

# THE STORM REPORT

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL, SARATOGA SPRINGS, VOLUME 5

## Band

By: Becca Crabtree

Westlake's band has had quite a successful year bringing in many trophies and representing our school in a very positive way. Have you ever really watched our band perform? These students are very gifted and amazingly talented. Those kids work hard to make each and every year the best!

What else can you say about these great students who dedicate their time to an activity that may go somewhat unappreciated? Keep working! Even if there are some students who don't fully appreciate the beauty of the music there are some who do. Congratulations to our band for bringing home the gold and making us Westlakers proud!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING:

MONDAY, NOV. 18:

- 7 PM FALL SHOW

• 6 PM MARCHING BAND BANQUET

- 7 PM FALL SHOW

TUESDAY, NOV. 19:

- JOSTENS RING/CAP/GOWN/GRAD INVITATION ORDERS @ LUNCH
- 7 PM FALL SHOW

SATURDAY, NOV. 23:

- 8 AM THUNDER BASKETBALL BASH

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20:

- WRESTLING TEAM SELECTION
- JOSTENS RING/CAP/GOWN/GRAD INVITATION ORDERS @ LUNCH
- 3 PM PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
- 7 PM FALL SHOW PACK THE HOUSE NIGHT

MONDAY, NOV. 25:

- 6 PM FALL SHOW DINNER AND A SHOW

TUESDAY, NOV. 26:

- 8 AM WINTER SPORTS PEP RALLY
- 3 PM BOYS BASKETBALL VS. BRIGHTON
- 3:30 PM GIRLS BASKETBALL VS. OREM
- 5 PM WRESTLING @ PROVO

THURSDAY, NOV. 21

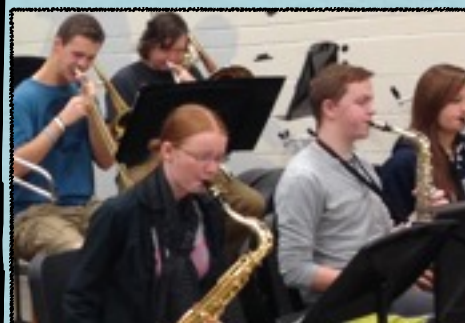
- WRESTLING INTERSQUAD BLUE VS GOLD
- 7 PM FALL SHOW

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27:

- NO SCHOOL!
- 3 PM WRESTLING @ LAYTON

FRIDAY, NOV. 22:

THURS. - FRI. NOV. 28-29: NO SCHOOL!



## Lunch Ladies

by Alissa Baum

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Westlake's Lunch Ladies are some of the sweetest ladies at our high school. They care about the students and work to provide healthy, nutritious meals for the kids. These lovely women make your day by calling you things like sweet pea and giving you heartwarming smiles. They make sure that you take enough food so that you won't be hungry later in the day.



The lunch ladies are amazing women, and we should all appreciate everything they do for the student body.

Don't forget to thank them for all their hard work next time you see them!

## Boys Basketball

By: M'Taya Johnson



Basketball Season is here...students are looking forward to attending the games throughout the week. Westlake High School is known for their school spirit. The student section is packed, crowds cheering and supporting our teams! With the cold weather outside, where else would you rather be? Come and join us, grab a hot dog, nachos, and a cold soda and enjoy the game.

Some games can get pretty intense much like Friday night as we went into overtime and won the game! It was an exciting game! There was lots of school spirit and crowd involvement including the student section, cheerleaders, parents, family, and community support. Noise is not a problem in our gymnasium, our crowds are loud and clear... Go THUNDER!

Come join us at the next boys basketball game and support our team at Cottonwood on the 17th!

## SWIM

**By: Sam Bridge**

I HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THE PROJECT OF SWIM TEAM. AT FIRST I WAS UNSURE OF IT, BUT THE MORE I TALKED TO THE COACH AND CAPTAINS ABOUT SWIM TEAM THE MORE I LIKED IT. SWIM TEAM IS GOING TO HAVE AN AMAZING SEASON. I WILL FOR SURE GO TO ALL OF THE SWIM MEETS, AND YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME. THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT AS MUCH AS ANY OTHER ATHLETIC GROUP. COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR WESTLAKE THUNDER SWIM TEAM.

## SADIES

By: Mady Wilkins



**THE SADIES HAWKINS DANCE WAS THIS PAST SATURDAY, AND IF YOU WEREN'T THERE YOU DEFINITELY MISSED OUT!**

**COUPLES DRESSED UP AS THEIR FAVORITE SUPER HEROES AND SOME EVEN THEIR FAVORITE VILLAINS. AS THE NIGHT WENT ON, THE DANCE ONLY GOT CRAZIER.**

**AS COUPLES WALKED IN THE FRONT DOOR, THEY WERE MET BY LONG LINES FOR PICTURES; SOME EVEN SAW GROUPS TRYING TO DO A JUMPING SHOT.**

**AS YOU WALKED IN TO THE DANCE, THERE WERE PEOPLE GOING CRAZY. DURING SOME OF THE SONGS, EVERYONE THERE FORMED A GROUP AROUND THOSE SHOWING OFF THEIR BEST, CRAZIEST, AND AWESOME MOVES.**

**OVERALL, THE DANCE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT AND ALL WHO WENT HAD A WONDERFUL TIME! STUDENTS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S DANCE.**

# Wrestling



By: Hannah Price

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Wrestling is a sport that is tough both physically and mentally. Wrestlers have to be prepared for anything, and they have to know how to react in split seconds. They train for months to memorize all the moves there. Hayden Butler, a member of the wrestling team says "It's the hardest thing you'll ever

do, if you want to truly be good."

Watching the sport shows how much stamina and strength every wrestler has. They have to stay focused on the goal: "winning and getting your hand raised," Hayden envisions with a grin on his face. The wrestling team is strong and determined this year to pin every school that comes their way. Westlake is so excited to see wrestling dominate.

## Thanksgiving

By: Katy Mollinari

This year on November 28 was thanksgiving. In America, we celebrate this holiday every fourth Thursday of November. But in other parts of the world, like Canada, it is celebrated on the second Monday in October. There are a lot of surprising facts about thanksgiving this year. Thanksgiving is the 2nd favorite holiday of most Americans.

240 million turkeys were bought and 46 million turkeys were eaten all together in the United States. Californians are the largest consumers of turkey in the United States. The first day of Hanukkah and Thanksgiving come together today for the first time since 1888.

Scientists say the confluence won't occur again for another 70,000 years, give or take a millennium.



"THE ANSWERS YOU SEEK SHALL BE YOURS, ONCE I CLAIM WHAT IS MINE."  
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"YOU'RE BIG. I'VE FOUGHT BIGGER."  
-THOR

"THERE WON'T BE A KINGDOM TO PROTECT IF YOU'RE AFRAID TO ACT!"  
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## Stuff the Jar

by Mady Wilkins

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Stuff the Jar night is December 4th from 3 to 10. Clubs, classes, and sports teams are donating their time so that we can raise money and try to 'stuff the jar' for families in need.

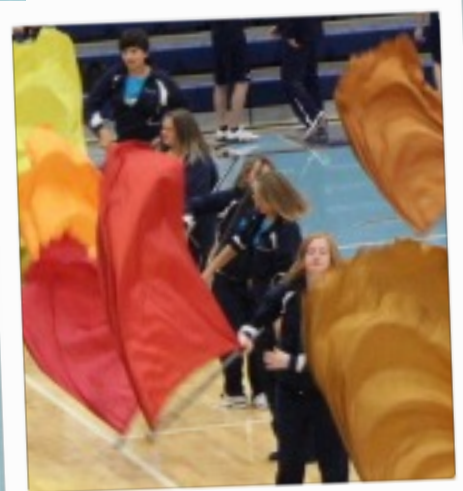
There will be delicious food, crafts, and lots of fun music and entertainment.

There will also be a basketball game during the event.

## Winter Guard By: Sam Bridge

Throwing flags, flipping swords, and spinning rifles. Can you guess who that is? That's right, it is Westlake's very own winter guard. Winter guard has just recently had their tryouts. For those of you who don't know what winter guard is I will break it down for you. Winter guard is the competitive side of color guard. They do to different competitions to compete for that winning title. We are looking

forward to seeing another great team go to state and represent our very own Westlake high school.



Please come and support us our basketball team and all our sports teams, classes, and clubs that are donating their time and talent to help us stuff the jar!

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

By: Becca Crabtree



Basketball was a game invented by James Naismith in 1891 because he was tired of PE always being boring, and, as a PE teacher, he decided to make something more fun. Now it is a sport played by high school student who put in all their time and effort to bring home the gold! Our lovely basketball girls will continue to work hard to represent our school by making this a winning season.

Much more goes into preparing for tryouts than you would think. Girls stress, work hard, and stress some more to prepare for their potential season. Don't forget to represent both our boys and girls basketball teams by attending every game! The first girls basketball game will be Tuesday, November 26th at Westlake and it will be against Orem. Come support our school!

