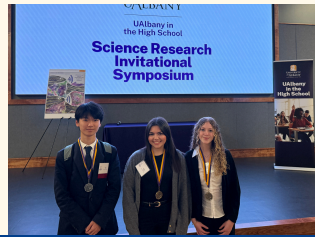


THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

This week, we extend our sincere thanks to our Buildings and Grounds team for their outstanding efforts following the recent record-breaking snowfall. Their hard work ensured our campuses were cleared, safe, and ready for students and staff to return!

Westlake students excelled at the EF Academy Spring Model UN Conference, competing alongside students from around the world. Delegates debated complex global issues with preparation and diplomacy. Oliver Wu served as Co-Chair of the Disarmament and International Security Committee, leading debate and coordinating materials. We earned the conference's two highest honors: the Secretary General Award (Nathaniel Nolan and Connor Higham) and the Deputy Secretary General Award (JT Nichols and Mason Walpole).

Our students also earned three awards at the UHS Albany Science Research Invitational Symposium. Oliver Wu placed second in Physical Sciences for his economic forecasting research. Isabella Munnick won the Science Fiction Contest for her story Twin B, and Valentina Denet earned the Art & Science Award for her cover artwork illustrating Nathaniel Nolan's research on hearing restoration.

In athletics, the Mannello brothers are representing Westlake at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships, and the Westlake Boys Basketball team advances to the County Center this weekend, where the girls' team will be honored for community service.

Noticing the Good

At the February Board of Education meeting, we proudly recognized this month's Wildcats to Watch, a district-wide program honoring students who model kindness, leadership, initiative, and our Portrait of a Learner qualities.

HES first grader Dean Mullen was celebrated for his resilience, curiosity, and positive growth mindset. Dean approaches challenges with an "I can try" attitude, participates thoughtfully in class discussions, and consistently supports and encourages his classmates. His kindness and leadership make him a shining example in the classroom.

At CES, Lea Schrank was honored for turning an idea into action. After proposing a school-wide suggestion box during Student Council elections, Lea took the initiative to bring it to life — designing materials, coordinating logistics, and encouraging participation across the building. Her leadership and follow-through have already made a meaningful impact on the Columbus community.

WMS student Maibel Griffin was recognized for her positive energy, academic dedication, and natural leadership. Maibel consistently brightens the day of those around her, contributes thoughtfully to class discussions, and leads collaboratively with empathy and responsibility.

At WHS, ninth grader Hailey Schott was honored for her artistic talent and commitment to service. Hailey recently hosted her fourth annual charity art auction, raising more than \$1,500 this year and over \$21,000 across four years to support Rockefeller State Park Preserve. Her creativity and generosity reflect the very best of Wildcat pride.

These students truly represent what it means to be a Wildcat to Watch.

The Westlake Players Proudly Present

SOMETHING ROTTEN!

Contains theatrical innuendo and Renaissance mischief.

Book by Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell
Music and Lyrics by Wayne Kirkpatrick and Karey Kirkpatrick
Conceived by Karey Kirkpatrick and Wayne Kirkpatrick

FRI MARCH 13 8PM	SAT MARCH 14 8PM	SUN MARCH 15 1PM
FRI MARCH 20 8PM	SAT MARCH 21 8PM	

SUN MARCH 15 @ 12PM
FREE LUNCHEON FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
WITH PURCHASE OF TICKET

TICKETS: \$15 GENERAL ADMISSION
\$40 STUDENTS + SENIORS

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL 825 WESTLAKE DRIVE THORNWOOD, NY 10594

The Week Ahead

Kingerdarten Registration - By Appointment

3/2 - WMS/WH 3rd Quarter Midpoint, MTEF Mtg 7 PM, WHS PTA Mtg 7 PM

3/3 - WAC Mtg 7 PM

3/4 - WMS PTA Mtg 7 PM

3/6 - CES 4th Grade Colonial Fair, WHS Mom Prom

In Awe of the Paw - School Record Broken!

The Boys 4x400 team just broke the indoor school record at the Section 1 State Qualifier at the Armory. Congratulations, GianMarco DelDuca, Connor Higham, Will Herrion, and Dillon Crane!

