

# Around the Schools

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## Dates to Celebrate

Feb. 1: National Freedom Day. Commemorated the end of slavery with passage of the 13th Amendment.

Feb. 1-28: National Black History Month.

Feb. 2: Groundhog Day. Ready for spring?

Feb. 3: Chinese New Year

Feb. 7-11: School Counseling Week & Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week.

Feb. 12: Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

Feb. 14-18: Random Acts of Kindness Week and PTA Take Your Family to School Week.

Feb. 14: Valentine's Day.

Feb. 15: Susan B. Anthony Day. Celebrates the adoption of women's suffrage with the 19th Amendment.

Feb. 21: President's Day. No School!

Feb. 22: George Washington's birthday.

## Outstanding Senior

WHS senior Abhinay Ramachandran is making a national name for himself before he graduates.

Abhinay's work in the Radiology Internship Program through the Cleveland Clinic's Summer High School Internship Program was recently recognized when his mentor in nuclear medicine, Shyam Srinivas, MD, PhD, presented their combined findings on "Lesion Mapping, Dosimetry Calculation and Treatment Implications in Hepatic Y-90 Microsphere Radioembolization." Abhinay worked with other interns on predictive models of radiation dosage. He plans to apply for a biomedical engineering internship this summer.



Abhinay also earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT test. His score earned him a nomination for the U.S. Presidential Scholar Program, which recognizes some of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors.

Among his other honors, Abhinay is a National Merit Finalist and an AP Scholar with Honors. He competed in the American Mathematics Contest 12 last year and advanced to the American Invitational Mathematics Examination. And he is part of the WHS winning boys' tennis team, which ranked 8th in the state and won the conference title last year.

In his spare time Abhinay volunteered 300 hours at Lakewood Hospital and tutors at an orphanage. He's been accepted to the University of Michigan but is waiting to see what else comes his way. UM is a top 10 school in medicine and engineering, which fits with Abhinay's intended major of biomedical engineering.

He says his love of math began in 7th grade when Judy McMasters asked him to participate in a math contest. His only regret? He never tried basketball.

## Perfect Equations

An LBMS team placed second in the 7/8 division of the Equations contest. Team members included Aswin Bikkani, Cal Craven, Kartik Dhinakaran, Ameesh Shah, Peter Slater and Chris Huffman. Individual awards went to Alex Lathem (7th grade), Cal Craven (1st place for 8th grade), Peter Slater (2nd place for 8th grade) and Cari Milowicki (tied for 3rd place for 8th grade). Seven districts participated, bringing more than 160 students.

# Save the Date

The 4th Annual Education Engineering Summer Conference will be held June 14-16 by Cleveland State University.

This 3-day conference will focus on pre-engineering education for the K-12 environment, with an emphasis on middle grades and high school. The conference is intended for teachers who are interested in implementing pre-engineering projects and hands-on activities in their classrooms.

The conference will be co-facilitated by Master Teachers from local school districts (Shaker Heights, Westlake, Cleveland Heights-University Heights, and Cleveland City) who have experience developing STEM curriculum, as well as working with colleagues from higher education and STEM industries.

Conference activities will include:

- Hands-on and project-based instruction in classroom settings
- Make and take pre-engineering projects
- One day at Cleveland State University—more hands-on STEM activities,
- STEM field experience in the community

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Dane Rimko (sitting, left) and Jacob Kutz (sitting, right) signed National Letters of Intent last week. Dane will play soccer for Mercyhurst College and Kutz will play football at Ashland University. They are pictured with members of the WHS football and soccer coaching staffs.

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## Sports Shorts

The girls swimming & diving team took 1st place as SWC Conference Champ, setting a new pool and SWC record with a time of 3:45.77.

The boys swimming & diving team took 2nd place as SWC Conference Champions.

The Lady Demons basketball team was unanimous in its number 1 seed selection for the Division 1 State Tournament in Medina. The first game will be Monday, Feb. 21, at 6pm v. Midview.



*Happy Valentine's Day!*

## Supreme Court Historical Society program

**Street Law, Inc. and the U.S. Supreme Court Historical Society will sponsor two sessions of the annual Supreme Court Summer Institute from June 16-21 and June 23-28. The institute is open to secondary social studies teachers and supervisors, who will spend five days on Capitol Hill and inside the Supreme Court building learning about**

**the court and its past and current cases from Supreme Court litigators and educators. They also will hear the justices announce final decisions and attend a private court reception.**

**For more information and to apply online before the March 14 deadline, visit <http://www.streetlaw.org/en/CalendarEvent.45.aspx>**