



THE WILDCAT WEEK



A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

The last week before our holiday break was a busy one!

On Wednesday alone we welcomed 10 inductees into our Spanish Honor Society, 18 members of the Columbus Student Council along with advisors Maureen Valvano and Christine Galbo presented to the Board of Education, and nine student athletes as Westlake's inaugural Section One All Sportsmanship Team. Last night we hosted Valhalla for part one of the town-wide fundraiser for Blythdale Children's Hospital: Modified Madness.

Congratulations to Carlo Capano and Emily Denler and our talented WHS instrumentalists and vocalists on an outstanding Winter Concert! It was the perfect culmination of our winter concert season and a celebration of all the talent that exists in our district. Please check our social media for many photos and video.

I wish you and your families a safe Holiday filled with all the things that bring you peace and happiness. Here's to much health and endless happiness in 2024.

Noticing the Good

Everywhere you looked this week in the district there was joy to be found! Wildcats were working and playing hard in all four of our schools. From silliness with our school pet Maui at Hawthorne, to crazy sweater day in the district office to department-wide collaboration on concerts, to holiday fun in the WHS halls and the epic WMS Winter Olympics this afternoon, it was a great week to be a Wildcat!



The Week Ahead Holiday Recess December 25 to January 2



In Awe of the Paw - HOBY

Isabelle Chacko was selected to represent WHS at the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) State Leadership Seminar. HOBY nominees demonstrate outstanding leadership potential, sensitivity to others, and excellent communication skills. Isabelle was chosen for her community involvement and leadership roles on our Building Leadership Team, Student Council, and Tech Crew. Isabelle said, "I believe that leaders should be communicators...listening to others' opinions and being open-minded to accepting new ideas and theories. Good leaders are empathetic and encouraging. A leader knows when to ask for help, has integrity, is adaptable, and does not give up." We agree Isabelle! Congratulations!

