



THE VIEW

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

First I would like to take the opportunity to let you know how honored I am to step into the role of Principal. Westview has been my home for the last nine years, and I look forward to continuing the outstanding work that Westview has become known for around the country.

Dawn Kastner prepared the following message for the PTSA Newsletter prior to moving over to her new position at Mt. Carmel High School.

Thank you,

Todd Cassen
Principal

December 3, 2010

Today was a day of emotional highs and lows. I started the morning by listening to our student vocal groups sing some of their holiday concert music. The smiling faces and beautiful music stayed with me as I visited other classrooms and enjoyed watching the wonderful learning experiences that were occurring. My buoyant mood was sadly transformed when I received a heartbreaking email from our new superintendent, Dr. Collins, informing us that our recently retired superintendent, Dr. Phillips had passed away. Don was an incredible educator and leader, and his influence on this district was profound. I am grateful for the many things I learned from Don.

One of Don's key goals was college readiness for all, and I'm proud of the effort I see students putting in every day to reach that goal. I wanted to share an email I received last week from our receptionist:

"Today I had a phone call from a prospective parent who is a teacher at [a local community college] and is looking at moving into our boundaries. She said that she wants her daughter to come to our school because as a teacher she sees how prepared our students are and she appreciates what a great job our staff does to prepare the students for college. She told me that she does not get the blank stare from the Westview students when she is teaching that she gets from so many others. They are mature and it is a joy to read the work they turn in."

Finally I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the impressive number of Westview students who took the SAT in October and received

perfect scores of 800 on at least one of the three sections of the test: Hedda Bates, Aleyni Cerezo, Tony Chen, Lydia Chin, George Du, Sean Fowler, Christine Li, Alexander Lin, Joy Liu, Kavitha Lobo, Nathan Siegel, Benjamin Statz, Nicholas Sun, Brenda Tang, Thuy Tran, Lillian Wang, Benjamin Yu, Shannon Zhang, Peter Zhao, and Jason Zhu. Kudos to 11th graders Christine Li and Nathan Siegel for each earning a perfect score of 2400 on the SAT!

On behalf of the Westview community, I wish all of our Wolverine families a happy and fulfilling 2011. May this be your best year ever!

Dawn Kastner

REFLECTIONS

The WV Reflections program is proud to announce the names of the students whose pieces have moved on to the next level of competition. We are impressed with the talent and appreciate the effort these students have made to showcase Westview's talents in the arts.

*Benjamin Statz
Briana Nui
Connie Chen
Peter Nasielski
Whitney Peterson
Yash Huilgol
Holly Luo
Brittany Budenholzer
Ying Vuong
Alicia Xu
Chelsea (Cheeyeon) Park
Justin Chiang
Esther Chen
Christine Sun
Miwa Shirai*

WINTER SPORTS

Show your team spirit by cheering your favorite team on. Check the website for dates and times. Go Wolverines!

- [Basketball \(Boys\)](#)
- [Basketball \(Girls\)](#)
- [Roller Hockey](#)
- [Soccer \(Boys\)](#)
- [Soccer \(Girls\)](#)
- [Water Polo \(Girls\)](#)
- [Wrestling](#)

ATHLETIC TRANSPORTATION DONATION

Winter sports transportation donation requested! Please remember to send in your \$100 donation to the Athletic Department. Click here for the [Athletic Transportation Donation form](#). If you have already contributed this year, we thank you very much!

WHAT'S COMING UP...

January 20 & 21, 2011	Minimum Day - Finals
January 22, 2011	SAT Testing
January 24, 2011	Quarter 3 Begins
January 28, 2011	No School - Professional Growth Day
February 1 & 2, 2011	Minimum Days
February 5, 2011	Mock SAT Test
February 8, 2011	PTSA Association Meeting
February 14-18, 2011	No School - District Recess
March 12, 2011	SAT Test Date
March 31 & April 1, 2011	Minimum Days - Finals
April 4 -9 , 2011	No School - District Recess
April 12, 2011	PTSA Association Meeting
May 2 - 12, 2011	AP Exams
May 7, 2011	SAT Test Date
May 30, 2011	No School - Memorial Day
June 4, 2011	SAT Test Date
June 7, 2011	PTSA Association Meeting
June 9, 2011	Last Day of School

QUICK WEB LINKS

[Daily Bulletin](#) – visit the daily bulletin to see what’s happening today!

[School Calendar](#) – see what events are coming up throughout the year.

[General Information](#) – can’t find what you’re looking for? Try this link.

[Athletics](#) – support your Westview Wolverines – visit the athletic pages to see when your favorite team is playing.

[Counseling](#) – graduation requirements, colleges visiting Westview, scholarships, course catalog, etc.

[PTSA Webpage](#) - see all that the Westview PTSA has to offer.

COLLEGE READINESS

College fairs and expo events are listed on our [counseling website](#).

WESTVIEW WOLVERINE NUTRITION CENTER

The Westview Wolverine Nutrition Center is proud to continue offering the National School Breakfast Program (NSBP) value-priced, nutritious and complete breakfast combination, on a daily basis served before school starts. For only a \$1.50 full price and a \$0.30 reduced price or free for those who qualify, a Westview student can choose from a daily changing menu, a breakfast entrée, side dish and milk choice. Favorites include the "Home-Style Breakfast Chicken Patty Slider," nutrient packed donuts, cereals, fresh fruit and other delicious selections.

Research has shown that starting the day with a nutritious breakfast helps students stay alert and perform better in school. Having breakfast in the morning also helps children develop healthy eating habits and contributes to their overall well-being.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES PACKAGE

Dear Senior Parents,
We have many exciting events planned for your son/daughter’s senior year. Our senior package offers discounted prices for all the events we plan on holding this upcoming year. The package includes:

Package Deal Price	A La Carté Prices
Senior Giveaway Days (At least 3) - <i>Random</i> (\$20.00)	Senior Giveaway Days (At least 3) - <i>Random</i> (\$30.00)
Senior Harbor Cruise 4/15 (\$70.00)	Senior Harbor Cruise 4/15 (\$80.00)
Disneyland - TBA (\$95.00)	Disneyland - TBA (\$105.00)
Broomball - 10/8, 2/25 (\$15.00)	Broomball - 10/8, 2/25 (\$30.00)
Senior Breakfast June 7	Senior Breakfast June 7 (FREE)
Senior Picnic June 8	Senior Picnic June 8 (FREE)
Senior Event Package Total: \$200.00 Please note: NO refunds will be given.	A La Carté (to purchase individually) Total \$245.00

TO ORDER THE SENIOR PACKAGE or A LA CARTE ITEMS
Download a [Senior Activity Order Form](#)

Tickets for individual events will be available throughout the year. If you purchase the package now, you will be **saving \$45.00 over the cost of individual tickets.**

A check for \$200.00 (made payable to **Westview**) needs to be turned into the Finance office before **December 17, 2010**. Individual items will be available after this date.

For each event held outside of the normal school day, signed permission slips will be needed regardless of whether or not the student has 18-year-old rights. Permission slips are available online and must be completed and submitted to the Finance Office two weeks before each event.

WESTVIEW GOLD

Westview Gold Places First in Arcadia

On a very rainy Saturday, just before Thanksgiving break, the Westview Marching Band was invited to march in a competitive parade and then perform in a tournament field show at Citrus College. The GOLD won gold by placing first in their division! They played their hearts out and were rewarded for all their hard work for their last tournament of the year.

3 Leg Torso Concert

An incredible group traveled from Portland to work with the band and orchestra students and then perform in a show that was simply amazing. Not only did they inspire the students they even introduced them to the joys of the accordion as well!

Winter Show "Santa and the Symphony II"

Back by popular demand, Santa joined the show of band and orchestra students for two fabulous nights of fun musical entertainment. Santa was even available for pictures before the show and during intermission. There's always a canned/non-perishable food drive as well which brought in 14,000 items this year.

Disneyland

Last but not least, the Marching Band was invited to play at the Disneyland Parade on December 11th and the orchestra performed in Carnation Plaza. Everyone got to enjoy the park the rest of the time and stayed until the park closed at midnight!

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT

"Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions."
Albert Einstein

NAVY JROTC



Westview Navy JROTC rocks!!!

Two hardworking cadets have been awarded ROTC Scholarships for 2011/12 - Allison Adamos to USD and Connor Oberrick to either Duke, North Carolina or Vanderbilt. Those are \$180,000 scholarships and by the end of the year we should have at least two more!

The unit has been mixing plenty of competition with pleasure. In November 35 cadets flew to Hawaii on a Navy C-40 transport (a 737 in the civilian world) to visit the USS Arizona Memorial. The group also had the opportunity to witness some fine Hawaiian culture at the Paradise Cove Luau - not a lot of food was left over after the cadets made two and three passes through the buffet line.

Westview has established itself as the premier unit in Southern California during Field Meet competitions by winning two of three so far this year. Forty cadets compete in Personnel Inspection, five drill events, an academic test and four athletic events. Westview placed first at the UCLA NJROTC Drill Meet and the Valley of the Sun Field Meet in Phoenix, AZ. The unit stayed onboard Luke AFB during the trip to Phoenix. The marksmanship team continued its winning ways by placing first at the Pasadena NJROTC Marksmanship Invitational where Westview cadets took home 10 of 12 medals. Westview marksmanship members have gone on to the Navy JROTC Service Championship for six straight years.

The cadets just wrapped up a very successful Annual Military Inspection with the highest grade possible (Outstanding) and our traditional Adopt-a-Family and Toys for Tots campaign. Community service events are an important part of NJROTC.

Upcoming events include Wreaths Across America at Fort Rosecrans and a field trip to the Reagan Library where cadets will get the opportunity to visit their Discovery Center to role play the Grenada Invasion.



Counselor's Corner

Financial Aid Workshop [12th graders]

A financial aid workshop will be held for parents of seniors on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. The workshop, which begins at 6:00pm in the Westview Theatre, will provide important information regarding the process of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The financial aid director of a local college will be presenting the information, as well as answering questions. At 5:00pm, the computer lab will also be open to provide families an avenue for applying for their Personal Identification Number (PIN), which is required for submitting an online FAFSA.

College Visit [9th-12th graders]

New School of Architecture in San Diego will be visiting campus on February 25, 2011 during lunch in the Wolverine Center to conduct an information session for students interested in studying architecture at that campus. Sign up to attend this session in Family Connection by clicking on the "Colleges" tab and then clicking on the appropriate link.

Interested in the Marine Corps? [11th-12th graders]

If you are interested in learning more about a career in the Marine Corps or about their scholarship programs, they will be on campus on January 26, 2011 during lunch in the Wolverine Center to meet with students. Sign up to attend this session in Family Connection by clicking on the "Colleges" tab and then clicking on the appropriate link.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The scholarships below have recently been posted in [Family Connection](#). To access all scholarship details, log into your account, click on the Colleges tab and then click on the Scholarship List link.

Cox Heroes (Ref. #126)
12th graders/\$10,000

Applicants must be live in a Cox Communications service area; have a demonstrated financial need; have a strong commitment to civic participation as demonstrated by involvement in community, church or school activities; be a June 2011 graduate of a high school in San Diego County; and, be enrolled as a full-time student beginning in fall of 2011 at an accredited two-year college, four-year university or licensed trade/vocational school located in San Diego County. Requires application, personal statement, two letters of recommendation, official transcript and a copy of your and/or your parents' 2009 tax return. Deadline: January 28.

Discover Scholarship Program (Ref. #130)
11th graders/\$10,000

Applicants must be current high school juniors; minimum 2.75 unweighted cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale for the 9th-10th grades; demonstrate accomplishments in community service and leadership; and, have faced a significant roadblock or challenge. Must be planning to continue your education after high school in a two- or four-year trade and technical education or two- or four-year college degree. Requires online application. Deadline: January 31.

Sam Walton Community Scholarship (Ref. #131)
12th graders/\$3,000

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or Permanent Legal Resident (has an Alien Registration Card); must be a senior in high school; minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and have taken either the ACT or SAT; plan to enroll full-time for fall 2011 as a freshman at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university located in the U.S. (look for the name of the school on the official website of the U.S. Department of Education); and, must have financial need and be able to demonstrate with required documents. Employees of Walmart or a dependent of Walmart employees are not eligible. Requires online application. Deadline: January 31.

Carl's Jr. Scholarship (Ref. #128)
12th graders/\$1,000

Applicants must be students age 21 and under and planning to enroll for the first time in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the 2011-2012 school year. Requires application, adult appraisal, and transcript. Deadline: February 1

Best Buy @ 15 Scholarship Program (Ref. #165)
9th-12th graders/\$1,000

Applicants must be in grades 9-12; planning to enter a full-time undergraduate course of a college study upon high school graduation in, university or vocational school in the U.S. or Puerto Rico. Requires online application. Deadline: February 16

University of the Pacific Ohr L'Goyim Scholarship (Ref. #373)
12th graders/\$1,000

Applicants must be Westview seniors; Jewish background; and, planning on pursuing an education at the University of the Pacific in the fall studying in dentistry or pharmacy. Requires personal statement, copy of acceptance letter from the University of the Pacific and verification of your Jewish background. Deadline: April 18