



Storm Report

December-January

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Homeless For A Night!

This night will be for a great cause. All money will be going to the Provo Food And Care Coalition.

It will be December 9th 11:30pm to 4:00am

The cost is \$5 to get in.

This activity is for Juniors and Seniors ONLY.

There will be NO sleeping bags or bedding of any kind allowed.

There will games going on including Rock Band, ping pong, giant Twister, and much much more. Food will be served from 11:30pm-12:30am in the commons.

Christmas!

We all know Christmas to be a time of celebration, peace and happiness, and presents on the twenty-fifth from old Saint Nick. People around the world have celebrated Christmas Day in a variety of ways: ham and turkey for a big Christmas dinner, gifts under the tree from Santa Claus, and shopping on Black Friday. For some of us however, Christmas is founded upon the Nativity, the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. Though the actual date of his birth is unknown, we celebrate Christmas on December twenty-fifth either because it's the day nine months after Jesus was conceived, the date of the Roman winter solstice, or because of an ancient winter festival. For centuries, our ancestors have celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, to mark a time of peace and remembrance of the Savior. So this Christmas, take a minute and reflect on the true meaning, the meaning that has been celebrated for centuries: the birth of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

BASKETBALL

Basketball season has officially started. We all can't wait to support them and have an awesome season.

Here is the rosters for boys and girls varsity:

Boys

girls

Nick Chaves	Xander Fausett
Gabriel jaco	River Sanderson
Austin King	Zavon Jackson
Chandler	Moses Eyere
Olsen	Jacob McCord
Colton Barton	Brayden Holker
Pouha Finau	Parker Moosman
David Smith	
Gavin Keele	

Reggie Allen	Shannon Jenson
Jessica Benson	Kate Lamoreaux
Lindsey Boelter	Mackenzie
Mikayla Bond	Meyers
Ashley Calder	Macie Peterson
Alyssa Diaz	Jessica Pontius
Amie Cochran	Taylor Thorne
Tianna Douger	
Leilani Hansen	

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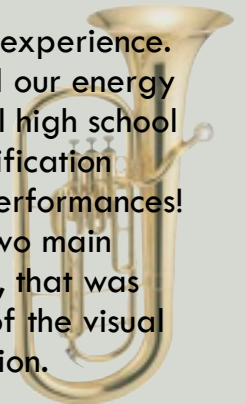
Volleyball



This month our amazing volleyball team had the opportunity to play in the state volleyball tournament, which is a great accomplishment. It was held at Utah Valley University, and just like every year the students here at Westlake had the chance to buy a ticket and ride the bus out to support our awesome girls! Although we did not win our first two rounds, Westlake still made a first. Our volleyball student section was by far the largest out of every school there. Along with that, also came the LOUDEST student section! The volleyball officials actually had to tell our student section to quiet down because they couldn't hear. If that's not something to be proud of, I don't know what is!

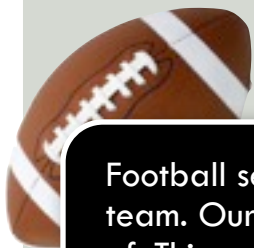
Band

You all know that sound, the one that makes a high school game the complete experience. Westlake high school band. They lead our student section, our pep rallies, and our energy at school events. Last month, our one and only Westlake Band went to state! All high school bands from around the state that choose to participate can, there was no qualification necessary. They worked so hard for so long, and it definitely showed in their performances! They took second place in our region, and 11th overall! They were judged in two main categories, music and visual. The first category they were judged on was music, that was ultimately 60% of their score. The second category was their marching, more of the visual part that was 40%. They did extremely well and barely missed first in our region.



Football

Football season is a time of year where the community comes together and supports our team. Our spirit goes through the roof, and we prove to our region what Westlake is made of. This year as you all know our football made it through a tough season, to the second round of playoffs. The first round was against Mountain Crest, and was an amazing victory! The sun came out and crowd went wild! The second round was a very close game against Timpview. The parents, the crowd, the cheerleaders, the drill team, even the band were all there to support them. We lost by one touchdown, that ended our season. No matter what happened this year, winning or losing, we all had a lot of fun! We also can't for an interesting season next year!



CHEER



Cheerleaders support all of our sports teams. They cheer at every game, they spend hours getting half times ready, they make hundreds of posters supporting anyone from tennis to wrestling. Believe it or not though, they have their own time to shine.

If you did not know, the Westlake cheerleaders took first at nationals last year in Las Vegas. They spend hours and hours getting ready for these competitions. January 7th is their first competition, they are still working and perfecting their routine.

They can't wait to show everyone what they got, so come support them just like they support all of you!



DRILL



For those of you who don't know, Drill team is a Dance team that performs at Football games, Basketball Games, and pep assemblies.

But that's not all, Drill team also competes with four different types of dance routines which include, Hip-Hop, Kick Line, Dance, and Military. They practice many long hours, starting at 6:00 a.m. every day. Last year at our Drill teams Region competition, they swept the comp, taking first place in every routine. This year, the team comprises of very few seniors, but is full of fresh new talent.

With their competition season coming up in just four days, remember to go support

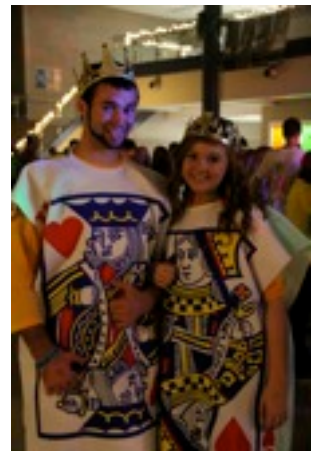


Winter Ball

This year is Westlake's very first Winter Ball. It is a new dance for everyone. It will be located at Talon's Cove Golf Course on January 14th. With the Utah Lake and the mountains covered in snow, it will make it such a beautiful view. The theme is "Winter Wonderland". It is a formal dance (the same as you would dress for Prom). Since Prom is only a couple months after, we are trying to make it as cheap as we can for the boys who have very little money in their piggy banks. The cost will be 15\$, and there will be pictures available at the dance. We hope this can be a fun tradition that we can keep for many years ahead!

Sadie's Review

This year's Sadie's dance was girls' choice. The theme was "Alice in Wonderland". So everyone dressed up as anything they wanted from the movie. Everyone came with interesting ideas. The dance was a blast this year. Everyone enjoyed the music and refreshments that were there. Good job sophomores! you did an amazing job! So let's get some ideas started for next year's to make it even better!



Ugly Sweater Stomp



The Ugly Sweater Stomp will be December 9th! It will be right after the home basketball game and before Homeless for a Night. It will be \$3 dollars to get in and you also need your school ID.

There will be an ugly sweater contest at the beginning and end of the dance. Whoever wears the ugliest sweater will win FREE tickets to the upcoming Winter Ball on January 14th.

Lets make this stomp as crazy as the infamous Stomplex!!!

Westlake High School Presents...

Shakespeare's



Merry Wives of WINDSOR

Starring:

Pablo Riboldi

Mesake Finau

Jeremy Sidwell

Brittany Hanks

Rika Lauts

Amanda Maxwell

Jessica Montgomery

Brennan Newkirk

Bethany Jo Williams

Madison Goodwin

McKell Peterson

Reagan Bassett

Blaynah Woodhouse

Cody Jorgensen

Max Higbee

Anne Page

Senja Van Wageningen

Aubrey Weber

Amanda Barlow

Gabriela Cigili

Savannah Lauts

Katie Montgomery

Tory Durring

Rika Lauts: "It's not as hard as everyone thinks it is, you just have to work."



Pablo Riboldi: "It was so fun! I'm so sad it's over, I miss my cast!"

Westlake is portraying the original Shakespeare play, The Merry Wives of Windsor, WESTERN STYLE!

What does the director, Ms. Morrey, have to say?

"This is a really good opportunity for people who haven't seen any Shakespeare show to see one. It is a comedy, and there's a lot of physical comedy. These students have put lots of hard work into this play, and our techies have built the entire set! It's a fun show about people playing lots of tricks on each other."

How is a Shakespeare play different from a regular play?

"It's definitely harder and it takes more time. We spend a lot of time working on the language. If we understand the language, the audience will too. It is the same as any other play. Don't be scared to see a show just because it's Shakespeare!"



Fashion

As the weather gets colder and colder its time to start pulling out those coats, gloves, and scarfs! It may be hard to keep these warm clothes up to date, which is exactly why we're here for you! Here are some tips on how to wear the same clothes in a completely new way!

Wearing scarves is a necessity in this cold weather! To keep your scarf style looking fresh tie them up in unique ways! Tie it in a bow or a knot, wrap it around your neck once or twice. There are endless ways to wear a cute scarf so why not try them all? Head gear always seems to be an inconvenient way to mess up your hair! Instead of wearing a beanie to warm up your ears try using a thick headband. You can wear them with any hair style and they will actually make it more cute instead of messing it up! Everyone needs a nice warm coat in the winter! But sometimes it can feel like you're wearing the same coat as everyone else! This year try using a cute bold colored ribbon around the waist to switch things up and accentuate your waist. Or replace the old buttons with new ones! You can make a girly coat look military with brass buttons or an old coat look new with rhinestone buttons! Get creative as you recreate your old winter gear and amp up your style this cold season!

Dress Code

We all know that following the school dress code can get a bit tricky sometimes, but its a perfect opportunity to get creative! Try using some of these tips to keep your wardrobe in style and in line.

WHS head gear only: Head on over to the school store and pick up a new hat to show your school pride! Or try wearing a thick wool headband with a cute up-do to keep those ears warm!

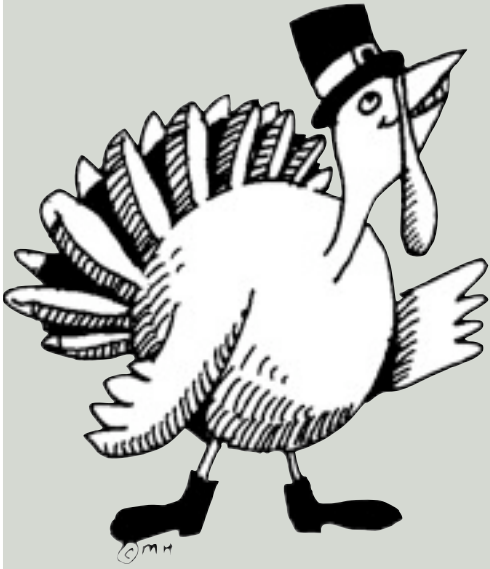
No bare midriffs: Try wearing a high waisted skirt or tucking your shirt and wearing a cute scarf. This will pump up your outfit and give it a unique flair!

Shorts and skirts must be longer than fingertips: Try wearing some festive tights under your skirts or shorts to keep you warm and in style! Or step into a nice full length skirt or maxi dress and add class to any day!

Cover your shoulders and underarms: This should not be too hard this winter because of course we all want to keep warm! So try adding a cute colorful coat or blazer to any outfit! It will reinvent the entire look to make the possibilities endless!

No displaying undergarments or cleavage: To help prevent this try adding a cute scarf to your outfit! Once again use layering to your advantage! It helps you keep warm, cover up, and still stay in style!

FFA TURKEY SHOW



In late July FFA members of Westlake high school purchased baby turkeys to raise for the junior turkey show. Each student strives to make their turkey the biggest and the best and to hopefully make the final cuts for the auction in November, when the time came each student chose their best tom and their best hen for the turkey show which is held in Tremonton Utah just before thanksgiving. Westlake FFA students wanted to do the turkey show this year because it's a good opportunity to learn and raise money. It also qualifies as an SAE (supervised agricultural experience) project.

"It's pretty self-explanatory, it's a turkey show. You get your turkeys when they're two days old, usually the end of July. You raise them, feed them, and get them big until the turkey show on November 10th, 11th, and 12th. Then you kill your turkeys and judge the meat. They then auction off all the winning turkeys. The biggest turkey this year sold for \$450.00! Whoever raised the turkey gets to keep all the money. If you get into the auction you can make money and it's a cool experience!" -Westlake FFA Vice President, Trevor Morgan

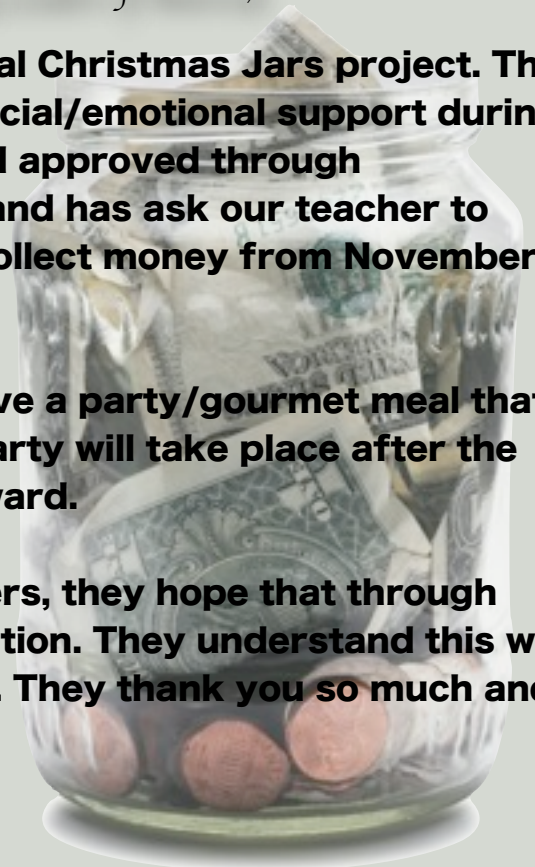
CHRISTMAS JARS PROJECT

Put on by FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America)

This year FCCLA is organizing the second annual Christmas Jars project. This project raises money for those in need of financial/emotional support during the Christmas season. They have proposed and approved through administration to go forward with this project and has asked our teacher to collect money during their B3 class. They will collect money from November 30 - December 14th.

The class that raises the most money will receive a party/gourmet meal that the Westlake ProStart class will provide. The party will take place after the new year and will definitely be an awesome reward.

FCCLA is very passionate towards serving others, they hope that through this project that it can become a Westlake tradition. They understand this will be extra work, but will be all worth it in the end. They thank you so much and wish you a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



National Novel Writing



Month



November. It's known as No-Shave November, the month where turkey and football reign, but to some, it's known as National Novel Writing Month.

At one point in your life, a book has fallen into your hands. You would have flipped through its hundreds of pages, seen the incredible amount of words it contained and asked, "How in the world could someone write a novel?"

The idea of it is certainly daunting and an incredible task to accomplish. But students here at Westlake, namely Mr. Potter's 11th Honors English class and Ms. Rallison's Creative Writing class are joining with thousands of individuals around the world to conquer this feat--they are going to write a novel in thirty days.

If you have a few friends in any of those two classes, then you've heard your friends moan and groan over the impossible task of writing a novel in a month. Or they have done nothing but squeal with delight and told you how far ahead they are in their word count.

If you're already hyperventilating with disbelief at how that's even *possible*, then let me enlighten you to a few events that transpired this past month. But first, let me begin with some background about NaNoWriMo (abbreviated version of the title). Writing a novel in a month is very possible. For the past thirteen years, writers both old and young have participated in National Novel Writing Month, and many have won. For younger writers, 17 or younger, they set their own word count goal to accomplish for the month. For the adults, or those thirteen years or older, the goal is 50,000 words.

Throughout the month of October, students worked hard to ask "What if" questions to find a plot for a story. They've read four books to gain a better understanding of how other authors write their stories, and wrote a page a day to get a feel for what it would be like to write 50,000 words in thirty days.

Through the struggle, the inward cursing at characters who just wouldn't listen to you, and the hand cramps for typing long periods of time, November has come to an end. We can either look back at the month with pride and a sense of accomplishment, or shame and detriment for even thinking about attempting to write a novel in a month. Just think, you could have spent that entire time working out so your team would win the turkey bowl. But no, instead you sat down at a computer and forced out 2,000 words a day to catch up and hopefully accomplish those unattainable 50,000. You taught yourself preservation, determination, and gave yourself bragging rights. "I've written a novel. What have you done?"

As someone who's participated in NaNoWriMo the past four years and won, let me give those who participated this piece of advice: You have a novel (or half of one) written. Yes, it probably doesn't have the best grammar, and the part where the Character eats their own earwax should be deleted as soon as possible. Know that every first draft will be like this: messy, sloppy, and a piece of crap. I've been finished with NaNoWriMo twelve days and haven't even opened the file or re-read anything I've written the past month, because I know it isn't the best piece of work out there. If you have any hope in your work whatsoever, you will open that file right now and delete as much as possible to make it somewhat readable or forget you ever wrote a novel and never look back.

Who knows? You could end up like this guy:

"I never won NaNoWriMo, but NaNoWriMo certainly helped me become a better writer. That was because, in coming to understand myself as a writer, I began to learn how to use writing tools. NaNoWriMo trained me in habits I still rely upon today. Beyond that, the excellent community—working with friends, all trying to reach that marathon finish line—helped me build a local writing community that still supports me.

If we went back to that Thanksgiving weekend in 2002, you'd find me typing the very last words of an extremely long book. That book, *The Way of Kings*, finally came out last year—and it debuted at #7 on the New York Times hardcover fiction bestseller list.

It took me almost nine years—including a complete start-over from the beginning—to get the book to its final stage. It was worth it every step of the way. May you find even more success in your writing endeavors.

Best,

Brandon Sanderson"

Signing off,

Callie Hansen



The girls



Burgandy:
Editor, State Football, Girls
Basketball, Cheerleading, Winter Ball.



Taylor:
Photography, Homeless for a Night,
Ugly Sweater Stomp.



Senja:
Blood Drive, School Play.



Callie:
Christmas History, National Novel
Writing Month.



Giggs:
State Band



Maddy:
Drill Team, State Volleyball.



Allison:
Ballroom @ BYU, Sadies
Review, Boys Basketball.



Katana:
Fashion, Dress Code, FFA
Turkey Show.