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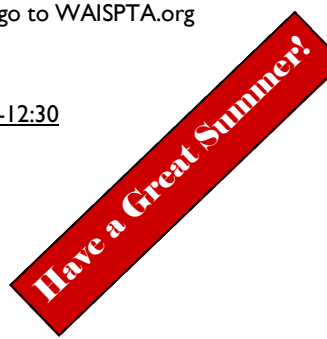
- Register to receive the e-newsletter at WWW.WAISPTA.ORG
- Hardcopies will be available at the 3 school offices (713) 251-1800
- Mail your articles to sophiehaci@hotmail.com

Look for Student Care Packages from PTA during finals

June

Rick Riordan,
Author of the **Percy Jackson series,**
coming to **WAIS**
on **May 6 at 4:30** to sign his latest book: **“The Last Olympian”**

May	4-8	Book Fair
	4-20	AP Exams
	4-21	IB Exams
	5	Middle School New Student Orientation (morning),
	5	Middle School New Parent Orientation and Student Mixer—7 pm
	5	Teacher Appreciation Day
	6	School Nurse’s Day
	6	Author’s visit: Rick Riordan author of the Percy Jackson series—4:30 pm
	7	Upper School Parent Orientation-New Students, <u>PTA Gal Mtg & Book Fair-7 pm</u> ,
	8	Student Council Talent Show—
	8	Girl’s Lacrosse Banquet
	9	WAIS Performing Arts present: A Night on Broadway—6:30 pm
	11-29	End of Course On-Line Testing (Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, chemistry, US History)
	12	8th Grade Texas Scholars
	13	Upper School Honors Night—7 pm— <u>PTA General Meeting</u>
	14	Middle School Honors Assembly (morning)
	14	Silver Starz Banquet
	15	Student Final Exams Exemption Forms Due
	16	Senior Prom
	19	TAKS re-test:: Grade 8 Math
	19	Campus Improvement Team Meeting—4-5:30 pm & <u>PTA Board Meeting—6:30pm</u>
	20	AP Government Exam - <u>New Date</u>
	21	College T-Shirt Day & Senior Graduation Meeting—9:15 am
	21	<u>Spring Choir Concert—7pm</u>
	22	Director’s Advisory Council Meetings
	22-29	Senior Final Exams
	25	Memorial Day Holiday
	26-28	Dead Week
	26-29	Grades 6 & 7; Science District Assessments (testing windows through 6/3)
	27	Senior Cap and Gown Day
	29	Senior Graduation Practice—10-12 & 8th Grade Graduation and Dance
	29	Final Exams for Grades 6-11 start—To see exam schedule go to WAISPTA.org
	1	Senior Graduation Practice—1 pm
	1-3	Grades 6 & 7; Science District Assessments
	1-3	Final Exams for Grades 6-11— <u>Early Dismissal for all 3 days-12:30</u>
	2	Senior Graduation—7 pm at Don Coleman Coliseum
	3	Senior Breakfast—8:30 am—Library
	3	Last Day of School / End of 6th Six Weeks
	11	Mail Final Report Card & Final Exams Make-ups—8 am
	15	Summer School begins (High School and Middle School)
	22-26	Summer Broadway Camp



PTA needs you! Join the PTA Board in 2009-2010

A few positions are still available: Campus Beautification, Directory, Birthday Marquee, Council Representative and 6th Gr. Rep. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Contact Sophie Haci at sophiehaci@hotmail.com



The Italian Night Dinner

was a complete success with about 240 guests.

The Class of 2010 sincerely thanks the Westchester community for its support.

Odyssey of the Mind

◇ All 3 Westchester Odyssey of the Mind teams will be headed to Odyssey of the Mind **World Finals** end of May at Iowa State University.

◇ Will Scott received a *renetra fusca* award and will also be advancing to World finals.

Congratulations!!

I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone that made our garage sale successful!

We had a great turnout.

Jane Harris

WAIS Advanced Choir ...

at the Heritage Music Festival received:

- ◇ **First place gold** (superior rating).
- ◇ The **Maestro Award** for outstanding soloist (Anthony Gonzalez)
- ◇ An invitation to the **Festival of Gold** in the Spring 2010 in either Chicago or New York.

Congratulations!!

WAIS Performing Arts

- Students of the Westchester Performing Arts present:

A Night On Broadway
Dinner Theatre and Silent Auction.

Saturday, May 9th at 6pm
Tickets \$20/person or a table of 8 for \$125

Contact: Ana Faleiro at 713-251-1800.

- Coming to WAIS Theater this Fall!

The Little Shop of Horrors

- Summer Broadway Camp

June 22 to 26 for children aged 6-11

Deadline to sign up: June 3, 09

Go to Waistheatre.com to apply.

The International Festival was a great success!

- We had 18 countries represented during both days: Guam, Kenya, Turkey, Spain, Austria, France, Great Britain, Italy, Senegal, Lebanon, Uruguay, India, Argentina, Netherlands, Poland, South Africa, El Salvador and Germany - each with beautiful and very informative displays.
- A special thank you to student ambassadors, for the time preparing displays, answering questions and explaining their culture. I am

convinced the event has strengthened the school's international identity.

- Thanks to Mr. Mueller for his hard work in organizing the event and the International Performances in the auditorium Saturday morning.
- A thank you to Dr. Blasingame, Mr. Gonzalez, Jane Harris and all board members for their support. **See you all at the International Festival 2010!** Marianne van Arkel-Priest

Thank You for Supporting PTA!

Wow! What a great year we have had at Westchester!! Despite the disrupting the fall semester and the tailspin of the economy, the parents, faculty and students of Westchester have banded together to "get stuff done!" Thanks to your monetary donations and hard work, we were able to make a difference at our campus through:

- A successful "Write a Check" campaign that will enable us to reach our goal to purchase a new portable sound system and literacy libraries.
- Community building events: Family Day, Garage Sale and International Festival, Book Fair and Teacher Appreciation Luncheons.
- Purchases: flowers and pots around campus, art hangers for class projects, computer memory sticks etc.
- Services: student directory, web site, newsletters, school shirts and the birthday marquee.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We are looking forward to another great year in 2009-2010

From the Nurse

Free summer immunization clinics!!

- July 25, 09 at Spring Woods High School from 9am-1pm put on by Texas Children's Hospital- Bring your shot records.
- August 15, 09 at Spring Branch Community Center, 8-12pm-Bring your shot records- Please feel free to bring new shot records up to the clinic beginning August 12, 2009!!

WAIS Performing Arts

WAIS Theatre was nominated for
5 Tommy Tunes for

'Peter Pan'

These nominations include: Best Scenic Design, Best Crew and Technical Execution (3rd year in a row), Best Ensemble/Chorus, Best Leading Actress (Martha Patton as *Peter*), and Best Featured Performer (Michelle Lin as *Curly*).

Congratulations!!

WAIS Design Contest

Westchester Academy is hosting a contest looking for a new updated student designed school shirt for the 2009/2010 school year.

Your design on WAIS t-shirts and hoodies!!
Designs can include but are not limited to -- the Wildcat mascot, the full school name and/or abbreviation, fun, artistic, clean, modern, cool, colorful, must be school appropriate, etc. Students may submit more than one design.

DEADLINE is May 22nd.

Flyers with specific rules and details available in the school offices or on the WAIS school website.

News from the District

- ◆ SBISD Board Members Election May 9th, 7am to 7 pm at all SBISD elementary schools.
- ◆ **Fantastique Foreign Language Summer Camp** from June 8-15. Call 713-251-1966

- ◆ Check out the many opportunities in summer school. Application deadline: June 3rd.
- ◆ Check out early college program information @<http://www.springbranchisd.com/instruc/guide/college/college.htm>

Contact your grade liaison

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9th: Laura Ripkowski at
laura.ripkowski@gmail.com
10th: Leslie Enloe at lfeenloe@hotmail.com
11th: Yvonne Kasinga at mukulukas-yinga@yahoo.com or Yvette Silva at silvauniverse@yahoo.com
12th: Pam Smith at pamreiff@hotmail.com

To contact faculty and staff at WAIS:

Go to www.springbranchisd.com
Click on E-mail addresses

Teacher Grade Level Reps

9th: Atherton and McKend
10th: DeJohn and Sigworth
11th: Schawbenland and Sebesta
12th: Andrews and Carandang

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- For contacts, forms, calendar and school store
- To register to volunteer
- To read the online newsletter