

Around the Schools



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WTA recognized

The Westlake Teachers' Association was awarded the "Five Star Local Award" at the NEOEA Representative Assembly Nov. 7. This is the second year that WTA has received the award.

To receive the award, local associations had to meet 5 out of 6 criteria, listed below:

- professional and leadership training for local members;
- accessing resources provided to the local affiliate by the larger organization (NEOEA and/or OEA);
- meeting with colleagues in neighboring associations;
- involving members in the Association's legislative program; and
- having local representation attending the NEOEA Representative Assembly in November and March
- having local representation attending the OEA Representative Assembly in Columbus in December and May.

WTA was one of 53 out of 188 eligible local associations to receive the award. A plaque was given to WTA President Amy Butcher to display, and another plaque that lists all of the 53 associations, will be displayed at the NEOEA Office in Garfield Heights.

Sports shorts

Congratulations to Sarah Stachowiak (soccer) and Matt Kreider (golf) for being named Fall Sports MVPs. Sarah was also named SWC MVP and two-time All-SWC and All-Greater Cleveland.

Natalie Bechtel, a senior forward, was named 2nd Team All-Ohio Soccer. She is a three-time All-SWC, two-time All-Ohio and All-Greater Cleveland and All-Sun Herald player. She has verbally accepted a scholarship to Ohio University for fall 2010.

Senior Nick Lawrence also signed a National Letter of Intent to wrestle at Purdue University.

Congratulations to our athletes!

Tuition grants from College Club West

Grants of \$2,000 will be awarded to qualified female applicants. A woman must be 25 years or older and be currently enrolled in a Bachelor's or Graduate program. They must reside in western Cuyahoga, Lorain or Medina Counties. Awards are based on academic record, goals and financial need. (College Club West members or relatives are ineligible.)

College Club West, founded in 1926, is an organization of approximately 400 women, all of whom have earned a four-year degree from accredited colleges and universities. The scholarship program has been in existence since 1971 and its purpose is to provide deserving and needy women opportunities through education. The program is funded solely by the contributions of the members.

Application documents may be obtained online at: <http://sites.google.com/site/ccwscholarship/home> or by writing to: Cheryl Bendik, c/o Reserve Financial, PO Box 16760, Rocky River, Ohio 44116.

Application requests must be received by Feb. 16, 2010, and submitted to College Club West by March 22, 2010.

Stork Report

Kelli Butler, SST at Parkside, and her husband, Pat, welcomed their third child, Shane Christopher, on Oct. 30.



Shane was 7lbs. 13 oz. and 18 1/2 inches long. Shane joins older sister Ryan, 5, and older brother

Gavin, 2, at home.

Congratulations to the Butler and Parkside families on this latest addition!



WHS senior wrestler Nick Lawrence, a 3x Ohio state placer, will continue his wrestling career at Purdue University, where he signed a letter of intent to compete next year in The Big Ten. Lawrence enters his senior year with a varsity wrestling record of 135 wins and 9 losses. He has already established himself as a 3X SWC conference champion, a sectional champion, a district champion, 2X state finalist and a 3X state placer. Wrestling USA Magazine has Westlake's Lawrence ranked 6th in the nation for seniors at the 130 pound weight class. He is pictured with Coach Mike Antonyzyn and his parents.

Wedding bells

Two WHS teachers -- science teacher John Horwatt and Social Studies teacher Beth Huffman tied the knot on Nov. 7 and are settling into a new home in Avon.



Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Horwatt.

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Check out draft Social Studies standards

The first drafts of the revised Social Studies and Science standards, along with related resources, are now posted on ODE's Web site.

Resources include:

- A video that provides an overview of the revisions;
- A toolkit for hosting a discussion group on the

revisions; and

All educators are encouraged to review these drafts and provide individual feedback using ODE's online survey, also located on the same Web page.

Public comment, discussion groups and expert reviews will occur in

November and December. This feedback, along with the feedback from individual surveys, will inform the final drafts.

To view the revised standards, related information and the survey link, visit education.ohio.gov and search keyword revision.

Great Programming on WHBS

- Nov. 23 A: Holly Lane Veteran's Day (2007)
B: 2009 Homecoming Special (9/25)
- Nov. 24 A: WHS play: Murder's In the Heir (11/13)
B: Fall sports awards: Golf, soccer, tennis, volleyball
- Nov. 25 A: Fall sports awards: Golf, soccer, tennis, volleyball
B: Fall sports awards: Golf, soccer, tennis, volleyball
- Nov. 26 A: Fall sports awards: Golf, soccer, tennis, volleyball
B: Fall sports awards: Golf, soccer, tennis, volleyball
- Nov. 27 A: WHS play: Murder's in the Heir (11/13)
B: The Demon Zone: Winter Preview #11
- Nov. 28 A: WHS play: Murder's in the Heir (11/13)
B: The Demon Zone: Winter Preview #11
- Nov. 29 A: WHS play: Murder's in the Heir (11/13)
B: The Demon Zone: Winter Preview #11

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