WEST HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY CALENDAR
March 14th - March 19th

Just a Reminder that Spring Break is March 21st - March 25th with classes resuming on March 28th.

**Monday, March 14th**
Girls Track 3:00 @ Iowa State

**Tuesday, March 15th**
Boys Track 3:00 @ Iowa State
Jazz Band 7:00 @ RME

**Wednesday, March 16th**

**Thursday, March 17th**
3rd Term Finals- 1st Block – 8:10-10:10
2nd Block – 10:15-12:15
Lunch will be from 12:20-1:00 then Final Make-ups 1:00 - 3:00

**Friday, March 18th – End of 3rd Term**
Boys & Girls Track 5:00 @ UW- Platteville
3rd Term Finals- 3rd Block – 8:10-10:10
4th Block- 10:15-12:15
Lunch from 12:20-1:00
2 Hour Early Dismissal @ 1:00

**Saturday, March 19th**
The Combustible Lemons competed at the Iowa FTC State Championship on Friday and Saturday. The team finished 6th in their division and became the 4th seeded alliance captain. The team lost in the final match of the divisional semi-finals. The team was a finalist in several categories including Motivate, Connect and Think. The Combustible Lemons were awarded the 3rd Place Inspire Award and will move on to the North Super-Regional in Cedar Rapids on Thursday, March 17-Saturday, March 19.

Sophomore, Rachel Eckert, was named one of four Dean’s List Finalist and will represent Iowa at the FIRST World Championship in St. Louis.

Advancing to the third straight North-Super Regional, finishing 6th in the qualification matches with a 3-2 record, the Combustible Lemons ended up being the 4th seed captain. The team lost in the last match of in the semi-finals (best 2 of 3 matches) by 21 points. The team was a finalist in numerous categories including Motivate, Connect, and Think Awards. The team was selected as the 3rd Place Inspire Award winner, advancing them to the North-Super Regionals in Cedar Rapids March 17-19.

Rachel Eckert was one of four students from Iowa selected to the Dean’s List. These students are now finalists at the FIRST World Championships. Ten students from around the world will be chosen as Dean’s List Winners. (Stephen Eckert won this award last year.)
Band News:
The West High Band will be going to Florida from Thursday March 17th - Tuesday March 22nd.

Speech & Debate News:
Please congratulate Wylie Halferty for advancing to the semi-final round of Extemporaneous Speaking at the All-Iowa Finals.

This concludes our regular high school season this year, but now we work to prepare some middle school students for the Bettendorf Middle School Speech and Debate Tournament in May, as well as prepare for Nationals in June, so really, the work never actually ends.

Thanks for your support!

Maggie Rietz

Guys and Dolls! Coming to West April 8-10

Guys and Dolls! The Spring Musical at West High School will be performed April 8-10. Rehearsals are underway after school, and the Stagecraft students are hard at work during class to make the show a success. Contact Mrs. Koski at koskik@davenportschools.org if you’d like to help with the show. We’re looking for tools, paint, props, costumes, and more.
Friday night, 17 girls from WINGs, helped organize 700 prom dresses for the Closets 2 Closets non-profit event. This organization helps foster girls in need of dresses for upcoming school dances pick out a dress and accessories so they can look and feel their best.

West High Teacher Answers THE Question

The Rock Island Argus/Moline Daily Dispatch
3/9/16

When am I ever going to use this stuff?

So there you are, burnt out on your high school algebra class, maybe English, or even a language class, and you are asking yourself, "When am I ever going to use this stuff in LIFE?"

Can you ever come up with an answer that makes sense to you? Probably not, and you probably haven't. As a high school math teacher, I often have to answer this question on many times, and I would love to share with you my response. I know I asked it of my teachers when I was in school and I imagine they probably asked it of their teachers. So, here is my response:

The obvious answer you can give is from the title of this Friday column: the end answer is math deeper than that. "The fact that I have no use for math in my career that uses the Pythagorean Theorem is the trend to simplify or the other hybrid of the Pythagorean Theorem is the simple of the Pythagorean Theorem and the Pythagorean Theorem is the same of the Pythagorean Theorem. But, actually, it doesn't have a direct application in our daily activities. But, it is important that we are able to work with any problems or situations that may not have a direct application. We need to be able to apply our knowledge to solve problems. Basically, if you ask me what I would do if I was getting ready for the SATs, answer 6, "When am I ever going to use this stuff?"
The following students attended the “What About the Boys” Conference at the Moline WIU campus on Friday. From left to right: Kenny Clay, Mr. Hahn, Eric Haymond, Jamil Haymond, Trey Sampson, Dylan Hansen, Mason Carney, Victor Howard.

LMC Awards Kiana English

Kiana English was awarded the “Outstanding Student Aide” for the LMC. She graduates next week, so we recognized her early. She was awarded a plaque and was added to the name plates on the LMC wall.
West’s Health Science Class Visits Black Hawk College

Ms. Zimm’s Students Prepare for a Gallery Walk

News, Events, and Announcements

Amber Sheridan and Alexis McCain Shauman spent the day in Des Moines at the Capitol. They got to meet and talk with our state representatives and senators. They (along with North iJAG students) got a tour of the senate floor from Senator Roby Smith.
Congratulations to our WHS LMC student helpers and staff, Kiana English, Abigail Coons, Nick Myers, and Kerry Hatfield, for winning Best Horror Book Trailer AND Librarians’ Top Choice Award at the Putnam Museum's YouTube Video Contest last night!

**Robotics News:**
Support the Combustible Lemons by going to Chick-fil-A from 4-8 PM on Wednesday, March 16th. When ordering mention you are there for Spirit Night.

Watch the opening of Batman vs Superman at the Blue Grass Drive-In on Friday, March 25th. Get your Drive-In Gift Card for $25 by Wednesday, March 16th from Mr. Smith or Mr. Franzenburg in room 607.