

Westlake High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

It's hard to believe that I am writing my final newsletter for the school year, but June is upon us and the summer is right around the corner. Although the year is winding down, our students continue to shine in so many different venues. Our recently held Underclassmen Awards Night highlighted so many incredible achievements by our 9, 10, and 11th graders. Congratulations to all who were honored.

In the athletic world, our spring athletic teams had an outstanding season. Not only was every team named a New York State Scholar Athlete Team, we also witnessed several teams advancing to Sectionals in their respective sports. I would like to acknowledge Girls Lacrosse, Boys Baseball, Boys Lacrosse, Varsity Golf and Spring Track and Field for their accomplishments this season. I want to congratulate Juliana Castellano on throwing for gold in the discus during the Class B Championships. Juliana is the first champion in this event for Westlake in over ten years. Last, but certainly not least, I have to highlight the achievements of our Girls Varsity Softball team. It has been truly outstanding to watch this team not only take a sectional title, but also become Regional Champs and at this moment are two wins away from becoming Class B State Champions. These titles are the first ever for Girls Softball and it has been an absolute thrill watching them play. State Championship games are this Saturday (June 9) at Moreau Recreational Park, South Glen Falls, NY. We will be giving them a Wildcat send-off on Friday morning at 9:00 am.

This past Saturday, Westlake High School hosted the Annual Westlake Science Fair, a regional competition for all sophomores involved in Science Research across the area. This year over 365 students competed in a wide range of research categories. Once again, Westlake Science Research students did extraordinarily well. The following Westlake students received trophies for their presentations:

- Colleen Bradley & Nicole Musial (1st Place Cellular & Molecular Biology)
- Samantha Castellano (3rd Place Earth & Planetary Science/Physics)
- Julia Clark (2nd Place Behavioral Science)
- Kenny Dronzek (1st Place Medicine & Health)
- Caleb Levitt (3rd Place Animal Science)
- Liam Naughton (1st Place Medicine & Health)

Thank you to Mr. McIntyre, Mr. McClintock, Mr. Szczerba, and Ms. Speisman as well as our parent and student volunteers for all your help in making this year's Fair a success!

As part of our final wrap-up for the school year, we will once again be holding out PTA sponsored Westlake Day on June 11th. This is a great way for us to end the year, as students will have an opportunity to see all of their teachers and classes, then have a shared lunch provided by the PTA. If you would like to donate to this event, the PTA would welcome any donation of food items, baked goods or monetary donations (see attached information and sign-up sheet and please email Mrs. Donnery (mdonnery@optonline.net) with any questions). Westlake Day will wrap-up with some live music provided by our own student Rock Band and faculty and yearbooks will be distributed as well.

Locker Clean-Out

Additionally, with the final week of the school year, it is time for locker clean-out. While students can keep their textbooks for final exam review, all lockers need to be emptied by Monday, June 11th. Students should return textbooks to their classroom teacher no later than the day of the final exam in that course.

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Final exams begin on Tuesday, June 12th. Please see the posted exam schedule for testing times and locations. Students only need to attend school on the days they have exams.

Lastly, the 2nd Annual Westlake Steam Symposium will be held on August 15-16. Students in grades 6-9 are welcome to apply. This year promises to be an exciting and interactive event with sessions on everything from forensic fingerprinting to artificial intelligence. For more information, please see the attached informational letter.

JUNE EVENTS	
June 7 th	WHS Prom
June 7 th – June 11 th	Locker Clean-Out – all lockers must be emptied by June 11
June 11 th	Westlake Day (last full day of school)
June 11 th	Varsity Sports Awards (7:00pm – Auditorium)
June 13 th	Senior Trip to Great Adventures
June 12-20 th	Final Exams/Regents (see website for details)
June 20 th	Mandatory Senior Class Graduation Rehearsal (11:00 am – Students only)
June 22 nd	WHS Class of 2018 Graduation 4:00 pm

Thank you in advance for another incredible year! I look forward to seeing you at graduation.

Dedicated to excellence,



Keith Schenker

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Attachments: Westlake Day, STEAM Symposium, Westlake Athletic Club Golf Outing