



Principal's Newsletter

-October 2018-

September has come and gone and it was nice to close-out the month with an incredible Back to School Night. It was great to have a chance to welcome all of you back and to meet parents who are new to the High School. With a month of school under their belts, students should now be settled into their routines and have a sense of how to manage their time based on their schedules. I want to remind all parents and students about the support available to all students during lunch periods through our Math Lab and Writing Lab. Additionally, all teachers have office hours that are published to all students. Students should use this time whenever they need it.

Although the year just began, we already have students making headlines. I want to congratulate Christopher Bauco for being named a National Merit Commended Student. Chris is one of about 34,000 students out of 1.6 million who participated across the country to be awarded this status. In the music area, Serena Sam-Zee-Moi has been selected for NYSSMA All-State participant for Alto II and Bryan Mesquita as an alternate for Bass II. Antonio Resciniti is being recognized by the Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations for Excellence in Italian Language and Culture. In Science, Sarita Servidio represented Westlake High School and the State of New York at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston and received an Official Award of Excellence. I also want to recognize Paul Gschneider for all his hard work in Science and Math where he has received recognition from the Stone Barns Summer Institute and the National Youth Leader Forum: Engineering & Technology. Paul has also been awarded membership to the Scientific Research Honor Society and the Mu Alpha Theta National HS and 2-Year College Mathematics Honor Society. Please join me in congratulating all of these students for their outstanding work.

PSAT: Important reminder for all 10th and 11th grade students that the PSAT will be given on October 10th, you must register for the test by October 5th in the Guidance Office.

Emergency Drills: We will be running a Lockdown Drill, as required by New York State Law, during the month of October. All faculty will review proper lockdown safety procedures with their students over the course of this month.

Spirit Week: Students across the building are excited for the start of Spirit Week. The official kick-off toward Homecoming Weekend begins, Monday, October 1st. While there are grade level spirit activities each day of the week, the game and evening event detailed schedule is attached.

If you need information on Free & Reduced Lunch, forms are online and in the Main Office.

Thanks to the Westlake Athletic Club, we once again have planned for an awesome halftime fireworks display. The entire week always brings out the best across our community and school and it is truly an incredible event due to the efforts of our Student Council Executive Board (Lauren DeMartino, Bryan Mesquita, Riley Neglia, Kyra Earley and Cynthia Briggs and their advisor, Mrs. Speisman) as well as all the class officers and advisors.

Homecoming Week 2018

Monday - October 1, 2018

Varsity Swim & Dive vs Ursuline at College of New Rochelle - 4:30pm
 Varsity Girls Soccer at Haldane - 4:30pm
 JV Boys Soccer Home vs Valhalla - 4:30pm
 JV Girls Soccer at Croton - 4:30pm
 Var/JV Volleyball Home vs Pelham - 4:30/6:00pm
 Modified Cross Country Home vs Briarcliff, Croton, Sleepy Hollow - 4:15pm

Tuesday - October 2, 2018

Cross Country vs Croton - Home 4:30pm
 Varsity Boys Soccer at Briarcliff - 4:30pm
 JV Girls Soccer Home vs Dobbs Ferry - 4:30pm
 Modified Girls Soccer Home vs Ossining - 4:15pm

Wednesday - October 3, 2018

Varsity Girls Soccer at Ardsley - 4:30pm
 JV Boys Soccer Home vs Briarcliff - 4:30pm
 Modified Football at Rye Neck - 4:15pm
 Modified Boys Soccer at Croton - 4:15pm
"Powder Puff Event" 9th-12th grades - 5:00pm-6:30pm (Upper Field)

Thursday, October 4, 2018

Var and JV Volleyball Home vs Pleasantville - Varsity HS Gym 4:30pm - JV MS Gym - 4:30pm
 Modified Cross Country at Briarcliff - 4:15pm
 Modified Volleyball at Ossining - 4:15pm
 Modified Girls Soccer at Pocantico - 4:15pm
Hallway Decorating HS 9th-12th grades - 5:00pm
Community Pep Rally 7:00pm in the HS Gym!!!

Friday - October 5, 2018

Back to Back Soccer Night ~Home Under the Lights~ Main Field:
 Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Croton HS - 6:00pm ***Senior Day Tribute 5:45pm!***
 Varsity Boys Soccer vs Edgemont HS- 8:00pm ***Senior Day Tribute 7:45pm!***
 JV Girls Soccer at Valhalla - 4:15pm
 Modified Cross Country at Briarcliff - 4:15pm
 Modified Boys Soccer Home vs Briarcliff - 4:15pm

Saturday - October 6, 2018

Varsity Cross Country at Brewster - 9:00am
 Var/JV Volleyball vs Croton - Home Varsity at 11:00am and JV at 1:00pm
 JV Football at Bronxville - 9:30am
 Varsity Cheerleaders - ***Senior Day Tribute 6:15pm***
 Varsity Football vs Bronxville - Home Main Field 7:00pm, ***Senior Tribute 6:30pm***

OCTOBER EVENTS	
Friday, October 5	Marking Period 1 Midpoint
Monday, October 8	Columbus Day – School Closed
Wednesday, October 10	PSAT (Sophomores & Juniors)
Monday-Tuesday, October 15-16	Underclassmen Photos
Wednesday, October 17	6:30pm College Fair (Westchester County Center)
Wednesday-Thursday, October 24-25	Senior Portrait Retakes