

Westlake High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I hope you had an enjoyable spring break filled with some time to enjoy the holidays and relax. With the close of the third quarter this Friday, the end of the school year seems to be approaching very quickly. That being said, there are still quite a few incredible events coming up.

First, I hope everyone gets an opportunity to come to one of the performances of "Pippin," the musical. The Westlake Players, under the direction of Mr. Phil Cutrone, have been working tirelessly to pull together what will certainly be another outstanding performance. The show opens this Friday night at 8:00 p.m., with performances on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. as well as Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 at 8:00 p.m.

I want to congratulate our recent inductees into the Math Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, who are to be inducted today, Tuesday, April 10. Additionally, please join me in congratulating our Science Research students who excelled at the Upstate Junior Science & Humanities Symposium (JSHS) and Westchester Science and Engineering Fair (WESEF) competitions. Westlake students received the following recognitions:

- A Westlake first, Juniors Bryan Mesquita and Christopher Bauco will be representing WHS at the International GENUIS Olympiad, an international competition at SUNY Oswego where they will compete against 1200 students from 75 countries!
- Bryan also won 2nd Place in Microbiology and received a silver medal and \$100.
- Christopher also won the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Award for "projects whose research emphasizes NOAA's mission of Science, Service and Stewardship," and received a medal and certificate.
- In another Westlake first, Senior Charles Panzarella is a National JSHS finalist and will be competing against 200 students from across the country. At WESEF, Charles won 2nd Place in Medicine & Health and received a silver medal and \$100.
- Junior Lee Cohen won 4th Place in Animal Science and received a medal and \$50. Lee also won the American Meteorological Society Award for "creative scientific endeavor in atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences," and received a certificate.
- Junior Faith Summers won 4th Place in Cellular & Molecular Biology and received a medal and \$50.
- Senior Joelle El Hamouche won 1st Place in the poster competition at Upstate JSHS. At WESEF, Joelle won the ASU Walton Sustainability Solutions Initiative for "innovative solutions to sustainability challenges," and received a certificate.
- Senior Philip Markuszewski won the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award for "outstanding efforts in addressing issues of environmental responsibility and sustainable development," and received a certificate.
- Junior Stephen Donato won the Dr. Samuel C. Klagsbrun Behavioral Health Award for "top behavioral science projects," and received a plaque and \$50.

April will also be a busy month for our Music Department as we look forward to our Spring Concert on April 26 that starts at 8:00 p.m. This is always a special event for both our students and our community and a great opportunity to celebrate the musical accomplishments of our very talented students. I am proud to announce that Westlake High School will be hosting the NYSSMA Festival for the entire area on April 27 and 28. The campus will be overrun by literally hundreds of students from around the county all demonstrating their musical expertise. I just want to extend my thanks to both Ms. Melito and Mr. Capano for their efforts, dedication, and leadership in providing our students with an outstanding music education.

Important Information for Senior Parents:

Seniors will begin their Internships starting on Monday, April 16. We will be holding a final information meeting with students on Wednesday (April 11) to ensure that all students completing an internship are prepared to get started. Please keep in mind that students enrolled in AP courses and college credited courses still have obligations to attend those classes until exams. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call Mr. Novak or me.

Lastly, I want to thank the PTA for hosting our informational session, “The Truth about Vaping.” It was very well attended and provided important information about the dangers of these products. The PTA is continuing its education series and has another great evening planned for April 30. “Hidden in Plain Sight” is an interactive experience that will certainly educate parents on some of the challenges of raising teenagers. I hope everyone will join us – please see that attached flyer. The PTA is also promoting a graduation fundraiser with more information attached.

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

APRIL EVENTS	
Tuesday, April 10	Math Honor Society Induction
Wednesday, April 11	Senior Internship mandatory meeting – Period 3
Wednesday, April 11	WHS Coffee and College Talk 7:00 p.m. – Westlake Campus
Friday, April 13	WHS Quarter 3 Ends
April 13, 14, 15, 20, 21	Westlake Players “Pippin” musical production – WHS Auditorium Friday and Saturday performances 8:00 p.m. Sunday performance at 1:00 p.m.; Senior Citizen Luncheon Noon
Monday, April 16	Senior Internship Begins
Thursday, April 26	WHS Spring Concert 8:00 pm. – WHS Auditorium
April 27 – 28	NYSSMA Festival – WHS Campus
April 30	“Hidden in Plain Sight” – PTA Program 7:00 p.m. – WHS Library

Dedicated to excellence,



Keith Schenker

Enclosures: PTA – “Hidden in Plain Sight” & Senior Fundraiser Information