

THE STORM REPORT

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL, SARATOGA SPRINGS, VOLUME 5

A Nerd's Christmas List

By: M'Taya Johnson

For all you fellow nerds out there who are trying to decide what to put on your Christmas list, your wondering is over.

- 1) Sumo Urban Lounge Gear- it's great you can sit however you'd like in it, and it's great for when you're addicted to your new Christmas video games.



- 2) Star Trek Pizza Cutter- even though this is probably unnecessary to get if you already have one, it's fun and enjoyable to use. You'd want this to show it off to your other Star Trek friends.

- 3) Star Wars Pancake Molds- you can get molds for Darth Vader, a storm trooper, and Yoda.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

TUESDAY, DEC. 3:

- 9 AM ASVAB TEST
- 5:15 PM JV GIRLS BASKETBALL VS COTTONWOOD
- 7 PM VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL VS COTTONWOOD

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4:

- DOUBLE ASSEMBLY
- 5:15 PM JV BOYS BASKETBALL VS CORNER CANYON
- 7 PM VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL VS CORNER CANYON
- 5-10 PM STUFF THE JAR NIGHT
- 5:30 PM WRESTLING @ TAYLORSVILLE
- 6:30 PM REFLECTIONS COUNCIL AWARDS

THURSDAY, DEC. 5:

- CROSS COUNTRY WEST REGIONALS @ CALIFORNIA
- CLUB/GROUP PICS
- 5:30 PM WRESTLING VS HERRIMAN

FRIDAY, DEC. 6:

- CLUB/GROUP PICS
- CROSS COUNTRY WEST REGIONALS @ CALI
- WRESTLING @ LAYTON TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, DEC. 7:

- 7-11 AM BREAKFAST WITH SANTA BAND FUNDRAISER
- WRESTLING @ LAYTON TOURNAMENT
- 7 AM WRESTLING THUNDER CLASSIC
- 5 AM DANCE TEAM @ DAVIS

TUESDAY, DEC. 10:

- 7 PM ORCHESTRA CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11:

- GIRLS BBALL @ JORDAN
- BOYS BBALL @ TOOELE
- WRESTLING @ AF
- CROSS COUNTRY BANQUET



Star Trek Pizza Cutter



Star Wars Pancake Molds

Stuff the Jar Night

by Katy Mollinari

Stuff the Jar was a huge success this year. All of the clubs in the school put together booths to raise money for families that won't have much of a Christmas. Westlake raised \$518 in total. The booths gave the commons such a diverse atmosphere. There was a s'mores booth hosted by Key Club, a cookie making booth hosted by the Dance Team, and even a kissing booth hosted by none other, than Student Council. Not to mention the countless number of other booths that came and participated that night. Thanks to all of you who came and supported the school, we had a great turnout!



Girls Basketball

By: Becca Crabtree



The girl's basketball team has started out an impressive season with the Sophomore team taking the lead. Starting out this year with a so far undefeated title, their first win against Orem ended with a whopping 49-25 total, our girls winning by a landslide. The JV And Varsity teams have done amazing as well with both of them winning two out of three of their games. Congratulations Westlake girls! We hope to see you continue to represent our school in a positive way by proceeding to succeed. To all you fellow Westlakers, if you haven't been going to the girl's basketball games as well as the boys, we will forget your mistake if you start supporting them now! You too can begin to witness their road to victory. We are so proud of you girls and can't wait to keep witnessing your championships!

WRESTLING

By: Ashley Merrell

It is argumentatively fair to say that wrestling is one of the hardest sports, physically and mentally. "I like that it's man vs. man," says James Lewis, one of the seniors on the Westlake varsity wrestling team. "It's your strength vs. his strength, and your skill against his skill, and just whoever's better ultimately wins."

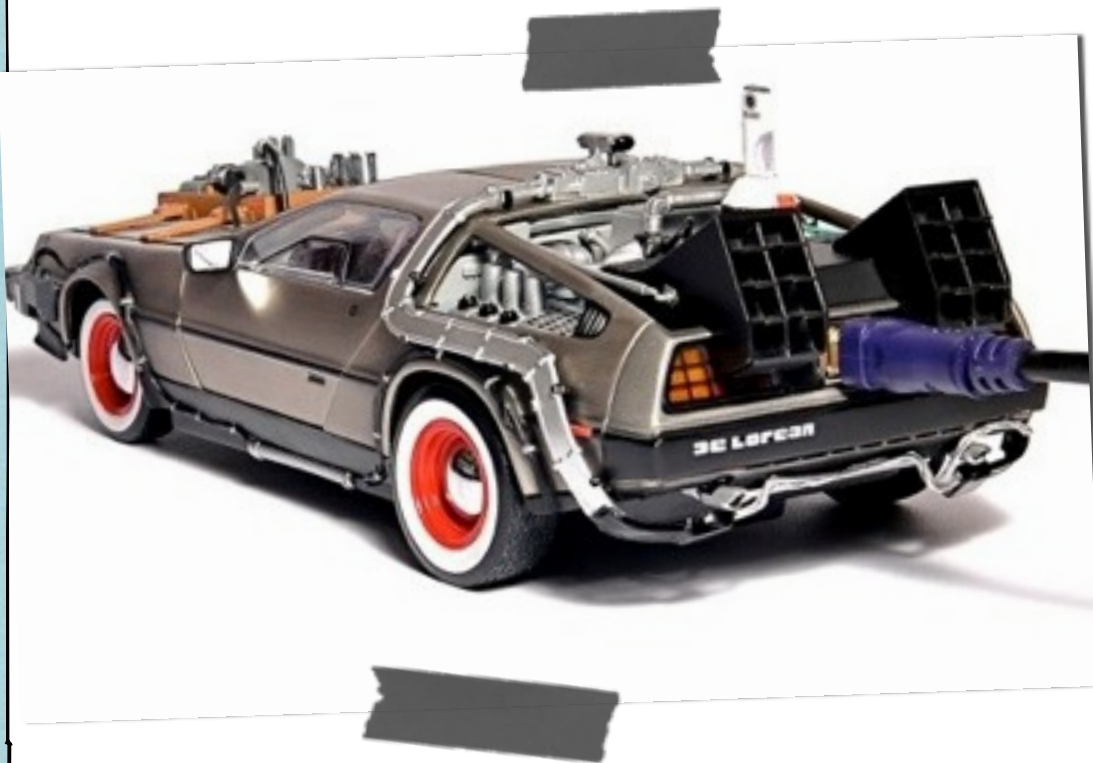
James has a meaning to wrestling that comes from a story from a few years ago. After going through a terrible car accident, doctors said he wouldn't be able to walk without crutches. He has since been able to overcome that, and wrestling proves to himself how strong he is. That's great motivation for him to keep pushing forward.

And wrestling is not just a walk in the park. Like I said, these guys have it hard. For six whole minutes, until that final bell rings, the two competitors are in 'the hole', vulnerable to each other and hopefully ready to fight. Using every muscle in their body, they twist and tug and struggle to get their opponent's shoulder blades on the ground. What it comes down to is their attitude. "It's like a power of will," Jed Murri explains. Whoever pushes themselves more, with not only strength, but strategy and energy, will be the one with their hand raised at the end. As Colton Fairborn states, "Wrestling's worth it because it's a lot of hard work, but when you win, you feel really good about yourself, and it's just really rewarding."

Besides the obvious rewards, there are also the rewards of friendship. Jed and Colton seem to have gained a strong friendship through their wrestling years. During the interview, they kept laughing and joking around, sitting together like brothers. I guess they've been through it all—winning, losing, long hard practices and the rewards from those practices. Ultimately, there's no better gain than friendship. And these guys have definitely learned that.

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- 4) Back to the Future DeLorean hard drive-Doc's time traveling car hides a 500GB hard drive (shown above).
- 5) Stay Puft Marshmallows-monstrous marshmallow man who frightened Egon Spengler beyond the capacity for rational thought in the original Ghostbusters. You can finally find out what Stay Puft tastes like! Each marshmallow contains 100mg of caffeine—an entire Red Bull only has 80mg.



