



WEST SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL PTSA NEWSLETTER

PTSA's Message

Four Opportunities to get involved:

1.) **Fundraiser: West Seattle 5 K Run/walk - Sunday, May 22**

This is our only fundraiser for WSHS PTSA and we need you! Help support your school at this event by volunteering or entering the race!

- If you would like to **volunteer**, please contact Lisa Clark at: lisaj.clark@comcast.net
- If you would like to **enter the race** please register at <http://www.westseattle5k.com/>

2.) **Board members needed for the 2011-2012 school year**

Several positions are open on the Board and we are looking for interested parents to work with us. If you would like to serve on the board or have questions regarding the open positions, please e-mail: lisaj.clark@comcast.net.

Open roles for the 2011-2012 school year:

Board

VP - Fundraising

(WSHA Foundation auction liaison, Direct Ask)

VP - Communication

(electronic - website maintenance, email moderator, newsletter)

BLT - Building Leadership Team -

(2) Parent representatives

9th grade class representative

10th grade class representative

11th grade class representative

12th grade class representative

Committees

Hospitality

(school community events - welcome night, diversity night, etc.)

3.) **Visit the Improved PTSA Website**

Check out our new PTSA website, it is more user-friendly and easier to navigate. We welcome any comments on what information you want to see on this site: <http://wshsptsa.org>

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4.) **Come to our meetings**

Finally, we would like to invite you to our last PTSA meeting

**May 25th @ 7:00 pm
in the school library**

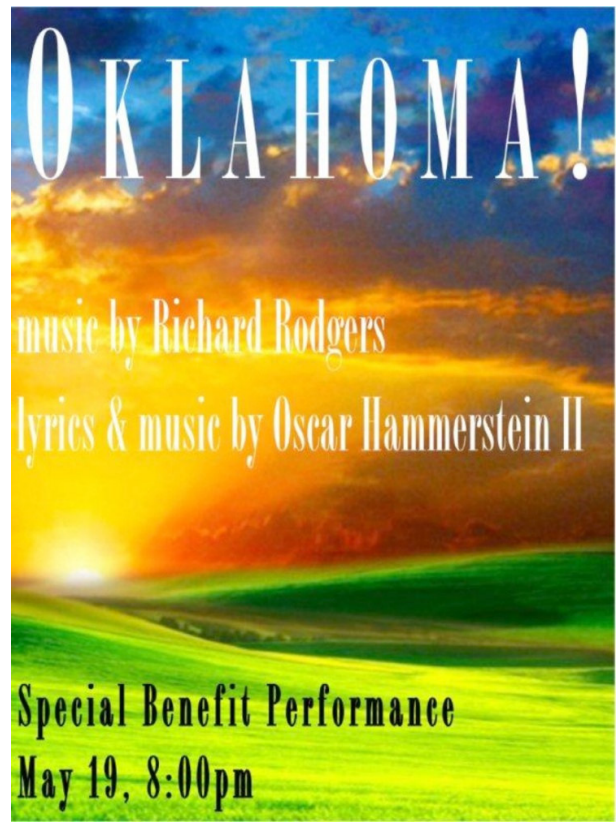
PTSA meetings are a great way to connect with other parents and a fantastic way to stay informed about what's going on around the school!

WSHS Hosts Annual Spring Play Event

Join us for hearty appetizers, entertainment and a little fun on May 19th before heading in to see the 2011 Spring Play 'Oklahoma!' We're planning on serving up a little 'hoe down food' while raising a money for the Performing Arts program at WSHS. The Award Winning Pro Start students will be featured as they serve their superbly prepared food.

The Drama Program is in need of 8 - 10 cordless microphones that will cost approximately \$500 each. A portion of the ticket price will be earmarked to purchase as many as we can. Donations will be accepted on May 19th and can also be made by contacting the Theater office at 252-8834 or amfinley@seattleschools.org.

Tickets are available for \$20 and will include appetizers, wine or gourmet soda, a photo op with costumed performers and a live horse, and admission to the play in the 'VIP Seating' section. RSVP's are requested and should be sent to Amy Doll by calling 206-252-8813. If you have questions, you may also contact Terese Machmiller, event coordinator at 206-890-2277 or machfamily@comcast.net.



Join Cascade Bicycle Club in celebrating Bike Month this May! The best way to celebrate Bike Month is to get on a bike: ride to school, ride to work, ride to the grocery store, or just ride for the sheer joy of being outside soaking up the spring weather.

Riding your bike keeps you skinny, your wallet fat, and the planet healthy!

Spring is for new beginnings. Roll out your bike, dust off the cobwebs or give it some TLC after months of winter riding. Hop on and join other riders on roads and trails. Even if this is the first time you've ridden in years, you won't be alone. Last year thousands of people started biking for the first time during Bike Month.

New to riding? Try participating in **Bike to School Day on May 20th!** Last year, 21,000 people took to the streets of Seattle on Bike to Work/Bike to School Day.

For the more ambitious riders, you can join other students and adults in one of the biggest bike commuter events on the west coast - **the 2011 Group Health Commute Challenge!** Get creative and have a West Seattle High School Commute Challenge to see which students, teachers or teams can bike the most during May.

To participate, you need only to start or join a team, commute at least five days throughout the month, and track your trips online. It's simple and fun! **Registration is open - it's fast and free!** You can learn more at the Cascade Bicycle Club website at: <http://www.cbcef.org/btw/index.html> (Information and graphics courtesy of Cascade Bicycle Club, 2011).



BE PART OF THE ACTION - SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE 2011 WEST SEATTLE 5K RUN/WALK!!!

Don't miss the 3rd annual West Seattle 5K on **Sunday, May 22, 2011** at Alki Beach. Sponsored by the PTSA, our event promises to be an exciting road race for the whole family! There are options for every skill level – runners will set the pace, followed by walkers. After the 5K, you can check out our sponsor booths, get a bite to eat or stick around for the **Seattle Summer Streets** festivities!

Did you know?

- The West Seattle 5K raises much-needed funds that help the WSHS PTSA provide a voice for students, parents, and staff at the school, as well as a host of educational programs, equipment, and other materials?
- Money raised by last year's West Seattle 5K paid for the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) on-line study license, dynamic track systems for Physics classes, and social studies curriculum that provide invaluable learning opportunities. Matching funds were also earmarked for a new sound system in the gym.

Our goal is to register 1,500 participants!

We need YOUR SUPPORT to reach this goal!

Register today! Your registration includes a cool technical shirt and the opportunity to participate in a healthy and fun community event with your friends and neighbors. To register, donate, or for event information visit:

www.westseattle5k.com

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STUDENT LIFE/ASB UPDATE

The ASB has been very busy lately! In March we had our annual Multicultural night “**Bite of West Seattle**” which showcased some of our diversity clubs doing dances as well as a variety of delicious foods! ASB has been working on creating the master calendar for the upcoming school year and organizing student government elections for the 2011-2012 term. ASB also met with student government representatives from James Madison Middle School to help them draft their first constitution. Our leadership students taught them what it means to be a student leader and discussed the different types of events West Seattle students organize. Madison students were very eager to learn what student government is like in high school and how they will be able to contribute.

The class of 2014

We had a fund raiser to ‘pie teachers in the face’ during our Spring Prep Assembly. We also sold Italian sodas at the Multicultural night. Both fundraisers went really well and raised a total of \$130. Some of our future ideas for fundraising include having a bake sale after school and to raise enough money to get class of “14” t-shirts.

- Gabby Tapuro, Freshman Public Relations

The class of 2012

We have been up to a lot lately, after a successful Winter Ball we immediately started planning for the Talent Show which will be held on May 27th (Friday) in the Theater starting at 7:00pm. Auditions will be held after Spring Break. Preparation for this year’s powder puff flag football game is also beginning. We have a lot of juniors signed up to play, and we are looking forward to the game in the beginning of June.

- From the Junior class 2012 - Nathan Solis and Haily Hage

The class of 2011

Seniors have been super busy. They finished their Mr. Irresistible contest and it went well, the winner was **Tre’ Smith** with runner-ups **Luke Wiggins** and **Jacob Young**. Seniors Prom will be held on May 21st (Formal) at Safeco Field from 8:00-midnight the theme is “*Swinging the night away*”. Other events to watch for are the **SENIOR Awards Night** which will be held on June 7th at 7:00pm in the WSHS Theater; the **senior luncheon** which will be during the first week of June (TBA); and the **senior breakfast** on June 13th at the Hiawatha Community Center at 8:00am. Senior **Graduation Rehearsal** is on **June 14th at 10:00am at Memorial Stadium**, so don’t be late!!! The official Senior Graduation ceremony starts at 5:00pm at Memorial Stadium, and for seniors who have not ordered their caps and gowns, **this is your last notice**; go to www.nationalachiever.com or call (425) 357-1338 toll free # 1-800-800-4083. If you have any other questions you can call Craig Richardson Activities Coordinator (206) 252-8816 or e-mail me at cdrichardson1@seattleschools.org

Please make sure to remind seniors to fulfill all their obligations at school including credits, a GPA of 2.0 or higher, payment of all fines, completion of Senior Projects, tests, and 60 Service hours. There will be a check out sheet that all graduating seniors must complete. This sheet can be picked up in the counselors’ office.

Seniors cannot walk in the Graduation Ceremony if they have not completed the check our sheet is not completed and turned in to their counselors.

Also, last reminder for Parents of Seniors: Grad Night tickets are on sale for \$150. Please encourage your student to attend this fun, safe, and memorable event which allows the senior class to celebrate and have fun after they graduate! For more information get hold of Amy Doll at 252-8813 WSHS.

GRAD NIGHT 2011

Grad Night is a **FUN** and **safe** way for our seniors to celebrate with their class on the night of their graduation. Several highly entertaining events will be hosted at multiple venues. Each year an increasing number of seniors participate and return with rave reviews and wonderful memories!

Tickets are on sale now, and space is limited! A special promotion is underway through April: **Two tickets for \$250**. Tickets will return to the regular price of \$150 per ticket on May 14th.

The cost for this event goes toward funding security, food and beverage, entertainment and activities, transportation, insurance, specialized venues and venue hosts. The Grad Night committee is working hard to raise funds so that all seniors can participate regardless of their economic situation, and here's how you can help:



- **Help get these tickets SOLD!** Ensure your senior and his/her friends have made their purchase. Point kids to the Facebook site **WSHS GradNight** to check out photos, notices, fundraising opportunities and party planning updates.
- **Donate cash!** Donations can be sent to WSHS PTSA, attn: Amy Doll, 3000 California Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98116, "for Grad Night 2011"; you will be sent a **tax-deductible receipt**. We are a 501(c)(3). You may indicate whether you prefer your donation be dedicated to the general fund or to a scholarship; otherwise we'll apply it towards the greatest need.
- **Assist with the Air plant sale!** Buy an intriguing, artistic live air plant on a driftwood ensemble or within a ceramic piece handmade by a WSHS art Student for a unique gift. Air plants are \$15-20 each. Contact Terese Machmiller 206.890.2277 or machfamily@comcast.net for details. For additional sample photos go to the WSHS GradNight Facebook site and check out the Air Plant photo album to

Buy Your Yearbook Before the Price Goes Up and They Run Out!!!

Yearbooks are currently for sale at \$60. You can buy them in room 133 before or after school, or you can buy them online at www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter job # 16019. The price will go up to \$70 on May 16th and books are selling fast. You can pay with check or cash at school and with your credit or debit card online. Checks should be made payable to West Seattle High School –yearbook. There is a limited number available. Don't miss out on this memory of a lifetime.

Preparing for College with the Y at WSHS



Updates:

On March 28th, 48 students from WSHS attended the College Planning Day field trip at Seattle Pacific University. The teens chose three Washington state colleges or universities (from a list of 22 schools) that they were most interested in, and then they attended presentations facilitated by admissions staff. Days later, students were still talking about this event, comparing the advantages of each college and discussing which might be a good match for them. On April 13th, students visited the University of Washington for a tour of campus and attended UW's Noche Cultural, an evening of cultural dance performances.

We also have a new after-school program for 9th graders called Nexus 9. Nexus 9 focuses on college and career readiness through activities such as practicing interviewing techniques and attending an Education, Career & Resource Fair.

Thinking about Summer:

Summer is a great time for students to get involved in community service! One example is the West Seattle Bridges program, which provides WSHS teens with youth development training and the opportunity to volunteer for a minimum of 60 hours (two weeks, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.) in the Y's Outdoor Day Camp at Lincoln Park. Applications will be available in early May. For other ideas about summer service, please ask!

Do you have a student who will be going into 9th grade at West Seattle, Chief Sealth International, or Franklin High School? Consider enrolling them in Level 9, a five-week academic enrichment program designed to prepare students for a successful first year of high school.

For more information, contact Anne Powell, Senior Director for Education & Leadership, the Y at WSHS, at ampowell@seattleschools.org or 206-252-8778.

**Bring a Friend to
the Next PTSA Meeting**

**May 25th from 7-8:30 PM
WSHS Library**

Network with other parents at the next PTSA meeting. Learn what's happening at school from both the student and the administrative perspective. Be sure to bring a friend as we are looking for fresh ideas and new leadership. Everybody is welcome and membership is not required.

May 25th at 7 PM, Year-end wrap-up!

IMPORTANT DATES

May 14, 2011 – Community Rummage Sale to benefit WSHS Basketball Team

May 18, 2011 – Professional Development Block Time
(2 hour early dismissal)

May 22, 2011 – West Seattle 5K Run/Walk at Alki Beach
(PTSA fundraiser)

May 30, 2011 – Memorial Day Holiday
(no school)

June 2, 2011 – BBQ at Lincoln Park 12-2:30

June 7, 2011 – Senior awards in the WSHS Theatre

June 13, 2011 – Senior Breakfast at Hiawatha C.C.

June 14, 2011 – Graduation at Memorial Stadium

June 23, 2011 – Last Student Day Middle/High Schools
(1 hour early dismissal)



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