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Weston High School

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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Spring has finally arrived, and, as we enter the home stretch, the number of our events and programs accelerate during the next two months. Our big news is that the date for graduation has finally been set. Graduation will be held on Friday, June 22, at 6:00 p.m.

Pictured here is a representative from the University of Edinburgh with students during our first International College Fair that was held in late March. Representatives from countries including Ireland, England, Italy, France, Japan, and Australia had booths in the library during the lunch block. Many students took advantage of the opportunity to hear about different study abroad programs.



Our annual school-wide assembly sponsored by the Weston Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program (ADAP) will take place on April 20. This year's speaker is John Morello. To learn more about Mr. Morello's speaking style, bio, and one man show, click the following link: <https://www.johnmorello.com>.

April 24 is the make-up day for the administration of the SAT for all juniors. You may recall that we were closed due to snow on the March date. April 24 will be a half day for all students with dismissal at noon. A letter will be forthcoming regarding specific programs.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Animal Behavior students in Ms. Greenberg's class had the opportunity to learn about behavioral research in the field when Katherine Meier came to talk about her experiences studying wild orangutans in Borneo. She spent a year there under the auspices of Rutgers University and gave our students a fascinating glimpse into life as a field biologist, as well as the semi-social lives of the orangutans. Ms. Meier will be pursuing her Ph.D. in anthropology and forest ecology at Yale.



Health teachers Mr. Richetelli and Ms. Aquila hosted a representative from The Center of Sexual Assault Crisis Counseling and Education for our sophomore and senior health classes. Jessica Feighan gave sophomores a presentation on sexual assault, helping students understand the issue and debunking myths about perpetrators and victims. The senior presentation, “Know before You Go,” provided an in-depth look at the issue of college sexual assault and campus culture.



PTLW Tiny Homes are being modeled in Autodesk Revit, which is a building for information modeling (BIM) program. Students have to stay within a 250 square foot constraint, utilizing universal design considerations and passive energy systems in their designs. To add to the creativity of their models, students develop a “unique” feature for their home. Fireplaces, hot tubs on roofs, basketball hoops, floating stairs, and completely changing the structure of the home to resemble a yurt are all examples of these details.

Spanish 5H and Spanish 6AP students attended the play “The House of Bernarda Alba” by Spanish playwright Federico Garcia Lorca. The performance took place at Repertorio Español, a Spanish speaking theatre in New York City. Students read the play as part of their Spanish curriculum.

ATHLETICS

Weston High School boys’ basketball programs have been awarded the Harold Swaffield Sportsmanship Award for the 2017-18 season. This award is presented annually to the programs that have demonstrated the most consistent level of good sportsmanship on the court throughout the basketball season. This includes players, coaches, and fans.



Spring sports are under way and competitions started earlier this month. We are looking forward to warmer weather and more success from our spring athletes. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Dana Parsons as the new head coach for girl's tennis. She is a Weston resident with two children in the intermediate school and, at one time, was ranked #3 in the United States as a paddle tennis player. Ms. Parsons played college tennis at University of Tennessee.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

Company’s performance of South Pacific was a resounding success with sold out crowds for all four performances. We are so proud of all of the students that contributed to this exemplary show. From the lighting, costumes and sets, to the beautiful music by our student pit, and the actors and actresses and student directors and producers, it was an incredible collaborative effort.





St. Baldrick's Club hosted a terrific fundraiser in late March with many of our students shaving their heads to support childhood cancer. At the time of this newsletter over \$42,000 had been raised. We are so proud of all of our students as well as the assistant to the athletic director, Mr. Frank, who also participated.
