

# Westlake High School

## Mt. Pleasant Central School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

The close of the First Quarter is only days away, but the end of the fall athletic season for several of our teams is still nowhere in sight. The fall season was filled with great accomplishments by all our athletes, but I want to take a moment to congratulate three varsity teams for achieving league champion status. Girls Cross Country, Volleyball, and Football all ranked top in our division and moved into sectional play. Girls Swim and Dive ranked second in their conference and completed an undefeated season with an 8-0-1 record. Maeve McArdle qualified for the NY State Championships in four events. In football, Rob DiNota reached a milestone by setting a new school rushing record. As our teams and athletes continue on in competition, we wish them great success and are there to cheer them on!

On an academic front, I would like to congratulate both the English Department and the Science Department for their collaborative work on the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Envisions and Science Honors Option Program. This past week the New York State English Council recognized and awarded this program a "Program of Excellence." To be recognized at the state level is no small feat and deserves applause.

Additionally, I want to publicly recognize Ariana Rich who was selected by the Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations and honored by the Westchester County Board of Legislators for her outstanding study in Italian Language and Culture. Ariana, along with her teacher, Ms. Caringi, were honored at October's Legislative meeting.

We are also proud to announce that three Westlake students were selected to sing in the Honors Ensemble as part of the Westchester County Area All-State Chorus. Please join me in congratulating Talin Bedonian, Samantha Karlosky, and Cordelia Jannetty on their impressive achievements.

Last, Westlake High School (and Middle School) students have the unique opportunity to experience the "Bio Bus," a fully interactive science experience that will happen November 2nd. This experience was an outgrowth of this past summer's highly successful STEAM Symposium and will be open to all 9<sup>th</sup> grade biology students and students who attended the summer STEAM Symposium. Special thank you to Ms. Knopp and Ms. Matthews for making this experience a reality for our students.

### **Practice ACT**

As previously advertised by the Guidance Department, we are proud to offer a FREE practice ACT to Juniors on Saturday, November 18th at WHS. Space is limited and registration is required. We have about 35 spots left as of today. You can register at

[https://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/marketingevent\\_sample\\_copy\\_6\\_copy\\_copy\\_6\\_copy\\_copy](https://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/marketingevent_sample_copy_6_copy_copy_6_copy_copy)

[www.mtplcsd.org](http://www.mtplcsd.org)

**Important Reminder: Parent/Teacher Conferences:**

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 pm and 6:00-9:00 pm. To schedule your appointments, please email [whsparentteacherconf@mtplcsd.org](mailto:whsparentteacherconf@mtplcsd.org) between now and November 10th. Please include the following information with your request:

- The name of your student(s)
- Please check the eSchool Parent Portal for the names of the teachers you would like to meet – each individual teacher appointment is 8 minutes.
- Your contact information including a day-time phone number
- Your preferred conference start time and any special requests

NOVEMBER EVENTS	
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Italian Honor Society Induction – 2:30 pm (Auditorium)
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran’s Day – School Closed
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	2-Hour Delay – Parent Conferences
November 17-19 <sup>th</sup>	Westlake Players <i>A Christmas Carol</i> – 8:00 pm performances on Nov. 17 & 18, 1:00 pm performance on Nov. 19 ... order tickets at <a href="https://westlakeplayers.com">https://westlakeplayers.com</a>
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mt. Pleasant Education Foundation Turkey Trot – 8:00 am start
November 22nd	Emergency Dismissal Drill – all students dismissed 15 minutes early
November 23-24 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving – School Closed
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent and Student Orientation
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	Underclassmen Photo Retakes

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

Dedicated to excellence,



Keith Schenker