

newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This has been another extraordinary year for Whitney M. Young Magnet High School. In the classroom, Whitney Young continues to be in the forefront of academic achievement. Recently, the Chicago Tribune ranked us as the high school with the third best score on the PSAT. Keeping in mind we had over 450 juniors take the exam versus schools with a substantially lower number of students.

The Chicago Public School only awards twenty-four City Championships each year. Last year Whitney Young won thirteen of them. We are well on our way to duplicating this outstanding achievement. Boys Golf, Girls Tennis and Girls Volleyball teams have all won their respective championships for the high school. Our Academic Center Cross Country Boys and Girls teams also won their championships. We expect nothing less of all of our teams and are proud of each and every one of them.

We have more National Achievement semifinalists than all the other Selective Enrollment schools combined. Let me repeat this, "MORE THAN ALL OF THE OTHER SELECTIVE ENROLLMENT SCHOOLS COMBINED". Whitney Young had 13 Semifinalists.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Whitney Young who recently completed their fall cycle of grant disbursements. Over 30 teacher and staff requests were accepted and the total amount granted was over \$50,000. Thank you Friends of Whitney Young. For any parent who would like to get involved with this fund raising arm of our school, The Friends of Whitney Young generally meets the first Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in our Blue House lunchroom.

Sincerely,

Joyce D. Kenner, Ed. D.
Principal

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them.**

Calendar of Events

January 17, 2011

M.L.KING BIRTHDAY
School Holiday

January 25, 26 & 27, 2011

FINAL EXAMS
Special Schedule

January 28, 2011

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
School Holiday

February 2, 2011

Report cards will be distributed to
students by their Division Teacher

February 10, 2011

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
No Classes for Students

February 11, 2011

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY
School Holiday

February 21, 2011

PRESIDENTS' DAY
School Holiday

March 7, 2011

CASMIR PULASKI DAY
School Holiday

March 25, 2011

Early Dismissal Schedule

April 1, 2011

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
No Classes for Students

April 7, 2011

REPORT CARD PICK UP DAY
No School for Students

April 18 - April 22, 2011

SPRING BREAK

April 27 & 28, 2011

PRAIRIE STATE EXAM
All Juniors

April 28, 2011

SENIOR LUNCHEON

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Student Programming

Student programming for the 2011-2012 school year will begin in February. All course descriptions and programming information will be available on-line at the end of December. We will again be utilizing an online course selection system. It will electronically display our course offerings, streamline the course selection procedure as well as efficiently process all AP requests. More information will follow in the coming month. Counselors will visit divisions to discuss subject selections, graduation requirements, and electives. Counselors will begin programming students during the month of February.

We strongly encourage parents to assist their child in the course selection process. The Whitney M. Young High School Course Description Guide will be a valuable aid in determining which classes students will need for graduation, as well as providing information about these classes. Students should consider their selections carefully, since classes selected at this time will be considered as final choices for the school year. Please be prepared and be prompt for your scheduled appointments with your counselor.

Local School Council 2011 Meeting Schedule

All meetings take place at 5:00 pm in the Library, usually but not always, on the third Wednesday of the month.

January 19, 2011

April 13, 2011

February 16, 2011

May 18, 2011

March 16, 2011

WYMHS: Looking Ahead!

Whitney Young Debaters Invited to the White House!



WY debaters Kevin Hirn (third from left) and Misael Gonzalez (fourth from left) stand with President Obama (center) and others last summer.

Debate News

Mr. Scheur is reporting that our debate team is off to another great start in 2010-2011. Marcel Hanna and Sydney Doe earned their first "Nationals bid" at the University of Michigan tournament on Nov 5-7, and several of our teams have already qualified for the City Championship in March. Thus far we've travelled out of state for three tournaments and have also attended competitions at Morgan Park, Niles West, New Trier, and Glenbrook North/South. Next up is Kelly High School, Blake (in Minnesota), and Lane Tech. We also have a bunch of excellent novices who are progressing very quickly.

Keep it up, debaters!

Dance Series

Imani Sailors and Leslie McCauley were invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in the launch event of the *White House Dance Series* hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama. This event is being held in honor of Judith Jamison, the retiring director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

This is awesome!



Golf Team

Congratulations to the 2010 Whitney Young Golf Team. The team was coached by Kevin Snider, and won the City Championship for the third time in four years. They were led by Omari Whitmore who won the Individual City Championship and also qualified for state competition. He is the first Whitney Young student who ever qualified for state competition. Zach Stuart won second place in the City Championships. A special thanks goes out to Dr. Simmons and Dr. Whitmore who helped hone the young men's skills.

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Girls Tennis

The girls tennis team recently finished in 12th place at the IHSA State Championships after capturing the City Title. Our Dolphins were led by doubles team members and seniors Brittany Ballog and Gabrielle Moore as well as by doubles team members and sophomores Syedah Cabell and Kate Ushokova.

Well done ladies!

National Merit

The following students were **semifinalists** in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Competition: Dohyun Bae, Maxwell Bezanson, David Bond, Colin Monahan, Davor Nikolic, Joseph Platt, Mordechai Sadowsky, Matthew Sebek, Jasha Sommer-Simpson, Mary Waller, and Zachary Yin.

The following students were **commended** in the 2011 National Merit Program: Matthew Ahrenholz, Eleanor Albarran, Jonathan Arceo, Jessica Baker, Hannah Bernard, Alyssa Bivins, Daniel Chlebek, Julia Ghica, Stephen Helm, Aidan Henry, Julie Jew, Hunter Kern, Michael Kinnerk, Anastasia Misheva, Jose Partida, Bianca Pillarella, Michael Raso, William Schreiber-Stainthorp, Matthew Stanton, Jessica Tang, Anthony Thomas, and Brandon Vlach.

National Achievement

The following students were **semifinalists** in the 2011 National Achievement Scholarship Competition: Keisha James, Jeffrey Jones, Hunter Kern, Louis Mahaffey, Jordan McGinnity-Boswell, Victor Mensah, Austin Paramore, Brandon Patterson, Jordan Pryor, Elizabeth Quander, Anthony Regulus, Zachary Stuart, and Anthony Thomas.

The following students were **referrals** in the 2011 National Achievement Scholarship Competition: Chelsea Dawkins, Micquel Hart, Julian Lopez, Kafayat Sokunbi, and Patricia Ward.

Letter of Intent

Dr. Kenner was recently notified that Fay Gilbert has signed a letter of intent with the University of Miami in Florida on an athletic scholarship for rowing. Ms. Stearns was a guiding light throughout the process.

Nice job Fay!

ISAT Exam Dates

All Academic Center students will take the Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT) March 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2011. A detailed schedule will be posted on Edline as the date approaches.

Green Screen

Neftaly Lara, an eighth grader at Whitney Young, is going to have her writing adapted and performed on the national television program, Green Screen Adventures. Neftaly was one of the winners of the Young Author's competition when she was in sixth grade at Falconer Elementary.

Her book, *A Guide to Global Warming*, is being featured in a series of comical and informative segments presented by superhero Green Girl and her sidekick Reese Ikle, a wacky puppet made from recycled materials. Neftaly's story will kickoff the new year. It will be featured at 9am on Saturday morning, January 1, 2011 on THISstv (channel 26.4 or Comcast 246 / RCN 26). Green Screen Adventures can also be seen on the web at www.greenscreenadventures.tv.

Nice job!

<p style="text-align: center;">Walgreens Essay</p> <p>The Director of Community Affairs for Walgreens has notified the school that Ivy Zhao has been selected to be one of three finalists in the Walgreens Expression Against HIV/AIDS Art & Literacy Contest in the essay category.</p> <p>As a finalist, Ivy won a \$100 Walgreen's gift card and complimentary transportation to the teen summit at the UIC forum. If selected as a grand-prize winner, Ivy will receive \$1000. Well done Ivy!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wendy's Scholarship</p> <p>Ms. Diori has notified the <i>Newsletter</i> that Amber Fredericks was selected to be the school winner of the 2010 Wendy's High School Heisman Program. She received a gift certificate and a Wendy's High School Heisman Scholarship, Athletic and Citizenship patch.</p> <p>Nick job, Amber!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">National Exams at Whitney Young</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">April 9, 2011</td> <td style="text-align: right;">ACT</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">May 7, 2011</td> <td style="text-align: right;">SAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">June 4, 2011</td> <td style="text-align: right;">SAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">June 11, 2011</td> <td style="text-align: right;">ACT</td> </tr> </table> <p>See your counselor or stop by the College Career Center for information about these exams.</p>	April 9, 2011	ACT	May 7, 2011	SAT	June 4, 2011	SAT	June 11, 2011	ACT										
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<p style="text-align: center;">Teacher for a Day</p> <p>Seventeen business students were "High School Heroes" when they went to Manierre Elementary School to teach K-4 students the basics of the Junior Achievement Program.</p> <p>They were: Karen Hernandez, Andrea Sanchez, Jocelyn Zamora, Diana Martinez, Neisha Wright, Tia McClellan, Jose Chavez, Rayona Campbell, Yesenia Mendez, Ao Peng, Yarely Vergara, Cynthia Gonzalez, Celeste Cruz, Claugia Galindo, Mariya Chukas, Shawn Jones, and Davion Belk.</p> <p>The students had a fun and exhausting day serving as teachers. A big thank you and goes out to Ms. Heaney, their sponsor.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IMEA All-State</p> <p>The following students made the Division 1 Illinois Music Educators Association honor rolls:</p> <p><i>Band:</i> Thaddeus Tukes</p> <p><i>Orchestra:</i> Liam Cunningham</p> <p><i>Choir:</i> Bryan Byrdlong, Sonja Coates, Candice Dawkins, Chelsea Dawkins, Louie Dong, Adaeze Ezeofor, Nia Foney, Nicole Henderson, Mariah Matthews, Heather Pedziwiatr, Linda Qiu, and Anthony Thomas.</p> <p>In addition, Thaddeus Tukes, Sonja Coates, Louie Dong, Adaeze Ezeofor, and Nicole Henderson will be going downstate for an IMEA conference. Awesome! Thanks Ms. Jeung.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Non-Sponsored School Trips</p> <p>We want to remind all parents that Whitney M. Young Magnet High School does not sponsor any Senior trips. These trips are organized by students and/or parents, and are not a school activity. Whitney M. Young Magnet High School assumes no responsibility for these outside activities.</p> <p>Questions about these types of activities should be directed to Mr. Mark Grishaber @ 773.534.7508.</p>																		
<p style="text-align: center;">Reminder about AP Exam fees!</p> <p>Only students who have been approved by December 1, 2010 for Free or Reduced lunch will be eligible for the reduced AP fee. Students currently in AP classes must pay AP Exam fees in the School Store during lunch periods, Tuesday February 1 – Monday, February 28, 2011. The cost is \$87 per exam (regular fee) or \$10 per exam (reduced fee). Students paying after February 28th will be charged a \$10 late fee per test. Payments can be made by cash, check or money order in the school store. Credit card payments must be made through Ms. Mitchell in the main office.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">AP Conflicts</p> <p>Check the AP Exam Schedule and notify Ms. Zalon if your child has two tests scheduled for the same time on the same day OR if you know he/she is going to be absent from school for a school activity or school trip. This is very important! If there is a conflict, please contact Ms. Zalon either by phone 773-534-7503 or email at plzalon@cps.edu immediately to schedule the alternative test date.</p> <p>Any student who is unexpectedly absent on the day of his/her scheduled AP test and requires an alternate test will be charged an additional fee of \$40 (late testing fee) by CollegeBoard. Students are responsible for paying the late fee to Whitney Young by May 13, 2011. Students will also be charged a \$13 fee for any unused exam returned to CollegeBoard.</p>																		
<p style="text-align: center;">CELL PHONE POLICY</p> <p>This policy is meant to help maintain an educational focus in classrooms and other study areas and respect the needs of our students to have reasonable access to their phones and other electronic devices. We acknowledge that this is the age of instant communication as well as the need to maintain a proper environment for students, faculty and the educational process.</p> <p><u>Cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3s or other electronic devices are not to be used in the classrooms UNLESS authorized by the classroom teacher.</u> Cell phones and other electronic devices are to be turned off or placed on silent / vibrate mode during class. Students should keep these items in their backpacks or purses.</p> <p><u>Cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3s or other electronic devices may be used before/after school, during passing periods, and lunch periods except in classrooms, the library, tech centers and the theater.</u></p> <p>Unauthorized use of these devices in the classrooms, library, tech centers and the theater is a violation of this policy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Violators of the policy will be subject to disciplinary action:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Confiscation of the device until the end of the school day and Out of School Suspension.</p> <p>Students may use their cell phones to place calls only in the first floor foyer of all three buildings during their lunch periods. In an emergency situation, an administrator or faculty member can give a student permission to make a call from a cell phone.</p> <p>The use of camera and video phones is absolutely forbidden at any time in private areas, such as, <u>locker rooms, washrooms, dressing areas, classrooms and offices.</u> Such use may also constitute a violation of the criminal code.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Home Basketball Games (remaining)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Men</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">12/14/2010</td> <td style="text-align: right;">North Lawndale</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5:30 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">1/4/2011</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Austin</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5:30 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">1/6/2011</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Manley</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5:30 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">1/13/2011</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Farragut</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5:30 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">1/20/2011</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Orr</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5:30 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">1/22/2011</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Hales</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6:30 pm</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">See you at the game!</p>	12/14/2010	North Lawndale	5:30 pm	1/4/2011	Austin	5:30 pm	1/6/2011	Manley	5:30 pm	1/13/2011	Farragut	5:30 pm	1/20/2011	Orr	5:30 pm	1/22/2011	Hales	6:30 pm
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College Board Advanced Placement 2010 Results

AP Examinations are taken in May after students complete challenging college-level courses at their high school. These tests are graded on a five-point scale, five being the highest. Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both for grades of three or higher. Whitney Young offers AP examinations in twenty-five subject areas, each consisting of multiple-choice, and either essay or problem-solving questions. One thousand five hundred and four exams were taken by seven hundred and seventy-one students at Whitney Young.

The **National AP Scholar Award** is granted to students who received an average grade of 4 or higher on a five-point scale on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. The following WYMHS student received this award:

Tim Ahrenholtz	Micah Dennis	Kelley Mui	Nora Richter
Alexandra Babiarz	Eric Jiang	Natalie Pace	Nora Rosengarten
James Cooper	Frank Mei	Steven Reyes	Brendan Tran

The **AP Scholar with Distinction Award** is granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The following WYMHS students received this award:

Tim Ahrenholtz	Anthony Gomes	Jose Martinez	Natalie Pace	Charlotte Seaberry
Jonathan Arceo	Mark Hermanson	Andrew Meek	David Peace	Matthew Sebek
Alenandra Babiarz	Courtney Hong	Frank Mei	Haley Pitonyak	Nigam Shah
Dohyun Bae	Annie Hu	Harry Mei	Sudheer Poluru	Matthew Stanton
Jessica Baker	John Huang	Omar Mesina	Blake Pon	Kawana Tharps
Rachael Brown	Miranda Huang	Jacob Morley	Ashley Powell	Brendan Tran
Lauren Cheung	Devon Jankovich	Wesley Moi	Joanna Preston	Patrick Trinley
James Cooper	Eric Jiang	Kelley Mui	Mishal Qureshi	Andrew Wong
Micah Dennis	Safiya Johnson	Teona Munteanu	Stephanie Reyes	Connie Wong
Caitlin Frenzer	David Johnston	Connie Nhan	Steven Reyes	Rita Wu
Beth Frenzer	Andrew Jones	Safiya Nygaard	Nora Richter	Frank Yi
Vadim Furmanov	Lavinia Jurkiewicz	Linda Qui	Nora Rosengarten	Zachary Yin
Majken Geiman	Sara Kochanny	Jasmine Omeke	William Schrieber-	Tommy Zhao
Josh Ginsburg	Cheuk Law	Crystal Ortiz	Stainthorpe	Diana Zheng

The **AP Scholar with Honor Award** is granted to students who receive an average grade of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. The following WYMHS students received this award:

Matt Ahrenholtz	Tiare Esquivel	Ian Hurley	Winnie Liu	Amanda Seagle
Michael Cheng	Jessica Flores	Julia Justusson	Amalia McCallister	Tara Snyder
Gary Cho	Elizabeth Garcia	Kathleen Keene	Carla Nodi	Jasha Sommer-Simpson
Christian Choy	Rachel Geiman	Laura Kingsley	Angelica Nuno	Catherine Stanton
Kevin Chrzanowski	Robert Gomez	Olga Kolesnykova	Saman Pakshir	Maria Tkacz
Carolina Clark	Emily Gottlieb	Hannah Kraus	Thomas Pietrzyk	Ruben Ulloa
Max Davis	Elizabeth Hernandez	Connie Lee	Kevin Reyes	Brandon Vlach
Carida Diaz	Kevin Hirn	Joseph Lee	Jacovie Rodriguez	Hui Yu

The **AP Scholar Award** is granted to students who receive grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams on full-year courses. The following WYMHS students have received this award:

Eleanor Albarran	Evangeline Dawson	Wingsuen Lau	Elizabeth Quander	Sarah Tiwana
Nader Ammar	Patrick Dzialek	Lucia Leon	Caitlin Raleigh	Hanna Twiss-Brooks
Mike An	Sally Feng	Raymond Li	Manaal Rana	Jamila Tyler
Max Bezanson	Meagan Frenzer	Xinru Li	Anthony Regulus	Taylor Ulmer
Alyssa Bivens	Arpit Goyal	Aaron Lichamer	Rogelio Rincon	Alvaro Vargas
Bryan Boccelli	Teresa Gugliotta-Kremer	Shirin Maani	Nicholas Rivera	Mary Waller
Michael Bojda	Tracey Guo	Alyssa Manansala	Alyssa Rodriguez	Marley Whitmore
David Bond	Joshua Hall	Samuel Mendez	Yarency Rodriguez	Alia Williams
Kornelia Budzioc	Stephen Helm	Rustam Mendybaev	Diana Rosen	Brandon Wilson
Jessica Cabrales	Chelsea Jaffey	Marco Mera	Audrey Rowe	Vivian Wise
Liliana Calderon	Julie Jew	Jason Moy	Paula Rusca	Norman Xu
Aurora Calvillo	Rachel Joravsky	Clemente Murillo	Mordechai Sadowsky	Harry Yu
Catherine Campbell	Matthew Joss	Krystle Niewinski	Gabriel Salovarra	Wenan Zheng
Monica Chaturvedi	Alexandra Kalinowski	Davor Nikolic	John Schreiber	
Carrie Chui	Hunter Kern	Ziang Oian	Jason Shintani	
Jessica Clement	Martin Kim	Oluremi Olufemi	Kunal Shukla	
Adam Cohen	Cameron Kindra	Diego Padilla	Elise Sonnenberg	
Candace Criswell-Moore	Max Kittaka	Arthur Pascale	Charles Stanton	
Kaya Cuper	Demetra Koris	Bianca Pillarella	Jenny Sum	
Jon Czuma	Julie Landmichl	Marco Pineda	Ned Tadic	
Elyssa Czynski	Wingchi Lau	Joseph Platt	Justin Taylor	

Math News

Our math team has had some very impressive victories in NSML (north Suburban Math League) competition. After two meets, the freshman team is in 5th place, sophomores in 3rd place, juniors in 1st place, and the seniors are in 2nd place. This puts the team overall in 2nd place in the league.

We had perfect papers from Emanuel Perez, John Joe Friedman, Jacob Spear, Cindy Zhang, Mark Waechter, Lucy Zhou, Mason Boeman, Patryk Lipski, Shunping Xie, Annie Chen, Matthew Cheng, Kyle Erf, and Dohyn Bae.

Many thanks to all of our math teachers, with special thanks going out to Coaches Mr. Moran and Ms. Au. Nice job!

Shop Office Depot

Office Depot will rebate 5% on all merchandise purchased as a credit to Whitney M. Young High School if our school's unique ID# is mentioned. **Our Office Depot number is 70030698.** When making your purchase at Office Depot, be sure to mention the 5% Back to School Program to the cashier. It's as simple as that!



Cross Country

Mr. Edwards is reporting that 7th grader Maia Sanders is the first Whitney Young Academic Center student ever to have qualified for State Cross Country Championships. She recently placed 4th at the IESA sectional and competed in Bloomington. Well done!

Notice to Seniors and Parents

Forty service learning hours are required for graduation. The deadline for Seniors is May 13, 2011. Many opportunities are available over winter break. Volunteer at a non-profit organization, and see Mrs. Stojak in Room 128 if you need forms or have questions. Over seventy percent of our seniors have already completed the requirement. Parents may call 773.534.7505 for more information. Do not delay. Volunteer today!

Advanced Placement Exam Fee Payment Info

Just a reminder about AP exam fees! Only students who have been approved by December 1, 2010 for free or reduced lunch will be eligible for the reduced AP exam fee. They must also notify their AP teacher and fill out a reduced fee card for each AP class they are taking. Students currently in AP classes must pay their AP exam fees between March 2 and April 8, 2011. The cost is **\$87.00 per exam** (regular fee) or \$10.00 per exam (reduced fee). Fees must be paid in cash or money order in the School Store beginning Tuesday, March 2, 2011. A \$10.00 late fee per exam will be assessed after April 8, 2011. Students not taking the AP exam will not receive AP credit and will receive a grade no higher than D for the course per the AP contract. There will also be a return fee of \$13 assessed to any student for which an exam was ordered and the exam was not taken.

Any questions regarding the Advanced Placement Program should be directed to Ms. Zalon @ 773.534.7503.

Report Card Pick Up

We had a 80.00% report card pick up rate on November 18, 2010. Our goal always was, and continues to be 100%.

The next report card pick up date is April 7, 2011 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Teacher conferences are scheduled from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

College/Career Center (CCC) News

In the College/Career Center located in the Blue House, one can...

- Access info on the computer system (i.e. college applications, scholarship information)
- Acquire college applications as they become available or visit college websites.
- Check out open house dates of colleges
- Research and work on school related topics.

The College/Career Center (CCC) is located in Blue House. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Esther Diori @ 773.534.7500, x23740.

National Junior Honor Society Invitations

At the beginning of February, invitations to apply to the National Junior Honor Society will be sent to 8th and 9th grade students who have earned a 3.75 or higher cumulative GPA on their first semester report card. Membership will be based on Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, and Citizenship.

National Board

Three Whitney Young educators recently acquired National Board Certification. They are: Natalie Leki-Albano, Claudia Chavez, and Susan Gustavson. This is a rigorous program, and is considered to be a pinnacle of teaching credentials. Our kids stand to benefit quite a bit.

Congratulations!

Local Star Shines

Mr. English is reporting that Allison Torem '08, will be performing lead roles in performances at local theaters in coming months. Try to catch a performance.

- *Kid Sister* at the Profiles Theater November 3 - December 19, 2010.
- *The Boys Room* at Victory Gardens Theater January 21 - February 20, 2011.
- *Trust* at the Looking Glass Theater March 3 - May 9, 2011.
- *The Hot L Baltimore* at the Steppenwolf March 24 - May 29, 2011.

Soccer News

Coach McCarthy has reported that our boys soccer team advanced to Quarterfinals, Matt Snidel was chosen All City and All Sectional, Alejandro Sanchez was chosen All Conference and All Sectional, and Cole Keutzer was chosen All Sectional.

Well done team!

Pegasus Players

Pegasus Players is a not-for-profit theater company located in Chicago's Uptown area. Their mission is two-fold: to produce the highest quality artistic work and to provide exemplary theatre, entertainment, and arts education at no charge to people who have little or no access to the arts.

Mr. English is reporting that two former students, Arthur Pascale and Trina Young, both graduates in 2010, will have their plays put on by Pegasus in January 2011.

Pegasus is located at Truman College's O'Rourke Center at 1145 West Wilson Avenue in Chicago. Visit their website at www.pegasusplayers.org for more ticket information. Awesome!

Hispanic Heritage Award

CPS officials have notified Dr. Kenner that Maddie Wagner Sherer was a grand prize winner in the 2010 Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Competition. Competition was intense. This year, there were a record 3,500 essays submitted from thirty-seven high schools.

As grand prize winner in the ninth grade category, Maddie won a laptop computer with a printer, and a \$5,000 scholarship to Roosevelt University. As her sponsor, Mr. Scheur has received a \$100 gift card.

Nice job!

Student Dress

The reputation of a school is based to a great extent upon the behavior and appearance of its student body. Student dress should reflect the importance that education plays in every student's life. All students are expected to dress and groom themselves neatly and modestly in clothes that are appropriate for an academic environment. When there is any question about the suitability of a student's attire, it is the final authority of the school principal or assistant principal as to whether a young man's or young lady's attire or general appearance is acceptable.

Students must wear shoes. For safety reasons, ID cards must be carried at all times.

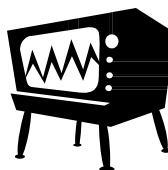
Students are not allowed to wear picks/combs in their hair or wear sunglasses, identical clothing or any clothing that identifies them as a member of any non-school sponsored organization. Also, clothing or apparel with inappropriate/offensive pictures, words or lettering which denotes or suggests gang membership or gang affiliation is not permitted. Other examples of inappropriate dress are halter/tube/tank tops with spaghetti-type straps, bare midriffs, unbuttoned/revealing shirts/blouses/pants, team jerseys without a shirt underneath, jogging/gym type shorts or walking shorts that do not extend down to the top of the knee, skin tight clothing, short skirts or dresses and under-shirts/undergarments worn as outerwear.

Hats, hoods, head bands, scarves, kerchiefs, or do-rags are not to be worn in the school building. This rule applies to males and females. Students who wear hats to school are to place their hats in their lockers upon arrival. Students are not allowed to keep their hats with them during the school day. Confiscated hats will be returned to the parents only. Exceptions will be given by the principal or assistant principal to individual students if they are satisfying religious requirements.

Gym uniforms are not appropriate attire in classrooms. Violators of these rules are subject to disciplinary action.

Did You Know?

- Did you know that Lucas Neff, the star of "Raising Hope" Tuesday Nights on the FOX Network, is a 2004 Whitney Young Graduate?
- Did you also know that Craig Robinson, who plays Darryl on the "The Office" and who also starred in "Hot Tub Time Machine," is a 1989 graduate of Whitney Young?



Military Opt-Out

Juniors, seniors and their parents have the right to opt-out of having their contact information shared with colleges and military recruiters.

Forms are available online at www.cps.edu/Programs/Community/Pages/Optout.aspx.

Please send completed forms to Tony Howard in P12 School Management either via GSR or fax (773) 553-2151.

AYA International

If you would like to host an international student in your home, contact Ms. Stoiljkovic at 773.534.7500 x23752.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

		Test Day 1 Tuesday January 25	Test Day 2 Wednesday January 26	Test Day 3 Thursday January 27
Session A	8:00-9:30 am	2	5	8
Break	9:30-9:45 am			
Session B	9:45-11:15 am	3	6	9
Break	11:15-11:30 am			
Session C	11:30-1:00 pm	4	7	Make-up (must be arranged)

- Students only need to come to school at test times. Know your schedule. Be prompt.
- Parents MUST call in to report all student absences from final exams @ 773.534.7500 press 2.
- Make-Ups. You can only make-up exams if your parent has called in your absence. It is your responsibility to arrange for make-up exams with your class teachers. You may be able to make-up exams during your lunch period, study period, or after your last test.
- No club or organization meetings will be scheduled on test days.
- Reminder: Students will be given a copy of their final grades for the 1st semester during division on Wednesday, February 2, 2011.

Graduation Dates Set

Senior graduation has been scheduled on Thursday, June 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Arie Crown Theater, 2301 S. Lake Shore Drive.

Eighth grade graduation will take place on Tuesday, June 15, 2011 at 1:00 pm in the Whitney M. Young Theater which is located at 1431 W. Jackson.

Guys and Dolls

Guys & Dolls Dance Company recently performed in Dance Chicago and we won 4th place out of 35 dances. We were judged on: total points, choreography, and production and technique! Congratulations to the cast of *To The Edge*, and choreographer Mari Jo Irbi!

Parent Teacher Student Organization 2011 Meeting Schedule

- January 13, 2011
- February 17, 2011
- March 10, 2011
- April 7, 2011 *
- May 12, 2011

All meetings take place at 6:00 pm in the Library, usually but not always, on the second Thursday of the month.

* Report Card Pick-Up Day

Medical Alert - Parents

The school must immediately be made aware of any chronic medical condition that your child may have. We must also be made aware of any special medical needs that exist. Ms. Helen Ramirez, RN, CSN is the school nurse, and is at Whitney Young on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Please call her directly @ 773.534.7500 x23715. She may also be reached by mail via the school at 211 S. Laflin St., Chicago, IL. 60607 or faxed @ 773-534-7537.

Norovirus

Many students have complained of upset stomachs and vomiting at school. Norovirus outbreaks have been unusually high in 2010. This virus causes diarrhea, vomiting and stomach pain and is highly contagious. The incubation period is 24 to 48 hours. Symptoms last one or two days and the infected person may shed the virus for two weeks after recovery. The Illinois Department of Public Health asks students and staff who have symptoms of norovirus to stay home for 24 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Good hand hygiene is the best way to prevent transmission of norovirus. Be sure to wash hands with soap and water for 15-20 seconds after using the bathroom and before preparing food or eating. We can minimize outbreaks of this illness by preventing person to person transmission. Helen Ramirez-Odell RN