



Principal's Newsletter

- April 2019-

April has arrived and there is plenty of activity on the Westlake campus. It's an exciting time as our seniors commit to their college of choice and begin to see their time at Westlake High School come to a close. Over the next couple of weeks, seniors will be getting ready to start their Senior Experience.

- Remember that students must remain in attendance for all AP courses until the day of their exam. The required weekly hours for the senior experience are prorated based on their AP schedules. Additionally, all seniors in AP courses should know that they will not receive a grade in their AP courses for the third quarter. The grade will be entered for their AP courses after they have completed all the required work and have taken the AP exam for that course. This will allow students the most amount of time to complete all course requirements before leaving for their Senior Experience.
- For those seniors with paid college credited courses, please speak with your teacher to discuss required attendance until the end of this school year.

Additionally, we will be holding a Senior Assembly on Monday, April 8th at 8:15 am to review all requirements, discuss prom and the senior trip, as well as, to answer any questions regarding graduation. More details on prom and graduation will be mailed to parents later this month. For planning purposes, graduation is schedule as it has been in the past to begin at 4:00 pm on June 26th.

One final note to all seniors; as you commit to the college of your choosing, please remember to bring in a college banner so we can hang that in celebration in our front lobby. This has been a great tradition started several years ago and one that I truly enjoy and want to see continue.

The Addams Family:

The Westlake Players have put together, under the direction of Ms. Liz Melito, an outstanding performance of *The Addams Family*. The show was performed this past weekend to a packed auditorium and got rave reviews from all who attended. This Friday and Saturday are our final performances and we hope everyone comes out to see this incredible performance. Congratulations to the cast and crew on an awesome opening weekend!

Visual Arts Festival

April is also the month where we will celebrate all the talents we have in the Fine Arts. The 6-12 Annual Art Show will be held on April 9 from 6:00-8:00 pm and all are welcome. Student work from each grade will be on display demonstrating the incredible talents we have within our schools. Artwork in the areas of drawing and painting, ceramics, photography, video, and mixed media will be showcased in the WHS/WMS Library. We hope to see you there.



Congratulations!

We recently had a number of students compete at the 50th Annual Media Arts Show and I would like to congratulate the following students for receiving honors at this competition. Three students received a Presidents Award and 24 students earned Exemplary Media Art Awards. Please congratulate:

- **Presidents Award Winners:** Aimee Holland, Matthew Mynes and Thomas Rubino
- **Exemplary Media Art Award Winners:** Ashley Alvarez, Justin Avella, Alyssa Bange, Katelyn Buglione, Alyssa Finck, Juliette Galletti, Alyssa Gutierrez, Nicholas Iacono, Kristin Iannucci, Ava Infantino, Matthew Last, Julia Liebowitz, Sarah Lynch, Alexandra Marini, Abbey Martin, Denise Nguyen, Nicole Pryor, Sydney Roell, Stephanie Rosenberg, Thomas Rubino, Emily Salvi, Elisabeth Schulze, Emily Specht, Lily Tobiasen

This past month, the annual Science Competition, WESEF was held at Tarrytown High School. Over 670 students from 41 different school districts competed across a variety of science research fields. This year, Westlake High School had another historic first; all 13 Westlake High School students won awards in their research category. Please join me in congratulating the following students:

- Christopher Bauco won 2nd Place in Earth Science and received a silver medal and \$100.
- Colleen Bradley & Nicole Musial won 3rd Place in Cellular & Molecular Biology and received bronze medals and \$75.
- Lee Cohen won 3rd Place in Animal Science and received a bronze medal and \$75. Lee also won the American Meteorological Society Award and received a certificate.
- Stephen Donato won 4th Place in Behavioral & Social Sciences and received a medallion and \$50.
- Kenny Dronzek won 4th Place in Medicine & Health and received a medallion and \$50.
- Olivia Eng won 2nd Place in Plant Sciences and received a silver medal and \$100.
- Paul Gschneidner won the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award for "outstanding efforts in addressing issues of environmental responsibility and sustainable development," and received a certificate.
- Caleb Levitt won 3rd Place in Plant Sciences and received a bronze medal and \$75.
- Liam Naughton won the Excellence in Medical Research Award for "top medicine & Health, biochemistry, cell and molecular biology, microbiology, and neuroscience research projects," and received \$25.
- Roman Raguso won 4th Place in Computer Science and received a medallion and \$50.
- Faith Summers won the Office of Naval Research Award for "outstanding projects in science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics," and received \$50.
- Jake Szeszko won 2nd Place in Behavioral & Social Sciences and received a silver medal and \$100.

I want to acknowledge and congratulate, Mr. McIntyre, our Science Research teacher, for yet another impressive showing for Westlake High School.

Important note regarding Junior Driving Privileges:

- Please be aware that each year as we approach the start of the Senior Experience, juniors begin asking about driving to school. There is a lottery for a limited number of parking spots for juniors once seniors are finished taking their AP exams. More information will be sent to juniors once the process begins. No junior should be parking on school grounds without first getting permission from Administration to do so. Failure to follow this rule can result in the loss of future driving privileges.

PTA Announcement

The Westlake High School PTA has planned a workshop for their April 8th General Meeting. They will be hosting a DFS (Department of Financial Services) representative to give parents and students an informative look at how to finance your child's college education. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the WHS/WMS Library. All parents and students are welcome to come. See the attached information.

College and Career Night

Last, although you have all received information from guidance regarding the upcoming College and Career Night on April 10th, I wanted to reinforce the value of attending this highly informative evening. You will have the opportunity to attend several workshops throughout the night, so please bring your questions and your child to get some helpful tips about the college process.

WHS APRIL EVENTS	
Friday, April 5 & Saturday, April 6	WHS Spring Musical – <i>The Addams Family</i> – 8:00 pm
Monday, April 8	WHS PTA General Meeting and Financing your education workshop 7:30 pm WHS Library
Tuesday, April 9	Visual Arts Festival – 6:00-8:00 pm – WHS/WMS Library
Tuesday, April 9	WHS Math Honor Society Induction – WHS Auditorium 2:30 pm
Friday, April 12	WHS Quarter 3 ends
Monday, April 15	WHS Senior Experience Begins
April 19-April 26	Spring Recess – Schools closed