



Storm Report

“Lux et Virtus”

Week XI - XII
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WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Tuesday, November 13

- Fall Show Rehearsal

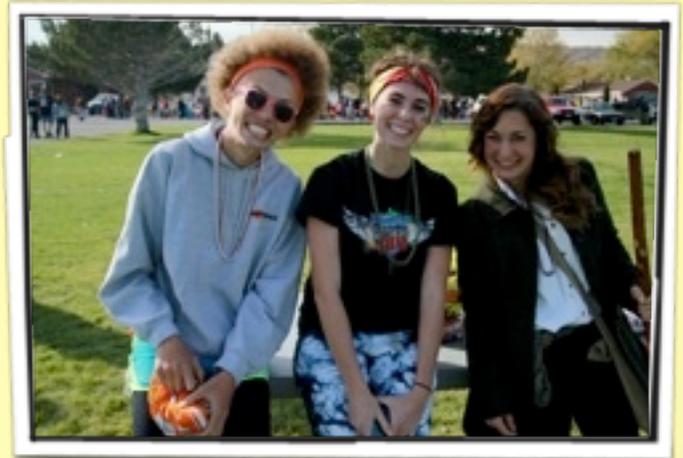
Wednesday, November 14

-3pm Swim @ Murray

Thursday, November 15

-Utah Turkey Show

-7pm Fall Show Opens "Mousetrap"

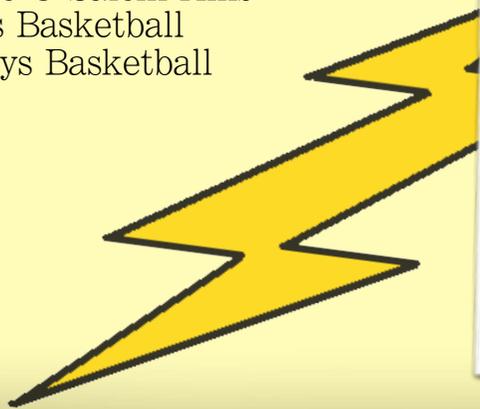


Friday, November 16

- Utah Turkey Show
- 2pm Debate @ Salem Hills
- 7pm Fall Show "Mousetrap"

Saturday November 17

- 8am Thunder Bash - Basketball
- 9am Debate @ Salem Hills
- 12pm Girls Basketball
- 3:30pm Boys Basketball



SADIES 2012

HAPPIEST PLACE ON EARTH

LADIES, START ASKING TO SADIES!
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE LATE FOR THIS
VERY IMPORTANT DATE!

NOVEMBER 17TH ~ 8:00PM-11:00PM

\$20 IN ADVANCE

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\$25 AT THE DOOR

NANOWRIMO 2012

30 NIGHTS AND 30 DAYS OF LITERARY ABANDON
BY CANDACE BOSH

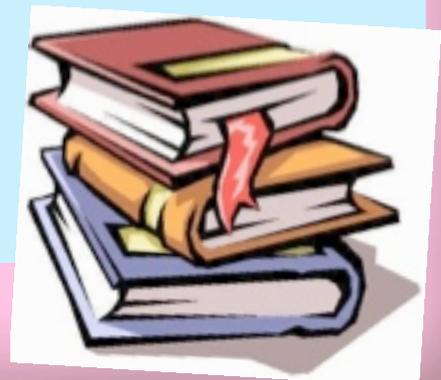
"NaNoWriMo" is an international event, called National Novel Writing Month.

Some English Teachers of Westlake High School have challenged your fellow students to write a 50,000 word novel in one month! It ends November 30th, 2012 at midnight.

Many students will attempt to finish a novel, but only few will succeed. Students and writers all over the world who complete this challenge will receive a copy of their novel, that was written on any topic they want, from the self-publishing company Createspace completely free!

If you would like to try to take on this challenge, or want more information, please contact Mr. Potter or Mrs. Ralston.

Good luck, Westlake Writers in your noveling endeavors!



thankful

by Mady Wilkins

In a world where war is so prevalent, people are cruel, and there is so much hate, I am so thankful for a country where we have been given so many freedoms that cannot be taken from us.

I am grateful to take part in a good education system where we have the opportunity to succeed in academics, sports, clubs, almost anything. I am grateful to have the choices of what classes I want to take, what college I want to go to, what I want to do for a profession, and what I want to do with my life.

I am thankful to be able to make my own decisions and not have people tell me what I have to do or who I have to be. I am so thankful to be living in a country where I can be who and what I want to be!



That I can dance. Big trees that you can climb.
 Smoothies. Sticky notes. They save the
 All the killer music in the world. day.
 Lions. Crazy cool animals. Les Miserables.
 My mama and papa. My grandpa Bob and grandma Snow.
 Outerspace and stars and stuff. Sally.
 The mailman who safely delivers my letters. The huge blue ocean and all its creatures.
 Jack Johnson. Daydreaming.
 Trampolines. The different seasons.
 Christmas. Jason Mraz.

Hot mama boys. Yep.
 Sweats after a long hard day.
 My hair.
 Life.
 Ice cream.
 The sparkly frost on frozen grass.
 Being cozy.
 Alpha and Omega.
 A good book.
 Rain.
 Family.
 Hot air balloons.
 When Mckay brings me hashbrowns from McDonalds.

By Abbie Thornley

I'm thankful for

Things I'm Thankful for:

by Jauntae Dorton

- **Food:** I get fed on a regular basis and come on, food is great.
- **My house:** storms are going on outside and i get to be inside my house wrapped in a blanket drinking hot chocolate staying warm.
- **Water:** to drink. to swim in. to play in. and to enjoy its beauty.
- **My family:** they are all so loving and are there for you no matter what. my family are everything to me.
- **My friends:** your friends are there for you always. they are to help you get through your hard times, and to talk to them about anything and everything.
- **School:** school is one of the only times i get to spend a lot of time with my friends. it also teaches you responsibilities and how to be a better person.
- **Computers:** these complete my life. haha they are a source everyone uses. we can use it for games and fun but we can also use them to do schoolwork and research.

- **Technology:** technology gives us advantages in life to do things we love and enjoy.
- **Knowledge:** think about life without knowledge. you just used your knowledge to think about that. life would be so different without knowledge.
- **Other people:** your the only person in the whole world, who would you talk to? what would you do with yourself?
- **Fulfilling my dreams:** you get to work up to your many dreams and when you accomplish them you get what you have been trying for and you feel amazing to have accomplished it.
- **Challenges in life:** because they've made me stronger and wiser, and the good times even better.
- **Success:** the best feeling ever. its a huge relief. it takes a huge burden off your shoulders.
- **Being a nice person:** i dont know about you but it makes me feel good about myself. you never know, you could be making that persons day 10x better.
- **Courage:** without courage you probably wouldn't have taken any risks that benefited you today.
- **Different emotions:** sad, angry, excited, mad, curious, confused, happy, loved. how do you feel today?
- **Sunshine:** makes your day so much better. waking up to darkness can make you tired and not want to wake up but sunshine gives you motivation to have an eventful day.
- **Sushi:** yummm. sushi is absolutely delicious. i wouldn't be able to live without sushi.
- **Hot showers:** the weathers cold and your body aches so you go take a hot shower.
- **Rainy days:** gives me an excuse to curl up in a blanket and read a good book!
- **Music:** music is pretty much my life. when i have a bad day i can just escape by listening to my music.
- **My curly hair:** sometimes it can be a pain, but most of the time its nice to get out of the shower and be able to go straight to school!
- **Art:** there are many different types of art, dance, technical art, drawing and visual art, and so much more. Art makes our world different and unique. it also shows creativity of our society (:
- **The ability to dance:** Dance is my everything. when i need inspiration or i just don't feel very happy, i dance. dance is my way to get away from the "real world" for a minute.
- **Chapstick:** So my lips don't end up like the sahara dessert.
- **Fashion:** fashion is fun. i love to dress up. fashion. H&M, Forever 21, Anthropologie, Urban outfitters, and soo much more !

What are YOU thankful for?

Take a moment this month to think about all you're thankful for. Thank your friends for being awesome, thank your family for putting up with you, and most of all, thank your teachers for teaching you!



THANKSGIVING



VOLLEYBALL TAKES STATE!

BY DILLON GLEED

WHS Volleyball is amazing. Going into state champions as the Region Champs is kind of a big deal. As the first round of state came not only the team was excited, but also the largest, and loudest, team crowd of the day. Westlake High! Even during the warm-ups you could hear the booming chants of Westlake's fan base. Once the game finally began it only got louder.

The first match was absolutely amazing. The Lady Thunder came out with no mercy; absolutely dominating in every aspect. With every serve came a devastating kill, or a malicious block. Westlake would not back down. We were in it for the win. The sets went by super quickly, ending with Westlake earning the W and sweeping East High school. The crowd exploded, victoriously singing the school fight song. We now had to wait for the second round, and Westlake Volleyball was hungry for more.

By the time the second round came it seemed that the student fan section had grown, which only contributed to Lady Thunder's dedication. If they win this they go into semi finals, the furthest Westlake has ever been. This match against Bonneville; however, would push the Thunder to their limits. It started out looking like Westlake had it under control, but the tables then turned. The lead went back and forth and back again, the teams were very evenly matched. Westlake made a big push in the end and won the first set. The second set wouldn't bring such good news. The girls were struggling with communication, running around frantically just trying to somehow get the ball back over the net. Bonneville was not going to go down without a fight. With each kill of ours they would answer back with 2. The lead fell to Bonneville and the set ended. The third set was a repeat. Westlake needed to figure out what was going on.

When the game resumed you could tell they had found the problem. Confidence had returned to the faces of the girls. They were executing plays, making impossible digs, and blocking almost everything that was thrown at them. The game was still very close though. Both teams desperately wanted to win. The score was 1-2. If Bonneville won the next set Westlake was out. That wasn't about to happen. In one of the most intense games of volleyball I have ever seen, Westlake fought for it. Words cannot describe the last 2 sets. Both went back and forth till the end. 24-25, then 25-25, then the lead would be retaken at 26-25. Two points were never as important as in these last 2 sets. When Westlake had won the 3rd set you could tell the entire body of Westlake (the team, and the fans) was anxious. You could feel it. The 4th set about gave me a heart attack because of all of the adrenaline pumping. I have never been so into a game as I was that night. When the last point was scored by Westlake, there was crying, screaming, cheering, etc. Basically the entire stadium exploded with Westlake pride.

Simply put Westlake won its first 2 games, then lost the next in a very tough, but close battle and earned its place ranked as 4th in State. Lady Thunder is now a force to be reckoned with, and I cannot wait to see what the future has in store.

