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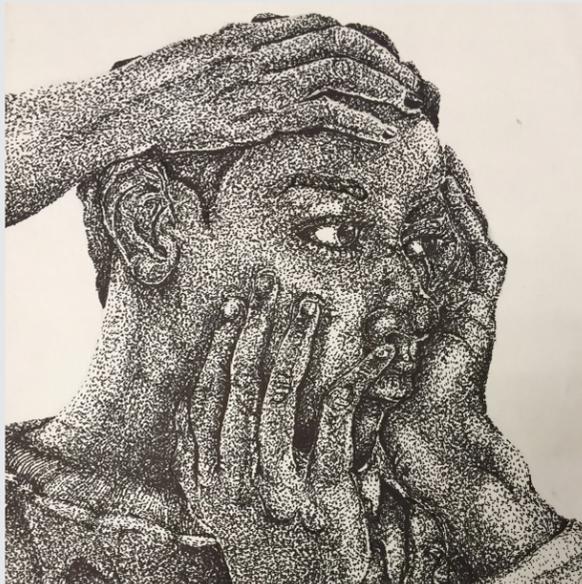
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ART STUDENTS CELEBRATE HUGE WEEK OF SUCCESSES

BY STAFF

ATLANTA - With good news coming from two exhibitions, Westlake's art department has had quite the week.

The Atlanta High School Art Exhibit (AHSAE) recognized three students for their artwork and offered them spots in the Dogwood Festival in Piedmont Park. Likewise, the Southwest Arts Center featured seven artists who received an exhibition and in some cases case prizes.



See more artwork like the the sketching above inside (CONTINUED PAGE 4)

MUSICAL PRODIGY DOES IT AGAIN; THIS TIME AT GRAMMYS



Morgan Guerin spent a week in Hollywood, performing (CONTINUED PAGE 5)

MS. BATES RECOGNIZED AS SLC PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR



BY STAFF

ATLANTA - Ms. Bates has been awarded a huge honor from Fulton County's South Learning Community, who has named her Principal of the Year.

There are four high

schools, five middle schools, and eighteen elementary schools in the South Learning Community, so Ms. Bates was selected from quite a large pool of principals.

Ms. Bates's dedication to academic success, student activities, and campus life set her apart as the winning candidate, which shows that she is an asset not only to Westlake but Fulton County as a whole.

Ms. Bates avoided telling the school and tried to prevent any celebration that might come

with the good news, but her secret was spoiled at our March faculty meeting, where a board member was in attendance to announce her award.

Ms. Bates began the meeting like any other, but the rest of the administrative staff took her by surprise with a performance from the Mighty Marching Lions drumline, and from there, she could not stop the attention she so thoroughly deserves.

Ms. Bates received praise, a plaque, and flowers, but most mean-

ingful of all, she received a surprise visit from a dozen family members, including her husband and two young children.

The microphone was passed down the line of family members, who shared stories of young Alexandra and attested to the many hours and much love Ms. Bates has invested in the school.

When it came time for Ms. Bates to speak, it was moving to hear her talk off the cuff about her love of Westlake and how the community inspires her.

She even fought back tears as she passionately explained that the award was truly achieved by the teachers and students of Westlake.

No matter how hard we tried to give her attention and praise, Ms. Bates continually redirected it to those around her.

Always ready to eschew the spotlight, Ms. Bates even humbly suggested that there be no article in the newsletter about her award, but we all know that her vision for the school and tireless work is deserving of

attention, awards, articles and more.

Ms. Bates, a New York native and fifteen year veteran in education, graduated from prestigious schools such as Boston College and Columbia University, and has overseen an impressive increase in test scores at Westlake.

These accolades will serve her well as Ms. Bates is considered for Principal of the Year for the entire Fulton County. Congratulations Ms. Bates on the well deserved recognition! **W**

PLEASE DONATE BOTTLED WATER; HELP FLINT, MICHIGAN

BY AMINATA SECKA
ATLANTA- Flint, Michigan has been suffering from a terrible water crisis these past two years due to preventable water contamination.

The drinking water had a series of problems

that culminated with lead contamination, creating a serious public health danger, especially for children, who have suffered brain damage from lead poisoning.

Families are going through great difficulties because they cannot use

tap water to drink.

It is well known, that water is a basic need, so if you imagine what these people have been going through, then you know that we need to act quickly as a school.

Our Student Government, led by Morenike

Ibidapo and Owen Manning, has taken the initiative to help the many people who are waiting in line for bottled water.

Please help the SGA send water to Flint by bringing either a case of bottled water or a jug of water to the front office.

Westlake will send its first donation on March 11th and make subsequent donations in the weeks to come.

Cities all over the country are trying to stop this crisis, and we need to help supply Flint with drinkable water.

This is Westlake spirit and dedication at its best. If you would like to make a donation, please be sure that you bring a CASE of bottled water instead of individual bottles, and remember that you are making an impact. **W**

NEW COMMITTEE TAKES ON CHEATING AND PLAGIARISM

BY FAITH DUPREE, MARISSA LYMON, DEREKA THOMAS
ATLANTA -Cheating is comparable to a global pandemic, because when given the opportunity, some individuals will test their luck by cheating on a test and habit will spread and spread.

Cheating pollutes the academic atmosphere of a school and has detrimental effects on the relationships between students and teachers.

If cheating occurs without the involved individuals facing consequences for their actions, cheating will become more common in the school, so it is important that we have a plan to stop cheating.

To combat this issue, many academic institutions have created rules and regulations to prevent cheating in their schools, and Westlake is no different.

Westlake High School has decided to join the fight against cheating and plagiarism by creating a committee whose main focus is the preservation of academic integrity.

The WHS Honor Code Council will be responsible

for reviewing accusations of cheating and recommending appropriate ways for both the teacher and the student to move forward.

The new policy was introduced to students during their classes, where they received information about academic integrity and the school's beefed up response to cheating.

Teachers handed out information and led open discussions with their students about the new policy.

Despite these efforts to ensure transparency and understanding,, some parts of the policy might have left the students confused.

According to the WHS Honor Code, cheating is defined as "giving or receiving information in any form that is related to a gradable experience including use of sources of information other than those specifically approved by the teacher either during or outside of class."

The remainder of the written information that students were given was also written in great detail.

Students were given specific examples of

what is considered cheating in the context of the Westlake High School Honor Code.

But a piece of paper can only say so much. Westlake High School student, Faith Dupree, interviewed Mrs. Bates, who is our principal, and Ms. Hickman, who is a chairwoman for the Honor Code Committee, and dug deeper into this new policy.

During the interview, Ms. Bates and Ms. Hickman provided specific examples of the activities that are not permitted by the Honor Code.

When it comes to tests, students are not permitted to take information from sources other than those approved by the teacher, which in most cases would be limited to their own minds.

Some of the banned sources of information for tests include the internet, other student's papers, and students who have already taken the exam.

Students are encouraged to not share the details of exams with their peers.

An example of this would be one student quoting a specific test

question or topic when speaking to another student who will take the exam at a later date.

Even in the event that a student is absent, rather than catch up on what they missed with a friend, the Honor Code suggests that students see their teacher on the day that they return to school.

Mrs. Bates explained that the new policy was not that new at all. In fact, the new Honor Code is simply an extension of the old one.

When asked what brought about these changes, Mrs. Bates stated that the old policy needed to be updated because "zeros don't reflect mastery."

She went on to explain that in the past, when students would receive zeros as a consequence of cheating, they had no opportunity to prove what they knew.

With the new policy, teacher's and students can gauge what the student has actually learned.

Mrs. Bates also touched on an issue that few would consider when discussing the effects of cheating.

In the event that an

assignment is being graded on a curve, one student cheating could affect everyone.

This new policy is meant to help each student get the most out of their four (or less) years at Westlake High School.

Under the new policy, every student has the right to a fair trial. The trials will consist of the council, Hickman and four rotated volunteers, going over the facts of the accusations and then making a decision.

They will review all evidence supplied but the teacher, which includes tests, cheat sheets, and phones, and then they will deliver a verdict.

Regardless of what the verdict is, the student and teacher involved will have 48 hours for a mastery assignment to be created (by the teacher) and completed (by the student).

If they are found innocent, they will receive full credit for the assignment. If the student is found guilty, they will not receive a grade for the assignment.

In addition to not receiving a grade, the student will face consequences that are based

on their extracurricular activities.

An athlete could be suspended from the next sporting event depending on their coach's integrity policy.

A student who is in one or more Honor Society, including but not limited to National Honor Society, National Arts Honor Society, and National Science Honor Society, will be expelled from the organization after their second offense.

Students who violate the academic integrity policy may also result in losing other school privileges.

The updated Honor Code Policy gives students a chance to redeem themselves after an accusation of cheating while encouraging them to be honest while completing assignments.

We have robust and strong academic tradition at Westlake, and this increased effort to prevent plagiarism will only make us stronger!

Please make sure you have reviewed all the information and make sure to commit yourself to academics without plagiarism. **W**

REMINDER: MORNING TARDIES

BY MS. BATES
ATLANTA -It is critical that our students arrive to school on time each day. The first bell rings at 8:20am. Our highest rate of tardies occurs during this time.

We are seeing an increase this semester specifically with carpool riders who are late. As we prepare for EOC and

Advanced Placement (AP) exams it is critical for students to arrive to school on time. The 1st 15 minutes of each class begins with test preparation.

We have about instructional days (considering our A/B schedule) for these exams. If a student is just 5 minutes late for these 30 days that e-mails to 150 min-

utes of lost instructional time. We are here to ensure that every child reaches their full potential, but can only do that when they are present.

Students that ride the school bus even if its late will not be marked tardy, so please encourage your child to ride the bus.

The following are the consequences for being tardy to school:

REMINDER: STUDENT LUNCHES

BY MS. BATES
ATLANTA -When enjoying lunch, please be reminded about the following guidelines.

First, students are not permitted to leave campus during lunch. As tempting as it might be for students with vehicles to drive to get food of their choice, it is NOT permitted due to safety concerns.

Second, parents may drop off money if needed to purchase a school lunch, however, no food should be brought to students during lunch. We simply do not have the resources in our front office to facilitate that process.

Third, students are permitted to bring in lunch from home, but please keep in mind that

there will be no access to microwaves to warm up the food.

Unfortunately, the county has explained that we cannot purchase microwaves due to concerns about food safety, food sanitation, and student safety.

With these three details in mind, we hope all enjoy their lunch period experience! **W**

Cumulative Tardies (Per Semester)	Consequences
1-3 Tardies	Warning
4-6 Tardies	After-School detention
7-9 Tardies	Saturday School/ISS
10+ Tardies	Report to ISS for the remainder of the period; ISS/OSS

Please be advised that juniors and seniors desiring to participate in prom and other activities will have additional behavioral and attendance expectations in order to participate. These expectations will be clearly

communicated to students and parents

Also, please be advised, that student drivers may lose their on campus driving privileges if they are found in violation of our tardy policy. **W**

SKILLSUSA BEAUTIFIES ENTRANCE FOR COMPETITION



BY MS. THORNTON

ATLANTA - Sixteen members of SkillsUSA spent their free time over the long weekend planting flowers outside the school's entrance in preparation for a truly unique high school competition.

Next weekend, these young gardeners will compete in the School Beautification Project category of the State Leadership and Skills Conference, where they will present the results of their digging, designing, and planting.

Team members enhanced the front of the school, adding flowers that will bring long-term beauty and smiles to faces of those entering our

door.

In addition to planting flowers, participants also planted little placards with written goals that they wish to see grow.

The goals, which range from personal goals or school goals, were carefully selected and connects the theme of self-growth and improvement inherent in a garden to the student body.

This environmentally-friendly process was headed up by SkillsUSA members Syndi Athy, Nyla Childs, Jonisha Kent, and Morgan Kidd, all of whom proudly rolled up their sleeves to work.

The end result of their hard work is certainly



beautiful, but the SkillsUSA competition supports the idea that beautification is for more than just looks.

In fact, part of the beautification competition will be judged on how well students can rally the community around the project, so it

was especially important for SkillsUSA to treat the project as an opportunity to involve other people beside students.

Students were able to gather assistance from several members of the PTSA, including President Joel Athy, as well community members

from Lowes Camp Creek and the crew from Fulton County Fire Department Engine 13A, headed by Captain Terrance Williams, father of Tori Williams, and Fire Fighter R. Barnes, and Fire Fighter A. Pelham.

With winter ending and spring beginning,

SkillsUSA has given Westlake a beautiful asset that hopefully will aid them in their upcoming competition.

For those wanting to give SkillsUSA well wishes, the State Leadership and Skills Conference will be held March 17 - 19, 2016. **W**

FOOTBALL PLAYER NEEDS YOUR VOTES FOR COVER PAGE



BY STAFF

ATLANTA - Jaden Hunter, a standout defensive end and outside linebacker, has set his sights on gaining a prized spot for any athlete---the front cover of a national magazine.

The magazine, *Friday Night Football*, has a coverboy contest. where each state selects four football players to be on an issue's front cover.

The four Georgia athletes with the most votes

in an online poll will be chosen, so Jaden would love the support of students, parents, and the Westlake community to help him achieve his goals and win the poll.

Supporters may vote at <http://www.fnfmagazine.com/ga-coverboy/> and vote for Jaden Hunter, Westlake High School!

Please vote early and often. The online poll closes April 15th, so we want to get a good lead going to help Jaden. **W**

GA Cover Boy Contest 2016

- Robert Beal, Norcross High
- Jake Fromm, Houston County
- Deangelo Gibbs, Grayson High
- Tony Gray, Central Gwinnett
- Netori Johnson, Cedar Grove
- Malik Herring, Mary Persons
- Jaden Hunter, Westlake
- Richard LeCounte III, Liberty County
- Nate McBride, Vidalia Comprehensive
- Davis Mills, Greater Atlanta Christian School
- Solon Page III, Kell High



- William Poole III, Hapeville Charter
- Trey Sermon, Sprayberry
- Aubrey Solomon, Lee County
- Andrew Thomas, Pace Academy
- Jamyest Williams, Archer High
- Brandon Dartez, Camden High

Vote

[View Results](#) [PollDaddy.com](#)

VISUAL ARTISTS SELECTED FOR PIEDMONT PARK EXHIBITION

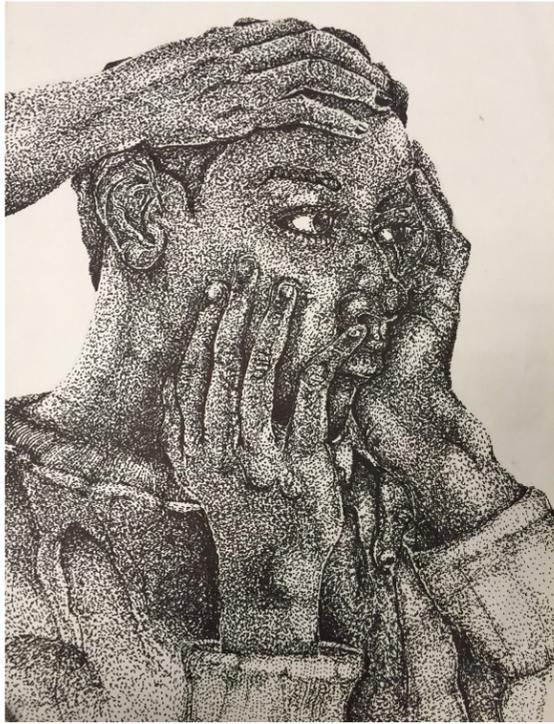
BY STAFF

ATLANTA- As spring approaches, Atlanta is preparing for the Dogwood Festival, an 80 year long tradition where visual artists of all types set up shop in downtown's premiere green space.

This year, in addition to the usual collection of painters, sketchers, sculptors, potters, and jewellers, you will find three of Westlake's own young artists featured at the festival.

Kara Marcus, Xavier Maldonado, and Tyana Woods were all selected by the Atlanta High School Art Exhibit (AHS-ASAE) to be part of the festival, a top honor for art students and an economic opportunity to boot.

That's right! Our students will be able to sell their artwork alongside the professional artists featured in the festival,



which means that all three might walk away from the experience being able to call themselves paid artists.

AHSAE received hun-

dreds of submissions from around the state, so Westlake's art department is celebrating earning three spots in this competitive show.



Their three pieces can be viewed above. Kara's features several hands resting on a man's face (far left), Tyana's shows a woman in all stages of

life (above), and Xavier's voices the frustration of being a worker in tough economic times (below).

If you would like to see their art in real life,

listen to music in the park, and eat from food trucks, please make plans to visit the Dogwood Festival April 8 - 10 in Piedmont Park. **W**

LOCAL EXHIBITION FEATURES SEVEN WESTLAKE ARTISTS

BY MR. GALBREATH

ATLANTA- On Friday, seven students from Westlake were honored for their visual art at the opening reception for an exhibition dedicated to showcasing student art.

Big winners included Daisha White, who took first place and a cash prize of \$800, and Andy Baskin, who won third place and \$100.

In addition to the awards that will be presented for each school, each artist will have the opportunity to discuss

their inspiration and the thought process for their work.

While the reception ended, the exhibition is open to the public at the Southwest Arts Center for the next two weeks. It is great exposure for our featured artists, so please take the opportunity to see works by Andy Baskin, Ajani Bacon, Russell Gaines, Elijah Huggins, Amber Kirlew, Adriana Maldonado, and Daisha White.

That the contest, officially called the 11th An-

nual South Fulton School Arts Competition and Exhibition, took so many submissions from Westlake is a testament to our art program.

One of the goals of this event is to support youth in the arts and to showcase talent within our community, so come and support a good cause.

If you are interested in seeing their work on display, please visit the Southwest Arts Center between Tuesday, March 15 and Friday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm. **W**



SISTER SCHOOL ANNOUNCES SPRING PERFORMANCES

BY MS. FIELDS

ATLANTA -Tri-Cities High School Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Drama Program will step into the world of Tony Award-Winning Musical *Cinderella*,

Cinderella has been delighting audiences with its surprisingly contemporary take on the classic tale.

This lush production features an incredible orchestra in an outstanding rendition that includes our own cultural traditions in an exciting, upbeat and up-to-date fashion full of surprising new twists!

Be transported back to your childhood as you rediscover some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beloved songs in this hilarious

and romantic experience for anyone who's ever had a dream.

The show will run from Thursday through Sunday, March 17, 18, 19 at 7:00 p.m., March 19th and 20th at 2:00 p.m.

The performance will be held in the Viola Turner Theater on the campus of Tri Cities High School.

Tickets are \$15.00 general admission, \$10.00 for senior citizens and students, and \$10 for group rates of 10 or more in a party.

A happily ever after that the entire family can enjoy, be sure to purchase your tickets now! There is limited seating available for this production. For more information call 470-254-8010. **W**

Dr. Dan Sims, Principal | Zoie Sykes, VPA Magnet Director

CINDERELLA

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March 17th 7:00 p.m.
March 18th 7:00 p.m.
March 19th 2:00 p.m.
March 19th 7:00 p.m.
March 20th 2:00 p.m.

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MAY 3RD @ 7:00PM
VIOLA TURNER THEATER

CHORUS GOSPEL CONCERT
MAY 6TH @ 7:00PM
VIOLA TURNER THEATER

NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, THERE IS A FEE FOR EACH EVENT.

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**TRI-CITIES HIGH SCHOOL
UPCOMING MAGNET EVENTS**

MUSICAL PRODIGY DOES IT AGAIN; THIS TIME AT GRAMMYS



BY CHELSEA CARTER,
JANICE POE

ATLANTA- Hey, fellow Lions, remember a few weeks ago when we told you about Morgan Guerin, that young and talented musical genius who played his way into Berklee? Well, he's come back to surprise us with even more accolades.

Morgan was in Hollywood for a week as part of the Youth Grammy Band, where he played with former Grammy winners at various jazz venues, mingled with music's biggest stars, cut an album, and then attended the Grammy ceremony for free.

Yep. That's right. The Grammys!

He was there the one night of the year when all of our favorite artists and producers, no matter what genres, are honored with the highest of accolades. He was vibing with the likes of Adele, Justin Bieber, and even Kendrick Lamar.

Being in the presence of so many leaders of the music industry is a gift that most of us might never experience.

Morgan commented on his recent accomplishment, "I just feel blessed."

And to believe it all came from a simple audition he emailed!

Morgan decided to send in his audition when he saw some of his fellow musician friends do it in the years before.

The Grammy Band, which the program is named, also has tons of college partners which heightened Morgan's interest to get involved.

This was officially Morgan's second time submitting for the band, and although he didn't make it on his first try, that only inspired him to practice more and come back next year, which proved to be the sort of successful tactic that builds great and resilient musicians.

The Grammy Band performed eight performances across seven days, and Morgan was featured prominently on some of the selections.

Still, Morgan found himself in the middle of more than music, more than once stumbling across celebrities.

"It was crazy," Morgan recalled.

"We would perform, then we would go to eat some burgers. Once, we saw a crowd forming around someone who turned out to be Justin Bieber."

If you haven't seen him in the halls after the Grammys, don't worry about his health; he spent the following two days in New York City, auditioning for the Juilliard School, the top conservatory in the country.

Yep, again, Morgan is jetsetting to pursue his future music career!

The audition for Juilliard was certainly rigorous, lasting three rounds across a full day. In addition, Morgan had to initially send in a video of him playing any piece he wanted and submit two essays.

In the second round, he performed a big band piece and an etude that he chose from a list of 15 songs given by the school.

Near the end of the day, he had to perform for the entire faculty of Juilliard.

I know what you're thinking, and yes this young man just encompasses all that is excellence.

Senior Morgan Guerin is at the beginning of a very long and successful journey, and we'll be sure to keep you posted every step of the way. We don't know about you guys, but I'm definitely picking up Morgan's autograph while I still have a chance. If you see him in the halls, be sure to give him a wholehearted congratulations. **W**



LOOKING GOOD FOR PROM HAS NEVER BEEN SO EASY

**BY CIERRA BERRY,
DESKDRIA SCOTT**

ATLANTA -Does prom have you stressed because you don't know which dress to get to match the theme or how to get your hair styled? The pressure is off as long as you have Savvi on your side.

Savvi Formalwear is a one-stop-shop for dresses, tuxedos, suits, vests, and ties where you can be measured for formalwear and rent for much cheaper than it would be to purchase.

Students wear their rented formalwear to prom and then return all the pieces after the event for Savvi to clean and rent back out to its next

customers.

Ashley Cissell, outreach coordinator with Savvi Formalwear, reached out to Westlake High School's Spanish teacher and Prom Coordinator, Ms. Tamani Wilson about two or three years ago, offering a partnership with Westlake to help students make their style decisions.

"Savvi Gives Back program is a great way for schools to earn money with little to no effort all while assisting students in saving money for prom," explained Ms. Cissell in an email,

While Savvi enjoys being a big help to students preparing for

prom, the company takes extra pride in being able to assist schools financially through the Savvi Gives Back program.

Under Savvi Gives Back, students receive the perk of \$50 off their rental, and the school receives \$10 for each Westlake rental!

Savvi's workers will also coordinate with the students to match their personal interest, as well as the individual school's prom theme.

After several years of working with the company, Ms. Wilson has become a believer.

"I love it. Sometimes you all don't know how good you look dressed up, and it doesn't mat-

ter how much it costs, but Savvi makes sure to have reasonable and affordable costs," expressed Ms. Wilson happily.

Savvi's website goes to great lengths to promote the experience of prom, especially with its mission statement, which we have reprinted below.

"Express yourself with confidence from the perfect time to bring out your best and uniquely you. Carry on the tradition of prom your way and dress it up right and make an entrance that gets the wow you deserve!"

For students like Joshua Rich, Savvi is the

perfect opportunity.

"I am definitely unprepared and need to go somewhere to get a tux" said Joshua.

Other students, who are excited that prom is close, haven't yet thought about the specifics and need to get the details figured out.

Savvi Formalwear politely asks to get ready three weeks prior to prom make sure that there is enough time for any changes.

If you are one of the unprepared, then here are the top 5 tips that are here to SAVE the day, PROM day!

1. Think outside the box and prevent matching when choosing your

formalwear.

2. Follow the theme of prom, "A Night in Paris."

3. Be sure you are confident in your dress or tuxedo.

4. Wear shoes that are comfortable for you.

5. Plan ahead, because time management is key.

The closest Savvi Formalwears are located at the following locations:

1. Greenbriar Mall Shopping Center, 2841 Greenbriar Pkwy SW, Atlanta, GA 30331

2. Lenox Square, 3393 Peachtree Rd, Atlanta, GA 30326

3. 2980 Cobb Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30339

4. Northlake Mall, 4800 Briarcliff Rd NE, Atlanta, GA 30345 W

YOUNG DESIGNER WANTS TO CREATE YOUR NEW LOOK

BY STAFF

ATLANTA -The legends of entrepreneurship go a little something like this. Steve Jobs began Apple in a garage. Mark Zuckerberg invented Facebook in a dorm room. Countless of young children who set up lemonade stands went on to manage multinational corporations.

If you put stock into these rag-to-riches legends, then you need to know about Danielle Patterson, an aspiring fashion designer who aims to get her designs worn on campus and even at prom.

"My hopes is that I can work on a few projects for prom and really make a special design

for a special event," said Danielle, who has the rare combination of humility and ambition.

"I do it because I like it, and when you have a passion for clothes, then your dream is to make your dreams reality. The art form is a physical medium, so I want these clothes I dream up to actually exist"

If you are interested in working with a talented peer to create a unique wardrobe expressive of your personality, then you will want to contact Danielle and get cracking.

Who knows? Maybe Danielle is beginning the next garage project that will grow into an entrepreneurial success. **W**



PREPARE FOR PROM; CHECK THIS ULTIMATE PROM GUIDE

BY RHONDA HUDSON
ATLANTA -Decisions-
Decisions! As prom
season approaches in
Atlanta's South Fulton
community, many deci-
sions have to be made.

In this evolving era
of technology and social
media, teen proms have
become more than a
high school tradition.

Prom Night has
morphed into the social
event of the season
where Instagram is king.

Most young ladies
and gentlemen are
gearing up for the most
extravagant "Promposal,"
the event of asking a
potential date out to the
prom with hopes that
their creative ideas to
ask the big question will
be captured on social
media and go viral.

Regardless of new
trends in accepting and
attending the ultimate
date night, there are a
few etiquette guidelines
that will help make
planning the event less
stressful and drama free
for teens and parents.

Create a Prom Budget

Financing the prom
can cost a small fortune
without proper planning
and communication. The
question is who pays?

Traditionally, the
gentleman paid for all
expenses including tick-
ets, limo, pictures, and
dinner. Today, whoever
is asking, whether gen-
tleman or young lady,
should pay for the prom
tickets.

The other cost should
be agreed upon among
the families well in
advance in order to miti-
gate confusion.

Choose the Date

No longer does the
young lady have to wait
to be asked to the prom.

Today, young ladies
ask gentlemen and
groups of friends attend
the prom together.

Rule of thumb, after
a prom invitation has
been accepted, go out
on a date prior to the
prom in order to become
acquainted with one
another in a social set-
ting outside of school. In
addition, families should
meet to agree upon
prom night expectations,
curfews and schedule.

Be mindful that once
an invitation to the prom
has been accepted and
plans are made, teens
should keep their word
and stick to the date.

Discuss Prom Attire

Prom attire may vary
from school to school.
Masquerade, Mardi Gras
and Hollywood are a few
popular prom themes
that may dictate the at-
tire.

Prom invitations
should address the
theme and become the
guide to what to wear.

When deciding the
color schemes of the
dress and the tuxedo,
parties should discuss in
advance before pur-
chases and rentals are
made in order to avoid
mismatch attire.

Flowers are an inte-
gral and symbolic part of
the attire.

Gentlemen should or-
der corsages two weeks
in advance and pin on
the ladies' left side of
the gown; ladies should
order boutonnieres two
weeks in advance for
gentlemen and place on
the left lapel.

Be Fashion Forward!

What are you wear-
ing? Head to the nearest
dress shop or depart-
ment store and peruse
their selections.

One of our favorite
places to buy a gown is
Sweet Elegance Bridal
located in Decatur. Well
worth the drive the staff
here are so incredibly
welcoming and provide
you with a customized
shopping experience
that is unparalleled.

They've got a great
selection of prom dress-
es to choose from.

Looking for a more
custom or couture ex-
perience? I've still got
you covered. Meyonda
Shanee apparel creates
masterful attire for your
special occasions.

With an eye for detail
owner/ designer Meyon-
da Benjamin can create
almost anything you can
dream of just in time for
prom. Allow Meyonda
to make you a one of a
kind prom dress that fits
you perfectly.

It's all in the Details!

Pay attention to the
details. Do your shoes
complement your dress?
What about your date?

There will be pictures
taken throughout the
evening, so it's a great
time to have you make-
up done by a profession-
al makeup artist.

Proper makeup ap-

plication will enhance
your natural beauty and
help make sure you are
picture perfect.

Arrive in Style!

Getting there is half
the fun. How you arrive
at Prom sets the tone for
the entire evening.

Why not make the
ride to and from prom
something you and your
friends will cherish
forever?

A limousine is always
a nice touch. My friends
Tiffany and Marlon over
at MARTI Transportation
have a super fun solu-
tion.. A fully equipped
Mercedes Sprinter
Van with a satellite TV,
surround-sound, Wi-Fi
and even karaoke.

Be Picture Perfect

Hotel Indigo in Col-
lege Park provides the
perfect background for a
fun prom shoot.

While modern and
sleek the hotel has great
areas for meeting and
socializing and was su-
per warm and inviting.

Be sure to capture the
best moments of prom
along the way. Here are
three tips to help you
capture prom photos
you'll cherish forever.

•Watch Your Back:
Pay attention to what's
behind you. If the
background is too busy it
detracts from the overall
photo. Stagger your
stance to avoid it look-
ing like things are grow-
ing from your head.

•Take it to the Streets:
Go outside and grab
some fun individual
and group shots. A nice
backyard or local park
provide a great back-
drop for group photos
but don't be afraid to
use nice architecture or
stairs to add some vari-
ety to your photos.

•Lighten Up: Pay at-
tention to your lighting.
When you are able to
find a nice bright area
just make sure people
are not squinting in the
sunlight, and shift your
angles to avoid harsh
shadows.

Most of all, relax and
have a good time!

Vendors

Formalwear:

- * SweetEleganceBridal.com
- * fashionfrenzyatl.com
- * MADE- Meyonda.com

Transportation:

- * MartiTransportation.com

Makeup:

- * MakeupByCharlene.net

Venue:

- * Hotel Indigo



BUSINESSES GAIN ENTRY TO WESTLAKE'S PROM EXPO

Prom Theme: A Night in Paris **Time:** 8p.m.-12a.m.

Date: Saturday, April 23, 2016 **Venue:** Delta Flight Museum

Westlake is holding
its annual Prom Expo
again this year. The
Prom Expo is an oppor-
tunity for students to get
information about busi-
nesses, vendors, services,
and entrepreneurs that
are available to them
during prom season.

We will be holding
our Prom Expo on Tues-

day, March 15 during
our lunches (1141 a.m.-
1:51 p.m.).

This is an excellent
opportunity to provide
students with busi-
ness cards, flyers, list of
services, etc., and to help
promote our community
businesses.

If you have anyone
you know that could

offer our students their
services in preparation
for prom (hair, nails,
dresses, barbers, limos/
car services, restaurants,
etc.), please have them
contact me by Friday,
March 5, 2016.

We appreciate you
and their business being
a part of the Westlake
family. **W**

PROM EXPECTATIONS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS



WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

2400 Union Road, SW
Atlanta, Georgia 30331
(470) 254-6400 Fax: (470) 254-6410

Alexandra Bates
Principal

2015-2016 Senior & Junior Prom Contract

Prom Theme: A Night in Paris
Date: Saturday, April 23, 2016
Where: The Delta Flight Museum
Time: 8pm-12am
Price: \$75.00

Attending prom is a privilege of being a Westlake High School student. Therefore, it is important that all students are aware of the expectations for being able to attend prom. The expectations are as follows:

1. Tardy: Student cannot be tardy more than eight times between the dates of March 2, 2016- April 8, 2016. Students who are tardy 9 or more times will not be allowed to attend prom. Students will be notified that they cannot attend prom by the attendance office by Friday April 1, 2016.
 - Student in danger of not attending prom will have one option to complete a Saturday School detention in an effort to reduce the number of tardies: Saturday April 16, 2016 9a.m.-1pm. This will reduce the number of tardy incidences by three. For example, if you have 9 tardies it will be reduced to six tardies pending your full attendance and cooperation during the Saturday School.
2. Excessive Unexcused Absences: (SKIPPING is an unexcused absence): Students should not have excessive unexcused absences (3 or more unexcused absences) between March 2, 2016- April 15, 2016.
3. Suspensions: Students may not be assigned ISS or OSS during the months of March 2, 2016- April 22, 2016.
4. Students may bring a guest no older than 19 yrs. of age. Students must submit proper GUEST FORM paperwork, which will be provided in March.
5. Students may begin to purchase prom tickets March 14, 2016 via mypaymentsplus.com. Any student that would like to pay in person must wait until April.

PLEASE NOTE

- Prom tickets are non-refundable if a student does not meet the expectations given above. If you purchase your ticket and do not meet the expectations given, you will not be allowed to attend the prom. Certain circumstances may offer 50% or \$32.50, which will be determined by administration (such as death in the family or family health emergencies)
- Partial refund requests must be approved by administration. A partial refund is 50% or \$37.50, and requests can be made by a parent/guardian in person on May 6, 2016.
- Partial refunds may also be applied to Senior dues or prom ticket for the upcoming year (2016-2017 school year- only applies for Juniors).
- Refunds will not be available until the following week after prom and the pick-up date and time will be provided to those parents who make requests.
- Prom tickets are non-transferable. You may not give your ticket to another student if you are unable to attend.

Signing this document acknowledges that I understand the expectations above. It is your responsibility as a junior or senior to share this contract with your parent or guardian.

Student PRINT NAME: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

KEEP UP WITH ALL THESE SCHOOL EVENTS

Class of 2016 Information Sheet**Deadline for all Senior Dues MARCH 31, 2016**

- Yearbooks will no longer be available after Monday March 7, 2016 with regular senior dues.
- Starting March 7, 2016 Dues will now be \$210.00 (WITHOUT A YEARBOOK) *if you would like to purchase a yearbook, please see Ms. Woods.*
- Senior Lock In (Andretti's) March 25, 2016. \$70 Must ride the bus from the school

Departing Westlake 7:30pmArriving back at Westlake 5:30am Sat 3/26

Baccalaureate Information

Date: May 15, 2016

Time: 4:00pm (Seniors arrive at 3:00pm)

Place: Zion Hill Baptist Church

6175 Campbellton Rd SW, Atlanta, GA 30331

Attire for both Graduation and Baccalaureate:

Ladies: Black dresses black shoes (flats or wedges for graduation because of the turf on the field) **ABSOLUTELY NO SANDALS, FLIP FLOPS, or any type of OPEN SHOES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Gentlemen: Black slacks with white button down collar shirt, black tie, and black shoes. **ABSOLUTELY NO JEANS AND NO TENNIS SHOES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

OTHER SENIOR REMINDERS

- All Edgenuity, Fulton Virtual, GA Virtual, GA Virtual Credit Recovery, or any other recover opportunity must be completed by May 6, 2016.
- If you have not done so, please register for Parchment to be able to send transcripts electronically.
- Please remember to join the Class of 2016 Remind Me for the latest scholarship information.

Counselors will be not be available after June 2, 2016

Dear Parents,

I am excited to inform you that Westlake High School has partnered up with Savvi Formalwear to participate in the "Savvi Gives Back" program/fundraiser for the 2015-2016 school year!

This program is not only beneficial for the School, it's also beneficial to YOU as a parent by offering you a discount on your child's tuxedo rental!

Your local Savvi Formalwear is giving Westlake High School \$10 for each rental that you refer! And for the students, they receive \$50* off their tuxedo rental!

All you need to do to receive this discount is use our **Rep #SGB46** when you place your child's order for Prom. It's that simple!!

Savvi Formalwear asks that you bring your student in at least 2 weeks before the prom to place the tuxedo order and receive this discount, don't forget to mention the **School Rep # SGB46** at the time you place the order so that your school receives the credit and earns the CASH!!!

Thank you for helping Westlake to earn some extra funds!

Westlake High School is proud to be a partner of Savvi Formalwear where you, your child(ren), and Westlake High School can benefit!

*Restrictions Apply. See Store for Details. Order must be placed one week in advance of use date. Discount applies to Fashion and Luxe Collections.

Dr. Dan Sims, Principal | Zoie Sykes, VPA Magnet Director

CINDERELLA

R&H: A Tri-Cities High School Musical | Director: Hilda Willis

Showtimes & Prices

March 17th | 7:00 p.m.
 March 18th | 7:00 p.m.
 March 19th | 2:00 p.m.
 March 19th | 7:00 p.m.
 March 20th | 2:00 p.m.

\$15.00 Adults
\$10.00 Students
\$10.00 Senior Citizens
\$10.00 Group Rates
 (10 or more)

Music by: Richard Rodgers
 Book & Lyrics by: Oscar Hammerstein II
 Adapted for Stage by: Tom Briggs
 Teleplay by: Robert L. Freedman

Viola Turner Theater
 2575 Harris Street | East Point, GA 30344

CINDERELLA IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH Rodgers & Hammerstein's Theatricals www.rh.com Tickets can purchased at: **brownpapertickets.com**

**Teacher Appreciation Day**

Saturday, March 19

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Teachers, community educators, and school administrators receive FREE admission to the High, along with a guest! [Learn more>>](#)

2015 SCHOOL LITERARY MAGAZINE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

200 PLUS PAGES!

BY STAFF

ATLANTA - Have you enjoyed reading the poetry from Emmanuel Griggs and N'Naserrri Crew-Johnson that we have featured in the PRIDE Newsletter?

If so, in the Spring of 2015, we published the ROAR Literary Magazine, which encompassed the creative writing of 32 talented students at Westlake High School.

These students submitted their literary work and work-

shopped their writing until it became what you see in this literary magazine. For example, several of our students were even able to present their plays in a young playwrighting festival at the Horizon Theatre, where they attended and saw Atlanta actors read their scripts.

Overall, we have 228 pages of student writing to share with the community, and frankly, the students have done a great job creating a stunning collection of work.

Below are quick samples of the different genres represented in the Literary

Magazine, which features short stories, scripts, poetry, paintings, drawings, and interviews with local Atlanta artists.

If you would like to read ROAR Literary Magazine in its entirety for free or order a physical bound copy for cost, please visit the following website: http://www.magcloud.com/browse/issue/940354?r=566239

We want to spotlight these talented writers and encourage an atmosphere of creative expression, artistic collaboration, and intellectual bravery! W

This Week's Feature Sections Prose (Short Stories, Monologues, and Novellas)

- "Blowstorm" by Ishmail Edwards (102)
"Demo & the Girl" by Emmanuel Griggs (26)
"Deidra" by Daesia Harvey (76)
"Detached Destiny" by BreAnna House (197)
"Dust Devil" by Ashley Bridgeforth (118)
"Forever the Prey" by Jalen Brown (211)
"Gentle Earthquake" by Elexus Griffin (209)
"A Grandmother's Love" by Jhalen Baugh (66)
"I Hate Vampires" by Aminah Cottle (198)
"Just Behind the 8 Ball" by Jordan Miles (50)
"Loneliness" by Jalen Brown (211)
"Noctilucent Cloud" by Taliyah Holloway (126)
"Not Like Me" by Destinee Holt (59)
"Shopping Addiction" by Jhalen Baugh (68)
"Sirens" by Ashley Bridgeforth (114)
"Swirling Inferno" by Kenneth Flynn (91)
"Symmetry" by Ciann Foster (206)
"The Story of My Boys" by James-Wesley Jones (110)
"Usher" by Christine Smallwood (207)
"Yellow Paint" by Destinee Holt (59)
"Yourself" by Destinee Holt (59)

ROAR literary magazine cover featuring a colorful abstract illustration of a person's head and neck.

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Interview with Taliyah Holloway, Tamil Huff, and Kourtney McGill. Includes photos and text about their work and the magazine.

Interview with Terminus by Jordan Armani Miles. Includes a photo of the author and text about the play.

Interview with Emmanuel Griggs. Includes a photo of the author and text about his poetry and work.

Interview with Magnolia by Emmanuel Griggs. Includes a photo of the author and text about his poetry and work.

Interview with Visual Artists. Includes a photo of a sculpture and text about the artists' work.

Interview with Conversations Around Atlanta with Visual Artist Ren. Includes a photo of the artist and text about their work.

Interview with Conversations Around Atlanta with Playwright Gabrielle Fulton. Includes a photo of the playwright and text about her work.

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2016 ATHLETIC CALENDAR AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER

BY STAFF

ATLANTA - If you are interested in supporting the Westlake Athletic Department, then please preorder a Westlake 2016 Athletic Calendar!

Each month of this 12 month calendar is dedicated to one sport (and in some cases two or three) and features top athletes galore.

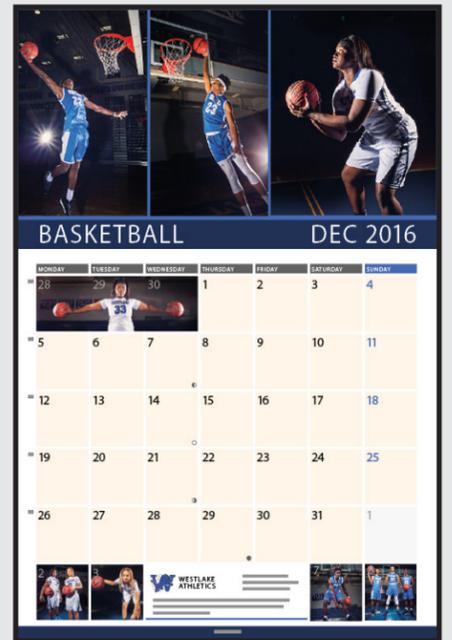
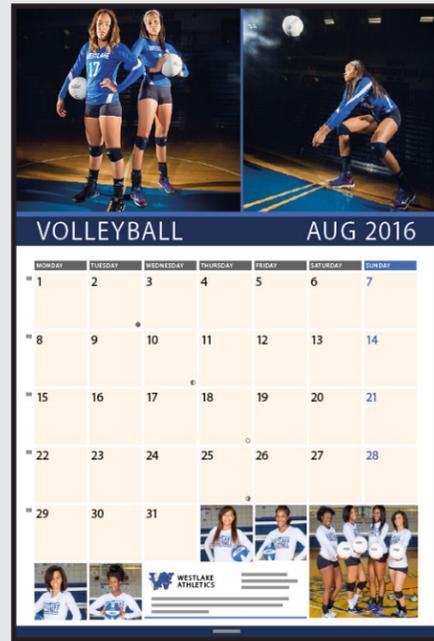
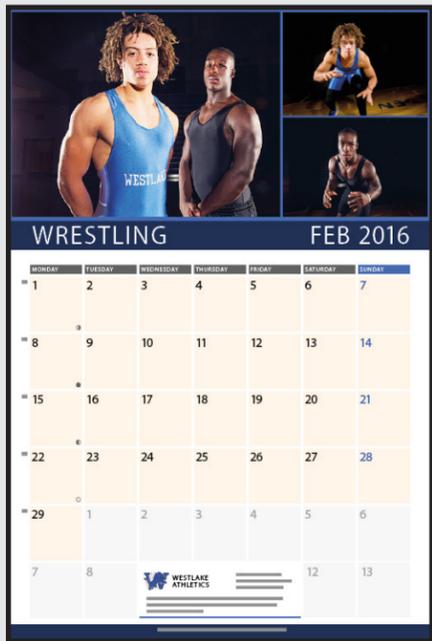
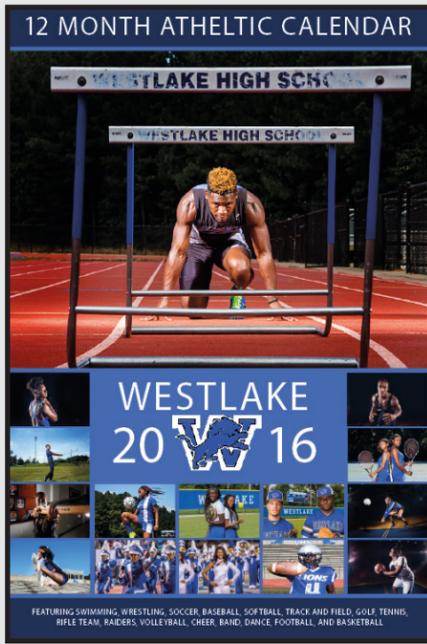
Nearly all pictures in the calendar were taken by CadyStudios, who gives an impressive professional edge to our student athletes.

You can look through

the thumbnails to the right to get an idea of the calendar's design, but when printed, the calendar will be full-sized and ready to hang on your wall or be displayed on your desk.

Featured sports include swimming, wrestling, soccer, baseball, softball, track and field, golf, tennis, rifle, volleyball, cross country, cheer, band, dance, football, and basketball.

For more information, please email the athletic director, Coach Wilson at wilsonr3@fultonschools.org



TESTING CORNER

STATE MILESTONES RESULTS

BY STAFF

ATLANTA - State scores from the 2014-15 administration of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (Georgia Milestones in grades 3-8 and Georgia Milestones EOCs in grades 9-12) were released.

These preliminary scores reflect the first administration of Georgia's new comprehensive testing system.

This year's assessment results establish a baseline for the progress we expect student to make over time.

According to the Georgia Department of Education, the state showed overall lower results than in past years.

"These results show a lower level of student proficiency than Georgians are used to seeing, but that does not mean Georgia students know less or that teachers are not doing a great job - it means they've been asked to clear a higher bar," State School Super-

intendent Richard Woods said.

State Results for GA
9th Grade English (25% Beginning, 39% Developing, 29% Proficient, 6% Distinguished)

American Lit (25% Beginning, 39% Developing, 29% Proficient, 6% Distinguished)

Algebra (31% Beginning, 36% Developing, 26% Proficient, 8% Distinguished)

Geometry (32% Beginning, 35% Developing, 25% Proficient, 8% Distinguished)

Biology (37% Beginning, 25% Developing, 29% Proficient, 9% Distinguished)

Physical Science (36% Beginning, 33% Developing, 26% Proficient, 5% Distinguished)

US History (27% Beginning, 34% Developing, 30% Proficient, 9% Distinguished)

Economics (30% Beginning, 31% Developing, 30% Proficient, 9% Distinguished)

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE
COUNCIL ANNOUNCED**Representatives****3 Parents:**

Chris Lennon
Keisha Minter,
Christel Jackson

2 Teachers:

Yoshana Jones,
Ashley Barker

2 Community:

Suzanne Wilborn,
Rhonda Hudson

2 School Employees:

Chantrise Holliman,
Estella B. Cook

FY16 SGC**Meeting Calendar****Location:**

Westlake High School
Media Center

Time:

Tues. 4:30-5:30 PM

Dates:

12/01/15, 1/26/15,
2/23/15, 3/22/15,
5/10/15

COUNSELING PROGRAMS

School Programs

- Counselors' Corner will be held in the school cafeteria (November 3rd)
- Apply to College Day (November 5th)
- Counselors' Corner will be held in the school cafeteria (November 17th)

9th Grade Programs

- 9th Grade BRIDGE Law Benchmark Activity: Career Interest Inventory (October - November)
- Suicide Prevention Classroom Guidance: Signs of Suicide (October - November)

10th Grade Programs

- 10th Grade BRIDGE Law Benchmark Activity: Dual Enrollment and College Credit Now Opportunities (November 18th - 19th)

11th Grade Programs

- Applying to College Guidance Lesson (November 10th - 11th)
- Fall Junior Classroom Guidance: What Colleges Consider in Admissions (November)
- 11th Grade BRIDGE Law Benchmark Activity: Virtual College Search (November)

12th Grade Programs

- Please see School Programs

Counseling Programs Reaching 11th - 12th.....

- College and Career Center
- College Representatives at WHS (Grades 11-12)

Counseling Programs Reaching 9th-12th

- New Student Enrollments
- Academic Advisement
- Post-Secondary Planning and Advising
- Dual Enrollment Information
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Summer School Information
- Community Agency Referrals
- Collaboration with Teachers, Administrators, School Social Worker, and School Psychologist
- Care Team Referrals
- SAT and ACT Information
- Crisis Intervention
- Career Guidance and Exploration
- Transcribing Student Records

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

PARCHMENT REGISTRATION
FOR SENIORS

ATLANTA - To make it easy to send transcripts to colleges, Fulton County Schools has partnered with Parchment to provide secure online transcript ordering available

24/7.

Creating the account is free and only takes a few steps. All seniors received their Parchment registration codes on September 24th and/or 25th and should register with Parchment right

SIGN UP FOR REMIND 101

ATLANTA- Join our distribution list to receive texts and/or emails with information on upcoming college representative visits and scholarship updates.

Both students and parents are encouraged to register.

Don't be left out of the loop—join today.

To receive messages via text, text @566a2 to 81010 or to receive messages via email, send an email to 566a2@mail.remind.com.

CHECKING SENIOR STATUS

ATLANTA- On May 20, 2016, senior students will be closing this chapter on their high school career.

Congratulations to all the senior students and parents of senior students who have almost made it to the graduation milestone.

Counselors will begin senior status checks immediately following the schedule change window so we can inform you of your student's specific status.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

CONTACTING COUNSELORS

ATLANTA- As the year advances, you may find yourself in need of contacting one of Westlake's counselors.

When that happens, we want to make sure that you know the correct number and can quickly get in touch with the person who can best help your student.

Below, you will find a list of useful contacts for

the counselors.

If you need to set up a parent-teacher conference, we can set up a conference with all your student's teachers if you contact the Student Services office.

Please either call the school at (404) 346-6400 and request Student Services or email Jeanine Griswold at the email address posted below.

STUDENT SERVICES' CORNER

CONTACTING STUDENT SUPPORT STAFF

Please use the following numbers to contact the school in times of need.

Student Services Administration

Curriculum Assistant Principal: Cecelia Johnson,
johnsonc5@fultonschools.org

Administrative Assistant: Candice Hickman,
hickmanc@fultonschools.org

Student Support Staff

College and Career Advisor: Steven Johnson
johnsons16@fultonschools.org or 470-346-6400 x46462

504 Coordinator and Graduation Coach: Twanda Harrison,
harrisont1@fultonschools.org or 470-346-6400 x46428

Instructional Support Teacher: Jennifer Swint,
swint@fultonschools.org or 470-346-6400 x46444

SEC Department Chair: Andrea Freeman,
freemana1@fultonschools.org or 470-346-6400 x46444

Data Specialist: Jan McLemore,
mclmorej@fultonschools.org

Back Up Data Specialist: Mesi Spencer,
spencerm@fultonschools.org

Records Clerk: Jenna Bannister,
bannister@fultonschools.org

Guidance Secretary: Donna Carter,
carterd2@fultonschools.org or 470-346-6400

School Social Worker: Willette Stephens,
stephensw@fultonschools.org or 470-346-6400 x46483

School Psychologist: Judith Perkins
perkinsj@fultonschools.org

School Psychologist: Elizabeth Scott,
scottea@fultonschools.org

9th Grade (A - Z): Antonio Grissom,
grissom@fultonschools.org
470-346-6400 x46429

10th - 12th (A - E): Anthony Decosta,
decosta@fultonschools.org
470-346-6400 x46434

10th - 12th (E - K): Beatrice Ford,
fordb@fultonschools.org
470-346-6400 x46482

10th - 12th (L - Q): Shelia Reese-Jackson (Head),
reeses@fultonschools.org
470-346-6400 x46433

10th - 12th (R - Z): Dawn Perry,
perrydb@fultonschools.org
470-346-6400 x46432

Guidance Secretary: Donna Carter,
carterd2@fultonschools.org
470-346-6400

CALENDAR OF SCHOOL EVENTS

- Dance Auditions 3/14
DATE: Monday 3/14
PLACE: Room 101 and Gym @ 3:45pm - 8:00pm
- SLC/AZ Assitant Principal Meetings 3/15
DATE: Tuesday 3/15
PLACE: Media Center @ 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Hidden Colors 3/15, 3/22
DATE: Tuesday 3/15 and Tuesday 3/22
PLACE: Auditorium @ 4:00pm - 5:00pm
- Middle School Honor Orchestra Clinic 3/19
DATE: Saturday 3/19
PLACE: Auditorium, Ect. @ 7:30pm - 4:00pm
- School Governance Council 3/22
DATE: Tuesday 3/22
PLACE: Media Center @ 4:30pm - 5:30pm
- 9th - 11th Grade Awards Ceremony3/24
DATE: Thursday 3/24
PLACE: Auditorium @ 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- Black to the Future 3/25
DATE: Friday 3/25
PLACE: Auditorium @ 3:30pm - 10:00pm
- Dance Team Master Class Showcase 3/26
DATE: Saturday 3/26
PLACE: Auxillary Gym
WORKSHOP: Auxillary Gym @ 10:00am - 5:00pm
SHOWCASE: Auditorium @ 5:00pm - 9:00pm
- AP English Language and Composition Final Exam / Mock AP Exam 3/26
DATE: Saturday 3/26
PLACE: Cafeteria @ 7:00am - 5:00pm
- Come West 8 Milestones Prep 3/26
DATE: Saturday 3/26
PLACE: Cafeteria @ 8:30am - 12:30pm
- Last Poet's Cafe 3/30
DATE: Wednesday 3/30
PLACE: The Black Box @ 12:00am - 1:00pm
- Top 25 Banquet 3/31
DATE: Thurssday 3/31
PLACE: Cafeteria @ 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- Senior Awards 4/14
DATE: Thurssday 4/14
PLACE: Auditorium @ 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- Walk to Stop Diabetes - SkillsUSA 4/16
DATE: Saturday 4/16
PLACE: Football Field @ 9:00am - 11:30am
- Westlake High School Graduation.....5/20
DATE: Friday 5/20
PLACE: Georgia Dome @ 7:00pm

STUDENTS OF THE DAY



MONDAY 3/14 JALISSA WEEKES is an outstanding student. Jalissa has high standards for herself and always goes above and beyond for her assignments. (Nominated by Ms. Young)



TUESDAY 3/15 JAMES MILLER JR is a student in my French III Honors class and is an exceptional young man who has been able to maintain a high grade point average while playing two spots: football and soccer. James also demonstrates outstanding character by regularly offering to help me. Moreover, James is a wonderful peer/teacher who doesn't mind tutoring his classmates. Last week, even though he was injured from a soccer match, James got up out of his seat to give a hand-out so another student wouldn't have to. James embodies that ideal student---a scholar who is actively involved with positive extra-curricular activities, but most importantly, someone who enjoys helping others. That's why James is student of the day! (Nominated by Madame Hardy)



WEDNESDAY 3/16 STEPHEN JACKSON was the best cheerleader at the boy's state championship game. Stephen led the student section to cheer, stomp, clap, and even DO the wave. When we were down, Stephen kept the students enthused and motivated, and when we were up, he made sure everyone was celebrating. Stephen is a true LION (Nominated by Ms. Harrison)



THURSDAY 3/17 KIMBERLY PARKER is always engaged in Physics class. Even during 1st period, she embodies the E in PRIDE and is extremely enthusiastic. Kimberly is helpful and willing to do anything that is asked of her. I call her Kimberly Possible because she is such a joy to have in the classroom. (Nominated by Ms. Bolden) **BRANDON MCCLOUD'S** positive attitude, maturity and willingness to help his peers is worthy of recognition. When I see him in the hallway, it is obvious Brandon makes Westlake a better place. (Nominated by Mr. Forte)



FRIDAY 3/18 ASIA HUDSON is a top notch Chemistry student. Asia's grasp of the material and the ability to articulate what she has learned is inspiring. Asia also helps others around her who may be struggling so that everyone wins! It is an honor and a pleasure to be Asia's teacher. (Nominated by Ms. Bolden) **HARRY DANIEL** is gifted with a keen scientific mind. Harry comes to class every day, ready to ask engaging questions. Harry pushes himself and others around him to think outside of the box in his Physics class. Harry's creativity and willingness to take risks is what makes him Student of the Day! (Nominated by Ms. Bolden)

CALENDAR OF SPORTING EVENTS

- JV Baseball vs. Langston Hughes 3/14
DATE: Monday 3/14
PLACE: Langston Hughes HS @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- Baseball vs. Campbell 3/15
DATE: Tuesday 3/15
PLACE: Baseball Field @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- 9th Grade Baseball vs. Westminster 3/15
DATE: Tuesday 3/15
PLACE: Westminster HS @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- Tennis vs. Campbell 3/15
DATE: Tuesday 3/15
PLACE: Campbell HS @ 4:30pm - 8:30pm
- Region Coaches Meeting 3/16
DATE: Wednesday 3/16
PLACE: Auditorium @ 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- Golf vs. Riverwood 3/16
DATE: Wednesday 3/16
PLACE: Wolf Creek Golf Club @ 4:45pm
- JV Baseball vs. Woodward 3/17
DATE: Thursday 3/17
PLACE: Woodward HS @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- 9th Grade Baseball vs. Westminster 3/17
DATE: Thursday 3/17
PLACE: Baseball Field @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- Tennis vs. Newnan 3/17
DATE: Thursday 3/17
PLACE: Tennis Court @ 4:30pm - 8:30pm
- Baseball vs. Campbell 3/18
DATE: Thursday 3/18
PLACE: Campbell HS @ 5:55pm - 7:55pm
- JV Baseball vs. Mays 3/19
DATE: Saturday 3/19
PLACE: Mays HS @ 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- 9th Grade Baseball vs. Mays 3/19
DATE: Saturday 3/19
PLACE: Mays HS @ 1:30pm - 3:30pm
- Soccer vs. Pebblebrook3/22
DATE: Tuesday 3/22
PLACE: Football Field
GIRLS: @ 5:00pm - 7:30pm
BOYS: @ 7:30pm - 9:00pm
- Baseball vs. Pebblebrook 3/22
DATE: Tuesday 3/22
PLACE: Pebblebrook HS @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- JV Baseball vs. Stevenson 3/22
DATE: Tuesday 3/22
PLACE: Baseball Field @ 5:30pm - 7:30pm

SENIOR BIRTHDAYS



Monday 3/14
Aisha Bayo



Tuesday 3/15
Kelsy Brown



Tuesday 3/15
Marquez Burdette Jr.



Tuesday 3/15
Shakir Crews



Tuesday 3/15
Royalty Johnson



Wednesday 3/16
Darron Paschal



Thursday 3/17
Shabria Harrell



Friday 3/18
Alexis Austin



Friday 3/18
Roniyah Douglas



Friday 3/18
Ricahrd Sanders



Saturday 3/19
David-Dennis Morgan



Saturday 3/19
Cameron Rosemond



Saturday 3/19
Sydney Smith



Saturdy 3/19
Victoria Smith



Saturday 3/19
Aya Walton