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What's Happening?

Monday, September 17

- Fall Show Rehearsal (all week)
- Jostens at school (through Wednesday)
- 6:00 Band Show Preview

Tuesday, September 18

- School Picture Make Up Day
- Band @ Weber State
- 2:00 Boys Golf Dual vs. Herriman (Talons Cove)
- 3:00 Girls Tennis @ Olympus
- 3:00 Volleyball vs. Skyline
- 3:30 Girls Soccer @ Skyline

Wednesday September 19

- 2:30 Boys Golf @ Talons Cove
- 3-6:30 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday September 20

- 3:00 Girls Tennis vs. Murray
- 3:00 Volleyball @ Herriman
- 3:30 Girls Soccer vs. Hillcrest
- 3:30 JV Football vs. Hillcrest
- 3:30 Sophomore Football @ Hillcrest

Homecoming

September 29, 2012

8-11 pm

Tickets: \$25 pre-sale
\$30 at the door.

Theme: Night of
the Dragon
(Oriental)

Friday, September 21

- Freshman & Sophomores take PLAN and EXPLORE tests.
- Juniors: Job Shadow
- Seniors: College Day
- Cross Country @ Cottonwood
- Varsity Football @ Hillcrest

Saturday, September 22

- Band @ USU
- 3:30 Cross Country @ Wasatch Rendezvous

September 24-29

- Homecoming Week
- 26 - Homecoming Parade
- 26 - Powder Puff Football Game
- 28 - Homecoming Carnival

Cross Country

By: Abbie Thornley

Fighting for 7.

Cross country is looking forward to an amazing year full of teamwork and wins. Cross country's motto for this year is "Fighting for 7." They are working to win as sevens, as a team, and not just individually. It's a team effort and a team win.

They have set some goals for the coming months as well. For the boys team, they would like to take top 7 in state and championship in region. The girls team is working towards winning top 10 in state and top 3 in region. The entire cross country team is practicing hard to reach those goals.

So far this year, there are some MVP's starting to shine through the group. Mori Megargel is a freshman this year and also plays for Westlake's Varsity Soccer. Jessica Bennett, (junior), and Cheyenne Larsen, (sophomore), are also doing a fantastic job. Austin Brower, (junior), is also one of this year's MVP's. He said that some of his personal goals this year are to win region and get his 5K time down to 15:30. He practices daily, even twice a day, occasionally, to reach this goal.

We wish cross country the best of luck this year and can hardly wait to see what they accomplish!



SARATOGA MUDSLIDE

BY JAUNTAE DORTON

All of the water has been crazy this fall. We have had so much water, that it caused a mud slide in Saratoga Springs. The mud slide has washed out many houses and basements. Luckily, we have had a lot of help with this problem. There has been a ton of help from our community. I talked to an inch of people that went and most of them said that they had so much fun helping out. They said "it was like a party" because of all the people helping, they saw many of their friends and it was fun being able to get dirty in the mud. At times when the community was helping these houses and families the weather started to build up and it got a little windy at times, but they still stayed to do some community service to help out their friends.

There has also been a ton of pictures of people with mud all over and them saying, "The mud slide today was so much fun, it also feels great to have helped out!" Sometimes community service and helping out can be fun! Go outside, look into it, and help out your community. You never know, it could be super fun and enjoyable. Thank you to all of you who have helped!

SENIOR FOAM DAY

BY JESSICA MONTGOMERY

Those who went to the Senior Foam Party say it was one of the best things they have done at Westlake. When the Firefighters arrived at the back of the school and started blasting foam across the field and into one pile of bubbly goodness, kids went crazy. Some of them immediately dove in and started flinging foam at their friends. Others were hesitant and waited--not knowing what to expect, especially since it smelled of maple syrup. Everyone enjoyed their time thoroughly with tackling each other and dancing to the upbeat music that was provided. The only down-side was that sometimes one would get it in their eyes. "I dove in head first at the very beginning," says Rebekah Turner, "It wasn't such a good idea."

After all the fun of foam and dancing, students would top it all off with some delicious Blue Thunder Ice Cream. The Seniors this year agreed that this should be a Westlake tradition.





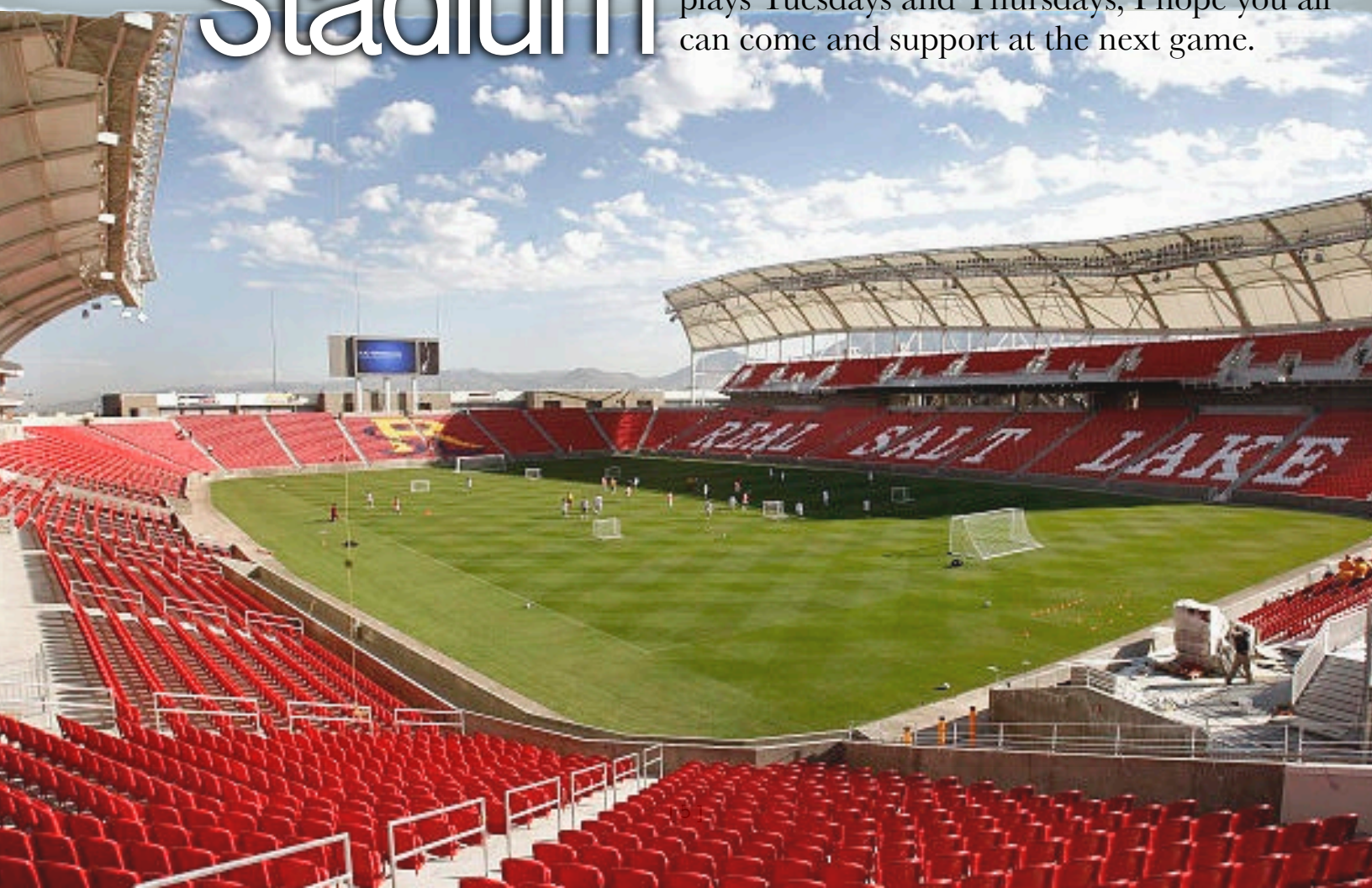
By Candace Bosh

Lady Thunder Meets Rio Tinto Stadium

Recently, the Lady Thunder had the opportunity of a lifetime, at the Rio Tinto Stadium. As you walk in for the first time, you are amazed. You kind of have to stop and take it all in. The smell of nachos and popcorn, crowds cheering as loud as they can.

"When we were coming out of the tunnel I felt like I was on the "USA [olympic] Team," explained Baylie Reid. Playing on that field was the equivalent of Westlake's basketball team playing at the Energy Solutions Arena. They play because they love the game and they do it for fun, it's not always about winning, especially when it is at a stadium like this. This game, even though we lost to Bonneville 0-3, was more about the experience.

We all should go and support our teams and go to events like this one. The Lady Thunder plays Tuesdays and Thursdays, I hope you all can come and support at the next game.



9/11/12

BY CALLIE HANSEN

Eleven years ago, I was six years old. I had just started first grade.

Then, I didn't have any idea what was happening. All I remember is Dad watching these two towers burn on TV, smoke billowing into the sky. I still remember my parents' reaction when the plane flew into the south tower. They were distressed, confused, and angry, and none of them would tell me what was going on, because I wouldn't be able to understand. What six-year-old understands why someone wants to kill people? I may not have known what the word "terrorist" meant, but even a six-year-old knows something's wrong when a plane crashes into a skyscraper and it comes crumbling down.

Eleven years later, I am seventeen years old, a Senior in high school.

Now, I understand. I've seen the videos, I've seen the pictures, and I've read the articles. I know what happened, and I know why. I've grown up learning about the Iraq war and terrorism, and I've spent eleven years remembering all those who perished on that dreadful day. With overwhelming joy, I celebrated with the world when the news broke that America had finally been avenged: Osama Bin Laden was dead. My whole life has been impacted by what happened on September 11, 2001, and so has yours.

But what about those who were born in 2002?

In eight years, the senior class of 2019 will graduate. They were days/weeks old in September 2001, whereas the majority of them hadn't even been born yet. They didn't feel the same emotions we did that day. They won't know the pain or confusion we felt. There's not much we can do to help them understand what we felt and endeared. All we can do is *tell them what happened*. Tell them who the 3,000 innocents were. Tell them how America came together as brothers and sisters. Tell them the truth. To keep the truth from our children would be the biggest offense to American Freedom. To not remember would be the biggest lie. It would defeat the purpose of who we are.

I may have been a child when it happened, today's elementary kids weren't even there, but it still matters. It will always matter. 2012, 2051, or 2002, the year is just a number. The importance of what happened that day isn't any different today than it was in 2001. September 11, 2001 is a part of American history, a part of who we are. We can't ever forget who we are and where we come from.

Don't forget. Remember. (Photos courtesy of AP)

