



Westlake News Extra

Westlake PTSO

Hello Westlake Parents, Teachers, and Students:

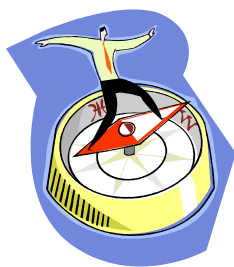
It's spring and we are now in that final phase called fourth quarter. Is that really possible? How did this school year go by so fast? I hope you're ready for this last chapter of 2006-2007. We need to give it our all; we can't quit now, right??? You may want to if you are like me, but we must push forward and complete our task of finishing well.

We are still working hard, trying to offer informative meetings and worthwhile discussions between parents, students, teachers and staff. For those of you that have taken the time to come out to our PTSO meetings, you can attest that we have accomplished this goal. I feel like I need to let you know, if you haven't been able to make it out this year, you have missed out on some great speakers and a lot of information that has been extremely helpful to those of us that were there. We would still love to meet with you and find out what is on your mind. There is one more chance with your PTSO to make that happen: our final General Meeting on Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00pm in the Media Center. We will be holding elections for the Executive Board at this time for the 2007-2008 school year. If you want to really know what is happening at Westlake this is one of the best ways for you to do this.



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Greetings from Guidance...



Is your child a Junior?

Three things your child could be doing now to alleviate stress next year.

1. Prior to the spring of your junior year, we will administer both the Mock ACT and the Mock SAT to all juniors and Ms. Wilhelm, the ACT/SAT Coordinator, will meet with each junior individually. This meeting will determine the student's need for college admission testing based on the test results and their post-secondary plan and which test might be best suited for the student. Juniors may then pick up an ACT or SAT registration packet from Ms. Wilhelm. Her office is located in the Guidance Department. If you have met the

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Upcoming Events!

April 17th - General PTSO Meeting

- Topic: For Better or Worse: Life After High School
- PTSO Board Elections

May 7th—11th Teacher's Appreciation Week

May 8th—Teachers' Breakfast—food donations appreciated! See page 3 for more details!

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course requirements for a 4-year college, you should plan on taking either the ACT and/or the SAT once in the spring of the junior year as recommended by both the College Board and the ACT Educational Services. If necessary, a student may repeat either test once or twice as a senior. It is important to participate in the ACT or SAT Prep programs offered at Westlake before with the May/June tests or the November/December tests. See Ms. Wilhelm for more information. The College of Southern Maryland does NOT require either test.

2. Begin (or continue) to research colleges. Students generally apply to between 3 and 5 colleges and, with the application deadlines often hitting in December (U Md. College Park is Dec. 1), we recommend that counselor pages and transcript requests be submitted to the guidance office early in November. During peak times it can take as much as two weeks for the guidance office to process a transcript request that includes a counselor page. If your child walks in the building the first day of school knowing which schools he/she is applying to, he/she can work on completing the applications in September (Fair Day is good for that) and have everything in to guidance early.

3. Students will need a detailed resume in order to receive a letter of recommendation from the counselor. If a letter of recommendation is not requested, that portion of the counselor's page will be left blank. Write the resume now and have it ready for the fall.

Students and parents are welcome to make an appointment now to discuss senior year schedules, testing, and college searches.

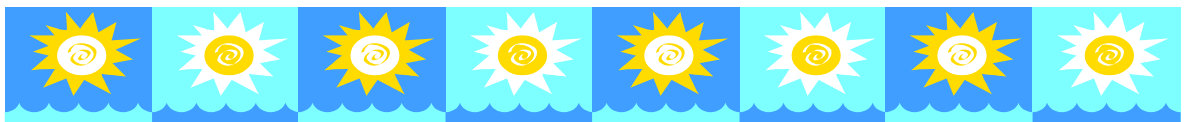
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http://www.cbcoe.com/westlake/guidance/index_guidance.html

We look forward to working with you!!!

The Guidance Department

Guidance Counselors: Arber Winn 9th grade
Janel Young 10th grade
Andterri Thompson 11th grade (A-M)
Jacqueline Cheaves 11th grade (N-Z)
Mrs. Amy James 12th grade
Testing Coordinator: Mrs. Ann Wilhelm
Career Counselor: Mrs. Gail Stone



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Finally I would like to thank Mr. John Hayden, chairman of The Chemical People of Charles County, not only for all your hard work on Project Graduation this year and all the years in the past (21 so far), but for the great information you shared with us all on March 13th. If you do not know about Project Graduation yet, please ask us, or call 301-934-7732 Ext. 7213. This is an amazing opportunity for your high school senior that takes place on their graduation night June 4th, starting at 9:00pm at the College of Southern Maryland. It is COMPLETELY FREE to all Seniors and a guest of their choice. It is guaranteed to be a fantastic night! If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me.

Thank you so much,
Caroline Kauffman

PTSO President

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Wanted: A few good parents to organize Teacher Appreciation Week May 7th—11th

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 have 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!

PTSO Officers Needed

Elections are being held at the next April 17 meeting. Anyone interested in running for office, or if you have questions concerning a PTSO position, contact Caroline Kauffman at happyimme@aol.com 301-705-5455.

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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. We strive to: share ideas and discuss concerns with Westlake Administration, offer support with the implementation of solutions to any issues that arise, and offer opportunities for ideas and suggestions to be realized.

WE'RE ON THE WEB AT:

http://www.geocities.com/westlake_ptso/index.html

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