

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

This week, Career Research Academy (CRA) students visited the Local 60 Training Center in Brewster, NY, to explore apprenticeship opportunities in essential trades. They gained hands-on experience with professional tools and machinery, learning how the skills they develop in the classroom can translate into high-paying careers with full benefits.

I'm excited to share that we've launched new High School and Middle School Superintendent's Advisory Councils. The high school group began by discussing academics, technology, the budget, and the school calendar, and will continue meeting to share student feedback and help design the new district crest. The middle school council met on Friday and covered a wide range of topics, including writing a mission statement. Both groups will meet regularly throughout the year. With Homecoming Week well underway, we celebrated many of our senior athletes, including those in volleyball, and swim and dive. Congratulations to Grayce, Olivia, Jaiden, Nareh, and Ashley — once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat! In other sports highlights, our boys' soccer team shut out Edgemont to claim their first Class A League Championship. The Cross Country team finished third at the League meet, led by Captain GianMarco DelDuca and Connor Higham, who each earned All-League honors. Last but certainly not least, our girls' soccer team brought home the Mount Pleasant Cup for the first time ever.

Of course, the biggest event of the week is the Homecoming football game! We can't wait to see everyone on our beautiful turf field on Saturday night. Dress warm, bring your spirit, and get ready to cheer on the Westlake Wildcats!

Noticing the Good

Westlake High School senior Jozsef Varadi has been selected the ConEd Athlete of the Week for his outstanding performance in boys soccer *and* his academic excellence. This week, Jozsef recorded 9 saves with zero goals allowed against Riverside and followed it up with 11 saves vs. Valhalla in the Mount Pleasant Cup. So far this season, he has achieved 7 shutouts against Class A opponents, with 79 saves, 31 claims, 2 goals, and 2 assists through 14 games.

Beyond his exceptional on-field performance, Jozsef has demonstrated remarkable leadership, character, and community service. He serves as a peer tutor, hosts training sessions for younger goalies, volunteers as a coach and clinician for youth soccer programs, and even stays after games to keep the fields clean.

"Jozsef embodies the term *student-athlete*," says Athletic Director Dave Kantowitz. "He's humble, hardworking, and always willing to help others reach their goals. His dedication on and off the field sets an incredible example for our students."

Jozsef is also a National Merit Semifinalist, a top scorer on the PSAT, holds one of the top GPAs in his class, and has excelled in AP coursework, music, and multiple clubs.

Please join us in celebrating Jozsef's outstanding achievements both on and off the field!

The Week Ahead

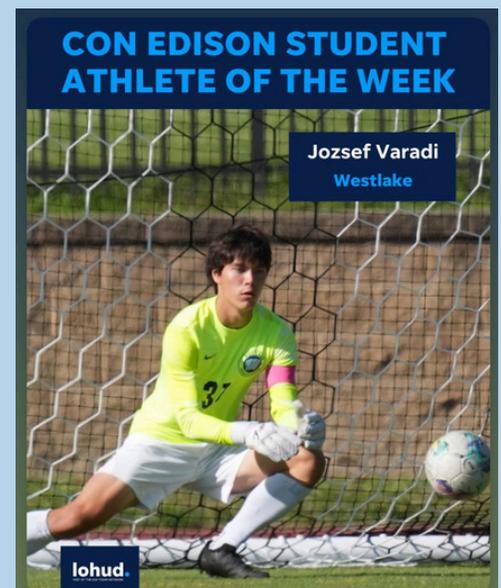
10/18 - Homecoming!
5:15 Senior Night Cheer and Football
6:00 Football Game Kickoff

10/20 - MTPEF Golf Outing

10/21 - WHS Senior Portrait Retakes

10/22 - BOE Meeting - Join us for the BOE Appreciation Celebration!

10/24 - HES Pumpkin Patch, WMS Trunk or Treat



In Awe of the Paw - School Board Recognition Week

This week, we honor the Mount Pleasant Board of Education: Sara M. Beaty, Michael Griffin, Michael Horan, Steven Mastrosimone, Laura Michalec Olszewski, Christopher Pinchiaroli, Colleen Scaglione Neglia, Bridget Doherty, and Megan Alexander. These unpaid volunteers guide our district by setting goals, approving budgets and policies, supporting programs and staff, and ensuring every student can learn and thrive. Their dedication, integrity, and commitment make a real difference in our schools and community.



Join us at next week's BOE meeting to celebrate them!