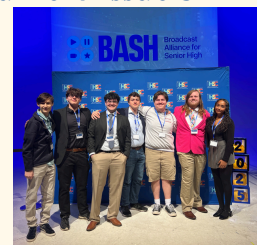


THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

The big news this week was the passage of our school budget with 80% approval!

Thank you to everyone who came out to vote and support our schools!

The WHS Class of 2038 and their parents joined Dr. G on Tuesday night to read "The Night Before Kindergarten." We can't wait to see these Wildcats again in September at Hawthorne!

It was a busy week for the Columbus Music Department.

The Troubadours, under the direction of Daniel Enoch, put on a spectacular performance of the National Anthem at a Hudson Valley Renegades Game last weekend. Then on Tuesday night, the Fourth Grade Concert delighted audiences in two performances in the Whearty Theater. The band and chorus performed some classic favorites and even debuted an original piece written by band teacher Austin Alianiello. Be sure to check out the videos on our social media. As has become tradition, the program cover art was an original design by a Columbus student. Congratulations to Avery for having her artwork selected and thank you Principal Michael Cunzio and art teacher Wendy Guagenti for helping select hers from the many beautiful pieces submitted!

Finally, The Broadcast Alliance for Senior High Awards (BASH Awards) were held today at Hofstra University and our talented team from The W (Westlake's High School News Broadcast) took home 2nd Place in the Community Feature Category! Check them out on Instagram @thew_whs.

Congratulations Megan, Lucas, Michael, Henry, Gabe, Patrick, Andrew, and Lauren Morris.

Have a great long Memorial Day Weekend!

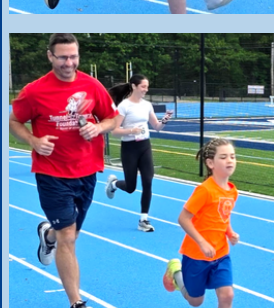
Noticing the Good

The inaugural "Betsy Groat Wellness Day" took place last weekend at WHS and drew an incredible turnout from students, families, alumni, and community members. The event, organized to honor beloved friend and colleague Betsy Groat while raising funds for scholarship programs, featured a 5K run, kids fun run, and pickleball tournament - creating a perfect day of positivity and togetherness that truly captured Betsy's spirit.

A special shoutout to the group of WHS alumni who participated in the 5K - Nicole Grossman, Victoria LaGrippio, Nicolette Shkreli, and Danielle Diaz, with Nicolette taking home first place honors!

The day perfectly embodied what Betsy represented - community, wellness, and bringing people together.

Huge thanks to the organizers Carolyn Frawley and The Friends of Betsy Groat Scholarship Fund (Liz Melito, Barbara Schulz, Carmen Bates and Claudia Grispin) for making this special event happen.



The Week Ahead

5/23 - NO SCHOOL

5/26 - Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL

5/28 - CES Jazz Ensemble 6:30pm;
Westlake Science Research
Symposium 7pm, WHS Library

5/29 WHS Underclassmen Awards,
7pm in the Auditorium

5/28, 29, 30 - WMS 8th Grade
Washington DC Trip



SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION

WHS is a School of Distinction!

100% of our varsity teams achieved NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Status.

This status requires that 75% of each roster have at least a 90% average all season. Congratulations to our student-athletes who excel both in competition and academics!

In Awe of the Paw - Celebrating our Val and Sal

Westlake's Valedictorian Danielle Motta and Salutatorian Suki Kaur along with Dr. G, Principal Keith Schenker, and BOE VP Sara Beaty attended the Carroll F. Johnson Scholastic Achievement Dinner last night. Top scholars from across the region are honored at this event annually. This year, Suki was awarded one of the prestigious Corporate Scholarships! Congratulations!

