Seniors invited to College Signing Day

School Counseling is holding a College Signing Day event May 6 for students committed by May 1 to a college, trade school or the military. Participants need:

- A completed college application (some schools are still accepting them)
- A letter or email indicating you’re accepted
- A FAFSA confirmation you applied for aid
- To officially commit to one college
- A finished Senior Survey

Girls hockey, indoor track have banner season

Jeffrey Flores, Drew Highsmith, Abdoul Aremu and Talon Butler, WHHS’ 4x200 indoor track relay team, became state champs in the 200 medley relay and placed 6th in the New England High School Indoor Championships in Boston in February. They also broke multiple WHHS records and were honored by the Board of Education.

Girls hockey Coach Erin Blake was named the SCC Division II Coach of the Year, and captain Gabi Prisco, SCC Division II Player of the Year. The team finished with a 10-10-2 record and made it to the SCC Division II championship in February. Both awards are voted on by SCC coaches.

Junior earns prestigious Governor’s Scholar Award, will be honored in May

Junior Rose Silver has been named a Governor’s Scholar and will be honored at a ceremony in May. She is one of just 30 students in the state to earn the recognition, which is awarded to academically talented high school students who rank in the top 5 percent of their class. A Governor’s Scholar committee judges applications, which include rank, PSAT, SAT or ACT scores and an essay. The 30 students with the highest scores are selected. Rose is a member of Camerata, VolunTEEN, the National Honor Society and the orchestra pit for WHHS musicals.

Sophomore’s work goes national with STEM group

Sophomore Ian Cooke and a team of other local students competed in April in a national contest for their redesign of New Haven’s River Street area through the ACE Mentoring Program. Theirs was one of nine ACE projects from across the country accepted into the contest. ACE pairs students with local professionals for a design project to teach them about architecture, construction and engineering. WHHS has partnered with ACE for the past few years. The program is free for students.
Dear WHHS families:

Here we are in May already, preparing to send our seniors out into the world and wrapping up another school year. I can’t remember the last time our final day of school was so early—you’ve got to love a winter with only two snow days!

Though we’re all excited for warmer temperatures and the upcoming summer break, it’s important that students finish the year on a strong note and continue putting academics first. Important tests are on the horizon, including AP and final exams (see the next page for details on finals).

We’re also beginning to finalize graduation. Parents, please see page 11 for information on tickets, student rehearsals, cap and gown distribution, and the ceremony. Remember—we begin graduation PROMPTLY at 6 p.m. That means music begins playing and grads begin processing onto the field well in advance of that time. The parking lot will be busy, and seats in the bleachers will be filling up, so be sure to give yourself plenty of extra time to park and find a seat.

On page 9, you’ll see information about an anonymous survey we are asking each of you to take online as part of WHHS’ self-study to renew accreditation. We take the self-study process very seriously and ask that you give us honest opinions so we can improve student, parent and staff experiences at WHHS.

Thank you for cooperation this year and for helping to make the WHHS community as great as it is. Best wishes for the final marking period.

Pamela B. Gardner, Principal

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**Join us: ‘One Book, One Community’ project**

WHHS kicked off the "One Book, One School Community" program in March. All students are reading essays from “This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women,” and parents are invited to be involved in the conversation. Additional copies of the book are available at public library branches. Visit facebook.com/westiesbelieve or bit.ly/whhsonebook for more information.

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**Upcoming Events**

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**Early Dismissal**
Senior Band Concert, 7:30p.m.
Honors Awards, Cielo, 9 a.m.
Top Twenty Luncheon
Senior Final Exams
Senior Prom, Villa Bianca, 6 p.m.
Underclass Final Exams
Rotary Scholarship Luncheon
Graduation Rehearsals, 8:00am
**FINAL EXAM DATES**

**Seniors:** June 3-8, with make-ups on June 9  
**Grades 9-11:** June 6-9, with make-ups June 10 and June 13  
*Juniors* in mixed classes with seniors must take their period 8 and 7 final exams on June 9.

**IN CASE OF ILLNESS**

If a student is sick and will miss a final exam, he/she must contact his/her tract administrator with notification of the absence.

**FINAL EXAM GRADING**

—EN as an exam grade = a grade of zero. Students who do not show up for a final exam and do not get administrative approval to re-take the final exam will earn a grade of zero (0) for the exam.

—Final exams count for 10% of the final (Y1) grade.

—Fourth & Final Rule – Students who fail BOTH the fourth marking period and the final exam will lose credit in that course.

**FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS**

—Final exam exemptions do not apply to semester-long classes.

—Seniors may be exempt from full-year course final exams if they have a “B” or better average AND have not exceeded 16 attendance points in that class.

—Final exam exemptions for seniors do not apply to students failing the 4th marking period. Any student failing the fourth marking period must take the final.

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**PLEASE NOTE:**

*All students are required to take exams when scheduled.*

*Any student who has a conflict with a scheduled exam must see his or her administrator.*

*Students without a scheduled exam do not need to come to school.*

*Make-ups are only given with administrative approval.*

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**END-OF-YEAR GRADE CONCERNS**

School counselors are contacting students who are in danger of failing for the year. Strategies will be discussed to enhance success and pass (afterschool homework help, office hours, Odysseyware). Seniors in danger of not graduating will be contacted, along with their parent, to schedule a meeting with their counselor and administrator.
SOCIAL STUDIES

Students visit Hartford

WHHS students witnessed government in action while attending the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education’s (CABE) annual “Day on the Hill” March 2 in Hartford. They had a chance to voice opinions on school issues and meet with legislators. Representing West Haven: WHHS students Shaileen Smith, Susanne Beyl, Joseph Miller, Maria Melado, Yessica Textle, Annette Munoz, and BOE members Rosa Richardson and Patricia Libero.

AIC Integrity Contest

This year's winner of the Academic Integrity Committee’s Integrity Essay Contest was junior Aliyah Lopes. Aliyah wrote a song entitled “Integrity.” Lyrics criticize the depiction of African-American fashion models by the mass media, deaths of unarmed black teens shot by police, and the income gap between rich and poor. Aliyah won a $20 credit at the WHHS school store. Aliyah's song and an essay explaining the lyrics will now be entered into a statewide contest.

MATH

WHHS’ Math Department held its annual Pi Day Contest March 14, challenging students to write on the board as many digits of Pi as they had memorized. Winners got to "pie" a teacher in the face. Pi Day is celebrated each year on 3/14, as Pi is the ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter, nearly equal to 3.14159... Sophomore Betsy Magana won with 287 digits of Pi memorized and pied Mr. Trenchard.

STEM

Girls in STEM effort expands

WHHS continues offering opportunities in and outside of school for Westie girls through its Girls in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) program.

WHHS held a Girls in STEM Workshop this spring with two Sikorsky employees: WHHS grad Calleigh Esposito (pictured) and Patricia Snider. The engineers told WHHS girls about STEM careers and what they could study, and gave an overview of Sikorsky helicopters.

A group of WHHS freshmen and sophomores also recently attended the G2O Girls & STEM Expo at Gateway Community College. They explored STEM careers, did some hands-on projects with other students and local professionals, and heard from presenters. The girls also learned about local employers.
DONATIONS & GRANTS
Teachers secure grants, donations for equipment

WHHS special education teacher Mrs. Anastasio received a grant for two Livescribe Smartpens, accessories and ink for students with reading disabilities to take notes and keep up with their class.

Mrs. Porto received a $500 grant from the Connecticut Italian Teachers Association and purchased Kindle Fires for students doing online activities on websites like quizlet.com, conjuguemos.com or nearpod.com.

Mrs. Woychowski acquired a new book truck and six portable speakers via the Donors Choose website for the Library Media Center. The book cart replaces two that are beyond repair to transport books and materials from the library to classrooms and back. The speakers are shared by teachers for streaming media and videos to enrich and supplement lessons so students can better hear the audio.

Linker’s Mobil and ExxonMobil Fuels Marketing awarded a $500 grant for math and science programs.

PSAT TESTING
Student earns top score

Junior Evelyn Fabian scored in the top 2.5% on the PSAT/NMSQT among all Hispanic and Latino test-takers in our region. She was invited to participate in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

FRENCH
Activities supplement language lessons

Students of French had a crepe lesson, demonstration and sampling in February with culinary arts teacher Robbin Pierz and French teacher Gina Reichert. They also attended the third French dinner and movie night of the year. Students enjoyed pizza and French dessert crème brûlée, prepared by former Westie Samantha Romano, who owns Sammy’s Sweets, as they listened to French café music. They then watched French film “Le Papillon.”

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

WHHS seniors served as guest readers at Edith E. Mackrille Elementary School, Forest Elementary School, Savin Rock Community School and Carrigan Intermediate School on Read Across America Day March 2.

TECH ED

Construction students recently volunteered with a Habitat for Humanity home construction build. The homes are constructed for underprivileged citizens. Students are exposed to and play a major role in the entire construction process.

Tech Ed visited Universal Technical Institute in Massachusetts this spring to explore marine, automotive, motorcycle and diesel programs. Many WHHS grads have attended UTI and several are currently enrolled.
Westies in grades 10-12 competed for the first time in the Yale Invitational Science Olympiad this winter, finishing 43rd. Contestants were challenged with various activities, including some focusing on bridge-building, protein modeling, wind power, electric vehicles, and forensics. Some required them to bring something that they built, while others required them to take a written test.

BLACK HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Seniors Jason Frazer and Amber Bennings were honored at City Hall by the West Haven Black Heritage Committee, Mayor Edward M. O'Brien and Commissioner Steven R. Mullins. Jason is a Bailey Middle School and Family Resource Center volunteer, and was a member of the Developing Tomorrow’s Professionals program. He also graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission and will enter the United States Naval Academy in fall 2017. Amber is a Peer Advocate, Class Council vice president, and secretary of the WHHS Academic Integrity Committee. She is also in band and played varsity soccer and indoor/outdoor track. Amber will attend Quinnipiac University in the fall.

DECA

DECA members James McCarthy, Joe Consorte and Mario Kiaunis placed third in the Financial Literacy Promotion event at the statewide DECA competition, and John Cambino finished fourth in the Franchise Business Category, making them eligible to attend nationals in Nashville. Member Christina Baez was also elected to the office of vice president of academic development of the CT DECA Executive Council. Additionally, DECA officers recently donated $2,000 to support “Blue & White... Up All Night” for the senior class.

ROTARY CLUB

Senior Jay Silver won the West Haven Rotary’s 4-way Speech Contest, which is open to seniors at WHHS and Notre Dame High School and requires a speech on any topic aligned with the Rotary’s core values. He will now compete at the state Rotary’s semi-finals.
**Upcoming Events**

**FAFSA Night for Juniors, May 5, WHHS, 6-7 p.m.:**
Date for filing FAFSA is now October 1 (instead of January 1). Learn about this important change. There will not be a FAFSA workshop in the fall, so be sure to attend this event.

**College Signing Day, May 6, WHHS:** A celebration of seniors' commitments to college, a trade school or the military.

**COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS**

**SAT:** Many 4-year colleges require the SAT test. Students interested in highly competitive schools should also consider SAT II subject tests.

Register: [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com)  School Code: 070910

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**ACT:** The ACT is an option for most college admissions. Many students take it to see if they score at a higher level than the SAT.

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**FairTest:** The FairTest is the National Center for fair and open testing for college admittance. The website ([www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)) lists colleges/universities that deemphasize the use of standardized tests.

Students can take the SAT and ACT for free if they receive free or reduced lunch. They may receive a fee waiver in School Counseling.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Start investigating colleges of interest on weekends and summer break.
- Review colleges you have selected or visited with your counselor.
- Use Naviance to see the probability of being accepted to a college based on your GPA, rank and PSAT scores.

**COLLEGE-BOUND JUNIORS**

- Students took the CT SAT in March. For information on using their results for college applications, visit [whhs.whschools.org](http://whhs.whschools.org) and click the “Parents and Students” tab.
- Juniors had portfolio sessions over the past few months with parents and counselors regarding Student Success Plans and post-secondary plans.

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- Summer school information will be given out in June. Students may enroll in online Odysseyware courses to recover credit in electives. See Mrs. Paredes for Odysseyware registration and summer school.

**UPDATES BY GRADE**

**Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors:**
- Any students failing a class should meet with their teacher during office hours and their counselor to discuss grades and interventions. They should also visit the WHHS Tutoring/Homework Center in D14.
- Course selection for next year is done. Students had the opportunity to meet with counselors and select courses. There are NO schedule changes in September.

**Sophomores:**
- Student Success Planning/Portfolio sessions are this spring.
- Sophomores take the "Do What You Are" personality assessment this month on Naviance to find potential college and career matches and identify their individual learning styles.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Set aside time to apply to scholarships by bringing applications to the WHHS Scholarship Club (every Monday, period 8 until 2:15 p.m. in the library), or apply to scholarships recommended by the club that day.

Scholarships are available and continuously updated on [Naviance](http://Naviance). Information regarding the most popular scholarships and scholarships pertinent to West Haven residents will be emailed to the students. Seniors should check their email and Naviance weekly.
ATHLETIC UPDATES

SWIMMING & DIVING
Senior Max Padro signed a letter of intent to attend and swim for Southern Connecticut State University next fall. He's broken a WHHS record in nearly every swim stroke and last year became the first Westie to win a boys Class L swimming event in school history.

BASKETBALL:
STUDENTS VS. STAFF
A team of juniors beat a team of seniors for the chance to challenge staff members in a basketball game in April. The staff team was victorious against the juniors. Guests were also treated to an entertaining halftime show that featured a lip sync championship—with Mr. Trenchard taking home top honors—as well as an OG West Steppers performance and special guests performing to a Beyoncé song.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES
Seniors Talia Raucci and Tyler Paine were named SCC Scholar Athletes for March. Talia is a captain and 4-year member of the girls swim team, field leader of the band and a Washington School mentor. Tyler is a 4-year member of the boys hockey team, served as team captain this year, and is a Rotary Club Scholar-Athlete.

CHEERLEADING
Amani Cayo was named to the Connecticut Coaches Association All-State Cheerleading Team. WHHS cheerleaders also competed in February in the UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship in Florida.

BASKETBALL
Malachi Campbell was named to the First Team All-SCC Boys Basketball Quinnipiac Division.

HOCKEY
Tyler Paine was named to the First Team All-SCC Boys Hockey.

THEATRE WORKSHOP
The WHHS Theatre Workshop performed “Cabaret” as its spring musical. In addition to the 27 student-actors and three crew members, there was an orchestra of West Haven and local students for musical numbers.

PILLOWTIME THEATRE
Pillowtime Theatre performed “Schoolhouse Rock Live Jr.” (with permission of Music Theatre International) at WHHS for more than 1,600 elementary students from West Haven in April. Senior Brianna Hackett directed with assistance from Devin Pascale and Karen Caseres.
WHHS is starting the accreditation review process through the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Commission on Public Secondary Schools. This requires WHHS to conduct a self-study that evaluates its own strengths and weaknesses. The goal is to then make improvements to the school.

As part of this study, WHHS is asking all students, parents and staff members to take an anonymous survey online about their feelings on WHHS. Each survey takes 15-20 minutes to complete. The results of this survey are used as evidence to support our self-study documents. Your input is necessary to aid in continued accreditation for WHHS.

To take the survey:
Please go to the website: bitly.com/westhavenselfstudy

On that page you will see:

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**Enter your code in this area.**

Students must enter this code: S2018151

Staff must enter this code: T3027242

Parents must enter this code: P4036235

Any questions on demographics are strictly confidential and will be used for research purposes.

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**Why it’s important you take the WHHS Self-Study Survey**

We are aiming for 100 percent participation among students, parents and staff, as recommended by NEASC.

We need your help to continue offering a top-notch experience to current students and upcoming generations of Westies.

The survey will ask you about school culture, classes, club and program offerings, the building, school spirit and more.

- **Survey is available:** May 2-18
- **Student survey:** to be taken in English class
- **Survey website:** bitly.com/westhavenselfstudy

**What is accreditation?**

The goal of accreditation is to maintain a quality education for the entire student population. Accreditation ensures that an outside agency has examined and evaluated the extent to which a school meets the Standards for Accreditation of NEASC’s Commission on Public Secondary Schools. The results are made public as an indication of the quality perceived and attested to by outside professional educators.

You can learn more about the NEASC Self-Study process by visiting: cpss.neasc.org

As WHHS engages in the self-study process, it is vitally important that all staff, students and parents are involved.

—Take the survey ASAP.

—Parents and students will be involved in committee work and the September 2017 Accreditation Visit. If you are interested, email your name and contact information to: Yvonne.corrado@whschools.org
School Spirit

Blue and White...Up All Night

A substance-free post-graduation all-night celebration for the Class of 2016

Cash cube       Breakfast bar
Hypnotist       Salad/deli bar
DJ/karaoke      Pizza party
Buddy photos    Sports games
Obstacle course  Game shows

June 13-14 after graduation   Jewish Community Center, Woodbridge

Support our seniors! Help give them the send-off they deserve.

--Sponsors interested in making a monetary donation can make checks payable to Project Graduation and mail them to 1 McDonough Plaza, West Haven, CT 06516. Sponsorships available: Platinum ($500) Gold ($350) Silver ($200) Bronze ($100) Patron ($50)

--Volunteer now and help plan the event. OR, join us during the event by running an activity, manning the food tables, pitching in wherever needed--choose the time of day/night you want to help. For info or to sign up, contact Principal Pamela Gardner at 203-937-4360 ext. 7109 or email her at pamela.gardner@whschools.org.

--To contribute raffle prizes, call 203-937-4360 ext. 7109 or email pamela.gardner@whschools.org.

Little Miss Westie Pageant

The March 26 Little Miss Westie Pageant featured around 35 local girls and was run by Assistant Principal Dana Paredes, with assistance from WHHS seniors Gabby Athitang and Stefania Vendrella. It is a “Blue and White...Up All Night” fundraiser. Winners included:

Mackenzie Gardner—Overall Supreme Winner and Pre-Teen Miss Westie, earning a spot in the city’s Memorial Day Parade and $100 cash prize
Ariana Rose—People’s Choice    Lia Dunford—Sean’s Angel
Dior Fraser—Baby Miss Westie Alyssa Seneca—Mini Miss Westie
Nizhoni Wilson—Junior Miss Westie Kayla Suarez—Petite Miss Westie
Aurelie Elias—Lil’ Miss Westie Stephanie S.—Teen Miss Westie
Olivia Moretti—Lil’ Miss Community Spirit

School district volunteers will again visit neighborhoods in August through the Westies on Wheels program to deliver donated school supplies, talk with parents about school programs, and distribute student registration information. Donations are needed to make the event a success. Monetary donations can be sent to Dana Paredes at WHHS. To volunteer, email lauren.kozlowski@whschools.org. To donate supplies, email melanie.deninger@whschools.org.
FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Graduation tickets, caps & gowns and diplomas will be withheld from seniors who have outstanding fees, bills, or fines (replacement IDs, library books, textbooks, athletic equipment, uniforms, etc.). All financial obligations must be settled by June 8. See Mrs. Strosnick in the main office.

MANDATORY REHEARSALS

All rehearsals will begin in the auditorium and last from 8:30 a.m.-noon. All graduating seniors must attend these three rehearsals.

Rehearsal #1 - Thurs., June 9, 8:30 a.m.
Rehearsal #2 - Fri., June 10, 8:30 a.m.
Rehearsal #3 - Mon., June 13, 8:30 a.m.

Distribution of caps and gowns and tickets to all seniors in good standing will take place at rehearsals.

Blue & White... Up All Night

All seniors are invited to a substance-free up-all-night graduation celebration after graduation on June 13. Information is available in the DECA office and main office, and from Mr. McKee. FREE FOR SENIORS!

GRADUATION TICKETS

—Required for ceremony guests
—Each graduate gets 8 tickets to use if ceremony is outdoors
—Seating is first come, first served in home bleachers
—Overflow seating available in visitors bleachers
—The 3 blue tickets may be used if ceremony is indoors due to weather
—Limited number of extra tickets for the outdoor ceremony

PHOTOGRAPHS

—Professional photographers (Island Photography) take a picture of each grad receiving his/her diploma
—Color proofs mailed to your home within a week
—Enables parents to have a professional photograph while remaining seated to enjoy the ceremony
—Parents are encouraged to limit personal photography to before or after ceremony
WHHS Core Values & Beliefs for Learning

The West Haven High School community is dedicated to providing a positive and safe environment that celebrates differences while inspiring students to be self-motivated learners, critical thinkers and effective communicators. We believe all students should have access to 21st-century educational opportunities to prepare them to be responsible, ethical, and contributing members of a global society.

**Academic Expectations for Student Performance**
West Haven High School Students will focus their learning on:
- Critical and Creative Problem Solving
- Constructing and/or Analyzing Arguments Based on Evidence
- Meaningful and Fluent Communication
- Digital and Informational Literacy

**Social Expectations for Students**
West Haven High School Students will focus their learning on:
- Actively participating, within the school community, both independently and collaboratively.
- Taking responsibility for their actions and obligations.

**Civic Expectations for Students**
West Haven High School Students will focus their learning on:
- Demonstrating respect for themselves and others.
- Promoting a positive and safe school climate.
- Promoting and demonstrating the components of a healthy lifestyle.