

LORAN SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES: DECA
ANDREW MCBRIDE AND SIMRAN SHARMA

The Loran Scholarship is a very prestigious academic award. Qualities of a Loran Scholar include strong commitment to service, outstanding potential for leadership, high academic standing, breadth in extracurricular involvement, and deep personal integrity and character. The Loran Scholarship is associated with 25 different Canadian universities, and there are over 3,700 applicants each year. This year, two of Westlane's Grade 12 students qualified to be considered as 2014 Loran Scholarship recipients. Andrew McBride and Simran Sharma were invited to Hamilton to be interviewed as finalists. Of the thousands of applicants, only 30 students are selected in Ontario; although neither Andrew nor Simran are one of the national finalists, Andrew was selected to receive one of the provincial awards. Westlane is extremely proud of these two very talented students. Congratulations Andrew and Simran!



Working our way to the top. Last year, Mrs. Dove and Mrs. Folino began a DECA Ontario chapter at Westlane. DECA – Developing Excellence Celebrating Achievement, is a student Business leadership organization with over 200,000 student members worldwide. Students who join DECA prepare and participate in Multiple Choice Tests, Case study presentations or written events. They compete at the Regional level for a chance to qualify for Provincials, with the hopes of going to Internationals. DECA prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. On November 5, 2013, seven students from Westlane Secondary School competed at the DECA Regional Competition held in Hamilton. Out of 1613 competitors, five students from Westlane finished in the top 539 spots. Mike Xie and Ronak Patel in Finance, and Leslie Tang and Calvin Chao in Travel and Tourism, finished in the top 16 teams. Isha Brown finished within the top 11 in her financial event. These students, along with Michelle Tran who will enter a written event, have qualified for DECA Provincials, which will be held for three days in early February at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto. At Provincials, these students will compete against over 5000 students from across Ontario. The chapter is fundraising to help cover the costs of provincial competition

MR AINSLIE'S GRADE NINE GEOGRAPHY CLASS is providing support for Westlane's efforts to be better stewards of the region. The grade nine Geography class is applying a number of 'skill sets' within provincial requirements to successfully achieve this desired outcome. Organization, planning, and Implementing are a few of the building blocks that make Westlane's Recycling Program one of the best! The students are challenged in all stages of this initiative, from the initial 'culture' within the school to a reflective summary of successes to future goals. We are tapping into a younger mind-set that wants to improve our 'human footprint' and take advantage of their active and motivated minds. Every person within the class offers an important role. The future is looking brighter.

WESTLANE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT GETS REAL LIFE EXPERIENCE.

On December 5th, Brock University's Business Department and the Canadian Certified Public Accountants Association sponsored their annual CPA Day. Students from Westlane's Accounting and Marketing classes participated in the Case Study competition where the students were paired with CPA's to prepare a Marketing and Accounting Analysis plan which was then presented to the other attendees. Westlane came away with some winning students. With over 100 DSBN students in attendance, Medina Sefic and Brad Prewolschek were selected by the CPA's being the most participative and received Tim Horton's gift cards. Brad was also the lucky winner of a \$50.00 Best Buy gift card. Annie Shen was the proud winner of the grand prize of a brand new IPOD. Congratulations to the winners and good luck with your futures in Business!



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THE SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM won the "Cougar Classic" tournament hosted by Welland Centennial High School on November 28th and 29th. The team defeated Fort Erie and Ridgeway on the way to the final, where they beat Grimsby Secondary School 68-47. The team was led by returning players, Chris Carvajal, Jared Klassen and Cam McQuade who averaged double figures in scoring for the tournament. Along with the league schedule, the team is scheduled to participate in five tournaments this year including the Niagara Falls Review Tournament hosted by Westlane on February 7th and 8th. Go Spartan Basketball!



THE SR BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM finished their season reaching the semi-finals in AA football. The Sr boys final record was 3 wins and 4 losses. Though they lost the semi final game to Stamford Collegiate, the boys have a lot to build upon, as they were a very young team with a grade 10 QB (Donovan Beatty). There will be very high expectations for the Sr football team in 2014. Both Jr and Sr football have started weight training and conditioning in the Langhorne fitness centre, as of right now. Strength testing takes place once a month for both the Sr and Jr squads, right up until June.

THE JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM entered the season with high expectations after finishing off last year on a winning note. This year's team consisted of 25 grade 9's/10's and a coaching staff with assistant and community coaches Frank Tomzak, Mike Haskins, former Westlane Head Coach, football legend Russ Steinburg along with Assistant Coach Mr Zeffero and Head Coach, Mr Mazzone. The Junior Spartans began the year with a 18-12 victory over Stamford, defeated Beamsville 15-12, defeated Fort Erie, 40-12 and tied Centennial 20-20 to finish the regular season. After defeating Beamsville, 40-7 in the semi finals, the stage was set to take on Centennial in the finals. After a hard fought game, the Jr Spartans came up on the short end of the stick by losing in the last minute 21-14. A great effort by the Junior Football team. Good luck to the grade 10's who will be playing senior next year. Looking forward to having the grade 9's taking on a leadership role next September.



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MUSIC
We have had a busy semester 1 with performances starting at the end of October. Lunar and Eclipse performed at the Remembrance Assembly in Chippawa, for the Rotary Club Christmas party and we even sang to a couple celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary! Jessica Lammert, Sabrina Richardson and Mrs. Bover performed at the Honour Roll Banquet. The final performance for the semester was our annual Christmas Concert. This is the biggest Music department event of the year and it went off without a hitch! We were thrilled that almost 400 feeder school students were able to join us for our dress rehearsal and almost 400 audience members attended the evening performance. A big thanks goes out to our sound and lighting crew led by Connor Roorda and Jay Patel - sound is the most stressful job at any concert and the worst part is that nobody notices you unless you make a mistake! Well, our crew went unnoticed at the concert this year because they were perfect - well done. Thanks to all the talented artists who displayed their work at the art show during intermission. All the groups performed brilliantly and the soloists were wonderful. We had 130 Westlane students perform that evening and every single one of them should be proud of their accomplishment. After the concert was a well deserved cast party where the performers enjoyed pizza, wings, ice cream cake, music and a pool table. It really was a great night! Our bucket drummers group performed brilliantly at the opening of the Festival of Lights. Band members delighted the crowds playing Let It Snow at the annual Santa Clause Parade. Lunar sang for our grade 9s at their mock graduation ceremony. On Remembrance day, our school held a special assembly to honour the fallen soldiers - all our Westlane Music singers were privileged to share their talent that day.



VISUAL ARTS - A TRANSFORMATION
There are many exciting changes and happenings going on in Visual Arts this year. Firstly, the art room has moved downstairs to room 1073 allowing for larger artworks and the addition of clay projects due to the new kiln. Secondly, arts students have been involved in many extracurricular projects. The Art Club is working on numerous murals to be displayed throughout the school. Many students contributed to the Christmas Concert in connection with the Music program. A trip to the Art Gallery of Ontario with English students allowed students to see artwork from the Guggenheim Museum in New York City. Finally, Westlane artists, Jessica Lammert, Audrey Kruger, Karen Thai, and Jesse Gusek, have displayed their talented art in the DSBN Art Show and the Santa Claus Parade Art Competition. Jesse Gusek's artwork was awarded "People's Choice" in the latter competition. These are the highlights of the abundant artistic endeavors going on at Westlane this year. We are eagerly looking forward to the new year and more outstanding opportunities.

CHRISTMAS GIFT AND TOY DRIVE
During the week of December 9 to 13, Westlane Students' Council organized a Christmas gift and toy drive. Gifts and toys were collected on behalf of the residents of Women's Place of South Niagara, which is a local organization that strives to improve the lives of women and children. Students' Council asked every period one class to participate, which resulted in a fun competition between 22 classes. Westlane students are a very thoughtful and considerate group, as they worked together to collect bags filled with items such as toys, pajamas, winter clothing, gift certificates, and infant care items. Thank you, Westlane, for making this holiday a happy one for other children in the community!

DANIYAL ABDULLAH has placed 1st Place in the Ontario University Accounting competition 2013, at Brock University. Congratulations Daniyal.

SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL SEASONS Three recent, ex-Westlane grads have successfully finished their seasons in the CIS. Zack Davis is a 3rd year student athlete at York University in Toronto. Zack was an all Canadian and played in the prestigious East-West Canadian All Star game last June. Both Jordan Maxim, (QB) and Wilson Birch finished their first year at Ottawa U and Carleton U, (WR).



RAY BARKWILL -ON THE NATIONAL SPORTS CHANNELS, in particular TSN, you may have seen or recognized a former WESTLANE student determined to bring victory to TEAM CANADA RUGBY. This story should not be a surprise to those that know Ray and his number of friends. If you were to roll the clock back a few years you would better understand this featured person. A rather large group of talented and athletic boys won the s.o.s.s.a. championship coached by our very own Wall of Fame recipient Bill Brown.. A number of boys from this group have given generously to maintain the tradition for both womens and mens rugby. Recently Ray has been experiencing a series of fortunate opportunities with in the Rugby Canada. Ray is in the #2 position commonly referred to as the 'Hooker' position in connection to retrieving the ball in a scrum. Ray continues to be the lead #2 for Rugby Canada and charting new standards of success for the world stage of Rugby. It is very comforting to know that Westlane had a small role in shaping the mind of a very determined, motivated and generous soul. wishing you future success.