

THE WILDCAT WEEKLY

A Note from Dr. G

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Superintendent's Corner

Westlake Varsity Awards Night celebrated one of the most historic years in Wildcat athletic history. Student-athletes earned 88 All-League and 21 All-Section honors across 26 varsity programs, and for the second consecutive year, every program maintained a team GPA of 90% or above. The inaugural GRIT Award went to Brooke Pfeiffer and John Carlantone, and we got some more great news after the event: Flag Football Coach Lowell Robinson was named Class C Coach of the Year!

The WHS Class of 2026 received their copies of *Pendulum 2026*, dedicated to Mr. Iovane — one of Westlake's most beloved teachers. Senior Editors Alayna Avezzano, Christina Rodrigues, Elizabeth Singh, and Angela Kalavaci led the team that brought it to life. Senior Sunset marked a new WHS tradition as seniors gathered on the Main Field for yearbook signings, lawn games, Mister Softee, and one last sunset together as classmates. Thank you to the PTA for a memorable evening.

Mrs. Pirrotta's class wrapped up their life cycle unit by releasing the ladybugs they raised from larvae — a hands-on science lesson they will not soon forget.

Every year, Columbus third graders wrap up their Social Studies curriculum with country-themed days. This week was Brazil Day, exploring the culture through hands-on activities, including making masks, frogs, snakes, and birds. Next week they are off to China!

This week, UPK kicked off the 2026 graduation season, with the first of five commencement ceremonies we will celebrate this June. Congrats WHS Class of 2039!

Noticing the Good

Every spring, NYSSMA hosts adjudicated festivals for woodwind, brass, string, percussion, vocal, and piano students across the state. Each participant prepares a solo and is evaluated on musical fundamentals and sight-reading.

Students representing every school in our district - 68 in total! - participated in this year's festivals. The preparation and commitment this requires are a real testament to our students' dedication. Congratulations to all of our musicians: WHS - Vincent, Liliana, Mihoko, Martina, Tristan, Ethan, Nicolas, Daniel, Andrew, Regina, Fiona, Aanya, Jeff, Ella, Angela, Brady, Justin, and Connor;

WMS - Keira, Grace, Katelyn, Melania, Eli, Timothy, Mason, Jordana, Ella, Abigail, Owen, Sevak, David, Aron, Robert, Liliana, Sophia, Cheria, Josh, Andrew, Nina, Mila, Luca, Abigail, Maddalena, CJ, Kieran, and Emma; Columbus - Alexa, Alexander, Bianca, Mackenzie, Rohan, Madelyn, Easley, Lea, Addison, Elle, Kelcie, Masami, Sofia, Jolie, Frank, Chase, and Andrew; Hawthorne - Emily.

A Star in our Midst!

The WMS Communication Lab celebrated 8th grader Aisling Ryan this week — who recently appeared in Netflix's new production *The God of the Woods*, starring Maya Hawke and Kerry Condon.

It's Aisling's dream to act professionally, and she is well on her way!



The Week Ahead

WHS Regents/Final Exams

6/22 - WMS 11:15 Dismissal, BOE Work Session 7:30 pm

6/23 - HES Moving Up 9:30 AM at CES, HES/CES Half Day, WMS 11:15 Dismissal

6/24 - CES Moving Up 9 AM, HES/CES Half Day, WMS 11:15 Dismissal

6/25 - WMS Moving Up 9:30 AM, HES/CES Half Day, WMS 11:15 Dismissal

6/26 - WMS.WHS Rating Day - Staff Only, WHS Graduation 4 PM, CES/HES End Trimester 3, WMS/WHS 4th Quarter Ends



In Awe of the Paw – Metro Winners

Westlake was one of only five schools to bring home multiple wins at the 25th Anniversary Metros at SUNY Purchase on Monday night. *Something Rotten!* won Outstanding Performance of a Production Number, and Brady Fitzgerald won Outstanding Male-Identifying Acting Performance. Bravo, Wildcats!

