

# Westlake High School

## Mt. Pleasant Central School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

With September in the rear view mirror, we look ahead to a very busy October, starting off with our Spirit Week and Homecoming activities. I want to take a moment to recognize and thank our Student Council Executive Board and each of the class officers for their hard work in pulling together what should be a really awesome week of activities -- specifically, the Student Council President Allison Brunetto, Vice President Julia Remo, Secretary, Lauren DeMartino, Treasurer Bryan Mesquita and CCRD Caroline Murray. Each of these students along with their advisor, Ms. Speisman, deserves the recognition for the hours of service they put into this spirit-filled event. It is my hope that our entire community comes out to support the evening events, starting with Cross Country on Wednesday, Varsity Girls Swimming on Thursday along with our pep Rally on Thursday Night, followed by boys and girls soccer on Friday and concluding with volleyball Saturday afternoon and football on Saturday night along with our half-time fireworks display. On that same note, I want to thank the Westlake Athletic Club for sponsoring the fireworks and lights once again this year. Our PTA will be on hand as well helping to promote Westlake spirit throughout the week. Homecoming Spirit wear will be on sale during lunch periods on Monday through Thursday, October 2-5, if you or your child is looking for Westlake spirit wear.

On an academic note, I am pleased to announce that Westlake High School has formally submitted our application to start the process of becoming an International Baccalaureate MYP school. This will allow us to continue the incredible work already begun in the Middle School and extend it into grades 9 and 10 in the coming years. This is the start of a multi-year process that will also include our intent to become an IB Diploma Programme school. The Westlake High School faculty has been working with me over the past few years to prepare for the eventual adoption of this program and is excited about the opportunities that it will present for our students in the future. There will be informational meetings planned over the course of this year to share more about the IB Programme.

Emergency Drills: We will be running an unannounced Lockdown Drill, as required by New York State Law, during the month of October.

Important reminder for all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students taking the PSAT; you must register for the test by October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Guidance Office.

<b>HOMECOMING EVENTS</b>	
Wednesday, October 4 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm Varsity Cross Country
Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	5:45pm Varsity Girls Swimming (Pace University) 5:00pm Hallway Decorating 7:00pm Pep Rally
Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm Varsity Boys Soccer 7:00pm Varsity Girls Soccer
Saturday, October 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm Varsity Volleyball 7:00pm Varsity Football & Cheerleading – Halftime Fireworks
<b>OCTOBER EVENTS</b>	
Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Marking Period 1 Midpoint
Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Columbus Day – School Closed
Wednesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup>	PSAT (Sophomores & Juniors)
Sunday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>	WHS PTA Mom vs. Mom Football Fundraiser
Monday-Tuesday, October 16-17 <sup>th</sup>	Underclassmen Photos
Wednesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm College Fair (Westchester County Center)
Tuesday-Wednesday, October 24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Portrait Retakes
Wednesday, October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Teacher Institute – Early Dismissal 11:10am

As always, I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

Dedicated to excellence,



Keith Schenker