

Behind the Wall

Juniors Reach For The Stars!

By: Hudson Stephens

The 2017 Westport Central Prom proved to be an elegant example of our junior's skill, class, and dedication. Their hard work paid off, as the decorations were nothing less than ornate, the food tasteful, and the dress attire stylish. The night began at Camp Dudley's McClain Lodge, where juniors and their dates were served pre-selected meals followed by desserts. Pictures at the newly constructed Middlebury Pavilion were next, where hundreds of different combinations of photos were taken. Parents gathered to "oo and ah" at their spiffy children, all while holding back the waterworks knowing that this was a monumental event for their beloved teenager. Prom attendants then proceeded to enter Witherbee Hall, where tickets were collected and the magical night truly began. Four hours later, parents and community members started piling in to view the coronation. Mr. Fiegl led the crowning, announcing Carter Smith and Hannah Schwoebel as Prince and Princess and Riley Martin and Malynda Lobdell as King and Queen. The night was particularly entertaining and should be considered a success.



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Seniors Headed to College

By: Ellie Storey and Hannah Schwoebel

Cameron Costello

Where are you going to college?

Siena College

Are you excited?

Excited and nervous.

Do you feel like Westport prepared you?

I'm not sure yet because I haven't experienced the work load, but I think I'm ready.

Do you have a major in mind?

Biology, then hopefully I'll get a Doctorate in physical therapy.

Do you think you'll miss Westport?

Yeah, the people definitely.

Schylar Kurth

Where are you going to college?

Le Moyne College

Are you excited?

Yeah and a little nervous.

Do you feel like Westport prepared you?

I don't know. I think I'll find out. I have heard that Westport "Holds your hand" a little too much.

Do you have a major in mind?

Accounting

Do you think you'll miss Westport?

A little bit, but probably not.

Wyatt Gough

Where are you going to college?

SUNY Oneonta

Are you excited?

I am, and nervous.

Do you feel like Westport prepared you?

Umm, it partially has. Mentally I am kind of prepared, and physically I definitely am.

Do you have a major in mind?

Criminal Justice

Do you think you'll miss Westport?

Partially, I think I will miss some teachers and some friends.

Sienna Fleury

Where are you going to college?

Elmira College

Are you excited?

Yeah, I was nervous figuring out where I was going, but I'm fine now.

Do you feel like Westport prepared you?

Yeah, I'd say so. It's kind of a mix of school and hearing advice from other college students.

Do you have a major in mind?

Business administration and/or marketing.

Do you think you'll miss Westport?

I think a part of me will, but I don't think I will be homesick. Elmira has the same close knit community as Westport. It's kind of bittersweet.

Chloe Mitchell

Where are you going to college?

St. Lawrence University

Are you excited?

Yes, I'm very excited. More for the social part than the classes, but I'm excited to be challenged.

Do you feel like Westport prepared you?

In certain ways, yes, but I think that senior year has too much fluff. But I think socially it has, and my involvement in all of the clubs has helped. I think senior year needs more in it, like more life lessons.

Do you have a major in mind?

No, I don't. Maybe something with history and communication. Or maybe business.

Do you think you'll miss Westport?

Yes, definitely. I think it will be nice to spread my wings, but I'll miss the social life, the sports, and the teachers.

Mattea Viens

Where are you going to college?

Plattsburgh State

Are you excited?

Yes. It's so nice to expand my horizons and meet new people

Do you feel like Westport prepared you?

Yeah, because they offer college courses, and they tell us how hard the classes are. Also we learn APA format which is what you have to do in college.

Do you have a major in mind?

Physics and Pre-Engineering. The program is a 3 plus 2 program. I would get a Bachelor of Art and Science in 5 years.

Do you think you'll miss Westport?

I will miss the small town feel. I will miss knowing everyone.

Sevi Thorne

Where are you going to college?

Northeastern in Massachusetts. I'm attending college online.

Are you excited?

I'm excited for college because I can take it anywhere I go. It gives me opportunities to travel while still attending school.

Do you feel like Westport prepared you?

For the most part. Westport has done a decent job preparing me. I feel that some opportunities were lost because of how small the school is.

Do you have a major in mind?

Computer science. I'm more specifically going for a computer systems analyst.

Do you think you'll miss Westport?

I'll miss the friends I've made here.

Samson Staats

Where are you going to college?

Suny Oswego

Are you excited?

Yeah. I've been excited since last year.

Do you feel like Westport prepared you?

I feel prepared, but I don't think Westport was the entire reason for that. In some ways the classes and teachers have prepared me for the classes I will be taking in college, but the lifestyle here has not prepared me because you are completely on your own in college.

Do you have a major in mind?

I want to become a Technology Teacher

Do you think you'll miss Westport?

Not that I can think of, except for Mr. C and his everlasting wisdom.

"Whatever you do, don't necessarily do what you think you will be good at. Do what you want to do." -Sam Staats

Sierra Pribble

Where are you going to college?

University of Vermont

Are you excited?

Pretty excited. I'm more than ready to move on.

John Looby

Where are you going to college?

Suny Canton

Are you excited?

Of course I am. I'm looking forward to getting started. It's the first decision I've made for myself since like ever.

Do you feel like Westport prepared you?

In some ways yes it definitely has, and in some ways, no it hasn't. A lot of the time Westport shelters students a little too much and there is a lack of focus on independence.

Do you have a major in mind?

I'm going in undecided, but I'm looking toward engineering of some sort.

Do you think you'll miss Westport?

I'll definitely miss the teachers for sure. They helped to shape me into who I am today.

Congrats to all of the Seniors! Westport will miss you.

Where to Eat This Summer

By: Cameron Costello



K & D Deli

If you are looking to enjoy a nice meal right in the middle of Westport NY, you can sit down at the K & D Deli and order a delicious sandwich. Located right by Ballard Park, you can enjoy a live band on Thursday nights. It is open every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p. m.

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Summer Plans and New Ideas

By: Cameron Costello

Many high-schoolers in Westport enjoyed their school year. There were also quite a few who did not but never really said why. Some are excited that they will be one year closer to senior year. For the kids who did enjoy it, they said that thanks to their friends they were able to have a great year at Westport.

Many kids also had new ideas for their next year at Westport. Some kids put in suggestions on what they would like to see next year. The majority would like to see more fun activities. One person suggested a coffee cart which Student Council can hopefully make happen. A few students wish there had been a Spirit Week this year and would really like one next year. Many students also liked town cleanup day which we, unfortunately, did not do this year. Another good idea was to be able to paint your own locker and even have an art center by the lean-to. Many kids are requesting more senior privileges such as a senior lounge, it is not just juniors requesting this, it is most of high school. So, as you can see, many kids have new ideas and suggestions for the upcoming years that they would like to see happen.

There are also many students who have found work in Westport and have other plans for this summer. There are a few kids working at Camp Dudley. There are even one or two students that will be spending the summer in Spain. For those who are not working, they said they were excited to hang out with friends



Summer Word Search

By: Taylor Gough

S U N S C R E E N E Q W S R F
N T Z B W R Y Z F S N B U O L
G P U S W A Z F M W F I M Z I
S E D I S T U O W I T D M W P
N F S D N E I R F M O A E O F
A A U N C R F B R S W K R O L
S M Z V S H U N E U E U N J O
H I S R H G K O K I L H C K P
V L C F O V A C A T I O N J S
F Y W O R G N Z V G Y Q O T F
D S N Q T C U J T B U I M B U
K X X H S N C G S Z V Y M U N
U H C A E B S T K G M O Z A S
F B U T O V T O H W I D I J U
O F H B I M A E R C E C I N N

Friends

Swimsuit

Hot

Sun

Beach

Family

Ice cream

Shorts

Summer

Vacation

Fun

Flip flops

Sunscreen

Outside

Towel

Hat

Westport's Summer Sound

By: Lizzie Stephens

As summer approaches, the community starts buzzing about life in Westport. For many this means spending their Thursday nights perched on Ballard Park hill viewing the sunset over the lake while listening to the beautiful sounds of music that come out of the pavilion. Taylor and Catherine Haskins have been bringing the Soundwaves music series to the Ballard stage since 2014. Concerts run from July 6th to the 27th each Thursday beginning at 7:30 pm. Each week brings a new performance group with many styles of music offered. On top of the hill there is often time a taco or crepe truck available to enjoy locally made food. Be sure to stop by Ballard Park on Thursday nights this summer for a relaxing, family friendly night in the Adirondacks. Visit <http://soundwaveswestport.tumblr.com> for more information.



Bidding Mr. Osborne Farewell

By: Annette Stephens

As the school year draws to a close, Westport says goodbye to yet another Superintendent. In the last couple of weeks, the halls have been buzzing with the news of Mr. Osborne's departure; however, there seems to be a lot of misconceptions and false information in regards to this topic. After reading our last edition, particularly Blake Liberi's retraction and Hudson Stephens' article on Liberi's spreading fake news, Mr. Osborne was happy to give the facts about his exit from our school. It was very important to Mr. Osborne that the students understood that he chose to leave on his own, and it was not an easy decision to leave Westport and return to Elizabethtown full time. Tracing back to his childhood, he always puts 110% into everything he does, and found it very difficult to dedicate so much of himself to two different schools. He believes that each school deserves the undivided attention of their own Superintendent, something he could not deliver. The size of the combined student body was not the problem as much as the two separate sets of rules, separate traditions, and separate communities. Picking up the extra school also took precious moments away from time normally spent with his family.

Something about Mr. Osborne many of you may not know is that he went through a merge when he was in high school. He has been in our shoes, he knows what it feels like. His leaving has absolutely nothing to do with the merge nor does it affect it, but he did admit to being offended by the anti-merge pamphlet and signs floating around the town. When his school merge took place, he was as angry as many of us are, and was even part of an anti-merge club. He recognizes that many people do not support the merge, but believes it is too early to get worked up over it as it is merely a study and nothing is set in stone. His final words of wisdom to Westport Central are words he feels can be applied to most walks of life: "Don't judge, find out for yourselves. Don't let other people shape and form who you are."

We wish Mr. Osborne all the best.

Summer Horoscopes

By: Maggie Poufe

Aries ♈ (March 21-April 19) ~ The hot summer air may make your natural temper even hotter. Stay level-headed, and don't let any issues get in the way of your amazing summer break. In times of frustration, you might benefit from walking away or going for a walk or a swim.

Taurus ♉ (April 20-May 20) ~ Summer is a gift, so don't waste any time on things that don't make you truly happy. Try to surround yourself with positive people and do something fun to get out of the house every single day. Strive to make this summer one to remember.

Gemini ♊ (May 21-June 20) ~ Gemini's often have adaptive natures, this puts you at a great place to transition from school year you, to summer you. Stay true to yourself in the process.

Cancer ♋ (June 21-July 22) ~ Cancer, you are an emotional and caring being, so take some time this summer to read some sappy novels and do good, cute things for your friends. Spend the summer making the people around you (including you) happy. Don't spread yourself too thin.

Leo ♌ (July 23-August 22) ~ Spread the love this summer. Choose a few people to put before yourself and do something special with them. Make someone's day. Also, here is a challenge: Try not to say anything remotely negative for a whole day.

Virgo ♍ (August 23-September 22) ~ Virgo, since you are the most practical, the signs say you should take some time to RELAX. It's summer, and this is the only summer 2017 you'll ever get.

Libra ♎ (September 23-October 22) ~ Make decisions that will make your summer great. Choose the camp that you really want to go to, and sign up for the class that is calling to you. But don't get caught in these decisions and forget to enjoy the summer sunshine.

Scorpio ♏ (October 23-November 21) ~ This summer, put your passion into something different like art, music, or books. Give everything you do your all, whether it's sports tryouts, or planning a dream vacation with your friends.

Sagittarius ♐ (November 22-December 21) ~ Sagittarius, your commitment-phobe may get in the way of making plans with your friends. Let loose this summer and be straight up this break.

Capricorn ♑ (December 22-January 19) ~ This summer is going to be better than the last. Don't let your quiet personality get in the way of having a great time with your friends! Make sure to have a fully booked break, and don't be afraid to be energetic and fun.

Aquarius ♒ (January 20-February 18) ~ This summer don't stay distant from your friends and plans, no matter how much time you want by yourself to think. Your friends and family need you, and they love you. Make sure you make the most of your short summer break.

Pisces ♓ (February 19-March 20) ~ You are the mermaid of the signs. Get to the beach and soak up some sun and take in the salt water. Appreciate life, but as an escapist, you might be more happy if you travel somewhere to get away.