

Charger Notes

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Greetings from WWG Schools,

Here we go again! Year number 10 for me and the youngest tykes I meant in 2001 are now juniors. We are off to a great start and the students and staff members are terrific! We had a hot first day in the building but the Gods were smiling on us the next four days with perfect weather. We will be in the groove by the end of the week and the kids can look forward to picking rock and other activities by May 19th. Tidbits this week include:

- Our enrollment is down about 40 students from last year. I expected about 30 less but the other 10 that moved away caught me by surprise. In the fall of 2001 we started with 460 and 4 years later we hit 600 and now we are back to about 456. We'll dip a little more in the next couple years and will hopefully level off around 440.
- We are lucky to have the full menu of staff and electives in a school our size. The students have the same choices that most all of you had and then some. We have a couple new faces that compliment the staff well.
- Our district operates it's fiscal year from July 1 to June 30. We have some preliminary audit numbers and Westbrook Walnut Grove is still in very good shape. We have been smart with your money and have made many great changes for the kids in technology and other areas. We are among the 5 lowest "school taxed" districts in SW MN and the board wants to keep it that way.
- Our test scores really looked good from last spring. The students are getting the help they need and we really have great adult to student ratios in our buildings.
- Thanks for your support of our schools. We have many new faces in our communities and please help me in welcoming these folks. We need their involvement to keep our clubs and towns strong. Don't be shy and invite them to a meeting or just stop and chat on the curb. There aren't too many small towns that can offer what WWG can, we all need to be in it together!

Thanks,

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