

WHS has 6 National Merit Semifinalists

Congratulations to Thomas Carroll, Jennifer Chern, Lauren Choban, Kyle Lathem, Caitlin Smith and Kelley Zhou on being named National Merit Semifinalists. These students scored in the top 1% of 50,000 high scorers to achieve Semifinalist status.

WHS also has five National Merit Commended students – Philip

Papajcik, Mark Rzewnicki, Kelsey Salamone, Sarah Stroh and Charlotte Tate. They are among the 34,000 high scorers on the PSAT/NMSQT who are recognized for their outstanding academic promise.



National Honor Society inductions

The WHS National Honor Society will hold its induction ceremony on Oct. 5.

Seniors being inducted this fall include Keith Astler, Anthony Brunsahan, Lauren Choban, Andi DeMarsh, Melanie Finucan, Taylor Fisher, Rawaa Hadib Nissan, Jeff

Kassouf, Ashley Lahoud, Kelly Lechner, Tom McCabe, Megan McCallister, Scott Michaud, Zia Mohammad, Lauren Pankiw, Olivia Prexta, Maddie Smanik and Andrew Spreng.

Congratulations!

Katie Carroll

Katie Carroll, a 6-0 standout forward for the Lady Demons basketball team, made a verbal commitment to attend Quinnipiac University next fall. She averaged 10.2 PPG last season, has 381 career rebounds, shot 71% from FT line and 53% from field and 43.5% from three-point range in 2010-11. She played in 72 games in three seasons. Quinnipiac University is located in the heart of New England.

Importance of Being Earnest

The WHS Center Stage Players present Oscar Wilde's trivial comedy for serious people, "The Importance of Being Earnest," on Nov. 18 and 19 at 7pm, and Nov. 20 at 2pm at the Westlake Schools Performing Arts Center.

General admission is \$7.

The Stork Report

WHS English teacher Sara Reichert and her husband, Matt, welcomed twins Katherine Alice, born at 4:46pm and weighing 5 lbs 4 oz, and Alexander James, born at 4:48pm and weighing 6 lbs, 8oz, on Sept. 27.

Congratulations to the Reichert and WHS families on these latest additions.

Race for the Cure

Congratulations to the Lady Demons soccer team and Team Westlake, comprised of Red Brick staff and administrators, for walking in the Sept. 10 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure



to benefit breast cancer research.



Lady Demons Soccer (left) and Team Westlake (above)

Cyber safety topic of upcoming webinar

Representatives of the Ohio Attorney General's Office and eTech Ohio will present a webinar at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, on preventing cyber bullying.

The session will offer important information for school professionals, parents and community-support personnel on keeping students safe.

The session is one of a series of webinars being offered this school year by the Ohio Anti-Harassment, Anti-Intimidation and Anti-Bullying (Anti-HIB) Initiative, a partnership of state agencies.

It is free and open to the first 100 participants. Registration begins at 2:30 p.m.

To register, visit ODE's Anti-HIB webpage. A recorded version of the webinar will be posted on the site by the end of that day.

Please direct questions to Jill Jackson at jill.jackson@ode.state.oh.us or (614) 466-9540.

Ohio helps lead effort to write new national science standards

Ohio has been selected as one of 20 states to lead the development of the national Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The standards will define natural science and engineering content and practices that students must learn from kindergarten through high school graduation. The goal is to build a strong science foundation in the nation's students that leads to improved college and career readiness.

Ohio will work with other lead-state partners to guide the standards-writing process, gather and deliver feedback from each other and address common issues and challenges. For more information visit the Next Generation Science Standards website at <http://www.nextgenscience.org/>.



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