

## BULLDOG BLOCK

In case you missed the article on the front page of the February edition of The Watchdog, we are excited to introduce a new initiative at Westfield High School known as “Bulldog Block”. Every Tuesday and Friday from February 15, 2008 through March 14, 2008, will include a 35-minute period during the school day known as Bulldog Block (8:58 a.m. – 9:33 a.m.). We will evaluate the program after the month-long trial run to consider its permanent inclusion as part of the daily schedule at Westfield High School. The time has been carved out of the current daily bell schedule to offer students remediation, intervention, time and support. There will be a modified bell schedule on designated Bulldog Block days which will be available on the Westfield High School website. Students who received one or more Fs on their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report cards will be required to attend the classes they failed during Bulldog Block. All other students will have the option of reporting to a current or former teacher’s classroom, the cafeteria, the library or one of two computer labs on the first floor. Students received a formal introduction to Bulldog Block via a TV broadcast on Wednesday, February 13. Once they report to either the assigned location (for students with Fs) or one of the other areas mentioned, students will **not** be allowed to leave that location. Maintaining a quiet and stable learning environment, while important during any school day; will be even more critical during Bulldog Block to allow students to best utilize their time. Given the choices that most students will have during the Bulldog Block, we are asking that parents do their best to avoid scheduling appointments and/or picking up your children during that time (8:58 a.m. – 9:33 a.m.). We are pleased that so many staff and students are embracing Bulldog Block with enthusiasm and we hope that parents will do the same.

### Bulldog Block Days- Every Tuesday and Friday up to Spring Break, March 14, 2008

- Period 1/2 7:25 – 8:50
- BULLDOG BLOCK 8:58 – 9:33
- Period 3/4 9:41 – 11:05 (no announcements)
- Period 5/6 11:13 – 1:10 (5 minutes passing between lunch and class)
- Period 7 1:18 – 2:05
- Eight minutes passing time between classes