




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER,
January 25, 2019

<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>Thursday, February 7th Parent Council in Library Topic: Local Control and Accountability Plan 6:30</p> <p>February 18th-22nd Mid-winter Break No School</p> <p>Thursday, March 7th Parent Council in Library Topic: STEAM Lab and Maker Space 6:30</p> <p>Friday, March 22nd and Monday, March 25th Conference Days No School</p> <p>Saturday, March 30th WCA Spring Gala and Auction Event at IDESST Hall in Sausalito 5:00</p> <p>Thursday, April 4th Parent Council in Library Topic: WCA's Arts and Music Programs 6:30</p> <p>April 8th-12th Spring Break No School</p> <p>Thursday, May 2nd Parent Council in Library Topic: Meet the Middle School! 6:30</p> <p>Monday, May 27th Memorial Day No School</p>	<p>A Message from Ms. Seekins</p> <p>Dear Willow Creek families,</p> <p>Today our 8th graders embarked on their first of three Success Days sponsored by the Tamalpais High School Success Network. On Success Days, our students take public transportation to Tam High where they shadow Willow Creek alumni, observe high school classes, and start getting oriented to a much larger school campus. Members of our middle school team accompany the students and debrief with them after they return to help them reflect on what they have learned during the day.</p> <p>We are most grateful to our partners at Tamalpais High School and Marin Promise for facilitating the Success Days and for coordinating preregistration nights for our students and families. We know that the transition to high school can feel daunting, and we are glad that we can offer care and support as our students move on to a new phase in their development.</p> <p>Take care and enjoy your weekend!</p> <p>Best,  Tara</p>
	<p>Attendance Report</p> <p>Average Daily Attendance this week: 94% Funds lost this week due to absences: \$4,872 Total funds lost this year due to absences (est.): \$73,057</p> <p>Please remember that you can request an Independent Study for your child for any planned absence of 3 or more days. Please visit Ms. Aleshia in the front office to complete an Independent Study form at least 7 days before the absence is scheduled to begin.</p> <p>News and Reminders</p> <p>Chef Guillaume and his team would like to remind families to make sure their school meals program accounts are up-to-date. Our Conscious Kitchen program is off to a great start this year, and we need to make sure that we're collecting all of the payments due in order to keep it sustainable. Families can pay their accounts online by visiting mymealtime.com. Please contact Erin Baker with any questions about your account or about setting up online payments: ebaker@willowcreekacademy.org.</p>

WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY

You Are Invited To Join Us And Share Your Input!

Please plan to participate in a Focus Session on January 28, 2019 to prepare for the search for our new Head of School.

- ⇒ **Do You Have Ideas About Our Future?**
- ⇒ **Are There Things You Think We Should Continue Or Need To Change?**
- ⇒ **Do You Want To Have Your Thoughts And Ideas Heard?**

Bring Your Ideas to Our Workshop Sessions

Date: January 28, 2019

**Time: 8:30 a.m. – Parents/Guardians/Community
Multi Purpose Room
Willow Creek Academy**

What We Will Do

This workshop will explore what we need to STOP, START, and CONTINUE doing to ensure that WCA can be most effectively. We have designed an open-ended process to solicit your ideas and comments in a variety of areas.

Head of School Search Update

The Board has hired an executive search firm to conduct a nation-wide search for the best possible candidates for our new Head of School. It is important to identify issues and challenges in order to better identify candidates with strong leadership and a commitment and desire to make a positive difference at the school. Barry Rowland, Senior Search Consultant with Carney, Sandoe and Associates will facilitate our workshops and will combine our input and thoughts into his interview and selection process. Your input is vital in assisting the Board to make their final decision to hire our new Head of School.

Everyone's Input Is Valuable

A combination of all of our perspectives will give us a more complete picture not only for the selection of the new Head of School but also with respect to the planning and suggestions for our future. We look forward to working with you on this extremely important project.

Kurt Weinsheimer

President, Board of Directors



Play Baseball - Little League Registration Open NOW!!!

Register at www.smcll.com

A FEW SPACES LEFT!

Ages 5-12

Scholarships available

smcleague@gmail.com for more info



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Special Parent Council/LCAP Meeting



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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Please join us to share ideas and give feedback about our school. Every year, Ms. Seekins, our Head of School, gathers information from parents and sets new goals.

We are especially interested to have input from families who speak more than one language at home.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7 6:30PM

Willow Creek Library

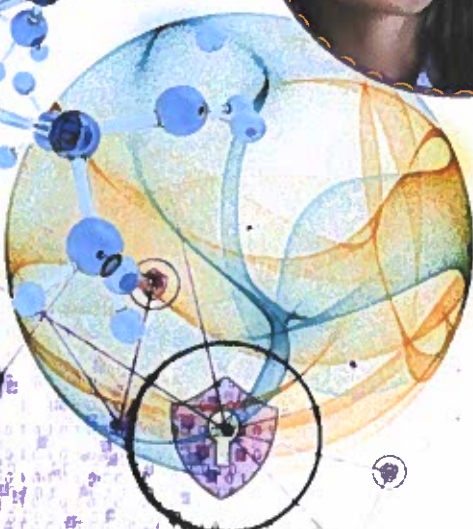
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COLLEGE OF
MARIN

SUPER STEAM Saturday

ENGAGING
WOMEN
IN
STEAM

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING, THE ARTS,
AND MATHEMATICS



MARCH 2, 2019
9 AM-12:30 PM

College of Marin Kentfield Campus
Fusselman Hall, Room 120

- ~ FREE for 6-8th graders. Parents are welcome to attend a separate workshop, *College 101: Planning and Affording College with Less Stress*.
- ~ Attend fun workshops in Physics, Chemistry, Music, Sculpture, and Programming.
- ~ Hear engaging speaker.

Individuals seeking special assistance to accommodate a disability may call the Student Activities and Advocacy Office at 415.485.9376.

 **For more information
and to register online:
marin.edu/rsvp**

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PLEASE ANNOUNCE!

The College of Marin (COM) Math and Science Department and the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Marin are co-sponsoring **Super STEAM Saturday** on March 2, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Kentfield Campus.

COM and AAUW invite students in grades 6 – 8 to attend this free event designed for girls. The lineup of speakers and hands-on workshops is designed to engage girls in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics) and to encourage more of them to consider and prepare for careers in these fields.

AAUW has been an active voice in promoting STEM careers as an option for more young women to consider. Community colleges serve as a vital pathway to these careers. Additional information about AAUW's STEM education work is available online at <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/stem-education/>.

Workshops in the arts have been added to the lineup this year. Students will be asked to choose two of the following.

- **Standing Waves (Physics)**
- **Chemistry**
- **The Marvelous World of Music**
- **Sculpture**
- **Introduction to Python Programming**

Super STEAM Saturday details:

- Register online at marin.edu/rsvp
- Lunch is included.
- An optional parent/guardian program, "College 101: Planning and Affording College with Less Stress," will be offered while the students are attending their workshops. Get a head-start on the college planning process and learn more about programs, financial aid, career exploration, and more!

This event is designed especially for girls, but all interested 6th – 8th graders are welcome to attend! For more information, email outreach@marin.edu or call (415) 457-8811 ext. 7860.

W E L C O M E

TO THE *Fabulous*
WILLOW CREEK
BENEFIT

Vegas comes to Sausalito!

SATURDAY • MARCH 30, 2019

IDESST HALL 511 CALEDONIA ST. SAUSALITO

5-7pm DINNER & DRINKS

7-10pm DISCO, CASINO GAMES,
CASH BAR & AUCTION

Live Music THE CHEESEBALLS

Dress VEGAS

TICKETS
AVAILABLE IN
JANUARY
2019