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# WESTLAKE *Newsletter* HIGH SCHOOL



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## GROUNDHOG DAY!

*Will it be 6 more weeks of winter? Or will summer come sooner this year? it all depends on whether Mr. Groundhog (Punxsutawney phil) sees his shadow on Tuesday February the 2nd!*

—Anna Barnum

February second is known throughout the United States and Canada as Ground Hog Day. But what is Groundhog Day?

I asked a couple of students and every one of them had nearly the same answers, "I'm not sure" or "something about a groundhog and his shadow". I think it's time that Westlake High School finds out what Groundhog Day is all about.

This day is more of a celebrated tradition. The story goes that on February 2nd if a groundhog comes out of its burrow and sees its shadow, then it will retreat back into its burrow and there will be six more weeks of winter. But if it does not see its shadow then winter will soon end.

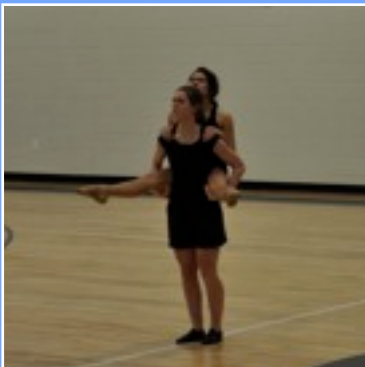
Now the question stands, does it really work? Believe it or not the groundhogs prediction is 75% to 90% accurate. But consider this, Mike Randall states that there is always 6 weeks of winter from the 2nd of February until the official start of spring in March. Whether the groundhog sees its shadow or not it will not change anything. The majority of the time the rodent will see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, making its "prediction" correct!

So there you go Westlake, the real explanation for the theories about "Groundhog Day"!



**Drill Team :  
The Storm, at one of  
their early morning  
practices before  
competition.**

# ATHLETICS



-The Storm working hard on their military routine before competition.

STORM

## Westlake Wrestling

*By, Alex Edwards*

This past month, Westlake High School was able to participate in an extremely challenging wrestling tournament.

The tournament was quick on the trigger with some very fast pins and take downs early in the matches. However the sight of such an opposition did not effect the hearts and minds of The Westlake Wrestlers, Likio Pope and Brigg Butler. Likio quickly made his way past all of the 145lbs athletes that stood in the way of that 1st place. All that practice payed off and gave him that golden win. His great

technique, style and strength combined during the matches, putting fear, doubt, and worry, into all of the other contestants minds.

Later in the day, Brigg slowly ran out of contestants to defeat. Brigg came out with a very pleasing 1st place in the 125lbs weight group. A rank that many other hopefuls could only dream to achieve. Brigg's hard work payed off with a well deserved first place.

"The atmosphere was awesome, being able to see so many students support their peers was great. I just love the school spirit!" A local wrestling fan stated.

If you were unable to to attend this Westlake sporting event, you really did miss out.



# Testing

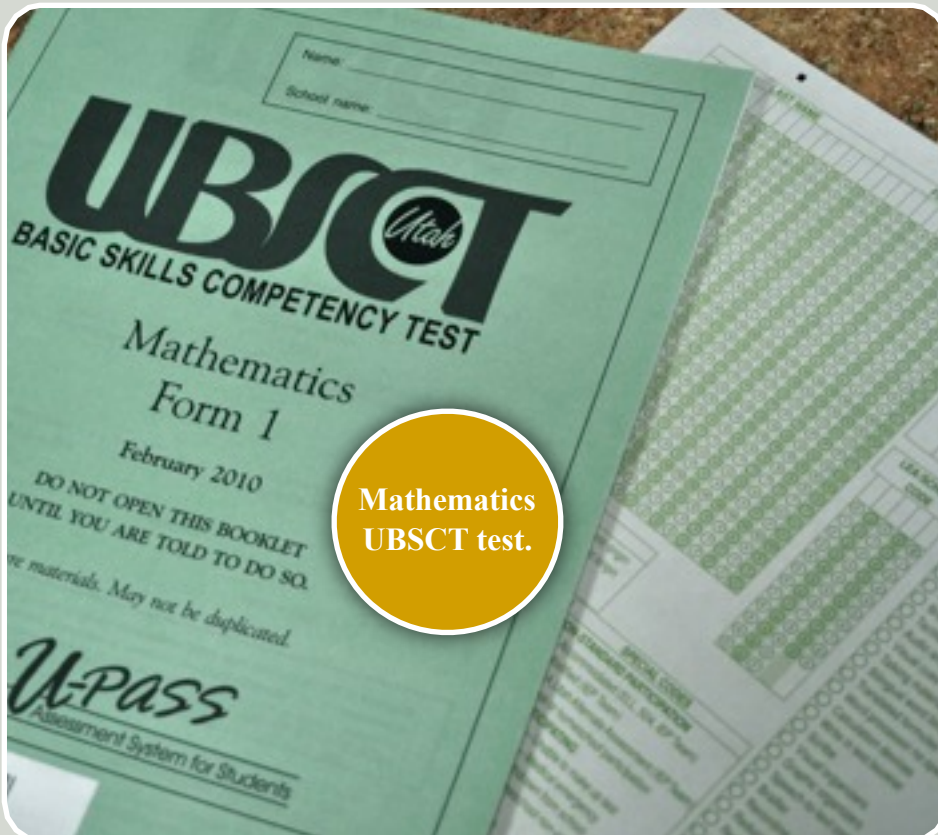
By Kimberly Huynh

TMT's, ACT, PSAT, ASVAB, CRT. You may think that all these tests are just ordinary "tests". Guess again; they're not. Most of these tests are really important for us as students to take seriously.

Here are a few that you need to do well on: The UBSCT (Utah Basic Skills Competency Test) a test

everyone must pass in order to graduate high school. I personally think the test is easy, you get three attempts to pass it. However don't be a careless tester! Next there is the ACT, a test you have to take in order to enroll in college. A very important test!

This week was mainly focused on the UBSCT, I hope you all took it and did your best. Have an awesome weekend!!

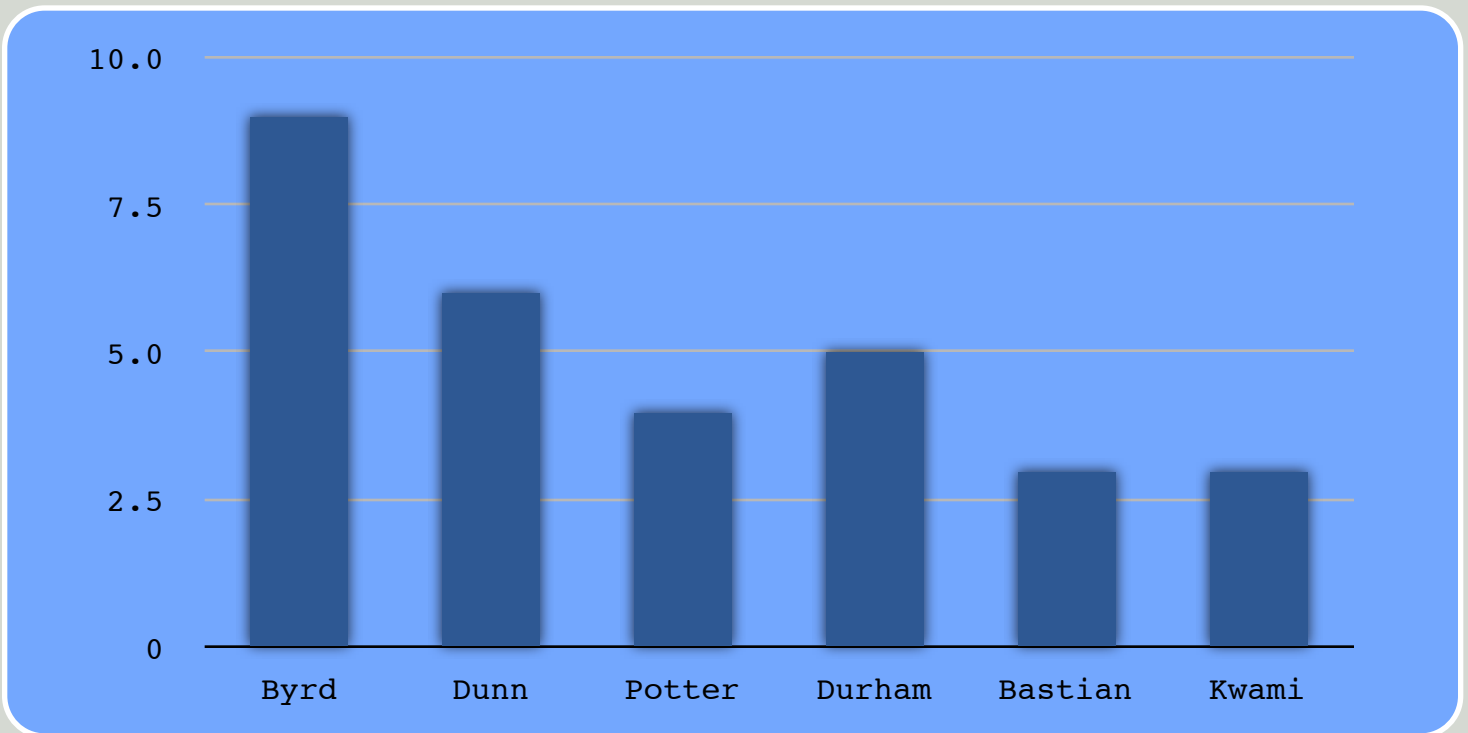


## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



- Picture 1 : Musical theatre production coming soon! Damn Yankees!
- Picture 2 : Mr. Mansfield, Westlake's wonderful Debate advisor!
- Picture 3 : One of the many fabulous drawings done for freedom week, by Chanelle Larrabee

# WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER AT WESTLAKE?



## Top favorite teachers as picked by, yours truly!:

Congratulations to Coach Byrd on winning the vote of favorite teacher! After receiving this news he smiled and said, "I'm honored, because I don't even really like students...JK. No, I hope that students are learning a lot while also having fun."

Tying for second place was Mr. Durham and Mr. Dunn.

When asked to comment Mr. Durham said humbly, "IDK. I'm a very boring person..." Mr. Dunn replied, "Students are the most important part of this school, so we should teach so that they enjoy being here!" Following them was Mr. Potter in third place whose only comment after the congrats were delivered was, "Really?"

Mr. Bastian was fourth. "Wow. I'm amazed." was all he could say.

### ABOVE ^

This week we took a poll on, "Who is your favorite teacher at westlake?" After asking 30 random students at lunch, these were our results!



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Ryan Bryant comments on his choice to vote for Coach Byrd: "He's kind, he's sincere, ..."



# HEADS UP



Want a chance to win a free pair of Skull Candy Headphones? There will be a contest held at each student council sponsored dance where you will have a shot at the prize so be prepared! The next one will be Prom.

## NEXT WEEK :

- Girls Basketball @ Mt. View 3:30-9:00pm on Tuesday, February 9th.
- PE SKills @ Legacy center 7:45am-2:10pm on Tuesday, February 9th.
- Boy's basketball @ Mt. View 3:30-9:00pm on Wednesday, February 10th.
- Boys and girls basketball @ Timpview 3:30-9:00pm on Friday, February 12th.
- Color Guard @ AF 5:00pm on Friday, February 12th.
- Sweethearts Dance 8:00-11:00pm on Saturday, February 13th.

## Sweethearts

February, Saturday 13th. FFA is holding it. Tickets are 15\$ at the financial office. Get your dates girls!

## Prom

March 20th. It will be held at La Caille. Student Council is in charge. Tickets with the meal are 125\$ without they're 65\$.

## Freedom Week

February 15th-19th, support and celebrate with us!

## Graduation

Seniors make sure your on track to graduate. Graduation will be held on March 20th.