



## Principal's Newsletter

### - May 2019-

May has arrived and although the end of the school year is fast approaching, there is still a tremendous amount of activity yet to happen at Westlake High School. I want to take a moment to remind all students and parents how critical the next seven weeks will be with respect to grades and the overall average for the year. Fourth Quarter and final exams comprise, depending on the class, either 30% or 40% of the entire year's average. Finishing the year strong in all classes can have a powerful impact on the overall GPA for the year. Putting in the time now to start studying for final exams will really pay off by year's end. It is strongly recommended that students set aside time each week just to review the coursework from earlier in the year. Remember that all teachers have Office Hours and are available after school for extra help.

#### UberEats

I wanted to also bring to parents' attention some concerns around a service through Uber that is now being seen in schools. Over the past couple of months, students have started to use UberEats and paying Uber drivers to deliver food to the school from local eateries. In order to meet UberEats delivery, students need to exit the building and retrieve the delivery. We cannot support this practice for a variety of reasons -- most importantly, student safety. Please speak to your children and let them know that they will not be allowed to meet Uber drivers outside the school. Other food deliveries that come from local vendors have their deliveries made inside the building and we require those deliveries to remain at the front desk where this can be supervised. If your child calls in a delivery in this fashion, please note, the school will not call a student out of class nor will the front desk handle any money for these inside deliveries. Thank you in advance for helping us maintain a safe environment on our campus.

#### Congratulations

Over the last couple of weeks, Westlake has once again been recognized for some incredible accomplishments. In athletics, both Dylan Donnery and Emily Sardo were recognized as Lohud Player of the Week in Boys and Girls Lacrosse respectively. Additionally, Emily Sardo surpassed a 200 points-scored-milestone, setting a new record for Westlake Girls Lacrosse. Lastly, Boys Varsity Lacrosse was recognized on May 1<sup>st</sup> as the game of the week as they defeated Putnam Valley 12-11. Congratulations to these athletes, and good luck on the remainder of the season.

Our select chorale group, the Blendors, traveled to Disney to compete at the annual "Festival Disney." I am proud to announce that they earned a score of 95 out of 100 and were honored with a superior rating. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> straight competition at Disney in which our Blendors have earned a superior rating. Congratulations to all our Blendors and Mrs. Melito:

Emma Delau  
Lauren DeMartino  
Nicole Desimone  
Kyra Earley  
Arianna Edwards  
Kylie Gottlieb  
Kiera Higham

Loren Iannucci  
Samantha Karlosky  
Moses Khan  
Samantha Lubart  
Brandon Martinez  
Daniel McCormack  
Kieran McCormack

Bryan Mesquita  
Victor Mora  
Amanda Rubeo  
Serena Sam-Zee-Moi  
Macarthur Varga  
Jillian Walpole  
Mia Williams

In Science Research, Westlake yet again earned outstanding awards at the recently held 2019 Tri-County Science and Technology Fair. With over 170 students competing from across the region, 3 Westlake students placed in their respective categories. Please join me in congratulating:

- Olivia Eng – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Environmental Science
- Caleb Levitt – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Environmental Science
- Jake Szeszko – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Clinical/Social Psychology

I would also like to recognize and congratulate Dylan Agosto on being honored for his outstanding achievement and skill in the area of cosmetology. Dylan competed at the Skills USA Regional Competition and was selected to compete at the NY State level. Congratulations to Dylan on his outstanding work in this field.

Congratulations to all of our seniors. May 1<sup>st</sup>, the official college decision day, has passed and this year's senior class has so much to be proud of. This year's senior class, comprised of 108 students, sent out over 900 application to 230 different colleges and universities in 27 states across the country and 6 different nations outside the United States. The variety of schools is impressive and I know that our seniors are incredibly prepared for this next step in their academic careers! Thank you to our Guidance Department for all the help and guidance they provided and to our faculty who have worked to prepare our students and expose them to future college majors.

**AP Exams**

AP exams begin on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that students who have either a morning exam or an afternoon exam do have attendance requirements to the classes following the exam or preceding it. If your child is going to be absent from classes, parents need to call the attendance office.

**Lockout Drill**

Sometime during the month of May we will be holding a lockout drill. As a point of information, during a lockout drill all activities continue in all classrooms and in the building, but all exterior doors are locked and no entry or exit would be permitted during the drill.

**Reminders: Seniors**

- Senior Trip -- June 6th
- Senior Experience Presentations – June 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-6:00 pm -- All parents are welcome to attend their child's presentation
- Senior Prom – June 13<sup>th</sup> .... Starting at 5:00 pm on the Westlake Campus. Buses leave for The Surf Club on the Sound in New Rochelle at 5:45 pm.
- Graduation Rehearsal – June 24<sup>th</sup> -- mandatory attendance starting at 11:00 am sharp
- Graduation – June 26<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 pm – all seniors must be on campus by 2:30 pm.

<b>WHS MAY EVENTS</b>	
May 6-17	AP (Advanced Placement) Exams
May 17	HS Rock Band Metamorphic will be performing – 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$5
May 21	Budget Vote & School Board Election --WHS Gymnasium 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
May 23-27	Schools closed – Memorial Day Recess
May 28	WHS Science Symposium – 7:00 pm WHS Library
May 29	WHS Underclassmen Awards Night, WHS Auditorium 7:00 pm
May 30	WHS Wellness Day and DWI Simulator on campus