

# THE STORM REPORT

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL, SARATOGA SPRINGS, VOLUME 5

## Westlake Band

By: Hannah Price

Westlake has a group who has regional, state, and national awards. They bring music to Westlake, and they make students just want to dance around. That is who Westlake Band is.

Last night they had a performance, and it was phenomenal! Jazz band had the crowd tapping their feet to their catchy rhythm, Percussion captivated the audience with the slow beats of the smooth instruments. Then, to finish with a bang, the band performed, leaving the crowd humming the songs and dancing in their seats.

Miss. Kim, the band teacher, had the crowd laughing and cheering for more and more! The audience was so happy and the band in return gave the audience a wonderful night! It was great to just go enjoy Westlake's most musical group, and everyone that went left smiling! Westlake band never ceases to amaze us, and they are definitely going to be famous someday!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING:

MONDAY, DEC 16:

- 7 PM CHOIR CONCERT

TUESDAY, DEC 17:

- BLOOD DRIVE
- 3:30 PM BOYS BASKETBALL @ COTTONWOOD
- 3:30 PM GIRLS BASKETBALL @ SPANISH FORK

WEDNESDAY, DEC 18:

- 5:30 PM WRESTLING @ PG

THURSDAY, DEC 19:

- 6 PM GIRLS BASKETBALL ENDOWMENT GAME

FRIDAY, DEC 20:

- WRESTLING VIEWMONT TOURNAMENT
- 8 AM PERFORMING ARTS HOLIDAY ASSEMBLY
- 3:30 PM GIRLS BASKETBALL @ SALEM HILLS

SATURDAY, DEC 14:

- WRESTLING VIEWMONT TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, JAN 7:

- WRESTLING ALL STAR MATCHES @ UVU
- 3:30 PM GIRLS BASKETBALL VS RIVERTON

WEDNESDAY, JAN 8:

- 9 AM CHOIR CONCERT
- 10:30 AM JOSTENS FOR SENIOR GRADUATION PACKAGE ORDERS
- 3:30 PM SWIM @ PG
- 5:30 PM WRESTLING @ BOUNTIFUL

THURSDAY, JAN 9:

- 3 PM AUDITIONS FOR MUSICAL
- 3:30 PM GIRLS BASKETBALL VS LONE PEAK
- 5:30 PM WRESTLING @ LEHI
- 7 PM DANCE CONCERT

FRIDAY, JAN 10:

- 3 PM MUSICAL AUDITIONS
- 3:30 PM BOYS BASKETBALL @ LONE PEAK



## Art Show

by Ashley Merrell

I love that this school puts together an art show every semester. It's a great way to acknowledge the artists of the school and their great work. Many students have a lot more talent than you may think! To go and see the different pieces set up can really mean a lot to them, and it's really nice to see work from your own peers.

This year, there seem to be a theme of winter landscapes and portraits. I noticed lots of color schemes: using pastels, warm colors, even black and white. The way the artists painted faces made you feel like you knew those people, and exactly what they were feeling. Each piece had a meaning and mood behind it that really grabbed me.

In the Drawing and Painting category, *Candle* by Chelsea Domino took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, *Magic of Snow Canyon* by Maddison Stewart took 2<sup>nd</sup>, and taking 1<sup>st</sup> place AND the overall Grand Prize: *Considered Thoughts* by Shae Anderson. Two of the three are portraits, and one is a landscape. All are marvelously done.

In the Photography category, *Flower Focus* by Brayden Joghanson took 3<sup>rd</sup> place, *Judy* by Courtney Rasmussen took 2<sup>nd</sup>, and *Ghosts Within* by Taylor Haynie took 1<sup>st</sup>. They took different ways of using their picture and editing it to make it even more meaningful. I'm always surprised by how ingeniously they can edit photos!



Lastly, in the 3D category, *Message in a Bottle* by Courtney Bird took 3<sup>rd</sup>, *Mad Man with a Box* by Caitlyn Fannen took 2<sup>nd</sup>, and *Angler Fish* by Gabriel Naylor took 1<sup>st</sup>. All three were very wonderful works of art, because the students took the image from their mind and made it real. The pieces are amazing things made from the hands of Westlake students.

What impressed me? I had my favorites. *Radiating Life* by Sadie Sterrett, a branch of sorts which she had embellished with feathers and other mixed media, amazed me. I loved the idea and the way she painted the eye. *Addiction Strung* by Jared Morris, a photograph of Hershey's kisses hanging

on strings, was taken with skill and edited to perfection! I love the connection with the title, it tied it together perfectly. I also loved Alex McClearly's ceramic invention, humorously named *Cup or Mug or Something*; it looked like it was from a Viking ship from a hundred years ago! Amazing work.

Altogether, the art show did not disappoint. On the contrary, I loved it. I love how Westlake puts this together; it's such a great way of showing what we've got. I just wish more people would come and see it. I always get inspired to go home and paint and draw all night long after seeing it! I think the Westlake art students really put their soul into their art work, and that's what I appreciate.

## Boys Basketball

By: Sam Bridge



Boy's Basketball has won all but two games. I think that is pretty good so far. Has anyone noticed that we are super close with our scores until about the last 10 minutes of the game then we pull ahead. I don't know if our players are just not trying hard at the first of the game or what. Westlake winning games is not a bad thing. Not at all. Our players are doing great the last 20 minutes of the game. Another good thing that happens at our games is the size of our home crowd. You all have done a great job of being at the games, but regional games haven't even started. Regional games are the games where they need your support the most.

Have you guys ever heard of a Silent Night game? You haven't? Well a Silent Night game is a game where we dress you in crazy outfits, the crowd doesn't make a noise until every 10th point, and for half time the crowd is the show. Sounds pretty cool right? That didn't even tell you why we call it a Silent Night game. It is called a Silent Night game because instead of cheering and making lots of noise we all sing Silent Night as the game is happening. WHOA! Isn't that awesome! We don't know when we are going to do this at a game but if you guys want this to happen then when we know what game it is, you must all come! Make the crowd HUGE!

## SWIM

By: Katy Mollinari

Hey Westlake! The swim team has some upcoming meets you should plan on going to. There is a meet on Wednesday, January 8 at Pleasant Grove and on Tuesday, January 21 at Riverton. Coach Huff had some things to say about the upcoming meets. "The swim team is having a great year. Every school record has been broken and they will continue to be broken. A lot of our swimmers are qualifying for the State meet and I think we're going to have some finishes in the top five of the state. They're working hard and deserve to be recognized. They're great athletes." You've heard it from the coach. Make sure you come and support the Westlake swim team and at other upcoming sports events.

## Lost Devices

By: Sam Bridge



**IN TODAY'S GENERATION OF TEENS, EVERYONE HAS SOME KIND OF ELECTRONIC. THESE COULD BE AN IPOD, IPHONE, MP3 PLAYER, ETC. SOMETIMES WE LEAVE IT SOMEWHERE AND FORGET ABOUT IT. SOMETIMES WE PUT IT IN A DIFFERENT POCKET. OTHER TIMES WE MIGHT LEAVE IT ON A DESK OR IN A BATHROOM. NOT MANY OF US REPORT THESE ITEMS TO BE STOLEN OR MISSING. MOST OF THE TIME WE JUST BRUSH IT OFF, AND DON'T THINK ANYTHING ABOUT IT. IF YOU HAVE A PASSWORD ON YOUR PHONE YOU ARE PROBABLY SAFE BUT PROTECT YOUR PHONE WITH HELPFUL APPS LIKE FAMILY WARE AND MOBILE SECURITY (GPS). THESE CAN HELP YOU LOCATE YOUR PHONE, AND KEEP YOUR PHONE SAFE.**

## How to Be Happy in January

by Becca Crabtree

Is your January feeling a little dry? Are you trying to figure out how to keep your spirits high when the weather is low? Well lucky for you, I hate being bored too.

Are you feeling lazy and needing to do something active? Try going to an indoor trampoline park like Jump On It or Airborne in Draper. These fun activities are just \$10 and they make you feel like it's a summer night with your friends...until you go outside.

Looking for something to make January more positive? Try making new things in the snow, not just snowmen and igloos. What about snow castles? We can make sand castles but no one does it with the snow? Seems dumb to me.

If you have a couple of dollars to spare and some extra time on your hands, a movie is a perfect option! Warm and exciting! Plus, I bet you didn't know that the VIP theater at Jordan Commons features

## JANUARY: TAKING IT THE FUN WAY!

By: Hannah Price

Hey Westlake! Christmas break is over, now it's time for second semester to start, and that means only 5 months left of high school for some of you! Let's make every month count! This month there isn't much going on, but there are still a lot of fun activities you can go to!

Drill Team is having a smashing year, and they have competitions a lot. They are really fun to go see, and everyone should go to one!

Swim Team and Wrestling are also doing well this year. Swim Team is really fun, and it reminds us that summer and swimming season is coming! Wrestling is exciting to go to! At first, I didn't think I would like watching it, but I found myself getting really in to it! Support Westlake and try going to things you wouldn't typically go to!

Most activities are free, so it would be really fun to take some time and go see our school compete against other schools! You won't know if you like it 'til you try it! A little school spirit never hurt anybody! If you ever need a break from homework, go to an event! Have an amazing January, Westlake!



comfortable recliners and food service for just a few extra bucks. (You're welcome.)

Also, don't forget that the new Taco Bell and Wendy's are now open and

the Panda Express is just around the corner! Who wouldn't be happy with all these delicious new options like the new stuffed nacho at Taco Bell that is just over a dollar!



## SENIOR HOODIES

By: Mady Wilkins

SENIORS, HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR CLASS SWEATSHIRT YET?

THESE SWEATSHIRTS ARE SOME OF THE MOST COMFY THINGS YOU WILL EVER WEAR. THEY ARE SO SOFT AND WARM AND ARE PERFECT FOR THE COLD WINTER DAYS WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING LATELY.

THEY ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN THE FINANCE OFFICE FOR \$30. PICK UP IS IN THE LIBRARY. HURRY AND BUY ONE SO YOU CAN MAKE SURE TO GET THE RIGHT SIZE!

ALEX GUNNELL AND JED MURRI DESIGNED THESE SWEATSHIRTS SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR CLASS! THEY LOOK PRETTY AWESOME AND ARE WORTH THE MONEY, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THEY ARE UNDER ARMOR, BUT ARE NOT EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE. MAKE SURE TO GET YOURS SOON!

## SNOW

By: Sam Bridge

My mom never let me play in the snow. I missed out on those early childhood expenses. Now that I am older I will play in the snow as much as I can. My goal is to build a snow castle, multiple forts, and the ever so classic snowman. Everyone should have a day where they just go outside, and play in the snow. I believe everyone should make me at least one memory of themselves playing in the snow. Get some warm clothes and go out and play!



## Scholarships

By: M'Taya Johnson



There are so many opportunities to help make it easier for you financially to receive an education. Don't waste these opportunities by simply not applying for scholarships. These are tools that could help you improve in life, accelerate your educational opportunities, motivation, determination, and much more. Scholarships can help you attain your goals and obtain a career by avoiding stress and financial obligations.

There are many things that we can do if we take just fifteen minutes out of our busy lives. It's super easy to google 'scholarship search engines'.

A great website that I found to be user friendly is 'zinch.com'. It's very simple to understand and set up, for those of you that are technically challenged like me. First, you create your own profile and it matches scholarships with your interests and talents instantly. Zinch tells you how many scholarships you are matched to and how much money is available to you. It even has the option whether or not you want to write essays on that specific scholarship application. After selecting the scholarships you are interested in, click 'go apply' and zinch sends you right to the scholarship application. It is super quick and easy. I recently applied for three scholarships and it took me less than thirty minutes.

If students just take a half hour a day to apply, it could help them so much down the road financially. There are many scholarships out there that are going to waste just because we don't know about them. Many seniors in high school think that it's too late for scholarships or that they won't qualify, but it is never too late. I would encourage you to start applying for scholarships immediately. There are many opportunities including academic, leadership, athletic, etc. Take every opportunity available, don't let these scholarships go to waste. A college education will last you a lifetime. Set your sights high, reach for the stars, and achieve your goals. I have been told many times that a college education and experience is priceless!

# Jobs



By: Mady Wilkins

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Ever wondered if you had another option besides college after high school? Well, you may be in luck. There are jobs out there that will hire you on as an apprentice for a few years, but then give you a better job after you have completed your apprenticeship, and others will hire you on with no experience outside of high school at all.

Do you like talking to people and trying to get them to agree with you? You could become a manufacturing sales representative. In this profession, people sell non-technical products to businesses and government agencies. They make an average salary of about \$41,000 in the United States and a lot of the time they don't have to do an apprenticeship or have experience.

Would you rather do something more hands-on? Have an interest in construction but don't want to do all the heavy lifting? You could be a dry wall tapper. After the walls have been hung up on a house, a dry wall tapper prepares them for painting. They make an average salary of about \$45,500 a year and a high school diploma is not even required for this job most of the time.

Neither of these jobs fit your personality or interests? There are plenty of options out there! The CTE (career and technical education) classes at our school were put there to give you skills so that you could work to get a job right out of high school. But if that still doesn't fancy your interests, you can always talk to the CTE teachers and ask them about jobs that might relate to their course that don't require post-high school degrees or experience and I'm sure they would be more than happy to help you!

Here are some more ideas to consider: Insurance Sales Agent, Construction and Building Inspectors, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters, Electricians, and Pile-Driver Operators.

## DANCE

By: M'Taya Johnson

Who's your crush? Find them during your second period or any time after and switch name tags. Now you've got your dream date to the Ugly Sweater Dance. It's also a contest! Wear the ugliest sweaters you can find and see if you can spend the least amount of money, be creative, and make it FUN! Show your school spirit by joining us Saturday night 8pm at Westlake High School.



