



## Principal's Newsletter

### - November 2018-

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. Our Varsity Boys/Girls Cross Country team will be competing in sectional meets this Saturday. There are several student athletes that have been honored during the fall season and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge their achievement. A significant milestone was reached for Varsity Volleyball player, Sydney Roell, as she achieved 1000 "kills." This sets a Westlake High School record. In Varsity Girls Soccer Elle Verna was awarded All Section and All League and Giuliana Piazza, Maeve Sheehan and Jacqueline Andrews were also awarded All League. In Varsity Boys Soccer, Frank Malandrucolo was awarded All Section Honorable Mention and Miguel Catarino and Gerardo Cicchillo were awarded All League.

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

**The Westlake Players** will be performing Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. 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 16, 17 and 18 in the John S. Whearty Theater.

**Westlake High School Italian Honor Society** will be holding their induction ceremony on November 7. I want to take a moment to congratulate all of our new inductees for their academic accomplishments in the area of Italian Studies.

**Election Day at WHS** Our AP Government and AP Statistics classes will be working together to hold mock elections on the upcoming Election Day. Students will be studying the election process from several different levels, as well as the statistics behind exit polling data.

**Science Research News** I want to take a moment to congratulate one of our Science Research students, Faith Summers, on an accomplishment that is exceedingly rare for college students let alone a high school student. Faith's research into the role of vesicles in the formation of prostate cancer, was part of and named in a published article in a peer-reviewed science journal. This is a significant achievement and one that deserves applause and recognition.

**WHS STEAM** In the area of STEAM, the Westlake High School STEAM Pathways Committee has been meeting regularly to design a new course sequence in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. This course sequence will be part of the budget discussion for next year with a goal of implementing Phase I for the next school year. More information will follow as we get closer to scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Senior News** We will be holding a senior class meeting next week to begin implementation of the Senior Experience, 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 eight 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, 2019.

Last, please remember that high school students have a regular day scheduled for November 15. Bus pick-up is regular time. Additionally, this Tuesday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 21 are both Early Dismissal days for students.

<b>WHS NOVEMBER EVENTS</b>	
Friday, November 2	Quarter 1 Ends
Tuesday, November 6	Fall Teacher Institute – Student Early Dismissal
Wednesday, November 7	WHS Report Cards Posted to Parent Portal
Wednesday, November 7	WHS Italian Honor Society Induction 2:30pm WHS Auditorium
Monday, November 12	Veterans Day – School Closed
Thursday, November 15	<b>Full Day</b> of School for WHS
November 16 –18	Westlake Players Performances of Shakespeare’s, <i>A Midsummer Night’s Dream</i> (John S. Whearty Theatre) November 16 & 17 at 8:00 pm November 18 at 1:00 pm (Senior Citizen Luncheon at Noon)
Wednesday, November 21	Early Dismissal
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Recess – School Closed
November 29	WHS Underclassmen Photo Retakes
November 29	WHS Incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation 7:00 pm WHS Auditorium