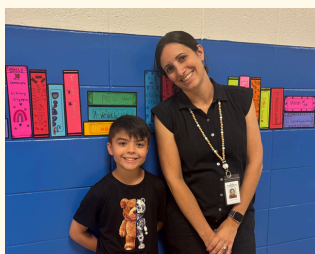


# THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

## A Note from Dr. G

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### Superintendent's Corner

September is suicide prevention awareness month, and I am grateful to our WHS Counselors for facilitating a conversation on this difficult topic for our students and staff. The teal heart is a place to leave positive messages in the WHS hall. Our WMS students recognize the somber anniversary of 9/11 each year in the beautiful garden redesigned and rebuilt by WHS alum Chloe Putter. Please join me in thanking her again for this gift to our community. Our Columbus Wildcats have been busy! Library Media Specialist Kristin Finno decorated the halls with “books” students read this summer and Lohud visited Jaclyn Gabriele’s STEM class for a tiny house building project. We will share the story with you when it runs next week! Finally, Gianna Occhiogrossi was selected as one of the sopranos in year’s NYSSMA All-State Mixed Chorus and Tycho Force, Gabriel McCabe, Lauddly Medard, Gianna Occhiogrossi, Susanna Palumbo, Savannah Park, Brianna Paul, Regina Sica, Connor Smith, Jade Soto and Joseph Vulcano were selected Westchester County Area All-State Ensembles. Well done, Wildcats!

Next week is Homecoming! It will be wonderful to celebrate together all week!

### Noticing the Good

WHS had nine AP Capstone Diploma recipients: Isabella Alberti, Lilly Deur, Samantha DiPaolo, Christian Farina, Sukhsimran Kaur, Gavin Malone, Danielle Motta, Kiera Naughton, Ava Raguso. This is an incredible accomplishment that is a culmination of two years of dedicated and authentic research. Dr. Michael Laterza, to whom we are grateful to for leading our students through this path to success, said, “The AP Capstone Program is designed to engage students with research interests in the humanities and the social sciences. Students learn to investigate topics from multiple perspectives in order to formulate their own conclusions about real-world problems. I'm particularly proud of our students' intellectual curiosity and commitment to ethical research practices displayed in this year's Capstone Diploma recipients. One particular strength of the program is the opportunity for students to synthesize knowledge from the variety of courses offered here at Westlake High School - especially from our Psychology, Sociology, Statistics, and AP English courses - and apply that knowledge to individual areas of interest. Through their participation in the AP Capstone Program, our students have learned that the humanities and social sciences are important fields for scholarly inquiry that deepen an individual's understanding of the world in which we live.”

### The Week Ahead



Buy a Raffle for Soccer Homecoming Captain of the Day

September 20th 6pm  
Girls Raffle ticket

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2024-girls-soccer-homecoming-captain-copy/items?cart>

September 19th 6pm  
Boys Raffle ticket

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2024-boys-socc%20er-homecoming-captain/items?cart>

9/17 Elementary PTA Meeting  
7:30 pm

9/18 BOE Meeting 7:30 pm

9/19 WMS Back to School Night

SEPTEMBER 16-21, 2024

Monday	Tuesday
Boys Soccer vs John Jay 4:30 pm Girls Soccer vs Irtachell 6 pm	Cross Country & Pawling 4:30 pm Boys Soccer vs Van Hook 4:30 pm Valleyball vs Woodlands 6 pm
Wednesday	Thursday
Tennis vs Tuckahoe 4:30 * Swim/Dive vs Horace Greeley 4:30	Swim/Dive vs Hommocks 4:30 pm Valleyball vs Monroe Magnet 4:30 Boys Soccer vs Hamilton 6 pm *
Friday	Saturday
Tennis vs Woodlands 4:30 pm Girls Soccer vs Putnam Valley 6 pm	Football Game and Cheer Performance 7:30 pm * Fireworks at Halftime!

Homecoming Games are in bold.  
\*Denotes tentative games

### In Awe of the Paw – Kindness

We are impressed by a group of 6th Graders who demonstrated empathy and kindness for their new classmates by decorating a part of the cafeteria to welcome students who are joining the Mount Pleasant School Community this year.

Thank you to WMS Counselor Tania Greco and WMS Nurse Cheryl Horowitz for supporting our students with this. #wildcatpride #choosekind

