

2012 Exemplary Educator: Jim Bingham

Jim Bingham is a dedicated teacher, motivating coach, devoted husband and father, and a dynamic member of the community. He has worked for Westlake City Schools for the last 15 years. He brings his enthusiastic personality to the classroom and hallways, which excites his students to learn and stay actively engaged in

his lessons.

He also serves as the Freshman Football Coach and inspires his players to work as a team and develop skills necessary to win on the field. Bingham also is active in the community, supporting individuals with special needs through his involvement in Westside Con-

nections and Lakeshore Day Camp. Through these organizations he provides individuals of all ages with special needs unique experiences by promoting academic and social development.

Bingham will be the keynote speaker at this year's 2012 Commencement on June 2.

Kris Hamilton earns Outstanding Service Award



Bassett special education assistant Kris Hamilton was honored with a 2012 Outstanding Paraprofessional/Educational Aide Achievement

Award from the Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County.

The ESC and the State Support Team for Region 3 annually recognize the special achievement of students with disabilities and peers/adults who support those students. Hamilton's award recognizes the accomplishments of a paraprofessional/educational aide working with students with disabilities in Cuyahoga County, who has performed outstanding service and/or contributions that have gone above and beyond their basic job responsibilities.

Career Tech honors for WHS senior

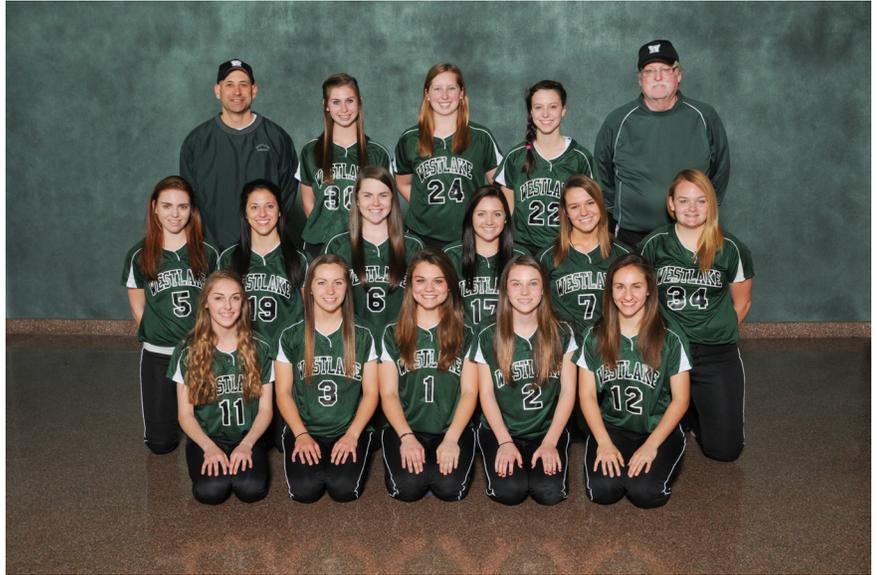
WHS senior Mike Willi, enrolled in the West Shore Career-Technical District Automotive Technology program, earned the Auto Tech Student of the Year award and was named the Westshore Technical Student of the Year. Mike is a member of the career national Honor Society and will earn an honors diploma. He has a 4.486 GPA.



Varsity softball team earns academic honors

For the third consecutive year, the Westlake High School Varsity softball team was honored by the Ohio High School Fast-pitch Softball Coaches Association (OHSFSCA) for having the highest team GPA (4.222) in the state.

The high school will receive a commemorative plaque and the team will receive a \$50 gift certificate to Romeo's Pizza to recognize their academic excellence. The team is coached by Tom Shiban.



Advanced Placement summer workshop available

ODE will offer AP Summer Workshops for RttT teachers and administrators, beginning June 15. Contact hours are available for participants.

For a list of workshops and the topics covered, visit <http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=661&Content>

ID=29841. Register in STARS, using keywords: Advanced Placement.

For registration questions, contact Lisa Simpson at (614) 752-8759.

Dates to Celebrate

- **June 1-30:** Fireworks Safety Month, Caribbean-"American Heritage Month, National Fruit and Veggies Month, Sun Safety Month
- **June 1:** Heimlich Maneuver Day
- **June 5:** World Environment Day'
- **June 10:** Race Unity Day
- **June 14:** Flag Day
- **June 15:** Native American Citizenship Day
- **June 17:** Father's Day
- **June 20:** First Day of Summer



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