

Around the Schools

Spanish Scholars



60 students from Cheryl Bendik's WHS Spanish 3 honors classes participated in the spring 2013 OSU Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency (CAAP). The tests show a student's projected placement into language courses at The Ohio State University. It compares A total of 3,046 Level 3 students from 74 high schools throughout Ohio participated in the CAAP testing, along with OSU students in Level 1102 (third quarter) language classes.

The students were tested in four skill categories: listening, speaking, reading and writing. The vast majority of Westlake students placed in OSU's level 3 classes and many placed in high level classes. The Westlake students were especially strong in the listening and reading categories.

District focuses on moving forward



With the failure of Issue 88 on Tuesday's General Election ballot, the Board of Education and Westlake Schools administration are turning their energies toward addressing this setback with a focus on what needs to be done to protect the futures of our students. Difficult decisions lie ahead in the coming weeks and months that will impact education. Superintendent Dr. Daniel J. Keenan Jr. will make an initial proposal of about \$2.2 million in reductions at the Nov. 18 Board of Education meeting, which the Board will not vote on until December or January. Staff will have the opportunity to hear about the recommended reductions and offer input prior to any action begin

taken by the Board. Although the district faces a difficult set of circumstances, please keep in mind that we are all here for the students and our focus should be on their education.

WHS National Letter of Intent Signing Day

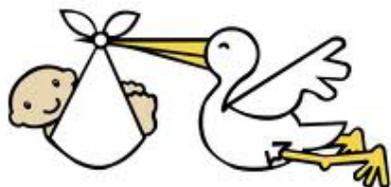
WHS will host a National Letter of Intent Signing Day on Nov. 13 at 10am in the PAC lobby. The following students will be participating with possible additions:

- Julia Dunbar-Girls Tennis-will be signing at Division I Siena College
- Gavin Skelly-Basketball-will be signing at Northwestern University



Holly Lane 3rd Grade Launches Penny Wars

Holly Lane 3rd grade teacher Mandy Caunter helped the school's third grade lead a penny war at the school to donate money to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. The project stems from an IB unit of inquiry study. Collected money will be used to support replacing DVD players for patients. The penny war takes place Nov. 11-15.



The Stork Report

Parkside secretary Beth Holick and her husband, Chris, welcomed their 7th grandchild into the family recently. Their oldest son, Christopher, and his wife, Debbie, greeted Leila Marie on Nov. 2. Christopher is a 1995 WHS graduate and is a first assistant baseball coach at The Ohio State University.

Congratulations to the Holick and Parkside families on this latest addition.



Samantha Smith on European Tour

Hilliard music teacher Samantha Smith will be traveling to Europe with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus, visiting four cities and singing Beethoven's Mass in C Major, with music played by the Cleveland Orchestra. Smith said she is excited for the opportunity to learn more about music in Europe and to sing in some amazing venues. She created a bulletin board outside of my classroom that shows dates of her various locations. Only 100 individuals are chosen for this honor.



WCS Faculty & Staff Art Show

The WHS Art Department would like to invite faculty and staff to participate in our first district Faculty & Staff Art Show. This is your opportunity to show your creative side and have your artwork on display. Please submit one piece of artwork during the week of Nov. 18- 22, that is ready for display. We are accepting 2D and 3D works of art and you can deliver it to the main office. Please include your name, school, title of artwork, medium and size with your artwork. The show will be on display in our new Red Brick Community Room. Dates and time TBD. If you have any questions feel free to email the Art Department--Dawn Neff (neff@wlake.org), Will Wilson (Wilson@

