

A good thing keeps getting better



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As you will note by the articles and recognitions in this newsletter, there are many exciting things going on in our district. For example, five of our high school juniors scored 100 percent on the New York State English Regents exam this January.

In the area of theater arts, it was absolutely amazing to watch our students performing in the recent middle school play, "Fame." It was fantastic! In addition, everyone is looking forward to the high school's production of "Grease." I have already heard that tickets for this show, which will be at the end of March, are selling out quickly!

Athletically, our teams and the community are enjoying the new track surface complemented by the Roy Jiannott Memorial Field.

The new paradigm at the High School is enjoying its third consecutive year of making outstanding changes in the high school concept, which by the way, is supported by national research studies. This upcoming school year, we will see the greatest number of advanced placement courses that the District has ever offered to our students.

There is a "buzz in the air" capturing the attention of many community residents and students. Mount Pleasant Central School District continues to be "The Place To Be!" I encourage all of you to become part of this "buzz," and I welcome any conversation or discussion with you that will help in better understanding the District's outstanding accomplishments.

We are presently in our 2006/07 Budget cycle. Information on public input meetings is included in this newsletter. I welcome your involvement; and if you have any questions, please call me on my cell (490-2332) "24-7."

The District needs your support to continue to move in the positive direction that I feel it is moving. Everyone is important in this budget process, and if you have questions about the District's educational programs, please, I would be glad to share this information with you.

Finally, on a more somber note, the District continues to be alerted to the Level II and III sexual offenders residing in our area. Many of you are reading the newspapers concerning these offenders, especially the fact that housing is now available to them in the Valhalla section of our community. Please take a minute of your time to access this information on the Internet to learn the names and backgrounds of these sex offenders. You can log in on to www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us/nsor/search_index.htm or access this information at the District Office.

Please take the necessary precautions to ensure that your children are not put in a situation that allows these offenders to have access to them.

Mount Pleasant affords families and children a wonderful place to live, attend school and socialize in many different levels. Lets keep it a safe and a special place to be!

Then and now: Westlake's first graduates hold reunion

On Columbus Day weekend, the Westlake High School Class of 1965 held its 40th reunion and invited members from the classes of 1964 and 1966 to join them. The nearly 100 alumni and former staff who attended represented the high school's first three graduating classes.

Prior to the reunion, some of the alumni toured the high school and Hawthorne Elementary School to reminisce and talk to current students.

A Yahoo group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WestlakeHS-60s/>) and web site (<http://www.westlakehs-60s.org/>) have been created to maintain communication

among the members of the classes of '64, '65, and '66. The sites will provide an opportunity to share news, find classmates, rekindle old friendships and forge new ones.

The reunion committee is currently looking for a class roster for the Class of 1966 and someone to represent them for future reunions. If you are a member of the class of '66, or know of anyone, please contact **Veronica Scheer** at showmoney2@yahoo.com; **Fred Broege** ('65) at mbroege@frontiernet.net, or **Nancyann Rella** ('65) at nrella@worldnet.att.net

— Nancyann Rella



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Shown in front of Hawthorne Elementary School are from left to right: Veronica Scheer ('64), Rich Hedderman ('65), Marietta Thomas ('64), Joanne Thomas ('65), and Betty Gallagher Agostino ('64).