

SADD celebrates 30 years

Nov. 30, 2011, was proclaimed WHS SADD Day by the Board of Education to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the organization. SADD, known as Students Against Destructive Decisions, was originally known as Students Against Driving Drunk. Established in 1981, SADD has been leading the way in reducing destructive decisions by youth including: underage drinking,

tobacco and other drug use, impaired and reckless driving, teen violence and suicide. SADD is the nation's leading youth-based peer-to-peer preventer with about 10,000 chapters across the United States with 350,000 student participants. The WHS SADD chapter has about 40 regular members.



WHS SADD members Annie Hoelscher and Barbara Bobal stand under the balloon archway they made to celebrate the group's 30th anniversary.

Master facilities Phase I update

The majority of work through December will be on the building pads at both sites.

At the high school site, temporary parking lot light fixtures were installed and topsoil stripping for Phase I was completed. Upcoming actions will include pouring a concrete apron for a new driveway off of Hilliard Boulevard, paving a new asphalt entrance beyond the concrete apron, removing an existing storm sewer in con-

junction with the new building pad.

At the middle school site, traffic patterns changed and a temporary parking lot was prepped and paved. Work also began on the Bassett Road entrance drive.

For updated information on the projects and photographs, visit the construction blog at <http://westlakefacilities.blogspot.com>.

Switch from Pepsi to Coke

The district has a new "exclusive" beverage supplier contract with Cleveland Coca Cola Bottling Co. Over the winter break all Pepsi machines will be replaced with Coke machines. All new machines should be stocked and operational when students and staff return to school in 2012.

■ Connect internationally

- American Councils for International Education Educational Seminars Program provides short-term professional development opportunities to teachers and administrators from around the world.
- Airfare, training, travel and living costs provided. For more information, visit www.americancouncils.org/es or email edseminars@americancouncils.org.
- Deadlines are Jan. 6 and March 30, 2012.

WHS senior's summer research into concussions

WHS senior Lauren Choban spent her summer researching a hot topic in sports medicine – the impact of concussions.

Choban was a summer science intern at the Spine Research Laboratory at Lutheran Hospital. The Cleveland Clinic Office of Civic Education Initiatives Summer Internship Program is a paid nine-week program

that fosters 21st century skills where students explore science and various health careers through one-on-one mentoring relationships with Cleveland Clinic doctors. Students work with caregivers, medical students and internship alumni.

Lauren's internship culminated with a research report entitled

"Cleveland Clinic Concussion Experience."

To see more of Lauren's research visit www.clevelandclinic.org/myRESEARCH. Click on 2011 interns and scroll down to Lauren's name. To view a video documenting Lauren's research visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCw9AOETHDQ>.

WHS Room 111 hosts 11th annual Holiday Boutique

The hard-working students of Darlene Horbol, Jim Bingham and Katie McGlynn are hosting the 11th annual Room 111 HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE. Students have been tracing and cutting patterns, hand and machine sewing, pillow stuffing, gluing, painting and assembling. They have practiced shopping, making change, counting

money and taking inventory.

You are invited to shop: Dec. 12 and 13 from 7:45am-3pm, Dec. 14 and 15 from 7:30am – 3pm and Dec. 16 from 7:30am - Noon in Room 111 at WHS. All items have been hand-made with mostly donated materials. Proceeds from past boutiques have been used to

purchase items for the classroom including: a television with cart, DVD player, VCR, radio/cd player, laser printer, shop vac, phone/answering machine, books, workbooks, groceries, craft supplies, digital camera, video camera and social events. Last year we also paid for our entire class to attend The Body Exhibit.

World languages, arts content standards open for comments

The latest drafts of Ohio's revised academic content standards for world languages and for the arts have been posted on ODE's website for general public review and comment through Jan. 6. Those interested in world languages should view a short, explanatory PowerPoint introduction at <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?Page=3&TopicRelationID=1701&Content=115450>. Arts educators may review the current drafts for dance, drama/theatre, music or visual art standards at <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?Page=3&TopicRelationID=1700&Content=115464>. Complete a survey for feedback.



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