

# THE STORM REPORT

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL, SARATOGA SPRINGS, VOLUME 5

## THANKS-GIVING

By: Sam Bridge

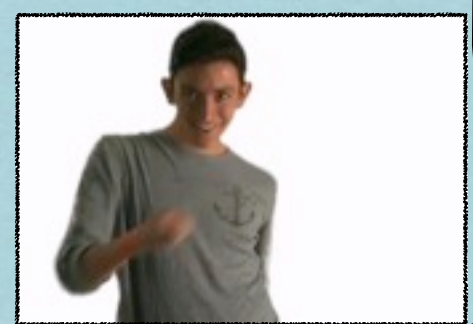
Yes, October is gone, and November is here. Pack up all the spooky Halloween decorations, and break out the centerpiece with the turkey.

Thanksgiving is a great holiday for many different reasons. Many people like Thanksgiving for the family time, and the traditions you get to continue. Kids and teens like it cause you get a couple days off of school. OH, lets not forget the delicious food. Tradition is probably my favorite part for

Happy [REDACTED] giving



Thanksgiving besides seeing my family. No matter if the tradition is old or new, every family or person has some kind of tradition. Here is a new tradition to try: write what you are grateful for everyday until Thanksgiving. Keep your list of things you are grateful for the next year to look back and see if you're still thankful for the same things as last year.



# Cheer

by M'Taya Johnson

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*Cheerleading is a year-round cycle, starting with tryouts in the spring, to year-round practice, to cheering on teams in the autumn and winter, and to cheerleading competitions. Cheer practices are three to five days a week for about three hours each practice during the summer. Many cheerleaders also attend separate tumbling sessions outside of practice. During the school year, cheerleading is usually practiced three to four days a week. During competition season it often becomes six days*



*with practice twice a day sometimes. The school spirit aspect of cheerleading involves cheering, supporting, and getting the crowd involved at football games,*

*basketball games, volleyball games, and even at wrestling meets. With this they also make posters, perform at pep rallies, and bring school spirit to the other students.*



# Sadies

By: M'Taya Johnson

Sadie Hawkins originates from a comic strip, which is where the tradition of a girl asks boy dance began.

In this cartoon, there was a day in November when single, unmarried women could chase bachelors around the town in hopes of catching them for marriage.

Schools around the world were inspired by this comic and silly holiday so they began organizing dances on Sadie Hawkins Day. It is often a formal occasion, but some couples wear matching shirts or outfits so that everyone can tell they are together.

It is a fun night out where the Girls get to choose their dates-we look forward to it each year!

## BASKETBALL

By: Sam Bridge

**It's just you, one court, and a crowd cheering you on. All your concentration is on the hoop. Your fingers grasp the ball as you take a deep breath and raise the ball up to shoot it for the winning three points. Suddenly, the ball isn't in your hands, but is flying through the air. Next thing you know, your team is all on the court. You have won the game! If you haven't guessed by now Basketball season is starting again. Last year we fought our way to the top, but only barely fell short. Talking to the coaches this season, they have a positive attitude. Our own Westlake Thunder Basketball team has been training hard and working to be State Champions. Come cheer on our Westlake Thunder Basketball team on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2014! We are playing Pleasant Grove at 7 p.m.**

## Thanksgiving

By: Hannah Price



With the never ending food, tons of family, and warm hearts, Thanksgiving is a time to realize what you have, and be thankful for it. Throughout the year, many people forget to stop and be grateful for the little joys that the world has! Thanksgiving refreshes that gratitude and happy spirit! Who isn't joyful during the Thanksgiving season?!

With most fall sports ending, and winter starting Thanksgiving is a perfect way to look at the past year and see all the fun times had, and all the blessings received. It helps bring a fresh start to a 2014 beginning!

Whether Thanksgiving traditions involve football, food, traveling, or just spending time with family, remember to stop and take a moment to be thankful for what life brings. Everyone has something to be thankful for!

Let's all start this Thanksgiving season off right. Do something each day to recognize all the good things in life. Take time to thank someone for being there for you. Take time to enjoy the little blessings. Take time to relax. But don't take time in reaching for that delicious pumpkin pie! Happy Thanksgiving Westlake!

# Fall Show



By: Becca Crabtree

"BEAU JEST" WAS ORIGINALLY A PLAY WRITTEN BY JAMES SHERMAN, BUT FROM NOVEMBER 18TH-22ND AND 25TH FROM 7-9 P.M. YOUR VERY OWN PEERS ARE BRINGING THE COMEDY TO US! COME SUPPORT ALL YOUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING NON-STOP TO MAKE THIS SHOW AS GREAT AS IT CAN BE!

ALSO, ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, WESTLAKE WILL BE HAVING A "PACK THE HOUSE NIGHT". WE ARE TRYING TO GET AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN TO ATTEND, SO LET'S TRY AND GET EVERY SEAT FILLED! TICKETS WILL BE SOLD TO ANY WESTLAKE STUDENT FOR \$5 AND TO ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME FOR \$7. PLEASE TELL ALL YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS TO COME JOIN US FOR A SPECTACULAR SHOW! AND REMEMBER TO THANK ANYONE YOU KNOW WHO HAS HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH THE FALL SHOW FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND EFFORTS!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4:

STERLING SCHOLARS ANNOUNCEMENT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7:

8:30 AM SENIORS CAP AND GOWN/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ JUNIORS RINGS

9:30 AM HONOR ROLL EVENT IN COMMONS

6 PM VOLLEYBALL BANQUET

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9:

7 AM BAND UOFU

9 AM CROSS COUNTRY AF

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11:

WRESTLING TEAM SELECTION AND BEGINNING PRACTICE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15:

3:30 PM SWIM VS HERRIMAN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16:

8 PM SADIE HAWKINS DANCE

"YOUR ANCESTORS CALLED IT MAGIC...BUT YOU CALL IT SCIENCE. I COME FROM A LAND WHERE THEY ARE ONE AND THE SAME."  
~ THOR

"BROTHER, HOWEVER I HAVE WRONGED YOU, WHATEVER I HAVE DONE THAT HAS LED YOU TO DO THIS, I AM TRULY SORRY. BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE INNOCENT, TAKING THEIR LIVES WILL GAIN YOU NOTHING. SO TAKE MINE, AND END THIS."  
~ THOR

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT OUR MASCOT AND GO SEE THOR 2 THIS WEEKEND!!