



# Watershed High School

Community · Creativity · Service

## Currents: From the Corner Office

As we close on 2011, we have much to be thankful for and much more in anticipatory angst ahead in 2012.

2011 saw Watershed stave off closure and regroup to emerge as a functioning organization that puts students first and continues to grow in curricular and organizational development. 2012 brings new challenges, but also the possibility for financial stability and prolonged curricular and social growth. We anticipate steady enrollment and are looking forward to the reintroduction of our Summer 2012 program.

### A time to say . . . Thanks!

We want to thank:

- our parents and students for their continued support;
- the previous board for their hard work and continued belief in the program that allowed us to overcome substantial obstacles;
- our current board for their endless effort in procuring our future direction and financial strength;
- our business partners for sticking with us and allowing us to develop our reorganization plan;

- Adler for providing us an additional year of sponsorship support which has enabled us to seek a permanent authorizer;
- Sandra Smith and her Bryant neighborhood organization for their financial donation that allowed us to develop and construct two fully functional computer labs; **and ABOVE ALL,**
- our dedicated staff who show up daily because of their love of teaching and commitment to WHS students!

### Authorizer update

As we prepare to enter a new calendar year, we are working feverishly to secure a new authorizer and have cautious optimism that the process is drawing to a close.

***Thank you all for your support and belief in Watershed. We wish you the best during the holiday season and look forward to our continued relationship throughout the upcoming year.***

Paul Kinsley  
Executive Director

## Upcoming Events



### December 22-January 2

No School – Winter Break

### Tuesday, January 3

School resumes

### Monday, January 16

Service learning in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

### January 19-31

J-Term

### Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting

February 15, 7 p.m.

WHS Commons Area

All are welcome to attend!

### Reminder!

### 2012 Calendar changes:

#### Friday, March 16

School will be in session this day

#### Friday, April 6

School will be in session this day

Check the WHS website for more news and events:

**[www.watershedhs.org](http://www.watershedhs.org)**

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## Academics and Community Outreach

### Upcoming Semester

In late January, our students will once again participate in J-Term where students choose an area of interest and there is a focused and intense study of the materials. The term will culminate with our rendition of the Medieval Feast where all are welcome.

When second semester resumes, we will be introducing after school programs that allow Watershed students to either catch up on credits or to work ahead for early graduation.

We are hopeful to include the introduction of two new artists

to our staff who will work with students in elective courses of music and fine arts.

### Community Outreach

Watershed is ever vigilant in procuring quality and provocative programs for their students and will be working more closely with the neighborhood groups that surround our campus to provide additional opportunities in terms of classroom experiences and social activities.

### Mission:

*The Watershed Community cultivates creativity in every class and every student, balanced with promoting compassion through service.*

Mission statement - adopted 4/10/11

Students at Watershed High School are supportive of one another creating an atmosphere in which the gifts of each individual can emerge and be valued.

***In our community, every student is an honored student.***



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