

# Connections

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## Notes From our CYS Coordinator & Program Operations Specialist

Dear Child and Youth Services Staff and Patrons,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Erin Faherty and I have recently been appointed to the Child and Youth Services Coordinator position at West Point. I am humbled and honored to serve our CYS stakeholders with professionalism, enthusiasm and a dedication to quality through ongoing assessment and evolution of services and programs. I have had the privilege of serving as an active member of the West Point Child and Youth Services team for the last twenty years. During the last two decades I have been afforded the opportunity to work in every CYS program and serve our patrons alongside some of the most passionate, caring and exceptional individuals. The West Point CYS program's commitment to maintaining the highest level of programming standards for services that are accessible, appropriate, responsive, evidence based and outcome oriented will continue without interruption. We will not falter in our commitment to excellence and our obligation to support our CYS community. I am excited to embark on this journey with a team comprised of some of the most talented, driven, sacrificing and proficient individuals and alongside each of our amazing families, children and youth.



ERIN FAHERTY

CYS COORDINATOR

Greetings Child and Youth Services Staff and Patrons,

My name is Emily Miller and 19 years ago I chose to pursue a position at the Stony Child Development Center. This job as a child caregiver lead to a career with Child and Youth Services at West Point. Raised in an Army family, my teen years were spent at the old building 693 Youth Center here at West Point, our 7th and final duty station. It has brought me great joy to continue my family's service and remain a part of this strong community of dedicated members and their families.



I am grateful now to get to support the West Point Child and Youth Services team as the Program Operations Specialist. I plan to apply my accumulated knowledge of CYS to my new focus and am excited to learn new aspects of CYS and its programs as it continues to provide quality care to meet the unique needs of the West Point Mission.

EMILY MILLER

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By Appointment Only

# Meet Our Nurse!

Greetings!

I graduated from St. Vincent's School of Nursing and completed my nursing studies at Sacred Heart University and SUNY. My career has spanned many areas of nursing from medical surgeries to geriatrics and pediatrics.

A pediatrics nurse for 16 years, with experience in childhood communicable disease, I was able to take excellent care of my patients. While I fulfilled my duties as Head Nurse, Associate Office Manager, and Vaccine Coordinator for the New York Health Department, I achieved the highest score for all of the state vaccine inspections in Putnam County.

Recently I was certified as a Red Cross CPR/First Aid Instructor. I greatly enjoy teaching and training our staff so that our team is fully prepared to care for our kids. With my work ethic and desire to succeed, my goal is to be a super CYS Nurse for West Point.

CHRISTINE MARINO

CYS NURSE



# School Support Services

## FREE NATIONAL (VIRTUAL) COLLEGE FAIR!

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) is launching a series of free virtual college fairs this fall. These fairs feature free college information sessions and have skilled counselors available to answer questions. NACAC has strict standards for participating institutions that insure the organizations offer strong educational value.

Start your college search for free at a NACAC National College Fair near you. National College Fairs is a program of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)."

More information at: <https://www.nacacfairs.org/>



## READY AND RESILIENT CORNER

EFFECTIVE PRAISE! When you see someone succeed or do something good, praise the specific effort or skill. This will build confidence, optimism and build connections!



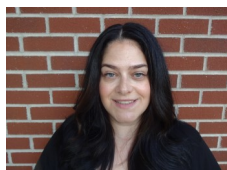
# Parent & Outreach Services

Welcome to the new Parent Central staff!!

The following individuals are pleased to be at your service!



Lisa Lloyd



Jodi Messina-Grieve



Meg Melvin

# Child Development Center



Welcome to Stony CDC! We are looking forward to the Fall season and are working to create fun and exciting activities for our children. Stony has implemented COVID-19 mitigation measures into our classroom environments and routines. Children (ages 3 and up) and staff wear face coverings and participate in increased handwashing and classroom cleaning procedures. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adapt to the new drop off and pick up procedures. We appreciate your flexibility.

Our Strong Beginnings Pre-K Program has commenced and is excited for the New Year! We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with new learning opportunities and amazing adventures for Children and Staff.

We encourage parents to check out our Virtual Open House video posted on CYS Facebook page, to check out our classroom environments and exceptional team.

Due to IMCOM directed COVID regulations and restrictions, Part Day Pre-School and Hourly remain closed until further notice.

Our classrooms are designed to meet the developmental needs and interest of each child. Spaces and materials are scaled and strategically rotated to ensure children are appropriately challenged and engaged, while ensuring the children remain successful throughout their play and learning experiences. Children have ample space to explore math, literacy, and science at their respective stations. Our classrooms are equipped with a spacious Outdoor play space, where children can take their classroom experience outdoors.

# School Age Center



West Point School Age Center is currently offering both full day care and before and after school care. The West Point SAC provides a variety of experiences for children through planned and developmentally appropriate activities and environments that promote learning and exploration in five services areas. SAC also provides assistance with academic responsibilities to include online learning, classroom room log in, homework and various tasks given to them from their teachers while not in school. All staff and children are required to wear face



The SAC program provides club options for participants based on children's interests as well as BGCA and 4H curriculums. SAC provides programming based on the five service areas Academic Career Development; The Arts, Character and Leadership Development; Sports, Fitness and Recreations; and Health, Wellness, and Life Skills. The clubs currently being offered to children in care are The Art Factory, STEAM Club, Power Hour Homework Club, Smart Girls, Astrology club and Functional Fitness.

SAC Winter Camp will be offered 22-31 December 2020 from 6am - 5:30pm Monday-Friday for children in grades K-5.

**DESK 845-938-8530.**

**REMINDER: All adults and children entering facility must wear a face mask.**

**Youth Center Hours:**

Monday thru Friday  
2:00-6:00 p.m.

Masks are required for  
all adults and youth  
entering the facility.

We are currently closed  
on Saturday's.

# Rec 2020 Sports are Back!!

**Youth Sports****Weather Hotline:**

845-938-8897

Information regarding  
cancelations due to in-  
clement weather and  
adverse field conditions.

## Middle School and Teen

The Youth Center provides a safe, fun atmosphere for youth in grades 6th-12th. The YS provides programs for youth to get involved in based on our 5 service areas: The Arts, Education & Career Development, Character & Leadership Development, Health, Wellness & Life Skills, and Sports & Recreation. For COVID updates please visit the MWR webpage under CYS for a full listing of COVID rules and procedures.

### Upcoming Programs & Events: **October**

**Outdoor Movie Nights October 9th and 30th:** Bring your own blanket and watch a movie on the YS lawn with friends! Permission slip required.

**October 30th:** Costume Contest

Power Hour Study Sessions on Tuesday's between 3-430 p.m. Come in to the YS and get homework and test preparation help.



The Middle School & Teen Virtual Program is ongoing and the YS offers after school activities youth can utilize on their own time at home. Sign up forms are in the MST Registration Packet.

We send out monthly program calendars, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities to parents emphasizing the particular programs and clubs going on for the current month (if you are not receiving emails, please make sure your contact information is up to date at Parent Central).

## Youth Sports and Fitness

**COVID Changes:**

- Players will be required to wear face coverings for practices and games.
- Spectators will be required to wear face coverings while attending practices and games.
- Games will include modifications to mitigate risks that follow NY State guidelines
- Children/youth will not be permitted to participate in sports activities if the child/youth have traveled to a region where widespread community acquired COVID is present, child/youth is demonstrating any symptoms of COVID-19 or child/youth has been in contact with a positive COVID-19 individual.

The following sports are starting back up on West Point:

- Rec Soccer
- JBK Premier Soccer League
- Flag Football
- Running Club

**\*\*If anyone has any additional questions, comments or concerns please feel free to reach out to one of us at the youth sports department at 845-938-8525/8896.**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As a reminder when registering, your child must have an up-to-date physical and immunization record.

We will keep you posted regarding all winter sports updates.