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at
Weston High School

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Organization

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- ***In Person Forums***
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- ***Academic Webpages***
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In Person Forums

PTO Parent 411 – Parent Forum Thursday Sept. 12 at 8 am in the HS Media Center. Learn who is who in the school- put the faces with names of the administration

Back to School Night – Wednesday October 2, 7- 9 pm.

Guidance Forums – the Guidance Team presents grade specific forums about curriculum and college preparation, 9th/10th Grade Forum, day & evening college forums on specific topics such as the Application Timeline and Financial Aid. Look for announcements.

Parent Discussion Groups – PTO group run by volunteers, organized by grade, for less formal discussions between parents about current issues, mainly social/emotional issues and upcoming events, relevant to that grade, i.e., Prom. Some PDG's bring in relevant speakers.

PTO Parent Coffees – Planned and announced throughout the year. First one is Thursday Sept. 19 at 8 am in the HS Media Center.

PTO Return of the Graduates – Date in late Dec or early January - TBD

Health and Wellness Forum – March date TBD

****** Parking reminder -** for Parent Forums and Visiting the HS please **do not** park in the student spaces

School to Parent Electronic Communication

Infinite Campus (Campus Parent or IC) Communication: The contact information in this student information system is the base for all communication from the school (but not PTO). It is the official student information repository, including all academic information. Principals, Guidance and Administration use this system to send school or grade wide information. The daily High School Update emails are sent from this system. Families are automatically subscribed to receive these emails. It is the responsibility of parents to update contact or 'Household' information within the Campus Parent Portal. You access it from the QUICKLINKS dropdown menu or the Academics menu.

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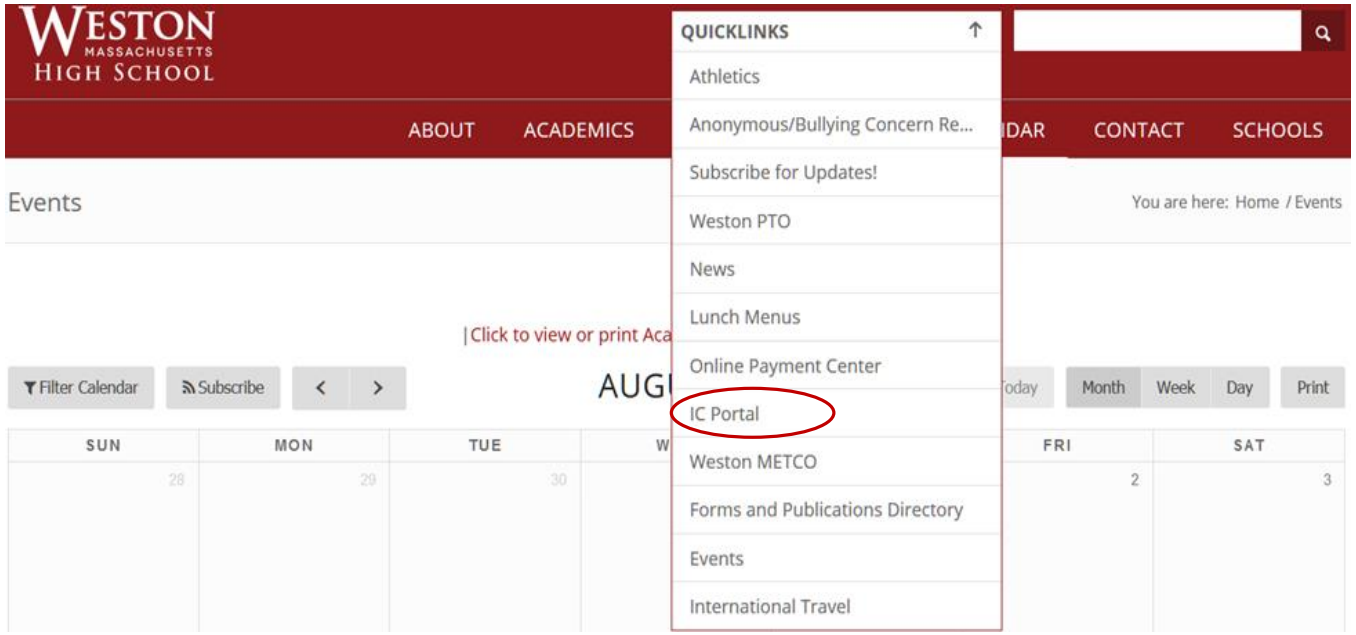

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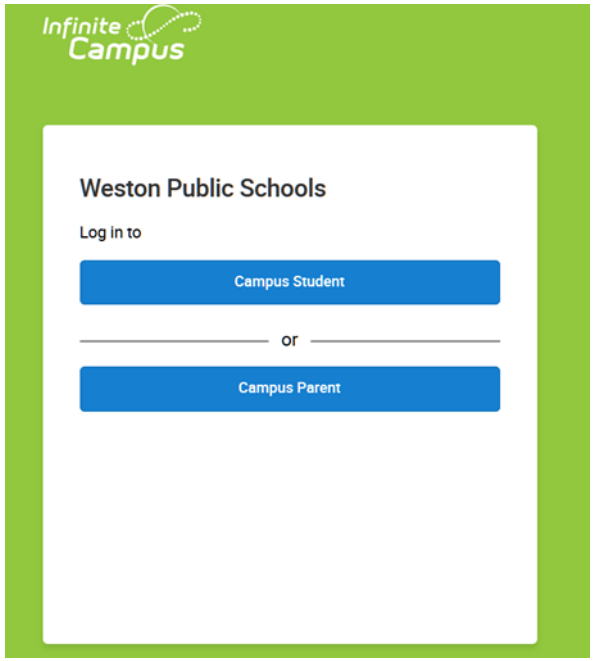

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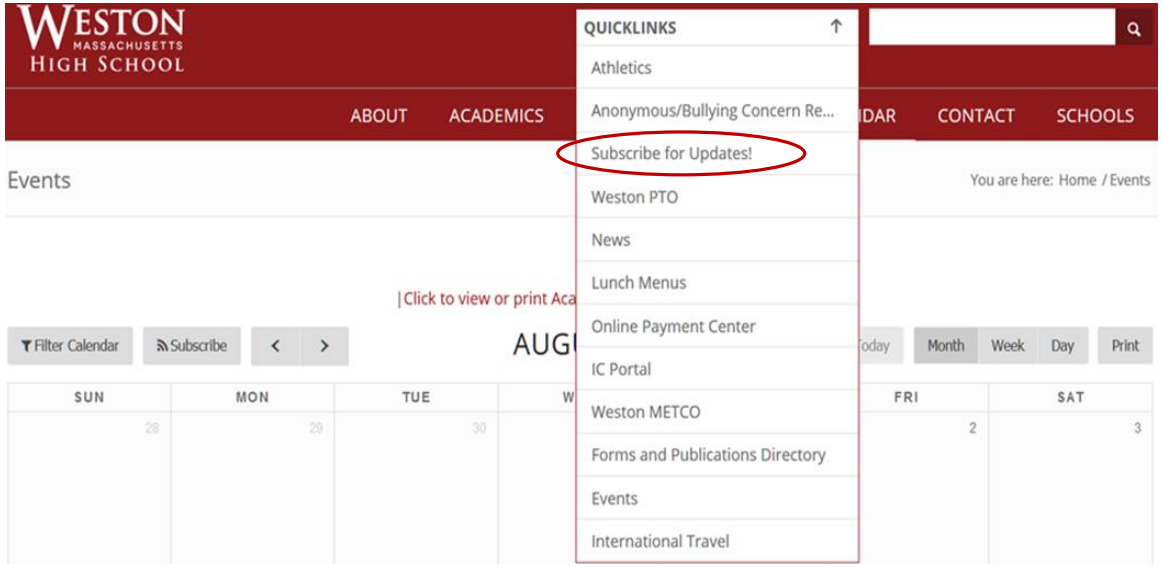
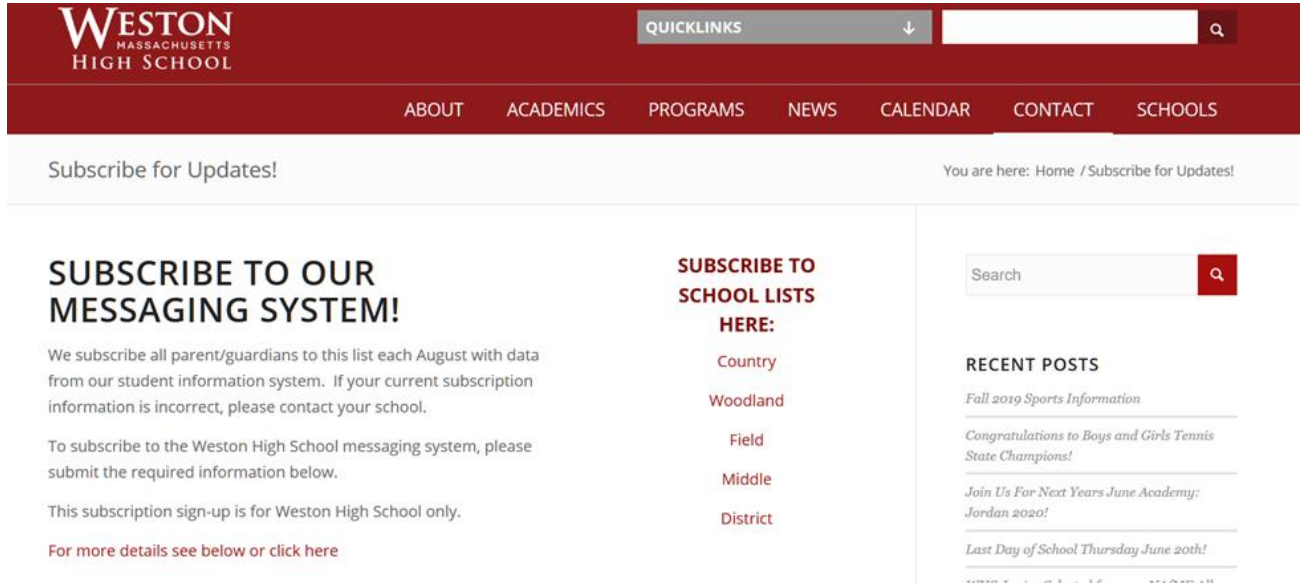
Additional High School Messages Information:

If you want anyone else, like another caregiver who is not in your 'Household Information' in the IC system, you can sign them up to receive the HS Messages. Look for the 'Subscribe for Updates!' in QUICKLINKS dropdown menu or the Contacts menu:





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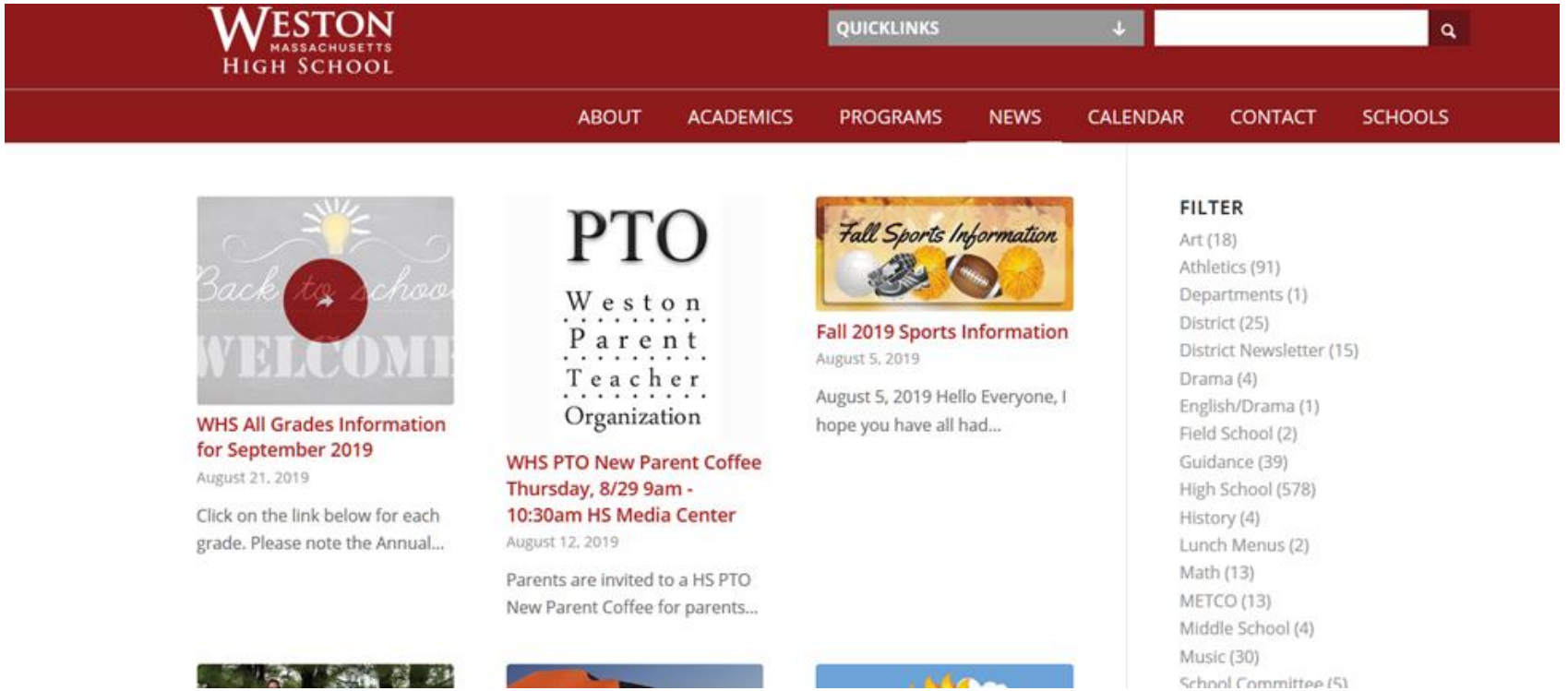
High School Update Email and website News tab: A daily email with current announcements. All 'Update' announcements are also posted on the News tab of the High School Webpage.

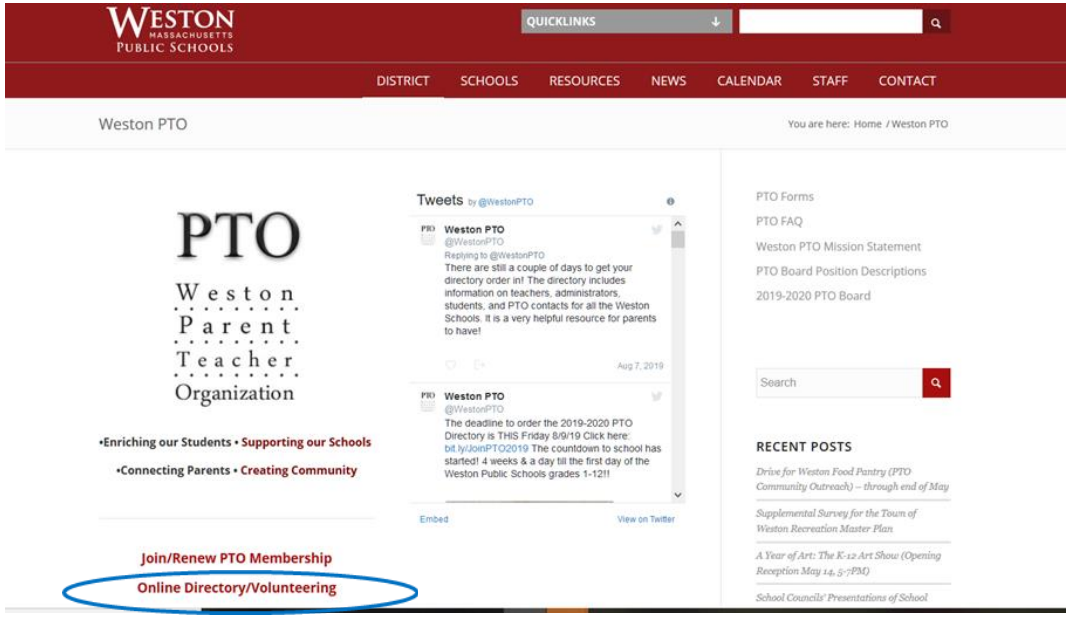


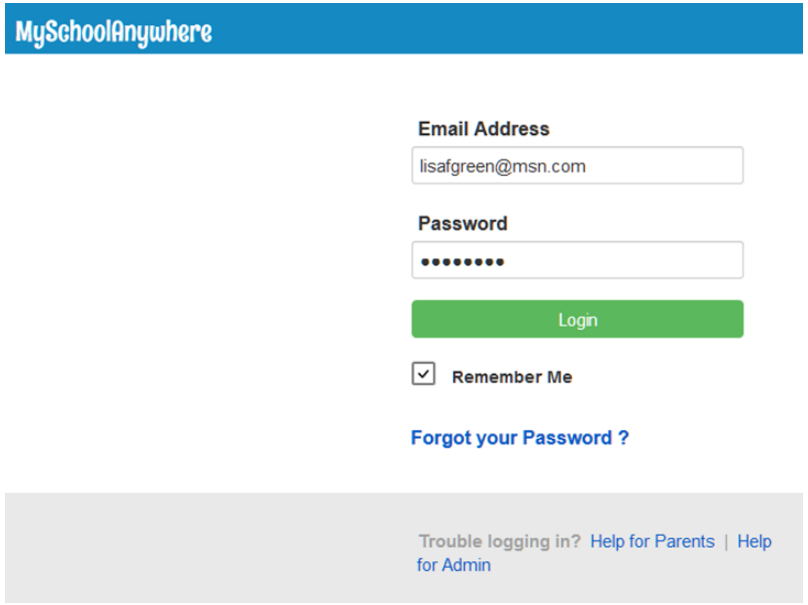
School to Parent Electronic Communication

MySchoolAnywhere (MSA): This is a PTO database that is populated with the school's student/parent information. The Parent Advisors (class parents) use this system to email all parents in the grade about upcoming events and general communication. PTO members can update their email address after logging in. Nonmembers must request an email change. Parents that opt to not have an email in the PTO directory, do not get this vital communication. This year we are trying to determine which parents opt out so we can try to get this communication to them.

It is important to add the MSA email address, mail@myschoolanywhereemail.com, to your contacts/safe sender list to avoid a spam rejection by an email provider. Some providers reject and block all email from senders that are reported as spam. Once this happens, the PTO Directory chair must intervene.

You access MSA from the Weston PTO webpage and click on the Online Directory/Volunteering link. (then save it as a bookmark). There is also a phone app. Both contain student and parent names, addresses, emails and phone numbers. Only PTO members have access to the directory.





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PTO Weekly Westword Emails:

All PTO members receive the weekly PTO-member exclusive electronic newsletter, ***Westword***, on Wednesdays. It is a newsletter filled with updates of what's happening in all of the Weston schools as well as the community, in one place.

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PTO's Westword Newsletter

June 19, 2019

Westword is brought to you by the Weston PTO.

This is the last newsletter for this school year. We wish you a wonderful summer and Westword will return again at the start of the school year. For inquiries on PTO over the summer, email our new PTO President Amy Olivier for the 2019-2020 school year.

Happy Summer on behalf of the entire PTO Board!

Like us on and follow us on for the latest PTO updates!

All Grades

Pre-School & Elementary

Middle School & High School

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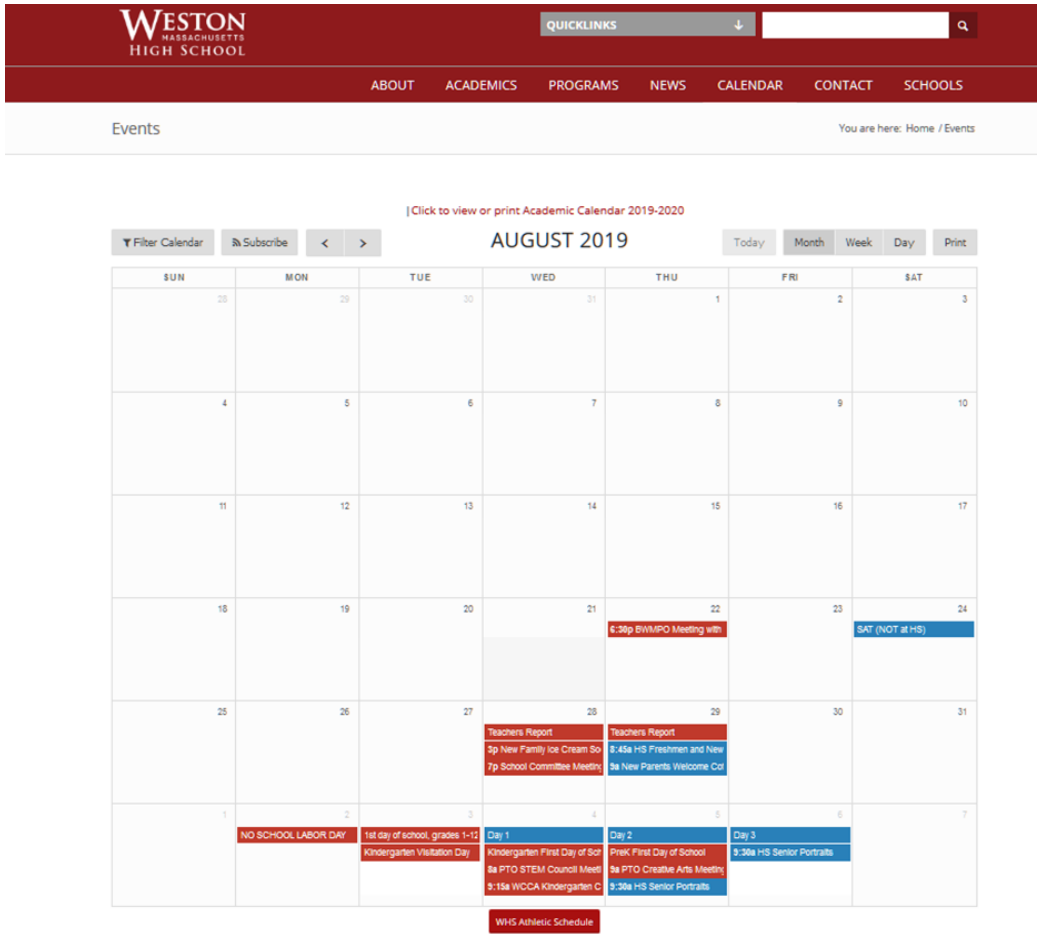
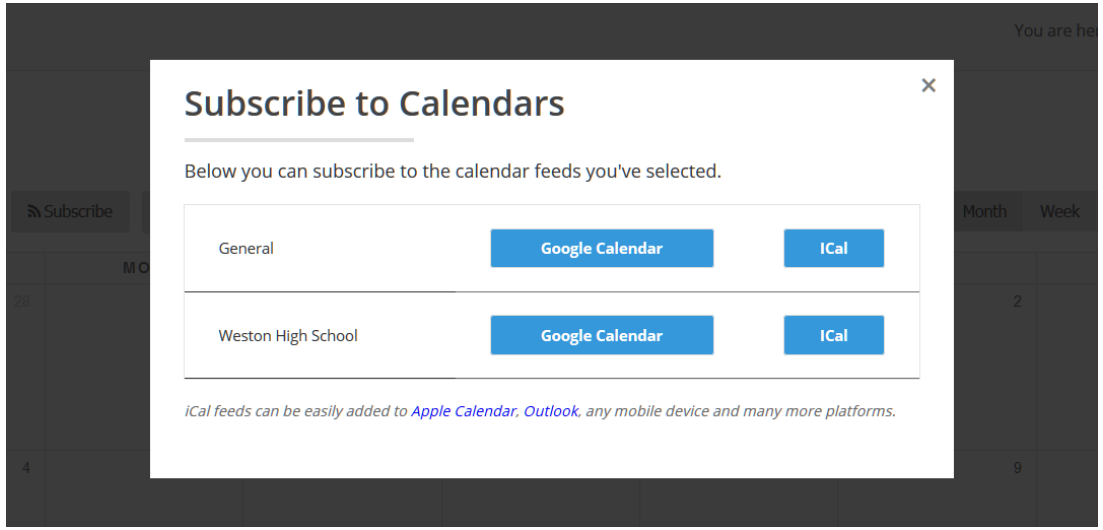
Online Calendar: The school administration (each school and district wide) continually update the online calendar. You should always check it and can Subscribe to feeds for your desktop and/or mobile calendar.





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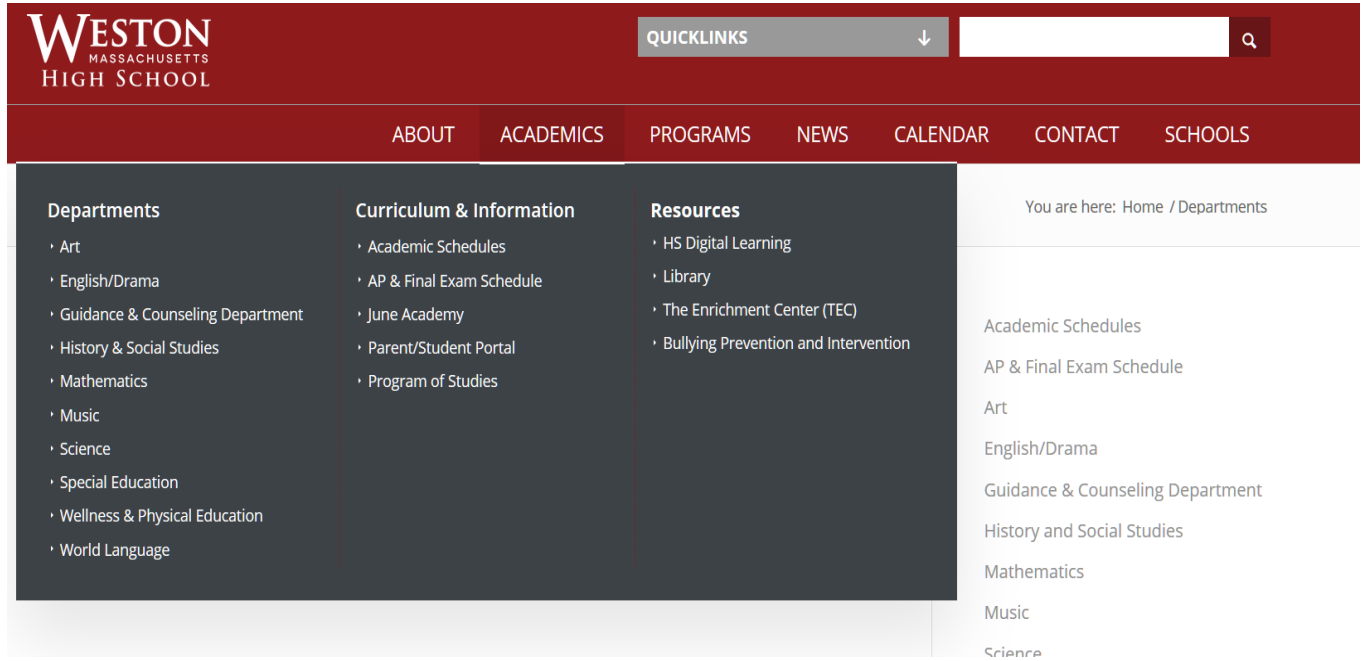
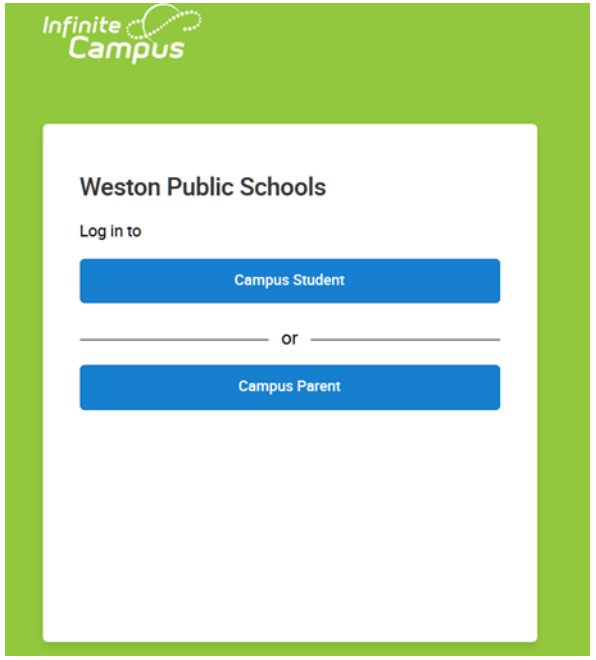
Athletic Updates:

There is a link to the Athletic Schedule on the online school calendar. Also, all Varsity & JV game schedules can be found each season on the Athletic page in the HS website. Schedules are also available on the MIAA app as shown below from the Fall Athletic Page:

Academic Webpages

Infinite Campus (Campus Portal or IC) Grade Book: All academic information is housed in this system. You access it from the Academics menu or the QUICKLINKS dropdown menu. This is a webpage and there is a phone app.



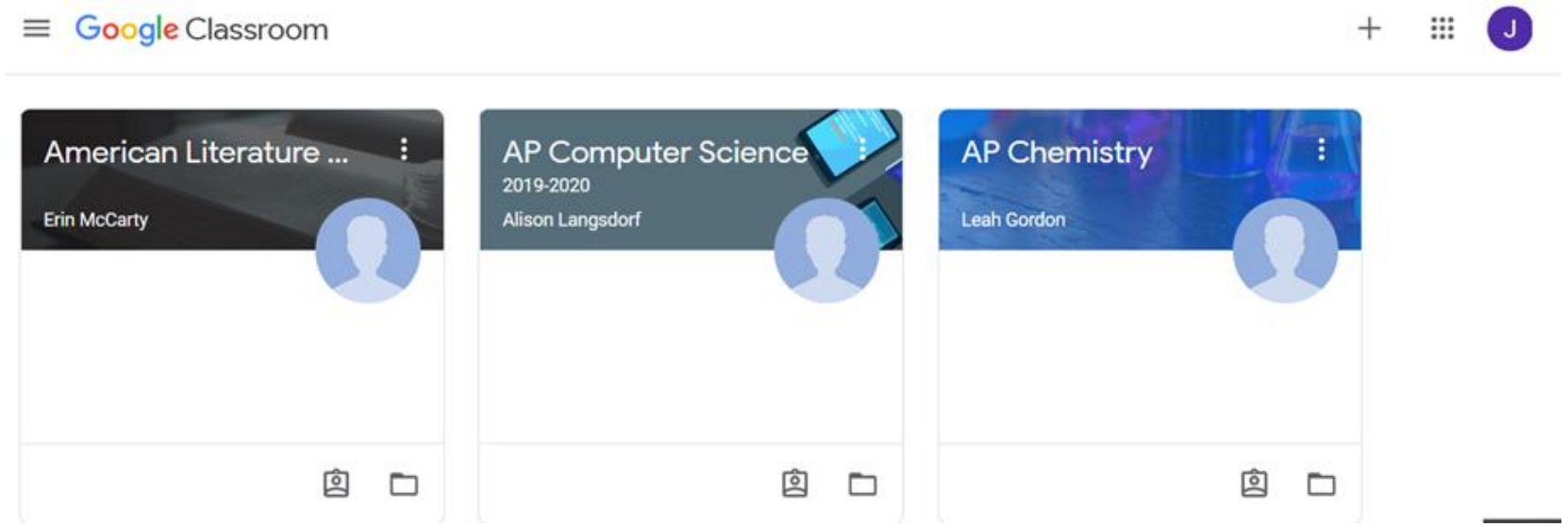


Academic Webpages

Google Classroom: All of your student's teachers use this to post class notes, homework and grades, in some cases. Students submit homework via their classroom page. You need the 'key' for the classroom in order to view it. The teacher normally gives it to parents at Back to School Night or by request. If you need access before Back to School Night, email the teacher.

Teachers provide students with the access code on the first day of class.

There is a webpage and phone app for this. This is a student view from the webpage:



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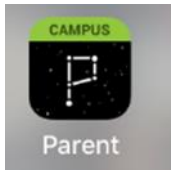
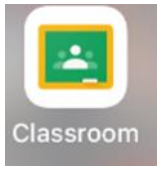
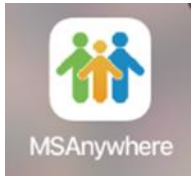


Campus Parent (Infinite Campus): shows schedule with calendar option; shows assignments and grades. Use the same ID as on the webpage. An email from the Technology Department was sent on August 1. It has a great instructional pdf of how to set up the app: https://www.infinitecampus.com/pdf/Parents-and-Students/Getting-Started-Campus-Student-Campus-Parent.pdf



Google Classroom: At back to school night get the classroom code so you can see the homework assignments, if you need to make sure your child is keeping up with the work; also shows graded work



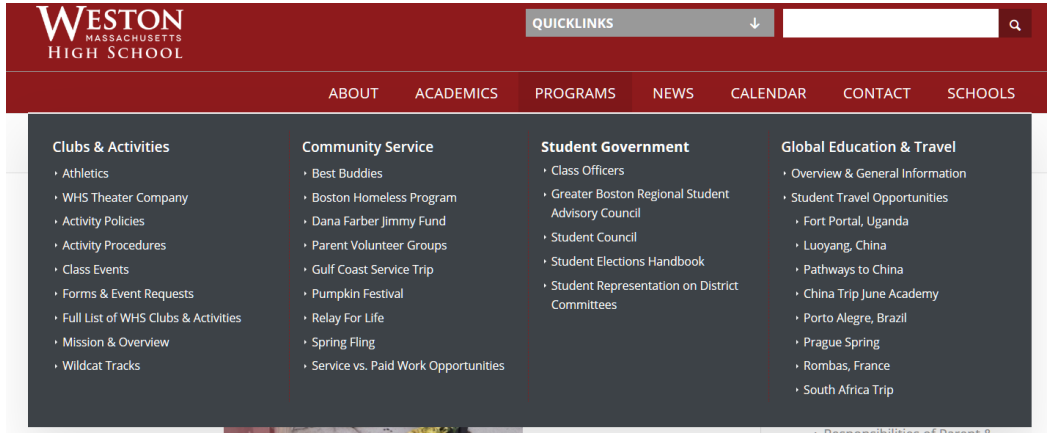
MSA/Membership Toolkit – PTO online directory. Can filter by grade or street.

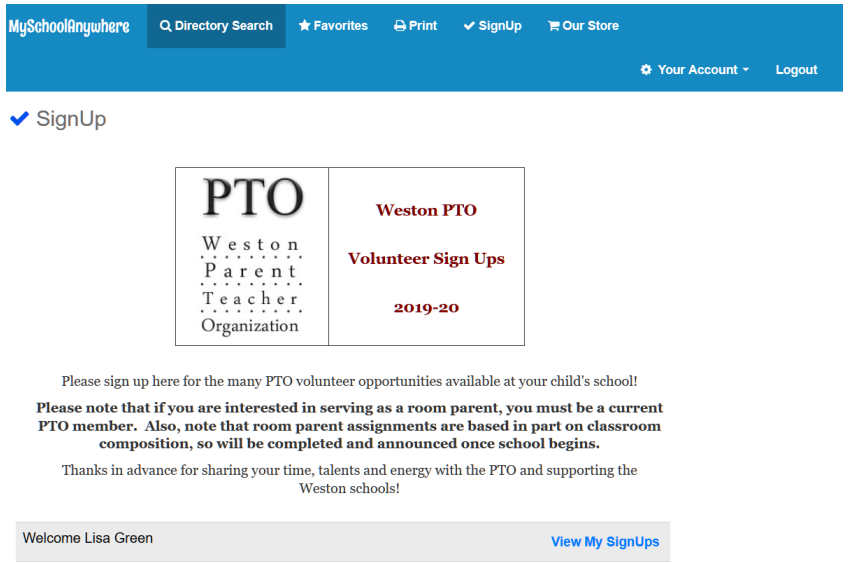
Viafy Bus App (was Ubica) – The School Bus app, shows your student's bus stop and route with estimated arrival times.

Wildcat Tracks – the student newspaper app that brings you to the school website and the newspaper.

Volunteer Opportunities for Parents

On the High School website you can find ‘Parent Volunteer Groups’ under the Programs tab and then in Community Service. If you want to have your name on a volunteer list, you do it in the PTO MySchoolAnywhere website. You can sign up any time after you join.





Volunteer Opportunities for Parents

Class event volunteer opportunities - requested by Parent Advisors when help is needed, such as dance set up, Haunted House set up, etc.

PTO - Hospitality Committee – parent volunteers that help organize and support PTO events as needed. Sign up and be part of the team!

PTO- Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Parent organized and run event to show our appreciation for our faculty and staff at the HS. Held in the Spring, but planning starts in the fall. We need a chair and co-chair to create the event. We need a team of people to cook, bake and serve on the day of luncheon. We also solicit for monetary support for those who cannot volunteer.

Weston Education Enrichment Fund Committee (WEEFC) - a subcommittee of the School Committee, which is devoted to the enrichment of education throughout the district. It is the primary fund-raising group for school enrichment for all grades. All parents should donate to the fund since all children in the district benefit.

Athletic Teams and Boosters – each team coach will communicate involvement requested, if any. The Boosters parent group supports extra-curricular activities, primarily Athletics.

The Community Alliance for Student Theater (CAST)- CAST provides assistance to the High School Theater Company.

Friends of Music - a parent organization that assists the WPS Music Department with the many music events throughout the year.

Friends of Art – a parent group to help support students in the Visual Arts, especially for Art Shows.

Ad Hoc requests – Back to School Night refreshments help