TO: ALL WCT MEMBERS

FROM: Pasquale Delli Carpini, President

DATE: February 23, 2012

RE: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On Tuesday, February 28, 2012 there will be a mandatory informational General Membership meeting in the auditorium of RCK at 4:30 p.m. The check-in will start promptly at 4:00 p.m.

Your attendance is of utmost importance.

The following will be discussed:

- A Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Board of Education of the Wappingers Central School District and the Wappingers Congress of Teachers which extends the current collective bargaining agreement by one (1) year.
- Ratification Procedures

We would like to encourage car pooling w/other members to avoid traffic jams.

Thank you in advance for your support.
# STAY INFORMED... IT’S UP TO YOU !!!!  
{A Monthly Feature in The Commentator}  

Respectfully submitted by: Flip Gertler – VP Political Action  
Below are some important articles to keep you up to date with current educational issues.  
These issues will directly affect your job on a daily basis.

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<td><strong>Brief Summary:</strong> This article deals with the “Dos” and “Don’t” of social media, specifically Facebook. It urges teachers to proceed with caution when communicating with friends. While the law in this area is still developing, don’t get caught in the mindset of “My Time, my business.” Posts during your off-duty time does not automatically shield you from employer repercussions. Be careful</td>
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RALPH AND JANET CAPASSO SCHOLARSHIP

The Wappingers Congress of Teachers and the Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers are once again offering three (3) $1,500.00 scholarships to seniors presently enrolled in any public or private high school planning to attend college in September 2012. To be eligible, candidates must have a parent or guardian who is a member in good standing of the WCT.

The selection process for these awards will require the following:

• An application
• A high school transcript (including senior year classes grades)
• One letter of recommendation
  • An essay
• For the finalists, a personal interview

Applications will be available in the WCT office on Monday, February 27, 2012. Please call 227-5065 to request an application or you can pick one up directly at the WCT office. To be considered, applications must reach the WCT office no later than Friday, March 30, 2012.

Finalists will be called for a mandatory interview at the WCT office scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

The committee members are Ann Frederick, Gregory Renino and Louise Rose Affiliated with New York State United Teachers, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO

New Babies...

Congratulations to Ryan Goodall (RCK class 2001) and Kelly Doherty (RCK class 2001) on the birth of their daughter, Reagan Elizabeth Goodall on January 21, 2012, weighing 9 lbs, 3 ozs., 23 1/2”, Grandmother Maryalice Goodall, Business Teacher at Roy C. Ketcham HS

MaryJane McFarland (JJ Science) and her husband John welcomed their second son Brady on 2/17/2012

Jeff Palazzolo (JJ Guidance) and his wife Alida welcomed their second son Hunter on 2/17/2012.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!
Wappingers Congress of Teachers Recognition Dinner

Honoring 2012 Retirees,
Members with 25 Years of Service,
Members Granted Tenure,
& National Board Certified Teachers.

Friday, May 18th, 2012
6:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M.

Cocktail Hour with Carving Station
Top Shelf Open Bar

Dinner Choice: Chicken Marsala, Prime Rib Salmon
Cake & Coffee

Price: $40.00 per person- Free for 2012 retirees

RSVP to the WCT Office by Friday, April 27, 2012

Please return this lower portion of the invitation with your payment. Checks are to be made out to “WCT”. Reservation accepted until Friday, April 27, 2012.

Name: _____________________________________________

Number attending: ____________________ Building: ____________________

Dinner Entrée Choice:

Chicken Marsala: _______ Prime Rib: _______ Salmon: _______


The Wappingers Congress of Teachers
Presents
NYSUT’s Defensive Driving Program
(Recognized by the National Safety Council)

THIS COURSE IS OFFERED TO WCT MEMBERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY ONLY
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012
MONDAY MARCH 12, 2012
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sessions will be held at Roy C. Ketcham High School, Room Large Group Instruction.

Family members are welcome to participate. A fee of **$30.00 per person** is necessary to cover cost of materials. (Participants **MUST** attend both sessions).

- **If you subscribe to auto insurance through NYSUT Member Benefits (METPAY), there is a $25.00 refund.**

Benefit to Participants:
Upon completion of the course, members and their family members, who are principal operators of a vehicle, are entitled to a ten percent reduction in the base rate of their liability (bodily injury and property damage), no-fault (personal injury) and collision insurance premiums each year for three years.

WCT members and their family members who complete the course may receive a subtraction of up to four points on their driving records. This applies only to points for violations occurring within the 18 months immediately before course completion. It does not affect points for earlier violations and can never be used as a “credit” for future points. Points may be reduced only once in any 18-month period.

To register, send the clip-off below and your check to the WCT office ASAP. Reservations will be accepted on a “first come, first serve” basis. No cancellations after **Monday, March 5, 2012.**

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**Defensive Driving – March 5 & 12, 2012**

Member's Name __________________________________________ Are you attending? Yes_____ No_____

Family Members (Attending) 1) __________________________

2) __________________________

3) __________________________

School (School Mail Location) __________________________

Home Phone __________________________________________

A check for **$30.00 per person** must accompany this form. Please make check payable to “WCT.”
You must be a WCT member or WCT family member to enroll in this course.
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2011 Prescription Co Pay Reimbursement

The claim for prescription co-pay reimbursement for the 2011 calendar year must be received by March 31, 2012. Forms are available on the WCT website – wcteachers.org or you can call the WCT office (845-227-5065). Receipts or a computer printout from your pharmacy are accepted. However, a printout is much easier to process and will compensate for any misplaced receipts.

If you need any further information, please call the WCT office.
Important Information about the WCT Welfare Trust Fund

Trustees:
Christine Romano, Chairperson
Kim Mahusky, Treasurer
Erin Mulligan, Secretary
Flip Gertler, Trustee
Pasquale Delli Carpini, Trustee
Ronnie Dwyer, Administrator

- You must let the WTF know of any changes in your personal information ASAP
- Student verification forms must be sent to Daniel H. Cook every semester
- Dental & prescription reimbursement forms are online at the WTF website
- Please direct all questions & concerns to the WCT office or directly to Daniel H. Cook

From the WCT Welfare Trust Fund

A financial consultant from Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. will be in the WCT office on the following dates:

Appointments are one-hour blocks available between 2:00-6:00 PM on a first-come first-served basis. When you call the office to schedule an appointment, we will forward a questionnaire to you. Please complete it and bring it with you to the meeting.

Since these slots fill up very quickly, call as soon as possible! If the above dates are not convenient for you, call Stacey Braun Associates, Inc. directly and other arrangements may be possible.

Stacey Braun has no affiliations with any 403(b) Providers.

Directions to the WCT Office

- The WCT Office is in the Heritage Square complex at 2537 Route 52 in Hopewell Junction.
- Heritage Square is a short distance east of the intersection of Routes 376 and 52 and west of the Taconic State Parkway.
- Enter the parking lot and make the second right turn into the parking area
  - Enter the main entrance of the building.
  - The sign over the main entrance reads “Prudential”
    - Take stairs or elevator to the 2nd floor
    - Go right, all the way to the end
  - Look for the “Wappingers Congress of Teachers” sign posted on the Suite 15 door

Important Phone Numbers:

WCT Office.................................(845) 227-5065
Daniel H. Cook..............................(1-800) 342-6651
Mirkin & Gordon (attorneys)..............(914) 997-1576
Davis Vision.................................(1-800) 999-5431
Stacey Braun Associates (fin. consultant) ..(1-888) 949-1925
Health Advocate .........................(1-866) 695-8622

WCT Office Address
2537 Route 52, Suite 15
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Also from the Welfare Trust Fund

The attorney will be in the WCT Office to meet with members on the following dates:
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Wednesday, April 18, 2012
Wednesday, May 16, 2012
Thursday, June 21, 2012

Times from 2:00-6:00 PM
Please call to schedule an appointment.
WCT COMMENTATOR Policy

The content of the WCT COMMENTATOR shall reflect the official positions and policies of the WCT, with the following three exceptions:

1. The President of the WCT should present his/her views in a message to the members from time to time, but not less than bimonthly.

2. Signed Letters to the Editor (of responsible length) containing personal views from members and subscribers shall be published subject to laws of libel.

3. Members of the WCT may place articles adhering to the Canons of Journalism concerned with WCT positions, policies, and issues of interest to teachers in the Commentary Section. (For both Letters to the Editor and the Commentary Section, the writer’s name and WCT affiliation shall be attached, and an editor’s note shall accompany these sections indicating that “The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the official views and policies of the WCT.”)

Reprints of articles from the WCT COMMENTATOR are allowable only with the permission of the WCT President.

WCT COMMENTATOR Advertising Policy

The WCT COMMENTATOR advertising policy as adopted by the Executive Board is as follows:

Noncommercial (Personal) ads for WCT MEMBERS only will be run for two issues at no charge.

Commercial (Business) ads for WCT MEMBERS only: guaranteed placement for half of the school year, $35.00 per half year payable Sept. 15th and Feb. 1st or $5.00 per issue.

For prompt placement of advertisements and articles in upcoming issues of the WCT COMMENTATOR, e-mail the information to commentator@wctteachers.org. Information can also be sent to the editor at the WCT Office. Do not send articles or ads through the GroupWise e-mail system.