

Around the Schools

... a publication for and
about Westlake City
Schools employees

4 score & 25 teachers

Walk in the footsteps of Abraham Lincoln and the conspirators who planned his assassination. Visit the home of a southern sympathizer in historic Georgetown, and learn how she saved her estate from the Union Army; and learn how to help history come alive for your students.

This summer up to 25 teachers can attend a five-day summer institute from July 11-16, hosted by Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. Learn how to use oratory skills in the classroom and leave with new ideas for classroom dramas and virtual tours.

For "commuter" teachers, the cost is \$300. For those who require airfare and housing, the cost is \$600. Applications are due March 14.

For more information visit www.fordstheatre.org/home/education or email education@fords.org.

Constitutional essays

Last semester, Elizabeth Noren's WHS government students wrote essays pertaining to some aspect of the Declaration of Independence of the Constitution. Students had the option of submitting the essays to the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest promoted by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Western Reserve Historical Society. Turns out three of those essays captured the top three prizes and one will go on to the state level competition.

Brenna Goodwin won first place and a \$100 cash prize for her essay, "Separation of Church and State." Her essay was entered into the state contest. Katie Mitterholzer won 2nd place and a \$50 prize for her essay "The Democratic formation of the Constitution." Julie Wong won 3rd place and \$25 for her essay "The President and the Sun King." The three will attend a luncheon put on by the Knight Essay Contest in April to receive their awards.

Swimming qualifiers

Ten WHS swimmers participated in the District Qualifiers at CSU last week.

Girls 200 Medley Relay (Lauren Choban, Heather Smith, Megan Splain, Grace Pophal); 200 IM (Megan Splain); 50 Freestyle (Grace Pophal); 100 Fly (Megan Splain & Heather Smith); 100 Freestyle (Grace Pophal); 100 Backstroke (Lauren Choban & Liv Prexta); 400 Freestyle Relay (Lauren Choban, Heather Smith, Grace Pophal, Megan Splain).

Boys 200 Medley Relay (Joe Craven, Bobby Knurek, Tyler McFarland, Andrew Medoro); 200 Freestyle (Jack St. Marie); 200 IM (Bobby Knurek & Tyler McFarland); 100 fly (Joe Craven & Tyler McFarland); 100 Backstroke (Joe Craven); 100 Breastroke (Bobby Knurek); 400 Freestyle Relay (Jack St. Marie, Bobby Knurek, Tyler McFarland, Joe Craven).

Quote of the Week

"In a time of tight budgets, difficult choices have to be made. We must make sure our very limited resources are spent on priorities. I believe we should have no higher priority than investing in our children's classrooms and in their future."

-- Alabama Governor Bob Riley

Deepest sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Administration Building Secretary Vicki Beck, who recently lost her father, John Neitenbach, 78.

Bus driver JoAnn Hurst recently lost her son, Ephron "EJ" Roy Hurst Jr., 33, who passed unexpectedly at his home on Jan. 31.

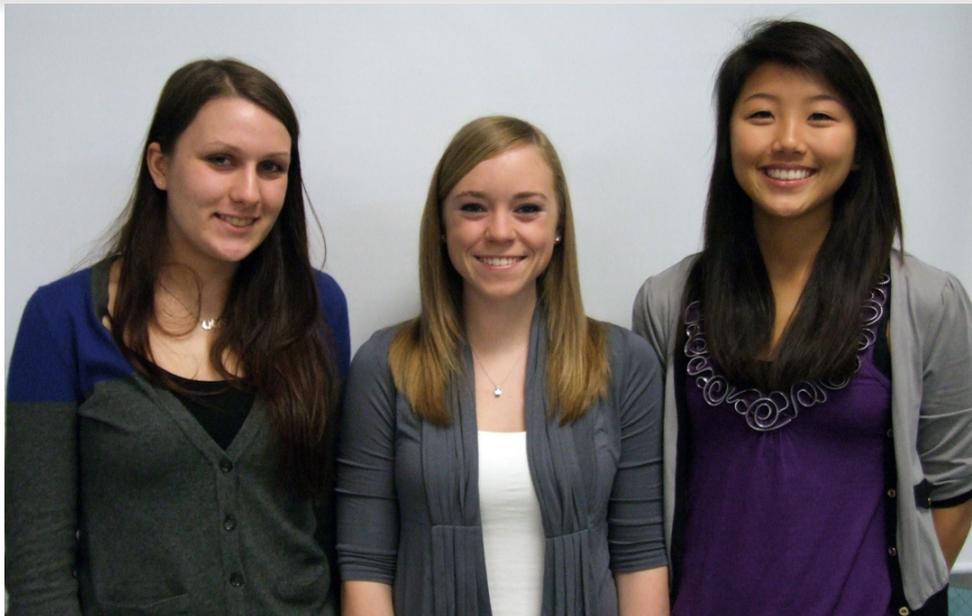
Please keep the Beck, Neitenbach and Hurst families in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Stork Report

WHS Intervention Specialist Kate O'Leary and her husband, Chris LaVogue, welcomed a son, Beckett Christopher LaVogue, on Feb. 10 at 3:48 a.m. Beckett is 8 pounds, 1 ounce and 17 3/4 inches long. Mother and son are doing well. Congratulations to the O'Leary, LaVogue and WHS families on this latest addition.

Great Programming on WHBS

- Feb. 22 A: Freshman boys basketball v. Amherst (2/17)
B: Freshman girls basketball v. Amherst (2/17)
- Feb. 23 A: Classic zone #1 Year #7 (2002)
B: Classic zone #10 Year #7 (2002)
- Feb. 24 A: Classiz Zone #13 Year #7 (2002)
B: Classic Zone #26 Year #7 (2003)
- Feb. 25 A: JV boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
B: JV boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
- Feb. 26 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #21
- Feb. 27 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #21
- Feb. 28 A: Varsity boys basketball v. Olmsted Falls (2/19)
B: The Demon Zone: Episode #21



Katie Mitterholzer, Brenna Goodwin & Julie Wang took the top three prizes in the George S. and Stella M. Knight Essay Contest. Brenna's essay will compete at the state level.

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Ohio School Funding Advisory Council update

The Ohio School Funding Advisory Council has begun its work of reviewing Ohio's new school funding system.

The council is charged with recommending modifications to the components of Ohio's evidence-based school funding system. The recommendations must be based on current, high-quality research,

information provided by school districts and best practices in operational efficiencies.

In its recommendations, due every two years starting Dec. 1, 2010, the council also will examine areas such as joint vocational school funding, teacher compensation and charter school

reporting standards. The council has created a Web site, which includes meeting agendas and minutes, along with school funding data.

To view the new Web site, visit <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/SFAC/ODEFAC.aspx?page=673>

Program A begins at: 8am, Noon, 4pm, 8pm, Midnight, 4am

Program B begins at: 10:10am, 2:10pm, 6:10pm, 10:10pm, 2:10am, 6:10am

WHBS sponsor credits begin at: 7:50am, 3:50pm, 7:50pm, 11:50pm, 3:50am