people are losing skills, and I want to help assist in getting them back. I am looking forward to my next endeavor in education.

# UPCOMING EVENTS at *Western Tech*

## August 2023

- AUGUST 1, 2023 New Wolverine Summer Workshop #3, 8 am - 12 pm (Library)
- AUGUST 3, 2023 Senior Portraits #1, 11:30 am - 7:00 pm (Den)
- AUGUST 4, 2023 Senior Portraits #2, 11:30 am - 7:00 pm (Den)  
Last Day of Summer School
- AUGUST 7, 2023 Deadline for fall sports registration
- AUGUST 9, 2023 Fall sports try outs begin
- AUGUST 11, 2023 Student schedules available in FOCUS after 4 pm
- AUGUST 14, 2023 12th grade schedule changes (In Person)  
A-G: 8am-10 am, H-O: 10 am-12 pm, P-Z: 1pm-2pm
- AUGUST 15, 2023 11th grade schedule changes (In Person)  
A-G: 8am-10 am, H-O: 10 am-12 pm, P-Z: 1pm-2pm
- AUGUST 16, 2023 9th & 10th grade schedule changes (In Person)  
A-G: 8am-10 am, H-O: 10 am-12 pm, P-Z: 1pm-2pm
- AUGUST 17, 2023 Leadership Retreat, 8 am - 2:30 pm (Library)
- AUGUST 18, 2023 Administrative & Supervisory Personnel Meeting
- AUGUST 21, 2023 Teachers on Duty
- AUGUST 22, 2023 Systemwide Professional Development Activities
- AUGUST 23, 2023 Teacher Classroom Preparation Day
- AUGUST 24, 2023 9th Grade Orientation, 7:30 am - 11:15 am
- AUGUST 25, 2023 Teacher Classroom Preparation Day
- AUGUST 28, 2023 First Day of School

