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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

It is May and before you know it, the end of the year will be upon us. This week is the start of Advanced Placement exams. Students have their testing schedules and teachers will be holding review sessions leading up to their test. Students taking morning exams will be scheduled for lunch following their test and return to classes for the remaining periods in the day and students taking afternoon exams will be in classes to start the day and we will ensure they get a lunch period prior to the start of the exam. A parent must notify our Attendance Clerk to excuse their student for any absences from class in the morning or afternoon of AP testing.

As we look ahead to regents and final exam testing in June it is important for your child to start reviewing now for these exams. A little review each night goes a long way in preparing to take a cumulative final or regents exam. Additionally, it is very important that all sophomores (10th graders) taking the Global Studies Regents exam note that the exam is actually being given on June 5th. Regents exams are scheduled by the New York State Education Department and this exam is outside of the normal regents testing time. All students taking this exam will be testing from 8:00-11:00am with lunch following the test. Students will return to classes in the afternoon.

May also brings with it the final Capstone Project for students in both 9th and 10th grades. Through the Envisions class in 9th grade, students are working on a research paper that will also be presented to their peers. This paper is a culmination of the skills and proficiencies they have been working on all year. Similarly, 10th grade students are working on their Global Issue Capstone Projects. Students will be presenting their best thinking on a world issue of their choosing, on May 24th. Their work is connected to the Global Studies Curriculum and challenges our students to understand the complicated nature of a vast array of problems plaguing both developed and developing nations around the world.

Congratulations once again to our Science Research Program as Westlake takes home 1st place in the recently held Tri-County Science and Engineering Fair. Junior Christopher Bauco won 1st place in Earth Science for his original research. Junior Lee Cohen took 1st place in Environmental Science and made Westlake history by being the first student in our school to become an alternate to the state level STANYS New York State Science Congress. Lee also took home the Acorda Scientific Excellence Award for outstanding research. In the area of Media and Arts, I want to congratulate Thomas Rubino who won first place in the Experimental Category for his film "It Won't Hurt" at the Film Now Festival sponsored by Germantown Academy in Pennsylvania and was recently featured in the Future Filmmaker Festival at the Pelham Picture House.

May is also when we focus on Wellness and to that end, our various clubs will be sponsoring an event on Wednesday, May 30 during the lunch periods. In addition, I want to thank Sgt. Greenberg and Det. Valentino for working with the Westchester County Department of Public Safety to provide us with the DWI Simulator for our Wellness day.

Attention seniors, please join us on the morning of May 18th in recognition of your college acceptances. We are asking that all seniors join us for breakfast wearing your college clothing in the Senior Café at 7:45 am.

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As always, thank you for your support and I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

MAY EVENTS	
May 8-May 17	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
Friday, May 11	WHS Quarter 3 Mid-Point
Tuesday, May 15	Budget Vote & School Board Election --WHS Gymnasium 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
Friday, May 18	Senior College Acceptance Breakfast – WHS Senior Café 7:45 am
Friday, May 18	Rock Band WHS Auditorium 8:00 pm
Wednesday, May 23	District-Wide Pops Concert – Carroll Park 7:00 pm (In the event of rain, the location of this concert will be moved to the WHS Auditorium)
Friday, May 25	Memorial Day Recess
Monday, May 28	School Closed
Tuesday, May 29	WHS Science Symposium, WHS Library 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 30	WHS Underclassmen Awards Night, WHS Auditorium 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 30	WHS Wellness Day

Dedicated to excellence,



Keith Schenker