



Principal's Newsletter

- December 2018-

With Thanksgiving behind us, the start of the holiday season has begun. The month of December moves quickly, with so many activities and events to look forward to. Seniors are starting to see the end of the application season in sight and some seniors have already begun to hear early news of college acceptances. Additionally, for seniors, the process has begun for securing a Senior Internship for 4th quarter. We held an informative assembly going over all the details of the program and some tips to help seniors secure a worthwhile job shadowing experience. We encourage students who have any questions to come in and speak with Mr. Novak or me.

I want to take a moment to thank the entire cast and crew of the Westlake Players, along with Director, Mr. Hood, for an outstanding performance of Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This is an incredibly difficult performance and our student actors did an absolutely marvelous job with Shakespearean English; congratulations!

In December, we also have an opportunity to highlight the successes of those students being inducted into the English Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. I want to take an opportunity now to congratulate those students who have met the strict criteria for acceptance and will be inducted on December 6 and 19 respectively.

Lastly, our annual Winter Concert, which always proves to be a fantastic evening, will be held on Thursday, December 20. This is a great opportunity for our students to perform for the community, and I hope everyone can make it.

On another note as you have all been made aware, Mr. Novak, our Assistant Principal, will be leaving us at the conclusion of the first semester. Please join me in wishing him well in his new venture at Putnam Northern Westchester Boces. He will be missed. The District has already posted this position and the interview process for Mr. Novak's replacement will begin in the coming week. This will be a thorough process and as we have done in the past, I will be involving representatives from all stakeholder groups. It is my hope to have a new Assistant Principal named by the end of January.

As always, I hope to see you at our upcoming events, but if I don't, I want to wish everyone a very joyous holiday season.

WHS DECEMBER EVENTS	
Wednesday, December 5	WHS College Night for Juniors – 7:00 pm – WHS Library
Thursday, December 6	WHS English Honor Society Induction – 2:30 pm – WHS Library Class of 2019 Senior Cap & Gown Measurements – Lunch Periods – WHS Lobby
Friday, December 7	WHS Quarter 2 Midpoint
Wednesday, December 19	WHS Spanish Honor Society Induction – 2:30 pm – WHS Library
Thursday, December 20	WHS Winter Concert – 8:00 pm – WHS Auditorium
Monday, December 24 – Tuesday, January 1	Holiday Recess – School Closed