



WEST MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: All West Milford Parents, Students, and Staff
Re: No Homework Days for 2018-2019
Date: September 27, 2018

Over the past year, teachers, parents, students, and administrators have been asked to review current district practice in regard to homework. A district homework and grading committee has been in place and will continue to work together throughout the 2018-2019 academic year to review and revise district homework practices, procedures, and guidelines. A successful parent survey was completed last spring to try and ascertain and quantify our community’s values, thoughts, and feelings about our current practice. Along with educator input, results of that survey have helped guide our discussions and decisions moving forward. Although we are not ready to present a completely revised policy and set of procedures, we are ready to act on some of the ideas that we believe would reflect the culture and values of our community and families.

The West Milford Township Public Schools will designate the following days as “homework free” using the label “Family Days”. Over the past few years, district family-centered events such as S.A.F.E. Night and Digital Citizenship Night have stressed the importance of family relationships and quality “family time” as a significant part of the growth and development of our students. It is in that spirit that we present the following “Family Days” for each marking period.

The schedule for “Family Days” is as follows:

<u>Marking Period 1</u>	November 8-11	NJEA Convention
<u>Marking Period 2</u>	December 21-January 1	Winter Break
<u>Marking Period 3</u>	February 15-19	President’s Weekend
<u>Marking Period 4</u>	April 12-21	Spring Break

Further, there will also be no major assessments or projects due on the first day back from Thanksgiving break, winter break, or spring break.

Please join us in our celebration of the West Milford family and utilize these scheduled breaks from academic rigor to reconnect, unwind, and enjoy the gift of time together.

Kind regards,

Daniel R. Novak
Director of Education