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Avon Celebrates Two "Blue Ribbon" Schools

Two schools in the community of Avon have earned the distinction of "Blue Ribbon" schools from the United States Department of Education.

They are **Holy Trinity School** and **Avon Middle School**.

U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos has recognized just 367 schools nationally as **National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2020**. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

"Congratulations to this year's National Blue Ribbon School awardees," said Secretary DeVos. "It's a privilege to recognize the extraordinary work you do to meet students' needs and prepare them for successful careers and meaningful lives."

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Westlake Police Target Child Predators

Information courtesy of the Westlake Police Department,
www.facebook.com/westlakepolice

Recently the Westlake Police Department has been targeting those who want to prey upon some of our most vulnerable citizens – our children. We recognize, and "experts say the pandemic and isolation makes kids more vulnerable" to predators online. Utilizing popular social media platforms, WPD investigators have identified 2 males who were actually willing to travel to meet underage persons for sex:

On 4/30/20, a Cleveland 26yo male traveled to Westlake to meet up with a purported 15yo female for an alleged illicit sexual encounter. He was arrested that day by Westlake officers. On 6/25/20, a 48yo Fairview Park male traveled to Westlake to pick up a female whom he believed was 15yo as well. He was arrested that day by Westlake officers. Both were indicted by the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury on 9/22/2020. Charges include Attempted Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Importuning and Possessing Criminal Tools. Westlake PD will continue to seek out and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law any who wish to prey upon our kids. We ask that parents/guardians take a proactive role and closely monitor what their kids are doing online. You will be surprised on what and who is out there. This is especially important during these trying times of remote and hybrid schooling. Kids have more computer/gaming time than ever before. <http://ow.ly/dhEd50BI59L>

Homecoming 2020: The Traditions Continue

Homecoming traditions are continuing despite coronavirus restrictions at our local high schools.

Homecoming parades and dances are sadly non-existent this year, but the crowning of homecoming royalty still took place at Avon, Avon Lake and Bay High Schools over the past two weekends. Social distancing was observed at all times, but the homecoming traditions continue!

Bay High School Homecoming 2020

Things may have looked a little different with no dance and a virtual Homecoming Assembly, but the Class of 2021 was still upbeat about Homecoming 2020.

Class officers organized a Spirit Week (from tropical shirt day to wearing the Bay Rockets pride colors of blue, white and red), and they played 80s music in between classes.



The 2020 Homecoming Court: Queen Bridget Dougherty, attendants: Claire Edman & Alex Jensen and King Hayden Coffman, court members: Peter Appenheimer & Nathan Grace. All students on the court are seniors.

Student Council Advisor Robert Grossman said, "When our Bay High School

Student Council members learned Homecoming would be different this year, they said, 'No dance, no parade, no problem...let's do what we can.' And they did, creating a Spirit Week and Virtual Homecoming Assembly."

Photos courtesy Ally Bleisath, Bay High School, Class of 2021. To view the Virtual Homecoming Assembly: <https://youtu.be/zwSyl7w7rKE>



Avon Lake High School crowned Homecoming Royalty prior to the football game this past Friday night at Avon Lake Memorial Stadium. The Shoremen won the game, 38-3 over the Olmsted Falls Bulldogs. King is senior Thomas Polakowski, age 17 and Queen is senior Victoria Coper, age 17. (photo credit: ECI Photography)

Avon High Crowns Homecoming Royalty



Avon High School crowned Homecoming Royalty Friday prior to the football team's win over Berea-Midpark. Congrats to King Tyler Snevel and Queen Ella Fisher!

Westlake Knights of Columbus Earn Statewide Ranking

Community Support and Charitable Fundraising Earn Westlake Knights of Columbus Council Number One Ranking Statewide

St. Ladislus Knights of Columbus Council 16373 received multiple recognition at Ohio's Knights of Columbus and Supreme Convention earlier this year, among them the number one ranking of Ohio's Knights of Columbus councils.

"These awards are the result of a growing group of men who are truly putting

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Pet Pals Return to UH St. John

The return of Pet Pals to University Hospitals St. John Medical Center was a welcome sight on Sept. 21. Pet Pals is a pet therapy program that uses trained volunteers and their adult dogs to make visits to adults and children who would enjoy the company of a furry friend. This time, however, because of coronavirus restrictions, visits were made through corridor windows along the first floor of the hospital. It was a happy reunion for Pet Pals, staff and all who missed their happy presence on the campus. Pet Pals were on hand for three shifts that spanned the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., reconnecting with one and all.

Pet Pal volunteers who brought their dogs included Terry Koehler and his Pointer, Jack, Jim Konzen and his Golden Retriever, Maisie, Don Lushzkowski and Shih-Tzu, Lily, Joyce and Wayne Klotzbach and Golden Retriever Gracie, Trish Otter and Havanese, Sully, Nancy Beres and Newfoundland, Charm, Kathy Erzen and Cavachon, Bea, Kirsten Yates-Konzen and Golden Retriever, Maisie, Tom and Patty Gray and Malamute Keanu, Tom Huntley and Noah, and John Bellflower with Cobra.



Canned Food Drive at Knickerbocker Apartments

The residents of the Knickerbocker Apartments were the recipients of a recent canned food drive sponsored by Carfax and Bay Village United Methodist Church.



Donna Dresing, Nancy Plain, Todd Dresing



Nancy Plain

Todd and Donna Dresing collected, bagged and delivered the food to Nancy Plain, Activities Director at the Knickerbocker Apartments. "We were blessed to be the recipient of such a wonderful donation. Our residents appreciate the kindness."

Local Church Partners With USDA Farmers to Families

While everyone has been affected by the pandemic, for some, the pandemic has made life much more difficult. Since the pandemic has also disrupted the food supply chain, local farmers have a surplus of meat, dairy, and fresh produce that they can't get to their usual destinations.

To help, the USDA has partnered with **Christ the King Vineyard Church** to distribute boxes of this surplus food to families in need so that it does not go to waste.

USDA Farmers to Families Food Boxes include farm fresh meat, dairy, and produce to feed a family of five for a week.

"Christ the King Vineyard Church is thrilled to play a small role in getting this much needed food into the hands of the families in our community." – Rebekah Kerney, church administrator

Boxes are available to families in need at **Christ the King Vineyard Church (30635 Lorain Road, North Olmsted)** on **Thursdays in October from 11 am – 1 pm.**

No reservations are required to obtain a food box. Families simply go to the church during distribution time to receive their fresh food (while supplies last).

For additional information, contact Rebekah Kerney at info@ctkchurch.org, 440-777-3333.





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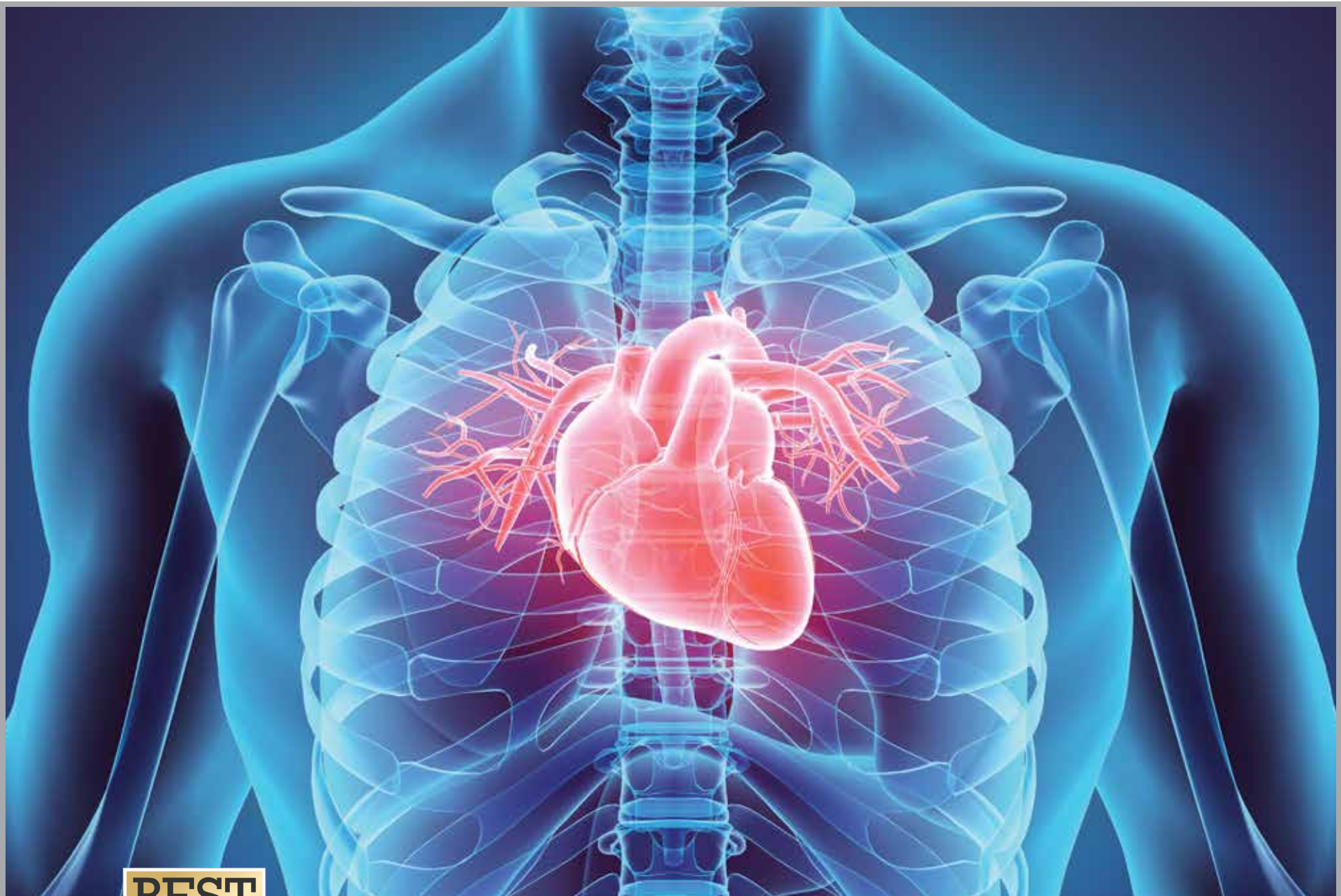
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“I Want to be Able to Eat....

by Jeffrey Gross, DDS, FAGD of *The Healthy Smile*

.....and I want it to be cheap!” Those were the opening words of my patient this week with the exclamation point. This visit from this patient was not the first. I saw him previously as we prepared him for open-heart surgery. Often, cardiac surgeons send a patient to a dentist for clearance before a procedure. Oral infections are very severe. These infections can and do get into the bloodstream. The results of this spread will be devastating on a patient after heart surgery. It could even result in a loss of life.

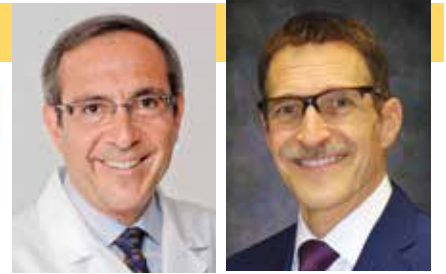
My patient was one of those people that I see under that circumstance. His mouth was a mix of infections and broken teeth. Due to the urgency of his surgery, we did not have time to do the entire treatment plan that we discussed. Our strategy involved removing all of his teeth and making him a denture. I had time to remove all of the teeth, but making a proper denture was not possible in the timeframe that he gave me. My other choice involved removing all of the teeth and leaving him with nothing until after rehab. That approach was less than ideal due to a lack of cosmetics and impaired eating function.

I decided to leave a couple of back teeth for chewing and some front teeth. The front teeth served a dual function. For the patient, they presented a level of dignity. For me, they gave me a guide to creating a denture with similar size and position of teeth. Leaving front teeth makes the

possibility of “denture shock” less likely. What is “denture shock?” This phenomenon occurs when the look of the denture is drastically different than the patient’s original teeth. Leaving a few teeth until the very end precludes this problem from happening.

He and I agreed upon the plan a couple of months ago before the heart surgery. This week he came to me to finish the case. However, he changed his plan. He did not want to remove any more teeth. The teeth that I had left were not diseased. He no longer wanted to wear a full denture and wanted to use the remaining few teeth as anchors. I can make a partial denture with as little as two teeth. However, not all “two teeth” are created equally. The position of the teeth in the mouth will make or break a treatment.

He had more than two teeth, but the spacing was not ideal for a partial denture success. An entire side of his mouth was devoid of teeth. The replacement teeth that I would make for him would not stay in place without some aid for stability. The only way for him to wear his new partial denture would involve the use of a dental adhesive. I never want to do a case with adhesive as a must from the beginning. Even with the adhesive as an aid, I could not tell him that he would be able to eat. He was willing to take the chance. I was not in favor of this plan as I felt it was doomed to failure.



Dr. Louis Malcmacher

Dr. Jeffrey Gross

I offered him a backup plan. I agreed to make an upper partial denture with the qualification that if we found problems, I could add an implant to make his treatment successful on all fronts. I do not have to start from scratch and throw away the partial denture. I can retrofit an implant into an existing partial or full denture. He and I came to a meeting of the minds and were both happy.

You don’t have to live with a sloppy fitting tooth replacement. There are many ways to turn disaster into success. Please call me at 440-892-1810 and set up a visit as a start to ending your problem. I look forward to meeting you.

Jeffrey Gross, DDS, FAGD is an Ohio licensed general dentist and is on the staff of Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine.

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New Scoreboard Comes to Avon’s Joe Firment Chevrolet Stadium

A new scoreboard was installed last month at Joe Firment Chevrolet Stadium, home of the Avon Eagles.

Spectators will be treated to a fully digital experience with the Daktronics scoreboard. The digital scoreboard display is 13-ft. high and 24-ft. long. There are also 4-ft. sponsor panels on each side, and a 6x8 sound cabinet and 6-ft. truss added to the top of the scoreboard. The grand total is 19-ft. high by 32-ft. long.

New capabilities include livestream playback, customizable info-graphics such as “GOAL”, or “Eagles Touch-down”, bright LED display, and stadium speakers.

The new scoreboard was funded entirely by local businesses. Thank you to our Title Sponsor, Meijer, and thank you to all our sponsors listed below.

Diamond sponsors include: Northview Animal Clinic, Westland HVAC, Marco’s Pizza, Cleveland Clinic Avon Hospital, Botson Insurance, and Ohio Roofing & Slate

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Thank you to Side Effects Inc. DBA Power Ad Company for coordinating the sponsorship efforts.

“We are very thankful to our community partners for their generous donations,” said Mike Laub, Avon Local Schools superintendent. “We are fortunate to have raised enough money through donations to fully fund the video board. Over the years it will be a great asset to our student groups, as well as a way to generate additional funds for capital improvements.”



RRMS Students Recognized for Scoring Well on Spanish Exam

The results of the 2020 National Spanish Examinations (NSE) have been announced and several Rocky River Middle School students who took the exam last spring have been awarded medals. The students combined to earn one gold, five silver and seven bronze medals, along with 17 honorable mention awards.

The NSE, which are sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, are voluntary and work with schools participating from all over the country and even internationally. Students from RRMS have a long history of high-achievement on these exams and were taught by Spanish teacher Kelly Sunderville.

“Attaining a medal or honorable mention award for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious because the exams are the largest of the kind in the United States with more than 140,000 students registered in 2020,” said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the NSE and to those who attained recognition for their outstanding performance. The following RRMS students were awarded medals:

Gold: Alice Situ • **Silver:** Mia Hildebrand; Nicholas Hollabaugh; Oluwatomisin Doris Kale; Connor Kane; Maria Tracy • **Bronze:** Daniel Capka; Emma Ionescu; Caroline Kysela; Evelyn Lundin; Ava Patti; Liliana Roselli; Mackenzie Russell • **Honorable Mention:** Reagan Connelly; Krista Ehrman; Augustus Fritz; Connor Granzier; Danielle Judice; Sara Kerwin; Julian Patti; John Perry; Tobias Rastatter; Buck Rathbun; Charlotte Roche; Rasmy Shahin; Mary Sollars; Reagan Spearry; Ellie Kate Steiner; Stephen Tirpak; Carolyn Wanosik

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Bay High Key Club Assists League of Women Voters

The Bay High School Key Club members began their door hanger distribution this past weekend (October 2-4) for the Bay Village League of Women Voters. More than 110 Key Club members were distributing 6,500 door hangers to homes throughout Bay Village. Key Club now has 145 members and is meeting weekly virtually.



Zoe Cox, Senior, Key Club President



McKenna Manderine, Senior and 4-year Key Club member



Angelica Jameson, LWW Door Hanger Distribution Project Chairperson, Junior, & Key Club Vice President

Community West Foundation Grant to Help Homeless in Cuyahoga County

Members of the Community West team recently visited Front Steps Housing and Services to provide them with their grant award. Marty Uhle, President and CEO, is pictured here with Sherri Brandon, Front Steps Executive Director. Funds will be used to support their programs serving the chronically homeless in Cuyahoga County. Learn more about their life-saving work at www.frontstepsservices.org.



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Westlake Knights of Columbus Earn Statewide Ranking

Community Support and Charitable Fundraising Earn Westlake Knights of Columbus Council Number One Ranking Statewide

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their faith in action. In only our fifth year, and one of the smallest councils in Ohio." Says Bud Tetzlaff, Council 16373 Financial Secretary, "To earn Five Star Council and Number One in the State of Ohio is very, very special. Five Star Council was earned by less than 1% of over 17,000 councils worldwide."

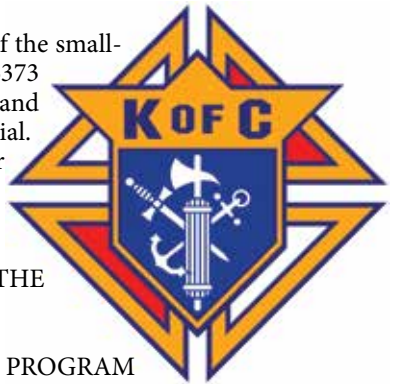
The St. Lads Knights of Columbus garnered multiple awards of recognition:

- Cleveland Diocese Recognized YOUTH OF THE YEAR
- State of Ohio GOLD AWARD
- State of Ohio Division 4, BEST COMMUNITY PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Teenage Family Assistance
- State of Ohio BEST LIFE PROGRAM ACTIVITY: Matthews Lending Library
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The Knights of Columbus are now over 2 million members strong and donated \$178 million to various charitable causes and worked 77 million volunteer hours in the last fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.



BOO VILLAGE 2020

Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Starts at the Bay Way Cabin. Monster March from Bay Village Square up Dover Center to Dover Commons Shopping Center.

Please register by emailing BOOVILLAGE2020@gmail.com for your time slot. Please include the number of people that will be attending. **Limited space available.**

We will have groups of 10 starting trick or treat every 8 minutes in order to maintain social distance. We ask that you please keep a 6 foot distance between you and others during the trick or treat. **Face Masks will be required** for trick or treaters as well as anyone accompanying them.

Business participants will also be required to wear face masks and provide hand sanitizer.

There will be two awards for **BEST COSTUME** – to register, simply tag Vivid Jewelers in your pictures on Social Media!

CANDY, PRIZES, AND FAMILY FUN!

Westlake Porter Public Library Participates in Countywide "One Community Reads" Effort

Westlake Porter Public Library has joined with Cuyahoga County's eight other library systems to present the One Community Reads program, which focuses on Racial Equity in America. The program will allow readers to learn about and reflect on race, history, and a more just future locally and nationally. In addition to reading and discussing the same books, participants are encouraged to join in the conversation about the issues they cover at onecommunityreads.org.

In addition to the programs offered throughout the county through December, the following program will be offered at WPPL: **Tuesday, October 13 (7-8:30 p.m.)**

Book Discussion: *March: Book One* (graphic novel) by John Lewis

Join the WPPL Tuesday Evening Book Club for a discussion of the graphic novel version of the late Congressman's memoir, including the Civil Rights movement. The discussion will include an interview with local comic book creator Abdul Rashid. Electronic copies of the book are available through Hoopla digital. Please REGISTER to receive an invitation to the discussion on Zoom. Participants without a computer, tablet or smartphone can join using a traditional phone.

Abdul H. Rashid, a native of Flint, MI, is an illustrator, creator, and developer of intellectual properties in the genres of superhero, sci-fi, action-adventure and horror concepts. As CEO/Founder of AHR Visions, LLC, a trans-media pop-culture studio, he looks to inject a new catalog of fresh, diverse and exciting titles that reflect the very colorful society we live in. Using comics as the primary platform to tell an array of stories, Rashid and AHRV are spotlighting diverse characters and inclusive elements outside the industry's "traditional blueprint." Rashid's work has been featured in several independent works as well as MARVEL distributed series.

One Community Reads culminates with a talk by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, author of *How to be an Antiracist*, on Friday, December 4 at 2 p.m. For more information on this and other program news please check the WPPL website at westlakelibrary.org or the One Community Reads website at onecommunityreads.org.

Bay High School has 11 Students Recognized in 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program

Bay Village City School District is proud to announce that 11 students have been recognized in the 2021 National Merit® Scholarship Program, an annual academic competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships.

Thomas Beckwith, James Bish and Samuel Ferry have been named Semifinalists. **Abigail Donahue, Ryan Duffy, Anya Krumbine, Cooper Lyons, Molly Mullahy, Kayla Poling, Emma Spirollari and Kendall Thomas** are recognized as Commended Students. All are seniors at Bay High School.

These students were identified based on their Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) scores.

National Merit Semi-Finalists

Thomas Beckwith – Thomas is interested in attending Northwestern University and Purdue University. He plans to study Chemical Engineering with a possible minor in Music Composition. His extracurricular activities and interests include Boy Scouts, playing piano, Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Honors Quintet and robotics.

James Bish – James is hoping to attend Case Western Reserve University, Cornell University or Carnegie Mellon University to



Thomas Beckwith



James Bish



Samuel Ferry

study Computer Science. He is involved in Marching Band, Science Club, the Robotics Team, Tech Club and National Honor Society.

Samuel Ferry – Samuel has applied to several colleges and universities, including Princeton University, Oberlin College and The Ohio State University. He is undecided regarding his course of study. While at Bay High School, Sam is involved in Marching Band and National Honor Society.

Commended Students

Abigail Donahue – Abigail plans to major in Physics and minor in English at a to-be-determined college, and then attend law school to pursue a career as a Patent Attorney. She is involved in many extracurricular activities, including several clubs and Swim Team (cap-

tain), and she plays the Alto Saxophone in the Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band and Marching Band. Outside of school, Abigail works as a lifeguard and has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Ryan Duffy – Ryan is hoping to attend Purdue University, University of Notre Dame, University of Michigan, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University or The Ohio State University to study Mechanical Engineering or Aerospace Engineering. Outside of school, he is involved with Marching Band on the Drumline, Cross Country, an Appalachian service project and has attained Eagle Scout status. Ryan also enjoys classic car restoration as a hobby and sidebar business.

Anya Krumbine – Anya hopes to attend San Jose State University, Savannah College of Art & Design or Rochester Institute of Technology upon graduation to study Animation and Digital Arts. She has been involved with Key Club, National Honor Society, Marching Band, Pit Orchestra, Thespians and Chamber Orchestra at Bay High School, and Girl Scouts, Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony and John Knox Presbyterian Youth Group outside of school.

Cooper Lyons – Cooper is looking to attend either Case Western Reserve University, Washington University in St. Louis, The Ohio State University or Babson College. He plans to pursue a Business Management or Finance degree with a focus in Entrepreneurship. After receiving his undergraduate degree, he plans to pursue an MBA. Outside of class, he is a captain of the basketball team, a member of National Honor Society, a class officer and a Student of the Year candidate for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Molly Mullahy – After graduation, Molly is looking to attend

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Abigail Donahue



Ryan Duffy



Anya Krumbine



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Please note: Modifications can be given in all classes so that all skill levels or those restricted to wheelchairs or cannot stand for long periods of time can participate in the class.

Total Body Workout Sing-A-Long

This class is a combination of strength, mobility and cardiovascular exercises all while singing your favorite, nostalgic songs. You not only yield the health benefits from exercise, but also the health benefits of singing, such as exercising the respiratory system. (Yes, there is a reason we simultaneously sing as we perform exercises besides the fact it's fun!) This class is a great way to get both music and motion.

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AVON WINS SWC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Avon High School secured the 2020 Southwestern Conference Boys Golf Championship Thursday (September 24) afternoon. It is the second straight SWC Boys Golf title for the Eagles.

Avon compiled 44 points over the season, finishing first at the SWC Preview, undefeated (8-0) during the SWC regular season and tying for first place (lost on tie-breaker) at the recent SWC Tournament. Amherst Steel High School took runner-up in the team race with 36.5 points. The Comets placed fourth in the SWC Preview, finished third during the regular season with a 5-3 record and defeated Avon via a tie-breaker at the SWC Tournament.

The overall team champion is determined 30% by the SWC Preview, 30% by the SWC regular season and 40% by the SWC Tournament.

Final Standings: 1. Avon – 44; 2. Amherst Steele – 36.5; 3. Olmsted Falls – 35.25; 4. Avon Lake – 27.5; 5. Westlake – 26.75; 6. Midview – 21; 7. North Ridgeville – 19; 8. Berea-Midpark – 10; 9. North Olmsted – 5

This report is from the website: <https://swcoho.net/2020/09/24/avon-wins-back-to-back-swc-boys-golf-championships/>. Check it out for SWC news.



Gerborg is MVP

Avon High School junior Jack Gerborg was named the 2020 Southwestern Conference Most Valuable Boys Golfer Thursday (September 24) afternoon following the conclusion of the SWC Boys Golf season.

Gerborg entered the 2020 SWC Tournament leading Olmsted Falls sophomore Ben Scheef—his closest competitor—by seven strokes. He shot a 75 on the Legacy Course at Sweetbriar to place in a tie for fifth, while Scheef placed third with a 74 at the event. Gerborg, who finished runner-up in 2019 and eighth as a freshmen, compiled a 2.192 “score minus course rating.” Scheef, who placed third a season ago, ended the year with a 2.617.

The top six golfers earned All-SWC first team honors, while the next six receive All-SWC second team recognition. The All-SWC honorable mentions from the schools and the SWC Coach of the Year will be announced later this fall.

2020 All-SWC First Team: Jack Gerborg, Avon – 2.192; Ben Scheef, Olmsted Falls – 2.617; William Fankhauser, Westlake – 3.100; Nolan King, Avon – 3.192; Brenton Dill, Avon – 3.692; Ryan Yoder, Amherst – 4.117

2020 All-SWC Second Team: Ben Lampe, North Ridgeville – 4.208; Bryan Stone, Midview – 4.433; Hunter McCourt, Avon – 4.608; Sean Lavery – Avon Lake – 4.700; Austin Bray, Amherst – 5.117; Matt Hall, Olmsted Falls – 5.200



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Through our program, attorneys have a better option for their clients than 722 redemption! In most cases, the credit bureau reports the vehicle as included in the bankruptcy. This report will not help clients improve their credit. In addition, consumers that have auto loans prior to filing are harboring a large amount of negative equity. A vehicle's estimated book value is usually not worth the true value. By choosing 722 Redemption or reaffirmation, this negative equity will carry over post-bankruptcy. The better option is to surrender the old vehicle, and start fresh in a new vehicle, with a new auto loan.

Who We Are

Our teams of experts came together with the same goal in mind. To help people.



Laura Decsi Traci Merideth, Nicole Bann, Frankie Simoni and Alexis Medina



Vice President, **Traci Merideth**, has been working in the finance and automotive industry for over 30 years. Traci's experience outshines anyone else in her field. She works directly with our clients, financial advisors, and our lenders to ensure the lowest down payment and best interest rates possible. Traci gives our clients the option of additional protection by offering warranty and gap with new auto loans. Traci's bubbly personality and kind demeanor brightens the company and keeps

our staff and clients in positive spirits.

Chief Administrative Officer, **Nicole Bann**, has a background in Public Relations, Marketing, Advertising and Management. Her role with BK Car Education USA and File & Drive USA includes expanding the network of attorneys that are available to clients, as well as making attorneys aware of our program so we can offer a better option to those in open bankruptcy. Her role also includes the daily operations of the company administration and all aspects of marketing, advertising, and public relations. With over 12 years of business experience, Nicole's aggressive ambition is a driving force in the company's evolution.

Compliance Specialist, **Frankie Simoni**, works closely with Traci Merideth as a specialist in the Compliance department. Her background is in the automotive industry and is an expert in the field of vehicle surrenders. Her critical thinking and analytical approach to getting work done makes her a vital member to the team. She is persistent in locking in low interest rates and low down payments when getting our clients approved for an auto loan.

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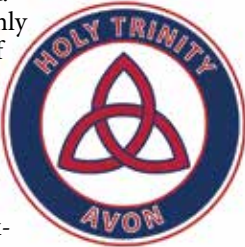
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Avon Celebrates Two “Blue Ribbon” Schools

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“If someone would have told me that two schools in the same community received the coveted National Blue Ribbon School Award, I am not sure I would believe it,” said Avon Mayor Bryan Jensen. “If they told me which two schools did receive the award, then it would make perfect sense. The Administrations and the teaching staff at both Holy Trinity School and Avon Middle School are remarkable. I have worked with both schools and know this first hand. Everyone knows people move to Avon for the excellent schools, and stay because of all the amenities. This national award is proof that people are right. Our schools, both public and private, are outstanding. I believe a community is lucky to get one school that is recognized as a Blue Ribbon School – to have two is truly remarkable. Congratulations to Holy Trinity School and Avon Middle School on this well-deserved award.”

Holy Trinity School is the only school in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and one of only 50 non-public schools in the country to be recognized as a **2020 Blue Ribbon School**, reports the Diocese. It was recognized for its overall academic performance as an Ex-



emplary High Performing School. This was Holy Trinity’s first attempt to achieve Blue Ribbon status.

“This recognition is a testament to the incredible effort of our teachers and staff, and the support of our Holy Trinity families and community,” said **Kim Kuchta, Holy Trinity School** co-principal. “To be part of the Holy Trinity family is to be inclusive, compassionate and empathetic to members of the community and beyond. Our teachers foster student success using this approach while delivering engaging, individualized instruction in a faith-based environment.”

Holy Trinity School serves more than 500 students from preschool to grade 8. It is the oldest and largest parochial school in Lorain County. It was established in 1845.

Avon Middle School first learned it was nominated for the esteemed honor this past February.

“Receiving the National Blue Ribbon Award is a wonderful honor, not only for Avon Middle School, but for the entire school district and the City of Avon,” said **Dr. Craig Koehler, Avon Middle School** principal. “With the school, families, and community working together, we have been able to accomplish great things for our children. It’s been all about teamwork, and we are certainly appreciative of our amazing staff and students, as well as the support we have received from the community over the years.”

Koehler has been principal at Avon Middle School



since 1998. “To be designated as a Blue Ribbon School is truly an honor,” said **Mike Laub, Avon Local Schools** superintendent. “Our staff, students and community should be proud of this accomplishment. This award is a reflection of the entire team and their desire to provide the best possible education for our students.”

Avon Middle School was nominated as an Exemplary High Performing School. Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year nationally. The U.S. Department of Education invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity, and the Bureau of Indian Education. Private schools are nominated by the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

The 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools Awards Ceremony will be held virtually Nov. 12 and 13. The U.S. Department of Education will celebrate the 317 public and 50 non-public school honorees in the ways that they are able, and they will each receive their plaques and flags via mail.

The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content. Now in its 38th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed almost 10,000 awards to more than 9,000 schools, with some schools winning multiple awards. Schools are eligible for nomination after five years.

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Westlake Fire Dept. Achieves Honor

Information courtesy of the City of Westlake,
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Congratulations to Westlake Fire Department. “The Westlake Fire Department has again been awarded the 2020 Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Award by the American Heart Association, which recognizes the department as a premiere emergency medical provider.”



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Westlake 11-Year-Old Selected as Scholastic Kid Reporter

Scholastic Kids Press announced that **Zain Abbas**, a 6th grader from Westlake, will join this award-winning team of Kid Reporters, ages 10–14, who report “news for kids, by kids.”

During the 2020–2021 program year, Zain will interview newsmakers from his community and share the perspectives of his peers on the 2020 U.S. presidential election and other issues that matter most to young people today. Kid Reporter stories are published on the Scholastic Kids Press website, and featured in select issues of Scholastic Classroom Magazines, which reach more than 25 million students nationwide.

Over the past two decades, Kid Reporters have made headlines covering major national and world events and interviewing influential figures, including conservationist **Jane Goodall**, Librarian of Congress **Carla Hayden**, composer **Lin-Manuel Miranda**, award-winning author **Jason Reynolds**, and Supreme Court Justice **Sonia Sotomayor**, in addition to United States presidents **Barack Obama** and **Donald J. Trump**.

FULL PRESS RELEASE: <http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/press-release/scholastic-kids-press-chooses-45-kid-reporters-cover-news-kids-kids>

About Zain Abbas:

- Kid Reporter Zain Abbas, from Westlake, is one of 45 Kid Reporters in Scholastic Kids Press.
- He is 11 years old and in 6th grade.
- Full online bio: <https://kpcnotebook.scholastic.com/user/385>

About Scholastic Kids Press:

- Kid Reporters in the award-winning Scholastic Kids Press program, ages 10–14, cover “news for kids, by kids” with coverage of current events, breaking news, entertainment, sports, and more from their hometowns and on the national stage.
- Their stories appear online at the Scholastic Kids Press website and in issues of Scholastic classroom magazines, which reach more than 25 million students in classrooms nationwide.
- The annual selection of Kid Reporters is based on writing ability, interviewing skills, and attention to detail. The Kid Reporter application includes:
 - A typed news article.
 - A typed essay that answers the questions: Why do you want to be a Kid Reporter?
 - Two ideas for stories about their community that they would like to work on as a Kid Reporter.
- **OFFICIAL WEBSITE:** www.scholastic.com/kidspress



Westlake Scarecrow Contest

Information courtesy of the City of Westlake, www.CityofWestlake.org

The 8th Annual Westlake Scarecrow Festival will be here soon! Families, companies, and small groups are invited to purchase a scarecrow pack and create their own scarecrow to be displayed outside the Rec Center and judged for prizes for three award categories: Most Original, Scariest, and Most Creative! The cost is \$20 per scarecrow pack. The deadline to register is Oct. 12 and assembled scarecrows must be returned to the Rec Center by Oct. 23 at 12 p.m. Register online under Activity # 406603 - <https://webtrac.cityofwestlake.org>



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WEST SHORE BLUES: THE BEST OF THE BEATS

Officer Ben Kitchen Named First Bay Village School Resource Officer



Bay Village Police and Bay Village City Schools are pleased to announce the placement of Off. Ben Kitchen as the first School Resource Officer in department history. Off. Kitchen will be tasked with numerous duties including giving presentations, school security and continuing to engage and protect the children of Bay Village. Ben provides years of law enforcement experience and has a great rapport with the students.

Off. Kitchen can be reached at bkitchen@cityofbayvillage.com

An Urgent message from the Bay Village Police Department

Bay Village and other Westshore communities are experiencing a rash of stolen cars and theft from autos. To date, in Bay Village 15 cars have been stolen and 83 cars have been entered and items stolen. ALL of the vehicles have been left unlocked. ALL of the stolen cars (except 1) had the keys left inside the vehicle.

Bay Village Police continue to seek help from residents regarding vehicle thefts and theft from auto reports. During the past week, seventeen (17) reports were taken regarding a theft from auto. Further, on September 22nd, a vehicle was stolen from a residence on Elmwood Road. This vehicle was later recovered abandoned and damaged in the 3000 block of Project Ave. in Cleveland. The homeowner reported that a wallet with cash, credit cards and other important paperwork was left inside the vehicle. The homeowner admitted that the vehicle was left unlocked with the keys inside. Bay Village Detectives are investigating.

We cannot stress strongly enough how important it is to remember to ALWAYS to lock your vehicles and remove the keys and valuables from sight. Additionally, we urge residents to make sure pedestrian doors leading from the outside to inside the garage are locked and pedestrian doors leading from the garage to inside the house are locked. Cars that have push button starters are especially vulnerable. It is incredibly easy for criminals to reach into your car and push the starter button. If it turns on, they steal it. They don't even have to look for the keys.

Do your part to help discourage these car thieves from coming into Bay Village. Lock your cars, homes, and don't leave valuables out in the open!

Westlake Police Promotions

Information courtesy of the Westlake Police Department, www.facebook.com/westlakepolice

Jason Dancy and Joshua Frey were sworn in as Lieutenant and Sergeant, respectively, on Thursday, Oct. 1 at City Hall. Family, friends and colleagues were in attendance for the occasion. The officers earned these promotions through their exemplary performance on the job and extensive testing and observation.



Sgt. Joshua Frey is sworn in as a Sergeant by Mayor Dennis Clough on Oct. 1, 2020.



Lt. Jason Dancy is sworn in as Lieutenant by Mayor Dennis Clough on Oct. 1, 2020.



K9 'Cash' Scores Big Bust for Westlake Police



K9 officer 'Cash'

The Westlake Police Department's K9 officer 'Cash' scored a big bust last week, zeroing in on approximately 2 kilos of cocaine.

Westlake Police report:

'On 9/11/20 at about 1:37PM an officer stopped a rental vehicle for a traffic violation as it pulled into the Holiday Inn Express on Clemens Rd.

'The occupants' story of why they were in town from Idaho seemed suspicious as they claimed they were in Cleveland to "take pictures."

'A WPD K9 arrived on scene and alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle.

'Investigation revealed that the vehicle was carrying approx. 2 kilograms of suspected cocaine. The 4 occupants were brought back to WPD. A 53yo Idaho Falls, ID resident was charged with trafficking in drugs with a recommendation to the county grand jury for additional charges of endangering a child as his 14yo son was in the vehicle when stopped. The 14yo was turned over to Child and Family Services to await pick up by a family member. A 32yo San Fernando, CA and a 41yo Mexican national were also charged with drug trafficking.

'The adults were transferred to the Cuyahoga County Jail.'

Chicken Parts Prank Fairview Park Vegetarian

A Fairview Park vegetarian was victimized by a chicken wing prank on Sept. 27.

The W. 214th St. resident reported to police that someone had placed over 50 pieces of chicken around his yard and car, with a chicken wing wedged underneath his windshield wiper.

The caller has a large sticker on his car, "Vegan", which he believes precipitated the event. The victim offered names of possible suspects.

A Westlake female and a Cleveland male were contacted, both 18 years old, and admitted to the incident. They voluntarily came in, were arrested, booked, processed, and released on bond, charged with Criminal Mischief.



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Stolen Vehicle Saga in Bay

On September 28, at 9:57am, Bay Village Police were dispatched to the 400 block of Canterbury Road on report of a stolen vehicle. Police investigated and found that the vehicle was left unlocked with the key inside of the vehicle. The Nissan Rogue was taken from the driveway in the overnight hours. On October 2, Bay Village Police received a call from Cleveland PD reporting the vehicle was found wrecked and abandoned in the area of East 185th and Schenely Road. The vehicle was heavily damaged and was towed back to Bay Village for evidence processing. Found inside the vehicle were numerous stolen items from other thefts in the area including credit cards from residents in Mayfield Heights and Lyndhurst.



Windsurfers Saved!

On October 1, at 6:46pm, Bay Village Police received a call from a concerned resident regarding two windsurfers, possibly in distress, on Lake Erie. Bay Police arrived and found that the two individuals were having trouble in the water. Further, the sun was about to set and a rainstorm had moved into the area. Multiple agencies responded to the dangerous situation including; Bay Village Fire Department, Lakewood PD's boat, Rocky River Police, the U.S. Coast Guard's boat and rescue helicopter, and the Bay Village Auxiliary Police. One of the males involved was able to make it to safety at Bradstreet Landing while the other male was eventually picked up, grounded on a beach in the 24000 block of Lake Road. Both males were checked by paramedics and were released at the scene.

The Bay Village Police would like to thank all agencies and individuals who participated in the rescue. It was a coordinated effort which thankfully had a positive outcome.

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Bay High School has 11 Students Recognized in 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program

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one of these institutions: University of Notre Dame, Northeastern University, Boston College, Northwestern University, Dartmouth College, Middlebury College, and The Ohio State University. She plans to pursue Architecture, Mathematics, Business or Pre-law. At Bay High School, she is on the tennis and lacrosse teams, and she participates in the Walk MS fundraiser for multiple sclerosis.

Kayla Poling – Kayla is hoping to attend Case Western Reserve University, The Ohio State University or Cleveland State University. She wants to study General Chemistry, and specialize in Biochemistry or Materials Science. Kayla is President of Bay High School's Sexuality and Gender Alliance, and works in set construction and stage management as a Bay High Thespian.

Emma Spirollari – Emma is looking to attend Stanford University, University of California Santa Barbara or Northeastern University after graduation to follow a Pre-med track with a minor in French. At Bay High School, she is involved as a class officer, Project Earth club, volleyball and tutoring.

Kendall Thomas – Kendall is interested in Boston College, Loyola University Chicago, Carnegie Mellon University and Miami University, and she plans to study Communications or English. Outside of academics, Kendall is involved in Marching Band, Orchestra, the Tennis Team, Key Club, National Honor Society and Girl Scouts.

Of the 1.5 million students who took the 2019 PSAT/NMSQT, only 16,000 earn Semifinalist status, putting the three Bay Village students in the top 1% of students nationwide. Beckwith, Bish and Ferry must submit an application to be named a finalist and continue on in the National Merit Scholarship competition. About 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level, and more than half of those finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

"We are so proud of these 11 students and all that they have accomplished their last four years," said Bay High School Principal Jason Martin.

"What an amazing honor for these 11 young men and women," said Bay Village City School District Superintendent Jodie Hausmann. "They are not only leaders in the classroom, but also within our community."

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that will be awarded on a state-representational basis, about 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards, and around 4,100 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

The 2021 National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 353,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

This link shares the organization's most recent general press release. Learn more about the National Merit Scholarship Program and NMSC by visiting www.nationalmerit.org.

Westlake Porter Public Library October Events

Wednesdays, October 14, 21 and 28 (2-3:30 p.m.) *Learn ASL Sign Language (Live)* – In this beginner class, students will learn the sign language alphabet, how to meet and greet people and the basics of communicating with the deaf. This class will be conducted on Zoom, and will meet four times. Please register. Please provide an email address so Zoom instructions can be sent to you. Ages 10 and up are welcome.

Wednesdays, October 14 and 28 (4-5 p.m.) *Teen Writers Group (Live)* – A bi-weekly meet-up for writers in grades 7-12. In this workshop, we'll be prepping for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) in November. Please register. Participants must provide an email address to receive Zoom instructions, which will be sent the day of the program.

To register for any of the programs, please visit westlakelibrary.org/events.



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Meet Avon K9 Officer Hunter and Handler Officer Jessica Zuk

The Avon Police Dept. welcomed its newest member to the force, K-9 Hunter, a 20-month old British Field Lab in May.

Hunter came by way of Mike Watkins K-9 of North Ridgeville. Watkins had approached the department with an idea for a K-9 that could be used in the schools and at community events and not perceived as a traditional police dog. Hunter was donated to the Avon Police Department. Avon agreed to furnish the equipment and cost of training.

Mayor Bryan Jensen and Supt. of Schools Mike Laub were both on board immediately. With the ongoing pandemic and stresses put on students and families, K-9 Hunter can provide a positive diversion for all.

After a lengthy selection process, Officer Jessica Zuk, a three-year veteran of the force, was chosen as handler. Officer Zuk's years of experience working in various Lorain County schools systems and her knowledge of school operations and students were noted.

Officer Zuk and K-9 Hunter started their training under the guidance of Master Trainer Mike Watkins and, after several weeks, obtained special purpose Narcotics Detection and Tracking OPOTA certification.

Officer Zuk and Hunter have now met some Avon students in the schools. Their next steps will be senior centers and community events once the time is right.

Officer Zuk and Hunter will also be trained in Therapy K-9 protocols. As an agency that embraces community engagement, Avon Police realize a therapy dog can be a beneficial tool to service residents in unique ways.



Meet the newest Avon Officer, K9 Hunter and his handler Officer Zuk.

10 Westlake High School Students Recognized in 2021 National Merit® Scholarship Program

The Westlake City School District is proud to announce that 10 students at Westlake High School have been recognized in the 2021 National Merit® Scholarship Program, an annual academic competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships.

Luke Heberle, Rahul Jain, Colt Rujawitz, Macy Sinreich and Kevin Xu have been named as Semifinalists. **Evan Cowin, Abigail E. Dumm, Arya S. Parikh, Hannah C. Powers and Sagan D. Woolner** were recognized as Commended Students. The students were identified as Commended or Semifinalists based on their Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) scores.

Of the 1.5 million students who took the 2019 PSAT/NMSQT, only 16,000 earn Semifinalist status, putting the five Westlake students in the top 1% of students nationwide. Heberle, Jain, Rujawitz, Sinreich and Xu must submit an application to be named a finalist and continue on in the National Merit Scholarship competition. About 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level, and more than half of those finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

"To have 10 students recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation is awesome, and all of these students truly deserve to be commended for their academic achievements," said **Westlake High School Principal Paul Wilson**. "They have worked very hard and have been dedicated to their studies so they all deserve to be recognized. Congratulations to each of them on this tremendous honor!"

Students who achieve finalist status will compete for more than \$31 million in scholarship awards. This year, there are three types of National Merit Scholarships that will be awarded. They include 2,500 National Merit® \$2,500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis, about 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards, and around 4,100 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

"I would like to express my sincere congratulations to all 10 Westlake High School students," said **Superintendent Dr. Scott Goggin**. "They should all be very proud of their accomplishments; I know I am! To the five who will be competing further, we all wish you the best. You deserve to be recognized for your effort, perseverance and determination to succeed in your academic journey!"

The 2021 National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join more than 353,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.

Learn more about the National Merit Scholarship Program and NMSC by visiting www.nationalmerit.org.



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