



February 2007

Westlake High School COMMUNICATOR

<http://www.wlake.org>



440-835-6352

From the Principal -

Happy New Year!

I know that may be a little late, but we did not send a January Communicator. I hope that this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy and ready to take on 2007.

I have fielded several concerns regarding the Communicator being on line only this year. While I do not want to see us take a step backwards, I also do not want to leave anyone out of the loop. So, for the remainder of this school year, Westlake High School will mail the Communicator home each month. We will still be available on-line, and will go on-line exclusively next September.

Wow! The year is flying by at an unbelievable pace. Registration season is upon us and our students are in the process of making course selections for the 2007-2008 school year. Counselors met with each class and hopefully you are finding enough support to help your child make good decisions. Please take the time to ask any questions that you might have. Informed decisions in February save heartache and stress in August.

I recently began filming a segment for WHBS called "The Principal's Perspective". Each week during the Demon Zone show, which airs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, WHBS has given me a few minutes to share my thoughts, reflections, and any important information. Please tune in and watch.

One of the recent topics on the Principal's Perspective was a revisiting of Demon Pride. I felt it necessary during these winter months to remind our students and community about the role that each one of us plays in creating a climate of pride. Our students need to be reminded about the care of the facilities that we have entrusted to them. I have been particularly concerned about the mess left over after each lunch period. Please take a few minutes at home to remind your students about cleaning up after themselves at lunch. Our cafeteria is one of the most used rooms in this building during the evening and the way that it looks says a lot about who we are.

I want to thank everyone that was involved with the 8th grade parent night. The turn-out was awesome, and the number of staff and community members that volunteered to be here for our kids says a lot about the quality of professionals that come to work with our kids each day, and the level of support offered by the community. I also want to thank the many student leaders who were here. They have very busy schedules and their investment in the kids that will follow them here at WHS says volumes about their pride!

Don't forget about Parent/Teacher conferences this month, we'd love to see you!
Stay warm! Think Spring!

Principal,
Timothy Freeman

WHS 2006-2007 STUDENT DIRECTORY

All WHS families should have now received a copy of this year's PTSA funded Student Directory. We hope that you will find the directory to be a useful communication tool and that it helps to keep students, parents, and staff connected. We would like to thank all those who contributed to the completion of this year's directory. This includes WHS staff members: Marcia Frazier, Judy Popelka, and Jennifer Graham, also parent volunteers: Lynda Appel, Eileen Moran, Catherine Bailey, Susan Warner, Elaine Campbell, Kim Myers, Nancy Kendall, Barbara Darkoch, and Alice Cook. We appreciate your time and effort.

The Directory Committee,
Marina DiDonato
Debbie Rzewnicki
Sue Kettel

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INFORMATION SHEET CLASS OF 2007

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION and TIME
Spring Fling	March 23 (Friday)	High School Cafeteria
Prom, After Prom – Ticket Sales	April 16 thru April 20 & April 23 thru April 27	High School Cafeteria - Lunch
Kiwanis Salute to Excellence	April 27 (Thursday)	Performing Arts Center 7:30 pm
Senior Class Meeting	May 1 (Tuesday)	Performing Arts Center - 3rd period
Prom	May 4 (Friday)	Intercontinental Hotel 7:00 – 11:30
After Prom	May 4 (Friday night)	High School 12:00 am – 4:00 am
Senior Citizens Prom	May 5 (Saturday)	High School Cafeteria 5:00 – 8:00 pm
AP Testing	May 7 – May 18	High School Library – during school day
Fine Arts Week	May 7 – May 11	High School & Performing Arts Center
Music A La Mode	May 12 (Saturday)	Performing Arts Center– All day
GRADUATION GOWN PICK- up	May 15 (Tuesday)	High School Cafeteria 7:30 to 1 pm
Physics Day	May 21 (Monday)	Cedar Point – all day
Choir Awards Program	May 21 (Monday)	Performing Arts Center 7:00 pm
Lakewood Vocational Career Passport Assembly	May 22 (Tuesday)	Lakewood Civic Auditorium 8:00 am
Junior/Senior Picnic	May 23 (Wednesday)	High School Grounds
Senior Honors Assembly	May 23 (Wednesday)	Performing Arts Center 1:00 to 2:00
Band/Orchestra Banquet	May 24 (Thursday)	Location To Be Announced 6:00 pm
Spring Sports Banquet	May 30 (Tuesday)	High School Cafeteria 6:00 pm
Senior LOCKER CLEAN OUT	May 25 (Friday)	High School
No School	May 28 (Monday)	Memorial Day
Senior Finals	TBD	TBD
Senior finals Make-up	TBD	TBD
Senior Awards Night	May 31 (Thursday)	Performing Arts Center 7 pm
DEADLINE – ALL OBLIGATIONS: FINES, FEES, UNIFORMS, BOOKS MUST BE PAID or you cannot participate in the Graduation Ceremony NO EXCEPTIONS	June 1 (Friday) <i>NO EXCEPTIONS</i>	High School Main Office 7:00 am to 2:00 pm NO EXCEPTIONS
Baccalaureate	June 3 (Sunday)	Performing Arts Center 7:00pm
Commencement Practice MANDATORY – Attendance taken as you board bus at school TICKET DISTRIBUTION – 5 PER STUDENT	June 4 (Monday)	High School Gym – 8:00 am BUSSES TO Lakewood Civic
Commencement 6:45 PM Lakewood Civic Auditorium	June 4 (Monday)	REPORT TO LAKEWOOD CAFETERIA BY 6:00 pm
After Graduation	June 4 (Monday)	To Be Announced

If you did not order your Cap & Gown – CALL Herff Jones immediately 1-330-678-8138

The Westlake Education Foundation is making close to \$4000 in grants available to Westlake educators to fund creative and academically-enriching classroom projects for the 2006/2007 academic year.

This year's grants cover a wide range of topics, and it is hoped that the projects selected will grow in both depth and scope over time. This year's awards are

- **Books for Everyone: Making Great Books Accessible to Children with Severe Disabilities**, Christina Meecha, Hilliard Elementary Intervention Specialist
- **Art Room Reading Library**, Jody Guzman, Hilliard Elementary Art Department
- **GeoFitness: Developing Cardiovascular and Aerobic Fitness Through Dance**, Tom Ulrich, Hilliard Elementary Physical Education Department
- **Poetry Live! : A Multi-Intelligence Approach to Poetry**, Wade Werner and Laura Miller, WHS English Department
- **Text Talk: Enhancing the Read-Aloud Experience to Facilitate Vocabulary Instruction**, Jennifer Medved, Bassett Elementary Grade 2.

In making awards the Foundation aims to support projects that provide a high-level of hands-on involvement for students, have clearly defined goals and objectives that go beyond merely acquiring equipment, have well-articulated methods, and are cost-effective in terms of the size of the student population that is served.

To learn more about the Westlake Education Foundation or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please visit their web site at www.wlake.org/wef.

WESTLAKE PARENT CONNECTION
A member of the **Parent to Parent Westside Network**
PRESENTS

“Healthy & Safe Teen Dating Practices“

February 27, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Westlake Porter Public Library

27333 Center Ridge Road

Westlake, Ohio 44145

Speaker: Maureen Mizerak

Executive Director, Conflict Resolution Center of the West Shore, Inc.

Some Teen Dating Facts

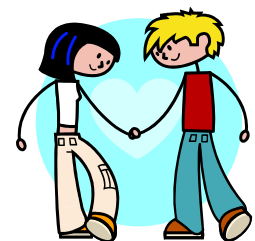
- **Teen dating abuse runs across race, gender and socio-economic lines**
- **Both males & females are victims**
- **Dating abuse takes many forms – psychological & emotional, verbal, physical & sexual**
- **About 1 in 5 female high school students report being abused by a dating partner**
- **57% of teens know someone who has been physically, sexually or verbally abused in a dating relationship**

Join Maureen Mizerak in a discussion on how to talk to your teen about establishing safe dating practices, warning signs, anger management, and where to go for help if your teen is in a violent relationship

This informative program is free to adults.
Space is limited; please reserve your spot today.

RSVP to: parentcon@westlakeparentconnection.com

OR contact Maca Tyler
440 899-0053



GUIDANCE CORNER – February: Counselors – Terry Kennedy, Sarah Clark, Deb Petro, Betsy Ruper; Secretary – Marsha Frazier

Guidance on the web: Please visit our web site at www.wlake.org. Select schools, high school and then guidance. The guidance department web page includes sections on college planning, scholarship and financial aid information, career planning and study skills. There are direct links to the web sites of every college in Ohio.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1	Junior College Night	7:00 PM
* March 6 – date change	Post Secondary Enrollment Options Meeting	7:00 PM
March 9	Local Scholarship Applications Available	
March 9	Deadline to register for the April 14 th ACT	
March 12 - 16	Ohio Graduation Test	
March 29	Deadline to register for the May 5 th SAT	

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduling for 2007-08: Scheduling for next year is currently underway. Students have been given the Student Registration Form and a copy of the Program of Studies, containing graduation requirements and course descriptions. Students and parents should review these items carefully and choose their courses wisely. Students will meet individually with their counselor to review their course selections and turn in their registration form. Prior to the individual conference with their counselor, students are required to secure their teacher recommendations and parent signature. Students who do not receive a teacher recommendation for the course they want to take may get a waiver form from their counselor for their parent to sign. The completed course registration form will be collected as follows:

11th Grade - Week of Feb. 5

10th Grade - Week of Feb. 12

9th Grade - Week of Feb. 20

Schedule Changes: Planning a schedule for the next school year is a difficult task and situations may occur requiring a change in that schedule. These schedule changes, however, have a serious effect on class size, teacher assignments and the overall master schedule, and therefore, will be approved sparingly. The student and parent are urged not to plan a program with the idea that it can be changed.

As of May 1, 2007, no changes will occur unless:

1. There is a technical error in the scheduling process.
2. If it becomes clear that the student is academically misplaced as determined by the classroom teacher.
3. There is a scheduling conflict, (conflicts occur when courses that the student requests meet at the same time).

Summer School: Any student who failed a core class (English, Social Studies, Science or Math) in the first semester should plan to attend summer school. Information on summer school will be available on the district web site in late April or early May. A first semester failure can only be made up during the first semester of summer school and a second semester failure can only be made up during the second semester of summer school. A total of 1 credit can be made up during summer school.

State Mandated Testing: The Ohio Graduation Test will be administered during the week of March 12, 2007.

Post Secondary Enrollment Options: PSEOP allows high school students to take college classes while still in high school, as long as the participating college or university admits them. All students who plan to participate in PSEOP for the 2007-08 school year, must attend a required meeting with their parents, on Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is required even if you currently participate in this program or have attended past meetings.

Honor/Merit Roll: Students who excel academically will be recognized by placement on the following: High Honor Roll – 4.00 and above, Honor Roll – 3.5 to 3.99, and Merit Roll – 3.0 to 3.49. Any grade of D or lower will disqualify a student from either the Honor or Merit Roll. During the second and fourth quarters exam grades of D or lower eliminates a student from either the Honor or Merit Roll.

Fines: Report cards are not issued if the student owes any type of fine. This includes book fines, library fines and athletic fines. Progress reports, however are always mailed home.

INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Senioritis: Seniors need to remember to keep up their academic performance. College admission committees reserve the right to withdraw an offer of admission if the student's performance falls below the acceptable level.

Graduation Requirements: It is the students' responsibility to see that requirements for graduation are met. Specific requirements are listed in the Program of Studies. Seniors who failed a first semester class should meet with their counselor as soon as possible to review their course and credit requirements for graduation.

Academic Awards: To be eligible to receive honors and awards such as Summa Cum Laude, the Award of Merit, the Honors Diploma and the President's Award or scholarships provided by various school or community groups, a student must have completed a minimum of seven semesters in grades nine through twelve. GPA for these awards will be based on the 7th semester GPA.

FAFSA – Free Application for Student Aid: All seniors attending a two or four year college should complete the FAFSA. Forms are available in the guidance office or students can file online. By completing this form, you supply the information needed to possibly qualify for a Pell Grant or Stafford Loan. This form should be filed as soon as possible as resources are limited. We recommend filing by February 15. It is important to fill out the form completely, legibly and honestly. Everyone should file the FAFSA even if you think you will not qualify; you never know when your circumstances will change. Paper FAFSA's are available in the guidance office or file online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Cleveland Scholarship: The Cleveland Scholarship representative is here on Wednesdays to assist students and parents with the financial aid process. An appointment can be made by contacting the guidance office at 835-6375.

Scholarship Information: Scholarship information is posted on our web site. Students should read the criteria for each scholarship carefully and adhere to the deadlines. Transcript requests for scholarship applications require 15 school days to process. Local scholarships will be available beginning March 9, with an application deadline of April 6.

INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS

JUNIOR PARENT COLLEGE NIGHT: Junior Parent College Night will be held on Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m. A representative from the University of Akron will present a workshop for students and parents on planning for college. The College Planning Guide will be distributed.

COLLEGE PLANNING: Now is the time to begin researching colleges. Reference books listing all of the colleges are available in the guidance office, local library, and area bookstores. You can also search online; links to various sites are available on the WHS Guidance Department web page. All colleges encourage campus visits; many have special fall or spring programs for visiting high school students. In addition, many colleges offer summer academic and athletic programs. Contact the admissions office at the school of your choice for further information. Remember, as you consider various colleges, there is no best college. There are only "right" colleges, often several of them. Your task is to discover and choose a college that is "right" for you. No single college will be perfect in every respect; be prepared to compromise.

PSAT: In December, your student received his/her results from the October administration of the PSAT. If you have not yet seen the results, ask your student to share those with you. The score report provides the question number, the student's answer and the correct answer. The test booklet is returned to your student at the same time as the results. Taking time to carefully review the score report can be beneficial in preparing for the SAT.

ACT/SAT Tests: Students planning to attend a four-year college or university need to take the SAT and/or ACT exam. We recommend taking these exams in the spring of the junior year. The SAT exam now has three sections, Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing. More information on this test can be found at www.collegeboard.com. The ACT exam has four sections, English, Reading, Mathematics and Science. The ACT also has an optional writing section. Students taking only the ACT should take the writing section at least once. More information on the ACT can be found on their web site at www.act.org. Both testing companies prefer online registration, but paper registration materials are available in the guidance office.

<u>ACT</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Register By</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Register By</u>
	4/14/07	3/9/07		3/10/07	2/2/07
	6/9/07	5/4/07		5/5/07	3/29/07
				6/2/07	4/27/07

ACT/SAT PREP: Should a student take a test prep course or not? That is often a difficult question. The best preparation for college entrance examinations is enrolling in and excelling in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum. However, if a student is motivated and willing to put in the time a test prep course demands, test preparation can be helpful. Other less costly options are available and these include:

1. The ACT has practice tests on its web site at www.act.org.
2. The College Board has test prep on its web site at www.collegeboard.com.
3. The WHS library has Princeton Review Books and ACT practice disks for student use.
4. Students can purchase a computer program for SAT/ACT review.
5. Area bookstores have a number of books on the topic.

INFORMATION FOR SOPHOMORES

PSAT & PLAN TESTS: In December and January, your student received his/her results from the fall administration of the PSAT and PLAN. If you have not yet seen the results, ask your student to share those with you. The score report provides the question number, the student's answer and the correct answer. The test booklet is returned to your student at the same time as the results. Taking time to carefully review the score report can be beneficial in preparing for the SAT and ACT exams.

INFORMATION FOR FRESHMAN

GRADING SYSTEM: We are on a semester grading system with credit being awarded at the end of each semester. Semester grades for the first semester include the 1st quarter grade (40%), the 2nd quarter grade (40%) and the final exam (20%). The second semester grades are figured using the same format. The cumulative GPA is based on the semester grades. Progress reports and report cards are issued each grading period.

CUMULATIVE GPA: Freshman now have a cumulative GPA, which appears, in the cumulative GPA box on the report card. The cumulative GPA is based on the semester grades. It also includes any previous semester grades in course work taken in summer school or course work taken in the 8th grade for high school credit. The cumulative GPA is the important one. It is the GPA that appears on the high school transcript and it is the one that colleges consider during their admission process.

CREDITS: Credit for passed courses is awarded at the end of the first semester. It can be found on the report card in the Credit Earned Lifetime box. It includes credits earned during the first semester of this year, as well as any semester credits previously earned. It is important for students and parents to review this box on the report card and monitor the credits earned because this determines promotion to the next grade level. Freshman will need six credits to promote to the tenth grade.

WHS CENTER STAGE PLAYERS

OKLAHOMA!

Thursday March 1 • 7:30 pm
Friday March 2 • 8:00 pm
Saturday March 3 • 8:00 pm

Westlake Schools Performing Arts Center

Tickets \$7



You may purchase tickets at *Skyline Music* – cash or check made payable to the Westlake Board of Education. You may also email your ticket request to tickets@valcocleve.com

There will be a limited number of tickets available at the Performing Arts Center Box Office on the night of each show. We strongly encourage purchasing tickets in advance.

www.wlake.org/whs/dramaclub



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**ATTENTION WHS PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS:
PTSA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
NO PTA EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!**

We encourage you to give your time and talents to the work of the 2006-2007 WHS PTSA. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available; some requiring a very small time commitment. For more detailed information about open PTSA committee positions, consult the WHS PTA link on the Westlake City Schools website at www.wlake.org or call Diane Missirlis at 892-8432. Please indicate your areas of interest, your name, phone number and email address and you will be contacted.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts Week (spring) | <input type="checkbox"/> Random Acts of Kindness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reflections contest | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships (April-May) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Appreciation (1 fall/1 spring) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness Day (April) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green and White Revue: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Co-chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Auditions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performance night | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ticket sales | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bake for a Social Committee Function (August, December, May) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Directory envelope stuffing (1 day in mid-late Sept.) | |

Name _____ Phone _____ email _____

Return this form to the PTSA Mailbox in the WHS Main Office or mail to:

Diane Missirlis, Volunteer Coordinator
Westlake High School PTSA
27830 Hilliard Blvd.
Westlake, OH 44145

Westlake High School PTSA Membership Form, 2006-2007

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please circle: Parent Teacher/Staff Student

WHS PTSA membership dues: \$7.00 annually per person. Payable in cash or check, made payable to WHS PTSA. Please return your completed form and payment to the PTSA mailbox in the Main Office, or mail to:

**Westlake High School PTSA
27830 Hilliard Boulevard
Westlake, Ohio 4414**

Local Student Architects Design Award-Winning Model Homes for “Tribute to Ireland and the Green Building Movement” theme.

Westlake, OH. - The 2007 National City Cleveland Home and Garden Show, February 3-11 at the I-X Center, will showcase nine Westlake High School teams' model home designs from the tenth annual Student Model Home Design Contest, held January 20, 2007 at Westlake High School.

The Westlake High School team of **MARK POTHIER (Sr.) & RAKESH PATEL (Sr.)** established a record for winning a second consecutive time with the overall grand prize of a \$1000 scholarship. They also won an additional \$100 cash award for the “Best CAD/3D Drawings” category.

Second place overall and \$300 went to the Westlake High School team of **NIA MARINUCCI (Sr.), CHELSEA GARNER (Sr.), and STEPHANIE SCHILL (Jr.)**. They also won an additional \$400 cash award for the “Best Presentation” category and the \$150 cash award for the “Best Model” category.

Finishing third overall and taking the \$100 cash award was the Westlake senior team of **ILIA GOTLIB, LIBERO PUCCINI, & RYAN JARVIS**.

The \$75 cash award, and fourth place went to the Westlake senior team of **TOM LAVELLE & BASHIR ABU HAMDEH**.

The remaining finalists and winning \$50 cash each were:

5th – the team of **KRISTINA CHO, MURTAZA ABBAS & MATT MINDELL** (Westlake High School);

6th – the team of **BRIAN SWANSIGER, BRAD JOHNSON, & LESLIE BEAL** (Maplewood Career Center);

7th – the team of **MAEVE GOEDE & ALAINE PERCONTI** (Westlake High School);

8th – the team of **LYDIA HUDAK, SETH SMITH-DRYDEN & SAMANTHA CLIFFORD** (Westlake High School);

9th – the team of **CREIGHTON GIBBONS & EVAN HAYDEN** (Westlake High School), and

10th – the team of **JULIAN NORTON & EMMA WALZ** (Westlake High School).

The top ten winning entries will be displayed at the National City Cleveland Home & Garden Show, February 3-11, at the I-X Center, located at the Concrete Home Pavilion, booth #1901.

The National City Cleveland Home and Garden Show, Schill Architecture, and the Northern Ohio Concrete Homes Association sponsor the contest, nationally recognized by the International Technology Education Association for promoting technological literacy. The theme for this year was “Tribute to Ireland and the Green Building Movement”. A house that is designed incorporating Green building principles is more environmentally conscious and energy efficient.

These future architects, designers, contractors, and artisans were challenged to design a home for a young professional married couple with a preschool-age child who plan to build in the Cleveland area. The family wishes to build a new home with architecture significant to that of their Irish heritage, including features and innovations reflecting “Green” building.

The student contest reflects the same theme of the Home and Garden Show this year. The students were instructed to design the home that was to be functional, innovative, energy-efficient, and affordable. They were to feature an above grade concrete home (ICF) system, which incorporates proper and creative use of other building elements, such as insulation and window orientation, to reduce energy costs.

Using their knowledge of architectural design and concrete construction, student entries featured a complete architectural set (including floor plan drawings) as well as scaled model homes made of matt board or foam core. They were judged in several categories, including design, planning and innovations, energy-conserving features, drawing presentation, model presentation, and exterior design. A panel of building industry professionals from across the area evaluated the designs.

“The students did a great job on their designs,” said Scott Kutz, technical drawing & design instructor at Westlake High School. “It’ll be a tremendous display at the I-X Center for this year’s show. We are fortunate to have the Home and Garden Show management provide a first-class venue to showcase the students’ work”.

Mark Pothier & Rakesh Patel, winning team of the contest this year, stated that they “logged over 100 hours on their design work and an additional 110 hours on their model to make it feel like a contemporary Irish castle with many *Green* and energy efficient features as they could”. A rooftop landscape and a central turret were two of the main features of their design.

“One very exciting and prestigious element of this contest, in addition to the cash awards, is the fact that the winning entries will be on display for the full nine days to the more than 200,000 visitors who annually pass through the National City Cleveland Home and Garden Show”, said Mike Halloran, assistant show manager. “It’s truly a great way to recognize and honor the outstanding efforts made by these high school students.”

WHS PTSA Recycling Program



Did you know that the recycling program implemented by the Westlake High School PTSA accepts all of the following recyclable items? Laser print cartridges, ink jet cartridges, fax machine print cartridges, retired cell phones, PDA's and Blackberries. All of these items can be recycled and PTSA gets reimbursed with cash! Please support your PTSA *and* environment by placing these items in the box in the office, or by calling Laurie Bowles @ 835-2376 for a pick up! Thank you!



Art Department



Art students have completed two authentic and engaging art projects. The Cleveland Clinic sponsored an Art/Science initiative where WHS students presented scientific research to art students, who interpreted the research into works of art. The artwork has been juried. The opening reception of the exhibit is January 31 for the students and their families, held in the Intercontinental Hotel from 4:30-6pm. The following art students were awarded ribbons and cash awards:

Drew Lizy won the Blue Ribbon and \$100.00

Kelsey Lapping and Erin Prophal won the Red Ribbon and \$75.00

The White Ribbon worth \$50.00 was won by Kaitlin Orr

Honorable Mention students are Eric Zhou, Megan Cannon, Rachele Puzzitiello, Chelsea Lovelace, Natalie McGee, Justin Liptak, Jacque Beas and Julie Parma.

Huntington Bank sponsored the other graphic design problem to art and industrial tech students. Students designed art around the concept of "Westlake, My Hometown". The bank has selected seven designs that have been produced on visual barriers around Crocker Park, specifically near Dick's Sporting Goods. Eric Zhou won the top prize and a \$1000.00 savings certificate. Rachele Ruzzitiello and Nia Marinucci won a \$500 savings certificates each. Chelsea Lovelace, Caitlin Nugent, Erin Prophal and Jeff Boudon also have art work on display.

The results are in from our participation in the regional National Scholastic Art Exhibition. Kaitlin Orr won a gold Key for her Photographic Portfolio. One of seven accepted in the entire county. Sarah Ivancic and Greg Hodge won Silver Keys for Ceramic sculptures. Lauren Voiers received a Gold Key and two Honorable Mentions for her large abstract paintings. Charly Burns won two Silver Keys for two paintings. The exhibition will be on display from January 14 through February 4 at the Cleveland Institute of Art Gallery.

Congratulations to all award winning art students!

Creatively Yours,
The Art Department Team
Christine Filmer, Steven Davies,
Jerry Everhard and Kelly Atkinson



FRENCH CLUB BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT "MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES" (DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS)

In November Westlake High School French Club had a bake sale in the main hallway to benefit *Doctors Without Borders (Medecins sans Frontieres)*, a French organization of doctors who perform pro bono medical services in countries where the need is greatest throughout the world. We are very proud of the students who made \$150 which was sent to Medecins Sans Frontieres.!!

FRENCH NATIONAL EXAM (LE GRAND CONCOURS)

In March French students will be taking the French National Exam during 1st period. In past years our French students have placed in the top 10 rankings in the state of Ohio and a few have placed in the top 10 nationally. We encourage our students to take the exam as it is good practice for the French Advanced Placement exam and good scores can be included on college applications. See any French teacher for details.

Madame Bates
Madame Horvath
Madame Miller

Founders Day 2007

Founders Day will be Thursday, February 22, 2007. This year the dinner will be held at Wagners Country Inn. The evening begins with a social hour at 6pm, followed by dinner at 7 and culminates with the presentation of awards. The cost of the dinner is \$23.00 per person. The reservation form is included in this issue of the communicator. You are welcome to fill out and drop the form off in the school office or mail it to the address provided.

Founders Day is a night when each PTA honors one person from their school for outstanding service and dedication to our children. The Ohio PTA Achievement Award is given to a parent, teacher, staff member or someone in the community who has demonstrated exemplary service to our children and schools.

We are looking for nominations for Westlake High's recipient. Please begin thinking of someone who you feel deserves this award and email me with your nomination(s) and the reason you feel that this person should receive the PTA's highest compliment.

All nominations can be hand written and deposited in the envelope in the office that is also for your payment to attend the dinner, or email me at babsdarkoch@wideopenwest.com.

Please join us in honoring these outstanding individuals.

Thank you

Barbara Darkoch
Founder's Day Committee



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every child, one voice

Founders Day

Thursday, February 22, 2007

6:00 p.m. Social Hour Cash Bar

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Presentations

** Please stay afterwards to mingle
& congratulate our honorees.

Wagner's Country Inn
30855 Center Ridge Road
Westlake, Ohio

Menu

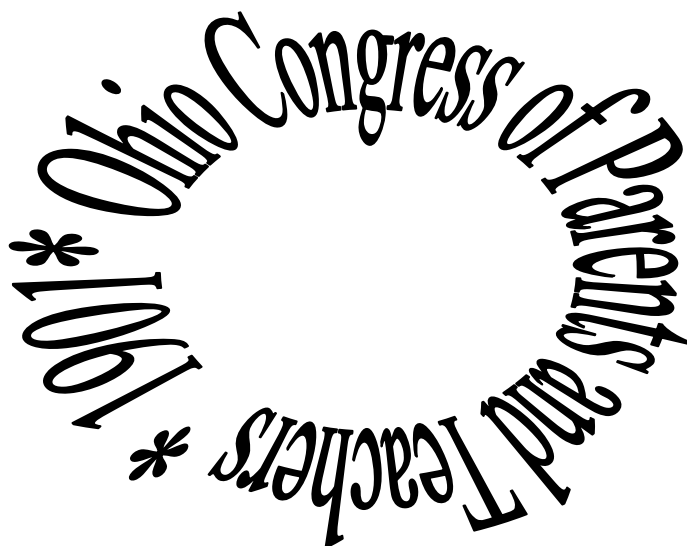
Tossed salad & dinner rolls

Choice of entrée:

Top Sirloin Filet

Chicken Francaise (chicken dipped in egg wash, sautéed with white wine & served with lemon sauce)

Penne Pasta with spinach and sun dried tomatoes



PTA is for children, but on this night we take the time to honor some special adults, who make a difference for children and all of us. Please join us in honoring these outstanding individuals who are dedicated to the welfare of our youth.

The evening is \$23.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Westlake Council of PTAs.
For additional information: Barbara Darkoch, 440.892.1169

Send \$23.00 check (payable to Westlake Council of PTAs) to:
Mail to: Barbara Darkoch, 1916 Sperrys Forge Trail, Westlake, OH

Reservations due by Friday, February 16, 2007

Name: _____

Phone: _____

PTA Unit/School (if applicable): _____

Amount: _____

Entrée: _____

Lifetime Member or Ohio PTA

Achievement Award? _____

WESTLAKE HIGH CLASS OF 2007 PARENTS

AFTER PROM, AFTER GRAD & BACCALAUREATE
DEDICATED TO KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE THIS PROM SEASON

VISIT US AT: WWW.WLAKE.ORG/WHS/GRADUATION2007

OR CONTACT PLANNING CHAIR: KIM MYERS @ 440-979-0980



Help keep our kids safe This Prom Season!

Join the planning fun—pick a committee(s) and lend a hand-or two

- **Fundraising**— Show us the money! Without funds these three events won't happen. (Contact: Susan Lawrence the_lawrences2002@Yahoo.com 892-8665)
- **Ways & Means** – Help us write the checks to execute the plan. (Contact: Lisa Pandrangi Lisa7557@Hotmail.com 333-3419 or Kathy Rankin DMR44145@aol.com 892-9285)
- **Decorating**: Talent is not a requirement! Just roll up your sleeves and follow simple instructions. We assemble, paint, and construct...whatever needs to be done. Volunteer for an hour or the whole tour—(Contact: Bob Eagle BEagle@Abarta.com 892-0956 or Beth Olson 892-8685)
- **After Prom Menu**: Those kids gotta eat! Help plan, acquire, and serve the After Prom food. (Contact: Carol Drapac Woody4486@SBCGLOBAL.net 899-5184 or Pamela Andrews Andrews.Pamela@TATravelcenters.com 899-6232 or Doris Locklear dorylock@aol.com 808-1947)
- **Memory Board and Video**: Keeping with the tradition of sending our seniors off with a collection of visual and written memories. (Contact: Marcia Bullard or Doug Bullard MJBullard@SBCGLOBAL.net 871-2441)
- **Tickets**: Help sell event tickets (Contact: Lisa Pandrangi Lisa7557@Hotmail.com 333-3419 or Michelle Manco MManco@Grlakes.com 899-6311)
- **Chaperones**: Not as bad as it sounds! And your kids won't even know you are there. (Contact: Andrea Kolarik ajkolarik@wowway.com 808-0401)
- **Casino**: Know when to fold 'em? Then we need your help in the casino—a student favorite. (Contact: Bob and Linda House rohhouse4@aol.com 835-8372)
- **Entertainment**: At after prom we keep our kids busy from Midnight until 4:00 AM—and that takes a lot of entertainment. Help us plan and execute (Contact: Christy Stark Mad13dog@AOL.com 250-0254)
- **Baccalaureate**: This non-denominational event is a family event that celebrates our children's launch into their beginning adult years. Students deliver inspirational readings, poems and song. (Contact: Martha Solarz solarzm@wideopenwest.com 899-0937 or Diane Corrigan 835-5047)
- **After graduation**: Already well into the planning stage, this year's after graduation will take place on the Goodtimes 3 Lake Erie Cruise Ship. We could still use some help! (Contact: Kathy Rankin DMR44145@aol.com 892-9285 or Ruth Fortney BusyMom4Life@aol.com 892-1875)

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After Grad News and Updates

After Graduation JUNE 4, 2007

This event is for WHS 2007 graduates ONLY.

Graduates load **chartered busses at 9:15 PM** at the WHS parking lot where busses will depart for the **Goodtime III Cruise Ship**.

Only students arriving on the chartered busses will be allowed onto the ship.

The Goodtime departs the dock at 10:30 PM. Graduates enjoy food, dancing and each other's company until the **ship returns to dock at 1:00 AM**.

Graduates load busses are return to WHS parking lot at **1:45 AM**

(Contact: Kathy Rankin DMR44145@aol.com 892-9285 or Ruth Fortney BusyMom4Life@aol.com 892-1875)

After Prom News and Update

Wanted: Gift Basket Donations

Have something to round out one of our many After Prom gift baskets? – GREAT!

Feeling creative and want to makeup your own basket? – GREAT!

Community Organizations are you looking for a way to support the Class of 2007 graduates? – GREAT!

Please call us TODAY:

Lisa Pandrangi 333-3419 Lisa7557@Hotmail.com

Kathy Rankin 892-9285 DMR44145@aol.com

*Wanted: Business owners and employers—
you can help too:*

By making a donation of **cash, food, in-kind and/or products** for prize baskets you become a part in our efforts to keep our kids safe from harm.

THANK YOU:

Nick Mayer Lincoln Mercury, Ingersoll Hardware & Sherwin Williams

Please consider joining other members of our community and **help us send our kids off with great, safe memories** of their last days in high school.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are February 26, 2007. We will start scheduling appointments on February 5, 2007. Please call the Main Office at 440-835-6352 to schedule.

After Prom News and Updates- Continued

Wanted: Food Donations

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS - The After Prom Food Committee needs:

Fruit Tray - Vegetable Tray
Cookies - Bottle Water

Please call us TODAY:

Doris Locklear -808-1947-dorylock@aol.com
Carol Drapac -899-5184 -woody4486@sbcglobal.net
Pamela Andrews - 899-6232 - andrews.pamela@tatravelcenters.com

Wanted: Funds

After Prom, After Grad and Baccalaureate are non-school sponsored events and entirely financed, planned, and chaperoned by **Westlake parents**.
As of January 11, we've received checks from **116** families – THANK YOU!

Have you mailed your check? Each family is asked to donate **\$50** to help defer costs. Please mail checks made payable to: **Class of 2007 and mail to:**

Susan Lawrence
2116 Georgia Drive,
Westlake, Oh 44145

Please double check our records below – if we've omitted your name we're so sorry☹

Contact Susan Lawrence at the_lawrences2002@Yahoo.com or 892-8665 to report omission.

Thank you Senior Parents: Adenwalla, Andrews, Arora, Auger, Baddour, Basista, Behrendt (Brandan), Bish, Bullard, Burbach, Butler, Buzzard, Claiborne (Garner), Cobb, Cohen (Sedivy), Cook, Corrigan, Crabtree, Crawford, Csorba, Desler, Di Donna, Doychak, Drapac, Duffy, Eager, Eagle, Ellis, Fazulak, Fisher, Flanagan, Flood, Fortney, Gabbard, Gelston, Gianfagan, Gibbons, Hammond, Hategan, Hinkle, House, Hrabik, Ivancic, Jakupca, Kaiser, Karohl, Kaulins, Killeen, Kline, Kramer, Kristy, Lameners, Lapping, Lawrence, Locklear, Louis, Lovelace, Lyons (Zolnay), Maciag, Mance, Manco, Manella, Marinucci, Marquard, Massersmith, Mayer, Mc Crone, Mc Gee, Mc Gregor (Richard), McAllester, Medoro, Mikoy, Miltner, Mueller, Myers, Nedorost, Olson, Ontolchik, Orange, Orr, Otter (Periavalle), Pandrangi, Pankiw, Patel, Pavlik, Pease, Pendergast, Perrings, Pierre, Puzzitiello, Rankin, Roberts, Ruane, Rumancik, Ryan, Schaefer, Schmitz, Schmitz, Schuld, Selfridge, Serebrennikova (Gotlab), Sheikhi, Smanik, Soley, Spreng, Sterba, Sun(Wang), Tabbaa, Tabor, Tasse, Tolman, Vicarel, Weiskettel, Winar, Wolf, Wright, Yunaska

2007 Senior Class Memories Video

Every year graduating seniors submit their most memorable photos to the Senior Class Memories Video. The photos are then compiled into a video format, effects and music are added, and the video is available for viewing at After Prom and for purchase.

Students should submit one baby picture, one senior picture, and a variety of up to ten photos ranging from elementary through high school. (Please try to have a variety of students in the pictures you submit.)

Prints and image files on a CD-ROM may be deposited in the marked box in the main office. Be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope in which all of your pictures will fit. Your photos will be mailed back to you.

Digital photos and scanned images may be e-mailed directly to: Doug@dougbullard.com. Please send these images as attachments. Do not embed the files in the e-mail. You will receive a response e-mail when your images have been received and reviewed for proper format.

All image files, whether submitted by e-mail or by CD-ROM, should be JPEG or JPG format and at least 1000 pixels long side. The higher the quality of the file, the better the product will be.

DVDs are \$25. Orders may be turned into the box in the main office, or mailed to: Doug Bullard, 1864 Hall's Carriage Path, Westlake, Ohio 44145. Checks should be made payable to: Westlake Class of 2007.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Marcia Bullard at 440-871-2441, or submit them to Doug@dougbullard.com.

Deadlines:

- **Friday, March 30, 2007** – Deadline for prints and images on CD-ROM. All photos and disks will be picked up from the main office at the end of the school day.
- **Friday, April 13, 2007** – Deadline for photos and scanned images submitted by e-mail.
- **Friday, April 27, 2007** – Deadline for video orders.

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2007 Senior Class Memories Video Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Copies: _____ @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Checks payable to: Westlake Class of 2007

Turn this order form into the box in the main office, or mail to:

Doug Bullard, 1864 Hall's Carriage Path, Westlake, Ohio 44145.

Please put your child's name on the subject line of your emails to teachers. In the midst of all the junk email, your child's name in an obvious place makes your email much easier to identify.

WECPTA KIDDIE KLOSET

Saturday, March 24, 2007

Westlake High School – 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Early Bird Entry \$5.00

9:00 – 12:00 p.m. Admission \$1.00

For additional information contact Teri Gannon at 440.808.8863 or
terigannon@hotmail.com



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| 1,15 | NHS Mtg. 7:00am Rm. 204 | 12 | Music Boosters Mtg. 6:30pm Lib |
| 1 | Choral Recital Concert PAC | 17 | Winter Formal 8:00-11:00pm Cafe |
| 1,8,15,22 | Music Club Mtg. 2:30pm Rm. 244 | 19 | PRESIDENT'S DAY – NO SCHOOL |
| 2,9,21,23 | Key Club Mtg. 7:00am Student Center | 20 | 5 th Grade Concert PAC |
| 2,9,16,23 | Project Support Mtg. 2:30pm Rm. 126 | 20,22,27 | Princeton Review SAT Test Prep. 11 th Graders
6:00pm-9:00pm Lib. |
| 3 | OMEA Solo & Ensemble Contest | 14,21,28 | Lacrosse Club 7:00pm New Gym |
| 5,12 | Green & White 2:30pm Rm. 100 | 23,24 | OMEA State Orchestra Contest |
| 5 | Demons Club Mtg. 6:45pm Student Center | 24 | Dance Competition PAC |
| 5,7,12,26 | Lacrosse Club 9:00pm New Gym | 26 | Parent/Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL |
| 6,13,20 | Student Council Mtg. 7:00am Lect Hall | 27 | Student Council Mtg. 7:00am Lect Hall |
| 6,13,20 | Chess Club Mtg. 2:30pm Rm. 204 | 27 | Chess Club Mtg. 2:30pm Rm. 204 |
| 7,14,16 | Key Club Mtg. 7:00am Lect Hall | 27 | PTSA Mtg. 7:30pm Student Center |
| 10,24 | Princeton Review SAT Test 11 th Graders
9:00am –1:00pm WHS Lib. | 28 | Key Club 7:00am Lect Hall |

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