



# Westlake News Extra

## Westlake PTSO

### Hello Westlake Parents, Teachers, and Students:

This is our first newsletter of the school year, and so I would like to welcome you to the PTSO and let you know what we have done so far, and what our plans are for the rest of the year.

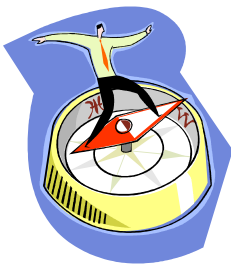
We had a great start with welcoming 9th graders and new Westlake students at the summer orientation. We were there to say hello and invite people to join PTSO at the Open House in September. We have had great speakers come and teach us at the General Meetings, like Officer Anderson, Ms. Andterri O. Thompson and Mr. Arber Winn. They taught us how to be safe, work through test anxiety, and apply study skills. Mrs. Benson is always present to answer questions at our meetings, and there are always updates about what is happening around campus. This is especially beneficial to those of us who hear very little from our students, but worthwhile for everyone!

We love showing the teachers and staff how much we appreciate them, and did so with a baked goods breakfast in September and a luncheon in December. We would, however, love to do more, but need some additional help. We plan to offer an opportunity for you to do this in May with a full week of appreciation, May 7th through the 11th. Please call us or email us and we will tell you how you can help. We have many opportunities to serve the Westlake community, and we would love to share those with you.

Your PTSO will continue to work hard, offering educational and informative meetings. We will continue raising funds to help purchase needed items and achieve our goals. You can help just by joining PTSO for \$10.00, or in any number of ways that are available. (ASK US HOW)

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### Greetings from Guidance...



Westlake Guidance Department welcomes four new counselors this year. Arber Winn, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Janel Young, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Andterri Thompson, 11<sup>th</sup> grade (A-M) and Jacqueline Cheaves, 11<sup>th</sup> grade (N-Z). These counselors, along with our senior counselor, Mrs. Amy James, our testing coordinator, Mrs. Ann Wilhelm and our career counselor, Mrs. Gail Stone, work as a team to serve the students and parents by providing assistance with academic planning, personal decision-making and career planning.

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### Upcoming Events!

- Feb. 3 @ 8am, Madden 2007 Playstation 2 Football Tournament sponsored by the Athletic Boosters
- March 13th @ 7pm General PTSO Meeting
- March 17th—Mulch delivery
- May 7th—11th Teacher's Appreciation Week

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One of our main goals is facilitating better communication between the parents, students and the administration. In order for that to happen, you must show up. We're excited to meet with you and find out your concerns or thoughts. Come out March 13th for our next General Meeting at 7:00pm in the media center and introduce yourself.

Thank you so much,  
*Caroline Kauffman*  
PTSO President  
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## The PTSO Board

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## Greetings from Guidance.....continued

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Counselors work with the school staff to provide the best educational experience for students and will also help students and their families access those available community resources .

As we come to the close of the first semester, we thought it would be helpful to highlight just a few of our functions. Our website is another good source of information ([http://www.ccboe.com/westlake/guidance/index\\_guidance.html](http://www.ccboe.com/westlake/guidance/index_guidance.html)) and, as always, you can call us directly at (301) 638-4703 and our guidance secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Roeder, will assist you.

### How to meet with a guidance counselor, career counselor or ACT/SAT counselor:

### For students:

Students may sign up to see their counselor on the clipboard in the Guidance Office reception area. If a student is in distress and has an immediate need to speak with the counselor, he/she should convey this information to the secretary and ask to wait. Otherwise, students should not loiter in the office. Counselors will send a pass for each student in the order that they have signed the clipboard. Students should not visit the guidance office without a pass.

### For parents or guardians:

Parents or guardians who wish to speak with any of the counselors are encouraged to contact the Guidance Office via email or by phone at (301)

645- 8857, (301) 753-1758 or (301) 638-4703. If you wish to meet with the counselor, please schedule an appointment using the phone numbers listed.

### How to meet with your child's teachers:

Please contact the counselor to arrange parent/ teacher conferences. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers personally via phone or email before arranging conferences. Parent/teacher conferences are held in the guidance office at 2:20 PM and last approximately one half-hour.

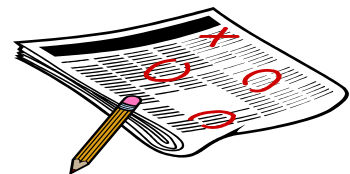
We look forward to working with you!!!

*The Guidance Department*

## WESTLAKE MULCH SALE

The Westlake Baseball Team, along with Athletic Boosters, will be sponsoring a Mulch Sale. Delivery date will be March 17<sup>th</sup>. More information will be available throughout the month

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### Wanted: A few good parents to organize Teacher Appreciation Week at Westlake High School

Teachers do so much for our children. What better way of showing your appreciation than by spending a little of your time organizing events at Westlake High School? Each year, **Teacher Appreciation Week** is celebrated across the country in May. Some of the events that were organized by the PTSO in the past included a breakfast and luncheon, daily giveaways such as restaurant gift cards, car washes, baskets filled with toiletries in the staff restrooms, best teacher certificates, shoe shining, and guess the amount of candy in the candy jars.

We are looking for someone to chair the Teacher Appreciation Committee. We also need several volunteers to organize these events. Your help is greatly appreciated and will ensure we are able to continue this excellent tradition.

For more information on what you can do to help, please call Caroline Cannon @301-645-7953. Let's make this year's Teacher Appreciation the best one yet.

Parents, Teachers, and Students working together.

The mission of the Westlake PTSO is to serve as a resource and voice for all parents, teachers and students. To be able to share ideas and discuss concerns with Westlake Administration. To offer support with the implementation of solutions to any issues that arise. To offer opportunities for ideas and suggestions to be realized.



Applications  
Now Available  
For  
**\*PTSO Scholarship  
\$500**  
**Westlake Seniors Only**

*\*Criteria is based upon community service and school involvement; must have a minimum GPA of 2.0  
Applications are available in the Career Center. Return completed applications to the Career Center. For further information or inquiries contact: April Cunningham  
apildaryle@verizon.net or Ms. Stone.*

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WE'RE ON THE WEB AT:

[HTTP://WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/WESTLAKE\\_PTSO/INDEX.HTML](http://www.geocities.com/westlake_ptso/index.html)

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