

Behind the Wall

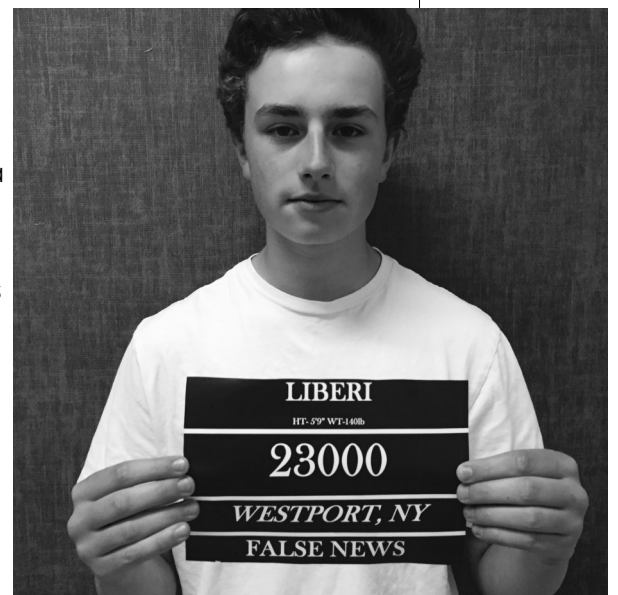
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BEHIND THE WALL JOURNALIST ACCUSED OF SPREADING FALSE NEWS

Inexperienced first year journalist Blake Liberi finally met his opposition. Liberi is known for his mischievous and often reckless behavior, having been blamed for ruining a lot of privileges for Westport students. Having written many controversial articles in the past year, Liberi is recognized for his untamed style of journalism. Finally, on Tuesday, May 9th, Blake was accurately accused by science teacher, Mr. Fiegl, of publishing false news in regards to the cutting down of the beloved maple tree on the front lawn of Westport Central. Liberi stated that he looked out the window and saw Mr. Fiegl with Ms. Elizabeth Lee by the new tree and assumed that he was helping her. At a journalism press conference on Friday, May 12, Mr. Fiegl explained what he was really doing that day. When the tree was cut down, he was very worked up. When he saw the new tree being planted, he went right down there and explained that a lot of the kids were still emotional and that if a new tree was planted, there would be a lot more student questions to answer. He also wanted to voice his opposition. The tree is too close to the sidewalk and he thinks we should maybe invest in a bigger tree that is farther along. Liberi will write a retraction article in regards to his original piece, and issue an apology for his lack of thoroughness. Blake released the following statement as a response, "I would like to apologize to the entire WCS community for sending out false news. I admit to being in the wrong."

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Where to Eat in Westport This Summer

By: Cameron Costello



The Galley has a wonderful lakeside view where you can enjoy the water and sun while you eat! They also have many options to choose from, and it is a great place for lunch, dinner, and has some awesome desserts. It closes for winter and opens on June 18th.

20 Washington St., PO Box 410, Westport, NY 12993



The Westport Hotel is another restaurant in Westport. You can stay overnight. Even though it is not lakeside, this dining area still has much to offer, with awesome events listed on their website. You can enjoy a delicious meal. It is open Tuesday-Friday from 4-9 p.m. and Saturday from 12-9 p.m.

6691 Main St., Westport, NY 12993



If you want to pick up a quick meal, Ernie's is the place for you. They offer many gluten-free options and have plenty of drinks, pies, cakes, muffins, candy, and even more! You can stop in any day from 6 a.m. to 9p.m.!

12 Champlain Ave. , Westport, NY 12993

Blake Liberi Retraction Article

By: Blake Liberi

In issue #6 of the Westport Central's *Behind The Wall*, I stated that "Elizabeth Lee, as I write this article, is planting a new tree with the help of Mr. Fiegl." I have learned that this is fake news, and Mr. Fiegl was, in fact, trying to move the tree placement, as he thought it was not a great option. As I realize my mistake, I have learned that I, as a *Behind The Wall* member, should get facts, and not assume. Mr. Fiegl has addressed this with me and the *Behind The Wall* crew, and we will insure that this will never happen again.

Montreal Trip!

By: Peter Viaciulis

April 28th marked the anniversary of the death of William Wallace, and the birth of local bmx rider McKenzie Stephens. On this particular day in 2017, however, a number of students from grades 9-12 participated in a field-trip to Montreal, Quebec.

The day began at 6:15, when students met in the wee hours of the morning at the school. After riding in the bus for a time, we reached the US-Canada border. As the bus's roar of conversation dimmed to silence, and the border patrolman boarded the vehicle, the tension was palpable, until the patrolman commented on the likeliness of Owen's id to none other than Justin Bieber.

After all was said and done, we arrived in Montreal revitalized and full of pomp, ready to begin our adventure touring an exhibit of Chagall's works. Chagall was a Jewish, Russian-French painter of early modernism throughout a lot of the 1900's. The exhibit consisted of paintings, costumes, and even engravings done by Marc Chagall.

Following the tour, the crew walked through Montreal on the way to a large mall to eat lunch, and later ride the metro to our next event: movie-time. The crew viewed a movie entitled "America Wild" inside one of Montreal's IMAX theaters. The film explored many of the United States' national parks, such as the Grand Canyon or Arches in Utah.

Once the movie finished, the weary group made their way back to the bus, and proceeded homeward. Although crossing the border back into the US was quite a bit less entertaining, it was no less a success, and so the trip was done, and we were able to leave feeling satisfied and fulfilled.



2017 Westport Drama: Grease!

By: Peter Viaciulis

Every year, a band of talented students from Westport Central School, come together to perform the annual school drama production. This year the production was none other than the musical romantic comedy, "Grease".

Grease mainly follows the relations of two main characters: Danny (Hudson Stephens), and Sandy (Maggie Ploufe). Danny and Sandy were entwined over the summer, and by chance, the two unknowingly attend the same school afterwards. Danny however, is the leader of the T-Birds, a bunch of greasers, and Sandy finds herself osmosed into a group called the Pink Ladies. She finds Danny isn't the same person she met over the summer and they each try to change to be more like each other.

I myself viewed the performance on Saturday, May 6th, and can attest that the experience was nothing short of enchanting. From my perspective, everyone's act was completely on point, and while there were reported differences between the play and the film, the play was said not to detract from the feelings of nostalgia that a reenactment of the classic movie could evoke.





A Truly Open Gym

By: Ellie Storey and Lizzie Stephens

We have recently noticed that many neighboring schools keep their gyms and workout rooms open during afterschool hours for anyone to use. Moriah ,for example, has a constant flow of students and community members using the gym as we do in open gym. Constant access helps their basketball program thrive, and encourages getting exercise. We recently surveyed the high schoolers in the lunchroom. All 27 students we surveyed showed interest in having access to the gym and workout room after school. As a result of this survey, we feel this would be a great addition to our athletic success. Not only would it benefit our sports programs with skill, it could also give non athletes a chance to stay active, and generate further interest. In turn, this would hopefully be beneficial to our dwindling numbers of athletes.

Prom Announcement

By: Taylor Gough

Prom season is here! The junior class invites all high school students to have a night of fun at the Masquerade Under the Stars. It will take place in Witherbee Hall at Camp Dudley on June 3rd. Prom starts at 7:00pm with pictures prior at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased from any junior or the science department. Coronation will be held at Witherbee at 11:00pm. Remember: this is a masquerade, so don't forget to show off your unique and creative masks! Hope to see you all there! :)



Support the Freshman Class of 2020

By: Maggie Ploufe

As most of you know, this quarter is designated for the freshman class to sell and make money for our senior trip! We have put in many hours of deliberation and brainstorming to think of the best ways to create maximum profit for our class and also to create fun events for the school and community.

We will soon be selling Westport Eagle key chains specially made by our class, and are perfect for things like backpacks, purses, and small enough to fit comfortably in your pocket! We will also be having a car wash from 9am to 11am on the morning of June 3rd, so that your cars can look nice and spiffy for prom! Last but not least, for the elementary, we are planning to host an end of the year dance party in the auditorium on Friday, June 16th, as a tribute to a great school year! There will be music, games, refreshments, and fun for everyone!

If anyone is feeling especially generous and would like to make any additional donations to our class, you can contact any of the freshmen, or you can also donate at www.gofundme.com/classof2020.



Peeping into Spring

By: Hannah Schwoebel

First grade teacher, Mrs. Welch, has recently conducted an exciting new project with the first grade class. This May the students participated in the monitoring, studying, and caring for the lives of 24 chicken eggs. The eggs were provided by DaCy Meadow Farm, along with an incubator and an egg turner. Mrs. Welch described the 21 day incubation process as, "simple, due to the help of the egg turner." She claimed that they would also candle the eggs, giving the students the ability to see the developing chicks move inside of the eggs. Mrs. Welch expressed, "The best part of the entire thing was definitely hatching day." The first grade paired up with both of Mrs. Loher's biology classes in conducting the studying of the project. Mrs. Welch explained that the project was extremely beneficial to the kids' learning. The students made chick journals and created a bulletin board theme with the journals. Mrs. Welch explained, "Once the chicks were born it became a huge motivator for the students. They interacted with the chicks by quietly reading them stories and softly holding them. They even took them outside one day and played with them on the grass." Overall the project was a huge success, bringing in visitors of all age groups. Mrs. Welch conveyed that she was looking forward to doing it again next year!

