



Principal's Newsletter

- November 2019-

The first quarter has come to a close and so has most of the fall athletic season. I want to congratulate all of our fall athletes and coaches for all of their hard work and dedication both on the field and in the classroom.

Congratulations Our Varsity Boys/Girls Cross Country team will be competing in sectional meets this Saturday at Bowdoin Park, Wappinger Falls, NY. Congratulations to WHS' eleven qualifiers who will be competing in this Sectional/State Qualifier: Zachary Bach, Gabriella Borello, Colleen Bradley, Elisabeth Carpinelli, Richard Clarke, Aaron Dearborn, Arianna Edwards, Alejandro Gomez, Katelyn Jaime, Nicole Musial, Christopher Pagan.

Additionally, Girls Varsity Swim and Dive continue to compete in post-season meets. We wish both teams continued success as they represent Westlake in upcoming competitions.

I want to take a moment to recognize Jacqueline Andrews who was named Lohud Player of the Week for her outstanding skill on the soccer field.

Lastly, congratulations to Marissa Tradito and Peter Cavazzini for being selected by the Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations to receive scholarships for their Excellence in Italian.

As we look ahead to the month of November, there are many activities to look forward to attending.

The Westlake Players will be performing *Almost, Maine*. The cast and crew have been hard at work under the direction of Mr. Hood and I know it will be an incredible performance. Please join us on November 22, 23, and 24 in the John S. Whearty Theater. We hope you can come out and experience the impressive talent of our students on stage.

WHS STEAM Westlake High School, in addition to being named on US News & World Report Best High Schools, was also recognized by Newsweek and placed in their 2020 top STEM High Schools.

Our work in the area of STEAM continues as our STEAM Committee prepares for the next round of course offerings in this growing field. Additional course offerings in Engineering, Science and Design, as well as Computer Science, will be proposed in this year's budget. More information will be shared during scheduling season in February.

Senior News We will be holding our second senior class meeting next week to discuss the necessary steps for the Senior Experience Program, our internship/job shadowing program for the fourth quarter. As more high schools in our area adopt programs similar to the one we have been running for nine years, competition for job shadowing experience will increase. We strongly encourage students to start thinking about potential sites and reach out to prospective hosts. We will be discussing this experience with seniors as well as many other aspects of our program when we meet next week. Deadline for signing up for the Senior Experience is January 31, 2020.

November 14 & 27 Last, please remember that high school students have a regular day scheduled for November 14. Bus pick-up is regular time. Additionally, Wednesday, November 27 is an Early Dismissal day for students.

WHS NOVEMBER EVENTS

Friday, November 8	Quarter 1 Ends
Monday, November 11	Veteran's Day – Schools Closed
Wednesday, November 14	WHS Report Cards Posted to Parent Portal
Wednesday, November 14	Full Day of School for WHS
November 22-24	Westlake Players Performances of <i>Almost, Maine</i> (John S. Whearty Theatre) November 22 & 23 at 8:00 pm November 24 at 1:00 pm (Senior Citizen Luncheon at Noon)
Wednesday, November 27	Early Dismissal
November 28-29	Thanksgiving Recess – School Closed