



# West Essex News

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## Good Luck Class of 2013!

On Friday, June 20, the West Essex High School Class of 2013 graduated in a beautiful formal ceremony. At the end of the ceremony, the graduates celebrated by throwing their red and white caps into the air. (Pictured right.) We will miss you, members of the Class of 2013, and wish you good luck as you venture out into the world! (Pictured below, students clap during the ceremony. WE in Flowers, right.)



Left, grads during ceremony. Right, the stage.



## Eighth Graders Move Up

The West Essex Middle School eighth graders enjoyed a special breakfast as they said goodbye to West Essex Middle School on June 20. The eighth graders will move on to become freshman at West Essex High School in the fall. The students signed each other's yearbooks and spent time together in the cafeteria and courtyard. (Pictured right, Hailey Condon and Bobbie Boettinger.)



### Upcoming Events:

- July 15: BOE Meeting
- July 31: Deadline for Fall Athletic Registration
- Aug. 5-9: Marching Band Mini-Camp
- Aug. 12-16: Marching Band Camp
- Aug. 26: BOE Meeting
- Aug. 29: 7th Grade Orientation
- Sept. 2: Labor Day
- Sept. 5 & 6: Rosh Hashanah, No School
- Sept 9: First Day of School
- Sept. 9: BOE Meeting



Students in Mrs. Maus-Colucci's class learn to use an iPad for their reading projects. In the photo above, Ms. Maus-Colucci works with Kira Shabbab of Fairfield.

## Art Student Achievements



For her Senior Service project, **Shirley Gonzalez** of Fairfield created a mural as a tribute to the West Essex Class of 1962, the first class to graduate from West Essex. When the class returned for their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion last year,

they were impressed by the class murals and requested a mural of their own. Shirley and her art teacher, Eileen Dormer, worked together with 1962 class member Jan Jessel and her committee to plan a painting outside the school's media center which befitted the class's status. All of the 1962 students have their names memorialized on the mural. Shirley received a scholarship for her work.



**Rache La Penta**, a freshman in Mrs. Dormer's Drawing and Composition class this past year, won first place in the Greater Essex County Chapter of the American Conference on Adversity Poster Art Contest, themed Defining Moments in Diversity. Her work was chosen from more than 20 pieces of art submitted. The poster depicts Americans coming together in a crisis.

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**The West Essex Masquers will hold auditions** for "Midsummer/Jersey" by Ken Ludwig Sept. 10 and 11 at 3 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium. Students in grades 9-12 should prepare a 1-minute comedic monologue. Callbacks are Sept. 12. The show will be performed Nov. 1 and 2. (above, a scene from "Our Town.")

**Plans for Project Graduation 2017** are under way. Please support the event by ordering Class of 2017 T-shirts. Forms are now available on the website. Students can wear these shirts for four years.

**West Essex Athletic registration** for the fall for grades 7-12 is now under way through July 31. Please visit this [link](#) for registration information.

**Forms for the 2013-14 West Essex School Directory**, including students and parents in the middle and high schools, are now available on the high school and middle school websites. Directories are \$10; \$12 at back to school night. The deadline to be included in the directory and to pre-order is Aug. 30.

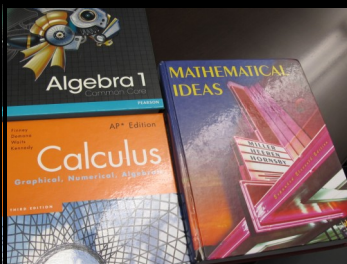
**Graduation Surveys have been sent to the Classes of 2013, 2014 and 2015.**

**Please note that West Essex Regional Schools will be closed for Rosh Hashanah Sept. 5 & 6. The first day of the 2013-14 school year will now be Monday, September 9. The revised calendar for the 2013-14 school year is now posted on the West Essex website. For the link, click [HERE](#). Please also note that West Essex will now have early dismissal on Sept. 13 and Jan. 20 for staff development.**

In June, **seventh graders** made Public Service Announcements for nonprofits. Pictured below, First place PSA winner **Danny Laible** with Brian Cahill.



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The West Essex High School and Middle School summer math packets are now posted online. Please visit [www.westex.org](http://www.westex.org).

# West Essex Briefs



**West Essex High School senior week** was full of special activities including a luau at the North Caldwell Pool, pictured above, and a senior breakfast where students read letters they wrote to themselves in middle school. (Above right, graduating seniors Brianna Panico, Nicole Linfante, Natalie Diver and Byranna Sataromita enjoy the senior breakfast.)

West Essex Middle School honored its **36 Students of the Month** with a special luncheon June 11. The students of the month were also honored by the West Essex Regional Board of Education at its last meeting. (Pictured right, Grace George and Liam Fost enjoy the luncheon.)



West Essex said goodbye to several retirees at retirement luncheons. The retirees are: **Margarita Carrasco-del Rio, Maria Grizzetti, Nancy Beck, Linda Byles Smith, Eileen Dormer and Vincent Halloran.** (Pictured left, math supervisor Diane Schoenblum with math teacher Nancy Beck and below Middle School retirees with Mr. Montgomery.



**Senior artists Dominique Ruzala, pictured below, James Perrella and Lucia Pasternak** (not pictured) painted the senior mural below for their senior service project. The mural features a lady knight with a blue background.

