



# Wheeling Park High School **PATRIOT NEWS**



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## **World Language Fair Attracts Crowd**

Students of all ages, relatives, and friends from across the county gathered on March 7 for entertainment, foreign cuisine, and culture as the World Language Department sponsored its annual World Language Fair. The purpose was to showcase what students have learned in their World Language classes and to provide students an opportunity to experience what other cultures have to offer.

Food prepared by students in World Language classes ranged from vichyssoise to Sauerkraut mit Wurst. Students participated in making crafts such as paper flowers, masks, and cookie decorating and purchased items from the International Market.

Entertainment featured performances including a French skit written and performed by French III students, a German fairy tale, the Mexican Hat Dance, classical music by German composers, and Zumba. A highlight of the evening was students in elementary grades singing a Spanish greeting song, a Chinese number song, and a song in Spanish which teaches them personal pronouns.

Posters, bookmarks, and Chinese fans prepared by students were on display and were nominated for awards based on creativity and visual appeal.

The World Language Program in Ohio County provides an opportunity to begin World Languages in Kindergarten and continues through high school.

## **WESTEST 2 Scheduled for May**

All freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will take the WESTEST 2 from 7:15 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. on May 10, 11, 14, and 15. Classes will then follow a two-hour delay schedule. Students will be tested in reading/language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science.

West Virginia Educational Standards Test (**WESTEST**) is a customized, criterion-referenced test aligned to West Virginia's Content Standards and Objectives (CSO's). The assessments measure students' levels of performance on clearly defined standards, objectives, and skill levels. Each content area has five levels of performance: distinguished, above mastery, mastery, partial mastery, and novice.

## **Park Players To Present *The Wizard of Oz***

The Park Players are entering a new era as they present *The Wizard of Oz*. Students will take the stage in the newly opened and very impressive J. B. Chambers Performing Arts Center on May 3, 4, and 5 at 7:00 p.m. Director Bill Cornforth will be assisted by Music Director, Leslie Garrett; Orchestra Director, Patrick Garrett; Choreographer, Anna Harsh; Technical Assistants, Josh Fromhart, Kayla Nelson, and Lori Mathieu; and Technical Director, Jeff Higgins.

Tickets go on sale April 10 and may be reserved by calling the theater at 304-243-0417 or by emailing [wphsparkplayers@yahoo.com](mailto:wphsparkplayers@yahoo.com). The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for students.

The story centers on Kansas native Dorothy Gale who dreams of a place "Over the Rainbow" and is swept to the Land of Oz by a tornado. She meets enemies and friends as she searches for the Wizard of Oz who will help her to find a way home and who will also grant her friends their goals.

The new location and the talent of everyone involved in the production will provide audiences with a magical evening.

## Upcoming Events

### Prom

*April 28, 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 a.m.  
White Palace*

### After Prom Party

*April 29, 12:00 a.m. until 4:00 a.m., WPHS Gymnasium*

### Senior Awards Ceremony

*May 4, 8:00 a.m., WPHS Gymnasium*

### Spring Musical

*The Wizard of Oz  
May 3, 4, 5  
7:00 p.m.*

*J.B. Chambers Performing Arts Center*

### Senior Dinner Dance

*May 12, 7:00-11:00 p.m., White Palace*

### WESTEST 2

*May 10, 11, 14, 15*

### Senior Nine-Week Tests

*May 21, 22*

### Graduation Practice

*May 24, 1:00 p.m., WesBanco Arena*

### Senior Sermon

*May 24, 7:00 p.m., Phyllis A. Beneke Theater*

### Graduation

*May 27, 3:00 p.m., WesBanco Arena*

### Underclass Nine-Week Tests

*May 24, 25*

## After Prom Needs Volunteers

The Parent After Prom Committee is requesting that each household of every student provide their time, talent, and/or a monetary donation of \$10.00 or more in order to continue After Prom.

After Prom provides a safe environment for students after the dance. The committee needs more parent involvement and welcomes the parents of all students. The committee meets each Wednesday in the Food Court at 6:00 p.m.

The annual budget for After Prom is \$12,000.00 which covers the cost of food, entertainment, decorations, and prizes. In the past, the committee has given computers, televisions, DVD players, Ipods, and monetary prizes.

Admission to the Prom includes admission to After Prom, or students may purchase tickets for After Prom only for \$5.00. After Prom will be held from 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. at the school gymnasium.

Doors close at 1:00 a.m. If students who registered to attend After Prom do not arrive by then, parents will be contacted by telephone. Students may not leave the After Prom Party without parental permission until 4:00 a.m. This permission will be verified by a telephone call home.

Volunteers may contact Stephanie Guthoerl at [guthoerl@comcast.net](mailto:guthoerl@comcast.net).

**Senior obligations as well as lunch bills in excess of \$50.00 must be paid prior to Graduation in order for students to receive a diploma.**

# Nine-Week Test Schedule

## Seniors

### Monday, May 21

Mathematics  
English

### Tuesday, May 22

Science  
Social Studies

### Wednesday, May 23

Make-up Tests-a.m.

## Nine-Week Test Information for Seniors

Seniors who are exempt from all nine-week tests will be excused May 21 through May 23 and do not need to report to school. Seniors who are taking nine-week tests will **report to school at 10:50 a.m.** and will report to the **Media Center** for testing. There will be a morning activity bus run May 10-15 for seniors who do not drive to school. Seniors will enter the building from the **back parking lot using the back Activities entrance.**

Graduation practice, which is mandatory for participating seniors, is at **1:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, May 24**, at **WesBanco Arena**. The **Class Sermon**, presented by Young Life, will be held on **Thursday, May 24**, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Phyllis A. Beneke Theater**.

## Underclassmen

### Thursday, May 24

English  
Science

### Friday, May 25

Math  
Social Studies

### Tuesday, May 29

Make-up Tests

## Distinguished Seniors To Be Honored

Seniors having a 4.0 or higher cumulative grade point average will wear red caps and gowns at Graduation and will be seated in alphabetical order with other class members.

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian will speak at Graduation and will be seated on the stage.

## West Virginia Young Writers County Winners Selected

Freshmen and sophomores who were county winners of the WV Young Writers Contest are first place, Devyn Nickerson; second place, Chenny Zhang; and third place, Jordan Crow. Winning juniors and seniors are first place, Henry Loh; second place, Lauren West; and third place, Victoria Humphrey.

First place winners' compositions will be judged at the state level. Winners celebrate Young Writer's Day on May 11 at the University of Charleston.

## Senior Recognition Set for May 4

Seniors will be recognized for scholarship money they are receiving from West Virginia and from colleges and universities on Friday, May 4, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. in the WPHS Gymnasium.

Seniors are to return their acknowledgment form to the Guidance Department by Wednesday, April 25, if they wish to be recognized.

## Speech Team Continues Winning Tradition

Speech teachers Bill Cornforth, Kayla Nelson, and Josh Fromhart, along with parent volunteer Lori Mathieu, once again celebrated the success of their talented students. The Speech Team captured its 33rd straight first place overall sweepstakes title at the West Virginia Interscholastic Forensics League State Speech and Debate Tournament in Morgantown, WV, on March 9 and 10. Individual state champions included Derek Hunter, Gabby Payne, Hannah Hlad, Eli Lambie, and Karen Laska.

Individual award winners were Derek Hunter, first place Lincoln-Douglas Debate and first place Congressional Debate; Gabby Payne, first place Duo Interpretation and third place Poetry; Hannah Hlad, first place Duo Interpretation and fourth place Humorous Interpretation; Eli Lambie, first place Humorous Interpretation, second place Duo Interpretation, and third place Impromptu; Karen Laska, first place Extemporaneous Speaking.

Other winning team members included Mallory Ledergerber and Eric Dorfner, first place Public Forum Debate; Danielle Walter, first place Salesmanship and second place Duo Interpretation; Annie Barbeau, second place Lincoln-Douglas Debate and Best Speaker in Lincoln-Douglas Debate; Madeleine Hall, second place Prose and third place Original Oratory; Stefanie Lemasters, third place Prose and fourth place Poetry; Samantha Dodd, third place Extemporaneous Speaking; McKenzie Rodgers, third place Declamation; Lauren West, fourth place Original Oratory and semi-finalist, Impromptu; Christa Calangelo, fourth place Salesmanship; Allison Hone, fourth place Congressional Debate; Austin Gage, fifth place Declamation; Ciana Cassi, fifth place Broadcasting; Anna Phillips, sixth place Broadcasting; Erin Jorden, sixth place Dramatic Interpretation; Alyson Hehr and Blake Humphrey, quarter-finalists Public Forum Debate; Carlito Gilchrist, Dramatic Interpretation.

## Flowers, Herbs, Vegetables Ready Soon

The greenhouse is an explosion of color and is overflowing with a wide assortment of beautiful hanging baskets, ferns, pots of flowers, herbs, beds of flowers, and vegetable plants. Some new varieties of plants and new rustic planters are also available this year.

Twelve-inch ferns at a price of \$10.00 are available now. Other plants will soon be ready for sale to the school community and to the public at reasonable prices. More information about plant sales is available on the school website.

## Summer School Offered to Students

Summer School begins Monday, June 18, 2012, and continues through Friday, July 13, 2012. Classes will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., and bus transportation will be provided. Instruction opportunities include the following: attend and take a course for credit recovery or Physical Education and earn 1/2 credit; enroll in one or more Online Courses and earn up to 1-1/2 credits; or complete a combination of both.

Traditional course offerings are English 9, 10, 11, 12; Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Transitional Math, Conceptual Math; Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science; World History, US to 1900, 20th—21st Century, Civics; Physical Education; Career Preparation. Online course offerings are Civics B, Civics B Honors; Music Appreciation; Health I, Health II.

Students should return a completed application to the Guidance Office by Monday, May 21, 2012. Confirmation of enrollment will be made by Friday, June 8, 2012, either by telephone or email.

### Recovery Credit Offered

Recovery credit in all core classes and in Physical Education will be offered from June 18 through July 13. Classes are at WPHS from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Online classes will also be available at no cost to the student. To register, students should contact the Guidance Department.

### Geography Bowl Team State Champs

Social Studies teacher Jacob Galik's students participated on March 17 in the West Virginia Geography Bowl. The team defeated George Washington High School in the championship round with a score of 75-35, making WPHS the first school to win multiple Geography Bowl championships. Team members were Samantha Dodd, Alex Franke, Cecily Flight, Rebecca Sellers, Eric Dorfner, Michael Hooper, Derek Hunter, and Will Wagner.

## Yes, I Can!

Volunteers are needed to make After Prom a success. Please complete this form and return it to the Main Office or send it to WPHS After Prom, P.O. Box 2011, Wheeling, WV 26003. *Volunteers do not have to work an entire day or evening. They may select a convenient time.*

- Sell tickets April 24, 25, 26, or 27 from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- Set up Friday, April 27, from 2:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m.
- Help the night of Prom – Select a time between 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- Monetary donation

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Name of Volunteer

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Telephone Number



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## **Advanced Placement Exam Schedule**

Monday, May 7	Chemistry
Wednesday, May 9	Calculus AB
	Calculus BC
Thursday, May 10	English Literature
Tuesday, May 15	US Government & Politics
Wednesday, May 16	English Language
	Statistics
Thursday, May 17	World History
Friday, May 18	Human Geography
Wednesday, May 23	US History
Thursday, May 24	Spanish Language
Friday, May 25	Biology
	Physics B
	Physics C

Exam times and locations will be posted on the Wheeling Park High School Web Page under general announcements.