

West Point Child and Youth Services Connections



October-December
2024

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CYS?

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

FRI, OCT 18TH
6PM-9PM AT THE STONY CDC

CYS WILL BE OFFERING CHILDCARE AT THE STONY CDC (1207 PATRICK TRAIL) TO FACILITATE THE MWR COLLEGE-THEMED ADULT GAME NIGHT!

LEAVE THE KIDDOS WITH US AND ENJOY AN EVENING OF COLLEGE-THEMED FUN & GAMES AT THE BOWLING CENTER!

CALL POPS AT: (845) 938-1362/4458/0939
VISIT CYS ONLINE AT: WESTPOINTCS.COM
OR ON OUR FACEBOOK: @WESTPOINTSCTS

PART-DAY CARE PROGRAMS

- AT THE STONY CDC (1207 PATRICK TRAIL) -

BEFORE CARE & AFTER CARE

For WP Elementary UPK Program Participants

- Starts September 3rd 2024
- Runs Mon-Fri, 6am-5:30pm
- WPES will bus children between the CDC and School
- Full-day care is provided on school-out days

PART-DAY PRESCHOOL (AM Program)

- Starts October 7th, 2024*
- Runs Mon-Fri, 9am-12pm
- 2-Day and 3-Day care options are available

Both programs follow the WPES DORDEA Calendar and are available for request on militarychildcare.com. Costs is based on CYS Fee Policy. CYS registration is required. Contact P805 at (845) 938-1362/4458/0939 for more information.

*Program facilitation is dependent on community need and requests received.

West Point CYS Parent Advisory Board

PAB Meetings
Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month
1630-1715hrs
Stony CDC Annex

What is the Parent Advisory Board?
We are volunteer patrons offering our time to help organize parent appreciation for the caregivers, facilitate communications between families and the child youth services team, answer questions, offer support to resolve your concerns, and provide a forum for information dissemination.

Parent Advisory Board Members
President: MAJ Britanny Oletti
Secretary: Mike Ruppert USA, Ret.
Vice Pres: vacant
Strategic Communications: vacant

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WEST POINT CYS PARENT PARTICIPATION SY24-25

	STONY CDC	SCHOOL AGE CENTER	MID-SCHOOL/TEEN
SEP	19 SEP - 1830-1930 Open House	20 SEP - 1600-1730 Open House	9 SEP - 1430-1730 Scavenger Hunt
OCT	30 OCT - 1530 Trunk-or-Treat	11 OCT - 1600-1730 Pumpkin Painting	21-25 OCT - 1430-1730 Fall Photo Contest
NOV	22 NOV - 1430 Apple Pie Snack	15 NOV - 1600-1730 Pie Tasting	29 NOV - 1430-1730 Baked Goods Decorating Contest
DEC	1-31 DEC Multicultural/Holiday Celebration All Day!	20 DEC - 1600-1730 Winter Concert	16-17 DEC - 1430-1730 Cardboard Gingerbread House Contest
JAN	24 JAN - 1530 Snack n- Paint	17 JAN - 1600-1730 Cookie Decorating Contest	4-5 JAN - 1430-1730 New Year Resolution Tree
FEB	14 FEB - 1530 Card Exchange	14 FEB - 1600-1730 Friendship Bracelets	12 FEB - 1430-1730 Fitness Challenge
MAR	3-7 MAR Dr. Seuss Spirit Week/ Nat'l Reading Month	1-31 MAR - 1600-1730 Friday Reading	3 MAR - 1430-1730 Basketball Tournament
APR	1-30 APR - MOMCI 18 APR - 1600 - Egg Hunt	25 APR - 1600-1730 Spring Fling	1-30 APR MOMCI
MAY	9 MAY - 1600 Afternoon Tea Time (Mother's Day Event)	16 MAY - 1600-1730 Tie-Dye Party	15 MAY - 1430-1730 Painting w/ Parents
JUN	13 JUN - 1600 Donuts w/ Grow-Ups (Father's Day Event)	6 JUN - 1600-1730 End-of-Year Picnic	6 JUN - 1430-1730 End-of-School Bash
JUL	3 JUL - 1600 Red, White & Blue Spirit Day/Craft Activity	18 JUL - 1600-1730 Splash into Summer Event	11 JUL - 1430-1730 Yard Game Competition
AUG	15 AUG - 0930 Waterplay Extravaganza	15 AUG - 1600-1730 End-of-Summer Ice Cream Social	AUG 2025 - 1430-1730 Back-to-School BBQ

Stony Child Development Center

Fall is Here! The fall months are a great time for exploring and watching as the weather changes. As the weather will begin to get cooler, please ensure that children have the proper clothing including jackets and/or sweaters. We are excited for the season and look forward to engaging in new activities both in the classroom and outdoors. We will be incorporating a multitude of sensory activities into the curriculum. Our learning environments have been set up to engage the children in math, literacy, science, engineering, technology, and art. Get ready for some exploring and learning fun!

“What a child can do today with assistance, she will be able to do by herself tomorrow.” Lev Vygotsky

Curriculum Snapshots



Cognitive

11. Demonstrates positive approaches to learning. (4) Attends and engages



Literacy

18. Comprehends and responds to books and other texts (c) Retells stories



Social –Emotional

2. Establishes and sustains positive relationships

Parent Participation at the Stony CDC:

Our classroom environments are ever changing and teachers can always use a helping hand. Please see your classroom teachers to sign up for help with activities and/or materials.

Please join us for these coming events:

Trunk or Treat – 30 October 2024

Thanksgiving Snack Gathering – 22 November 2024

Sharing Multicultural/Holiday Celebrations– 1-31 December 2024

Reminders:

Vacation requests require 2-week notice.

Please ensure to label all children's belongings and provide all items necessary for care.

Have a question about CDC programming?

Contact the CDC Management team:

845-938-4798/4523.

Center Closings

Columbus Day - October 14th

Veteran's Day - November 11th

Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 28th

Christmas Day - Dec. 25th

School Age Center

Director: Kimberly Pyron

Phone: 845-938-0941



Wow! What a summer we had here at SAC. The children and staff had a blast and we are looking forward to having the same outcome for the new 2024-2025 school year. The School Age Center provides programming through developmentally appropriate activities and enriched environments that promote learning and exploration in five different service areas. If you are interested in having your child join the SAC program, complete a request for care today on MilitaryChildCare.com.

Upcoming Events for the Quarter

9/11 Tree Planting Ceremony - September 11th at 1600

Back to School Night - September 27th 1600-1700

Pumpkin Painting - October 11th 1600-1700

Pie Tasting - November 15th 1600-1700

Winter Concert - December 20th 1600-1700



Snapshots at SAC

Youth of the Month

Youth of the Month (YOM) | All ages



Leadership Recognition Program

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA

Youth of the Month is a year-round recognition program and entry point for the Youth of the Year (YOY) leadership experience. It introduces youth of all ages to important leadership concepts and showcases their achievements in BGCA, at school, and in the community. Youth selected as Youth of the Month are recognized for service and leadership at the Club level, then can advance to either the YOY or Junior YOY program. We will start Youth of the Month here at West Point in September.

Clubs for the Year

Torch Club

DIY Stem Club

Cooking Club

Pokémon Club

Photography Club

Youth Sports and Fitness

Fall/Winter Sports @ Youth Sports and Fitness

Sports in Motion!!!!

Hello families and friends!

We hope the start of the school year has been smooth for everyone, both kids and parents! We're excited to announce that the 2024-2025 youth sports season is officially underway. Our kids have jumped right into action with activities including soccer, volleyball, flag football, run club, homeschool gym and an introduction to fitness class. Here's to a fantastic season ahead

Winter Season Registration Begins October 8th!

Basketball	4-13 years old	Learn to Play Hockey	4-13 years old
Bowling	7-13 years old	Homeschool Gym	Grades K-8th

Don't wait! Get in early to ensure your child's registration is ready for 8 October!



Volunteer Coaches

In August, we had the honor of recognizing Coach Crucito Sanchez-Mietus and Coach Jorge Yeye for their exceptional dedication and unwavering commitment to our youth sports programs. Their exemplary service as volunteer coaches throughout every season has profoundly impacted our community and the lives of the young athletes they mentor. Through their passion, leadership, and tireless efforts, they have not only fostered a love for sports but also instilled invaluable life skills in our youth. Their consistent support and enthusiasm have made a lasting difference, and we are deeply grateful for their contributions. Thank you, Coach Crucito and Coach Jorge, for being such inspiring role models and making a remarkable difference in the lives of our athletes.

If you would like to volunteer like Coach Crucito Sanchez-Mietus and Coach Jorge Yeye, we are currently seeking volunteer coaches to support our programs. Your involvement can make a significant impact on our community and the lives of young athletes.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer coach,

please contact the Youth Sports office at 845-938-3208.

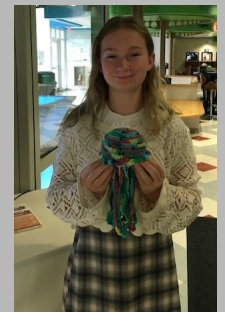
We look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your interest in making a difference!

We had a great summer greeting old and new faces and fostering friendships. We offered STEM, fitness, and cooking challenges for the youth; each one that participated surpassed all of our expectations.

As we advance on to the 24-25 school year we are elated to welcome all newcomers to the West Point community and all of our new 6th graders!!

The **Middle School & Teen (MST) Center** will host **Power Hour** everyday from 1420-1530. **Power Hour** helps youth achieve academic success with homework help and enrichment activities, and by encouraging them to become life-long, self-directed learners.

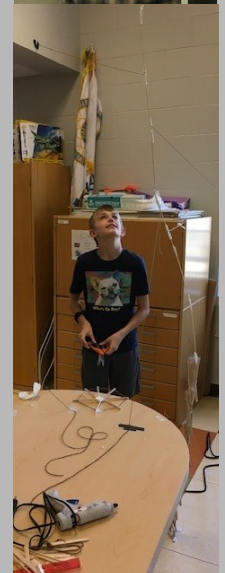
The MST Program is open for registered youth Monday-Friday/1420-1730.



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School Support Services

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U.S. MILITARY FAMILIES
www.tutor.com/military

As the West Point children and youth get settled in for the school year, don't miss out on Tutor.com. This free resource is for learners of all ages!

West Point Child & Youth Services School Liaison Officer



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Scholarship Opportunities



Don't miss out on critical deadlines for your Class of 2025 Senior! Scholarship deadlines vary throughout the countless opportunities available to our high-schoolers; get a head start now.

Don't know where to start? Fisher House has a search engine available to assist in supporting you and your military scholar!



Contact your SLO for more resources: emily.s.miller1.naf@army.mil
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Health and Safety Reminders From The CYS Nurse

I hope everyone had a great summer!

I would like to share the following Health and Safety Reminders with you and your family.

*Please continue the **health safety guidelines** by washing your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water. When soap and water are not available, utilize hand sanitizer.

***Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth.

***Health screening:** please monitor yourself and your children for cough, congestion, sore throat, fever, decreased appetite, lethargy, and the absence of taste or smell. Stay home if you or your child are sick.

***Mask wearing** remains optional.

***Flu season** is October 1st-May 31st. Please have your child receive their flu vaccine as required and submit the flu vaccine record to Parent Central before **11/23/2024** for processing.

***Following each well visit**, please forward the updated vaccine record to Parent Central. This will maintain vaccine compliance and prevent an interruption in care.

*Should a **new medical condition** develop with your child, please contact Parent Central so that the necessary paperwork can be completed by you and your pediatrician. This will enable proper care accommodation

*As the **children travel to school**, please be sure they are wearing both straps of their backpack distributing the weight. The backpack should weigh only 5%-10% of your child's weight.

***Teach your child** their name, address, and phone number.

*Encourage children to **watch for the crossing guards** and obey their signals.

***Car safety:** never leave a child unattended in a vehicle. As your child grows have their car seat checked for a proper fit.

***Fall is continued tick season**, shower after outdoor adventures and perform body checks when returning from the outdoors. If bitten, remove tick promptly and mark the calendar, symptoms may develop within two weeks of the bite. Watch for symptoms of joint pain, headache, fever, and a possible bulls-eye red rash. Contact your doctor if symptoms develop.

*Always **wear a helmet** when biking, rollerblading, motorcycling, horseback riding, or when on an ATV.

Thank you and Welcome Back to the new school year!



Always remember to
WASH YOUR HANDS!



Parent and Outreach Services

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Hours of Operation:

0730-1700

Monday-Friday

Call for an Appointment;
Walk-ins Welcome

Education Opportunities

Register in-person or by phone at 845-938-4458/0939

CYSitters Babysitter Course

Open to Youth aged 12+ enrolled with
CYS!

5 October 2024 Fee: \$20.00

CYS Parents Night Out

Open to infants aged 6 weeks through children in
5th grade; CYS registration required!

18 October 2024 Fee: \$55.00

Parent CPR and First Aid

Spaces are limited for this **FREE**
parent education opportunity!

6 December 2024 @ 1700-1900
17 January @ 1700-1900

Parent Education

Toilet Learning

October 1500-1600

Becoming College Ready

November 1500-1600

Financial Aid Process

December 1500-1600

You can earn a 10% discount on your child care bill!

The West Point CYS **Parent Participation Program** provides parents an excellent opportunity to share their unique gifts, talents and abilities while volunteering to support regularly scheduled programs (full day and before and/or after school). See your child's program management for ways you can participate.



Military Family Resources on the Web

Participate in **FREE** face-to-face and online parenting programs at **Thrive.psu.edu**. Families with children aged 0-18 years are supported to "take root," "sprout," "grow," and "branch out."



As you care for your child, don't forget about yourself! Learn new skills and practice Self Care through the At Ease series at **BabiesontheHomefront.org**.



Visit MCEC at **militarychild.org** for access to courses, podcasts and webinars presented specifically for parents! Topics include Social Emotional Learning and the Military Child, Managing School Moves, Growing Great Readers and National Guard and Reserve Children.



Parent Advisory Board

All CYS Patrons are General Members of the West Point CYS PAB. The PAB provides an avenue for two-way feedback about CYS program operations between patrons and the command as well as helps identify parent/community needs. All CYS Patrons are welcome to participate beside the PAB Board Officers and West Point CYS Program representatives.



West Point CYS PAB meets every second Tuesday of each month!

Next meeting will be:

8 October 2024

1630-1715 @ Stony Evac Bldg

See your Program Director for PAB Officer email contacts!