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FREEDOM WEEK!

What does freedom mean to you? Most of us don't really think about what that means. Not really. If someone asks us, we just say "it means to do whatever you want," and we don't give it any more thought.

I have an idea about why that is the case. I may be wrong, but I don't think so. I am pretty sure that we don't think about freedom very much because, well, we have it. We don't really understand what it took to get us here, and we don't really understand what is required to keep our liberties. Most important, we can't even imagine a world different than the one we live in. We think that things will always be the way they are today.

To me, freedom means much more than that.

A long time ago someone much smarter than me felt the same way I do.

"These are the times that try men's souls. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value." To me, freedom is means choosing what I think is most important, and directing my efforts there. If I don't want to buy something, I shouldn't be forced to.

If I don't want to pay for something, I shouldn't have to.

If I want to spend my life doing something others see as wasteful, I should be able to.

And when I make a profit, I should decide what happens with that money.

Freedom means that I can express myself, in any way I decide, and as long as I'm not hurting someone else or their property, and no one can stop me. I am in charge of myself. In every way.

Freedom means that I can protect myself and my country. If the government can give an 18 year old kid one to use, I should be able to use my own money to have one too. Whatever that may be

Freedom means that the military is a servant to the people. Their interests should never be placed above the interests of any American citizen.

Freedom means that no one, no one, can invade my privacy, without due process.

Freedom means that just because someone thinks I am wrong, I still have a right to my life, my liberty, and my property, and for those things to be kept safe in any way I choose.

Freedom means that the power to take away life, liberty, and property remains always with the people. Never with an elected official or bureaucrat.

Freedom means we show that we are all human. We always treat each other with respect.

Freedom means that those in charge cannot just do whatever they feel is right. They can only do a limited number of things.

Freedom means that if it's not in our Founding Documents, it is my responsibility to do.

Our ancestors sacrificed, bled, and died so that we could be free. Please take a minute, at least, to think about what freedom really means. It is the most important thing we can ever have, but we never talk about it. Not really.

What does freedom mean to you?

Whats Happening?????

Student Council Elections are coming UP!

- The process of elections starts in March. The actual elections are at the end of March and beginning of April.
- TO RUN: you need to be a full time student at Westlake, and have a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- We are looking for active and involved students to be on Student Council.
- Freshmen-Seniors can run for class officers.
- Juniors and Seniors can run for student body officers.
- SENIORS ONLY can run for Student Body President, Vice President, and Secretary.

CLASS REGISTRATION

You want to make sure that you register on time, so that you can get the classes you want. If you wait to long, the classes will fill up, and you'll probably have to take classes you don't want to take. You want to register the first day classes open up, as soon as you can, or else the classes will be full, and they fill up quickly. Know what you want! It helps to know exactly what classes you want and in what order, so that you can log on and register the second its possible. That way, the classes are more likely to be open, and you will get the schedule you want.

The sooner you register, the happier you will be with your schedule. And if you have any questions about registering, or in need help, just talk to your councilor. They're here to help.

WINTER SPORTS FESTIVAL

These are the 5 girls who were nominated for winter sports festival queen!

Jessica Benson: I have been playing basketball ever since the first grade. Rather than jump roping or playing hopscotch at recess, I preferred shooting hoops with the boys and showing them up. My hobbies other than basketball include music, four wheeling, snowmobiling, horseback riding. I am a huge fan of Lord of the Rings, and spending quality time with my family. My future goals include attending college in the fall, majoring in sports medicine in hopes of becoming an athletic trainer. I also plan on playing college basketball. My favorite part of basketball is playing together as a unified team, working off of one another's talents and abilities that help make us a successful team. I also enjoy the time spent with my team off the court, which provides opportunities to build lasting friendships. My favorite memory in basketball would have to be from this year. Having the opportunity to come to Westlake as the new girl and immediately be accepted by not only team but the whole school. **Accumulative GPA: 3.49**

Kaila Donaldson: I have been participating in track since my sophomore year. I enjoy doing anything that involves being outside like hiking, swimming, photography and reading. After High School I hop to run track and get my medical assisting certificate. My favorite thing about track is **RUNNING!** Our girls 4 X 1 medley team ran in fuzzy socks at the state champions and one rainy meet some of us swallowed live worms. Track has been a great experience for me in high school and I hope to continue my running career. **Accumulative GPA 3.13**

Kathleen Fotheringham: I have been running on the Cross Country team and Track team for the past 3 years. I started running about 6 years ago. I enjoy dancing, mountain biking and playing the violin. After High School I hope to go to Southern Utah University to major in dance or political science. I love that running is an individual effort. My favorite track memory is when I ran the medley relay at the state competition my sophomore year. **Accumulative GPA 3.93**

*****WINNER*** Kira Francis:** I have been playing soccer for the past 6 years. I enjoy playing the clarinet, reciting movie quotes and reading. I plan on attending college after high school and majoring in deaf communication & culture. My favorite thing about playing soccer is the flow of the game. Soccer doesn't have set plays or planned strategies. I enjoy getting to know my team mates well enough to predict what they'll do and act on it. My favorite soccer memory is when a younger player wrote me a note thanking me for being who I was. That was the moment I realized I had to be someone worth looking up to. Being a senior the team looks up to you, whether you're worthy or not. **Accumulative GPA 3.97**

Danaya Morin: I have been playing volleyball and running for the past 5 years. I enjoy running, reading and singing. I hope to attend Southern Utah University and play volleyball or run track. I would like to attend medical school as well. The favorite part of playing on the teams is the friendship you build with your teammates. My favorite memory is winning the pink out game against murray this past year. **Accumulative GPA 4.0**

Fashion



Accessories are the key to perfecting any outfit. They can be the standout color or help tie the outfit together with matching colors. Try adding a something like scarf, necklace, earrings, or gloves to give a finishing touch to your look.



MUSIC

The 54th annual Grammy Awards were held on Sunday February 12, 2012. In the shadow of the death of musical great Whitney Houston. Performers and presenters gave tributes to Houston between celebrations of this year's winners. As the show was rolling on, details of Houston's death were emerging. This years Grammy awards suddenly became a chance to memorialize a voice that once embodied the excellence the awards claim to celebrate. Adele was the big winner after snagging all six awards she was up for, and the Foo Fighters were right behind her with five statues of their own. The performances that night featured Adele's first performance after her recent vocal surgery, Taylor Swift who received a standing ovation, Jennifer Hudson's Whitney Houston tribute, Nicki Minaj who had one of the most controversial performances of the night, Maroon 5, Foster the People, The Beach Boys, and many others. All of this contributed to this year's ceremony becoming the 2nd most watched Grammy Awards in history.

Pinterest

There's still a healthy high percentage of people who have heard nothing about Pinterest, but its meteoric rise is exciting social media experts and marketing analysts. Nearly 12 million users from the US and UK flocked to the virtual bulletin board in January to pin up pictures of their favorite things. Pinterest allows users to curate collections of images from across the web under different "boards" or categories. If a photo strikes a user's fancy, they can repin it - Pinterest lingo for posting it - to their own board with a few clicks.

To read the rest of this article go to:
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-17204313>

A KNIGHT FOR A PRINCESS

Who? YOU!

anyone who is anyone is going to be there

What: 2012 Prom

only the most amazing night of the year

Where: Grand America

ugh... could it get anymore amazing

When: March 17th

st. patricks day, now that is lucky

Time: 8-11

get home before the carriage turns into
pumpkin

Alliance

WHS Alliance held their annual concert last night, titled Hodge Podge. With guest appearances from WDC (Westlake Dance Company), Vista Heights Dance Company, Drill Team, Willowcreek, and ballroom, the night was a smash hit.

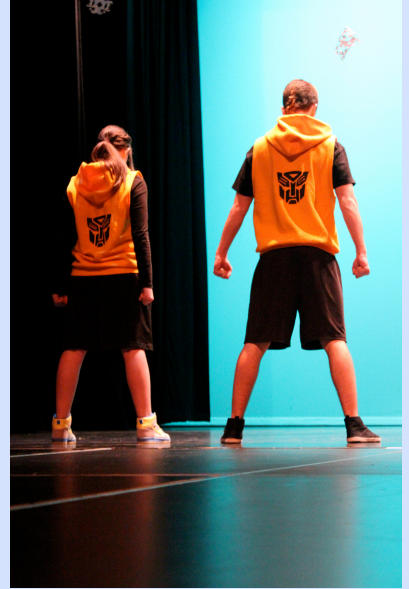
Starting the "Hodge Podge" off that night, was Saving Face. A tantalizing piece with witchcraft, sorcery, and magic that really set their concert on a high note. A beautiful solo by Allison Day followed, then a guest appearance from VDC (Vista Heights Dance Company) dancing to A Thousand Years by Christina Perri brought many cheers from the crowd.

Drill Team later performed their competition piece Monster, Isabelle Ubeda, from Alliance, performed a fantastic solo that energized the crowd. After a five minute intermission, Alliance took the stage once more to Apologize, choreographed by Lena Ackley, that was beautiful and moving. Definitely one of the favorites of the night.

Late into the concert, a special number choreographed by Priamo Moriallas, of last year's WDC, set the spotlight on the boys of Alliance and VDC. A hip hop dance performed to Lights by Ellie Goulding, the crowd went wild. After the performance, the audience was in a roar to applaud them. Those boys sure did have a lot of swag.

The second to last number, WDC took the stage to enrich the crowd with their sneak peak for their upcoming concert. Title Transformers, the dance was exactly what it sounds like: Autobots versus Decepticons. The piece won over the crowd, and everyone is anticipating their concert in the spring.

To end the night with a bang, Alliance was Kickin' It Old School with their trademark dance to Everybody by the Backstreet Boys. All in all, the Alliance concert was one that blew the roof off of Westlake High School. Can't wait for next year!



THUNDER VISION

Thunder Vision here at Westlake has always been entertaining and informative media for students, by students. The class offers opportunities to learn new things, make cool videos, as well as Nerf gun fights and the occasional Ninjago tournament. The class is made up of not only control room (video nerds) but also the school newspaper staff (the girls). Every week this class puts out new videos that range from school policy reminders, dances and activities coming up, and sometimes videos that are just for fun.

The year is coming to an end and a lot of seniors in Thunder Vision are leaving.

If you would like to join Thunder Vision next year, talk to Mr. Dunn in room B105.



“Media made for students, by students”

-Mr. Dunn

SON OF THOR

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO WATCH A BEAUTY PAGEANT FOR BOYS? WELL NOW IS YOUR CHANCE! WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL'S DRILL TEAM PRESENTS SON OF THOR. SON OF THOR IS A COMPETITION BETWEEN GUYS NOMINATED TO REPRESENT THEIR CLUB/ORGANIZATION. THEY COMPETE IN THREE CATEGORIES, "THOR" WEAR, TALENT, AND EVENING WEAR.

IN "THOR" WEAR, THEY WILL MODEL THEIR CLOTHES WHILE THEY COMPETE IN AN OBSTACLE COURSE THAT WILL INVOLVE ENDURANCE, STRENGTH, AND SPEED. THE TALENT SECTION WILL SHOW 2 MINUTES OF ANY UNIQUE TALENT THEY THINK THEY HAVE. EVENING WEAR, THEY WILL WEAR SLACKS AND A TIE. THEY WILL BE ASKED AN ON STAGE QUESTION TO ALLOW THE JUDGES TO GET TO KNOW THEM MORE. THEY SHOULD SHOW THEIR GRACE.

ALL OF THESE CONTESTANT ARE WORKING EXTREMELY HARD TO MAKE SURE THEY TAKE HOME A WIN FOR THEIR CLUB/ORGANIZATION. IT WILL BE FUNNY, ENTERTAINING, AND AN EVENT YOU WONT WANT TO MISS!

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Friday, March
16th

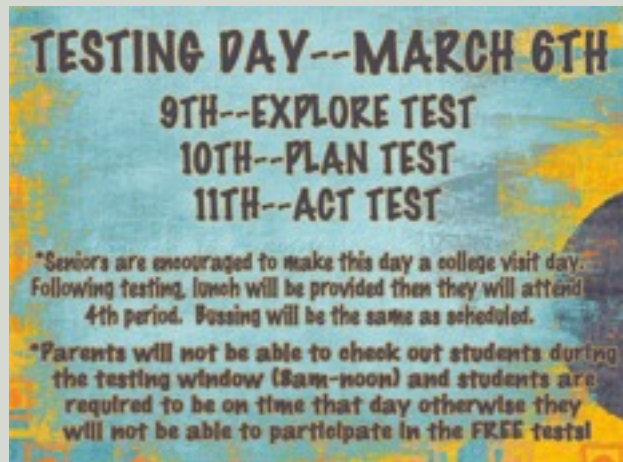
Time:
7:00pm

Cost:
\$5:00

Where:
Westlake High
School's Main
Gym



UPCOMING EVENTS



BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SEASON: THE LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY THEY HAD THEIR TRYOUTS, THEY WILL BE STARTING GAMES THE END OF THIS MONTH. THEY WILL ALSO BE GOING TO TOURNAMENTS. SO, BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR POSTERS AROUND THE SCHOOL TELLING YOU WHEN THE GAMES ARE!

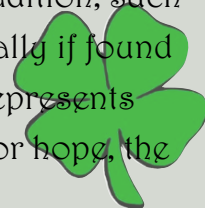
School Play: This Spring Westlake drama will be presenting Brigadoon. It tells the story of a mysterious Scottish village that appears for only one day every hundred years, though to the villagers, the passing of each century seems no longer than one night.

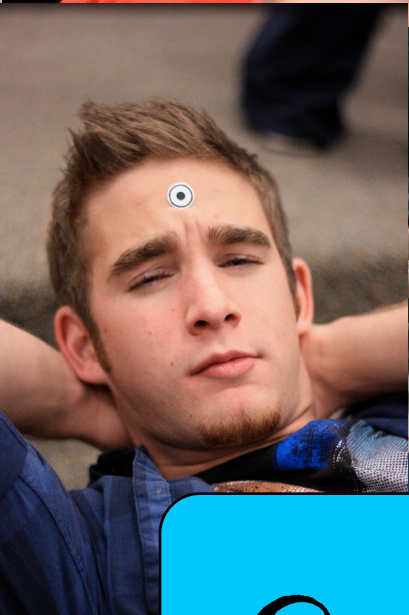


SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Saint Patrick's Day is coming soon, March 17th (same day as prom), so here is a little fact about the four leaf clover.

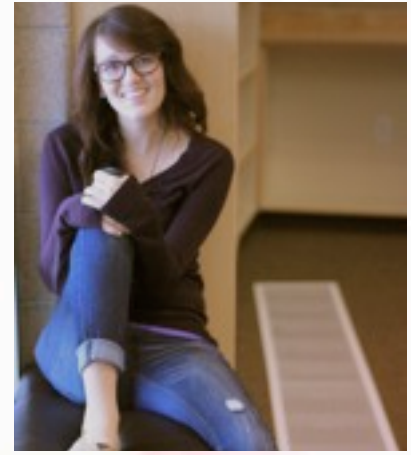
The four-leaf clover is an uncommon variation of the common, three-leaved clover. According to tradition, such leaves bring good luck to their finders, especially if found accidentally. According to legend, each leaf represents something: the first is for faith, the second is for hope, the third is for love, and the fourth is for luck.





SMILE ☺

The girls



happy saint
PATRICK'S DAY
Westlake!