

## Congratulations

### Students of the Week

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Amelia DiMercurio  
 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Christopher Lu  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Connor Stein

Congratulations to Max Georges who recently qualified for the state level in the National Geographic Bee in April.

Congratulations to the following 2018 St. Charles County Regional Science Fair Winners:  
 Ananya Singla -1st place in the 6th grade Biology Category  
 Lakshita Senthil - 1st place in the 7th grade Earth and Environmental Science Category, 1st place American Chemical Society Award, and Broadcom Masters Award  
 Pinak Parate - 2nd Place in the 8th grade Applied Consumer Science Category  
 Nidhi Dangare - 3rd place in the 8th grade Applied Consumer Science Category  
 Think Vu - 3rd place in the 8th grade Biology Category



**MARCH 12-16**

### NEXT WEEK'S STUDENT ACTIVITIES

(Activities are from 3:15-4:15 unless otherwise noted.)

#### Week of March 19-23 Monday will be a "B" Day

Mon. – A+ Tutoring, Math Club, Media Club, Newspaper Club, Science Club, Student Council

Tues. – A+ Tutoring, NJHS Applications Due

Wed. – AM Jazz Band, AM Talent Show Practice Group 3, A+ Tutoring, Archery, Art Club All, Book Club, Builders Club, Jazz Band, Newspaper Club, STEAM, TSA/Robotics, Talent Show Practice Group 4

Thur. – AM Art Club-All, AM Talent Show Announcer Practice, Archery, A+ Tutoring, Homework Help, Media Club

Fri. – No Activities

### EARLY RELEASE CHANGES 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2018-2019 school year calendar is on our website. Just [click here](#). We are grateful for the home-school partnership in teaching children that every minute counts at school and want to make a special note: **Early Release Days move to Wednesdays in 2018-2019.** We know many of you use this time to schedule appointments, etc., so your child can be at school when class is in session. **The change takes effect in August.** We hope that by reminding you of this change over the next few months, you and your family are ready for the next school year. Thank you for support of strong school attendance. #EveryMinuteCounts

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The WMS Library is hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> through

March Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> during school hours. Family Night will be Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, after school until 7:00pm.

### NJHS Chick-fil-A SPIRIT NIGHT

Chick-fil-A, of O'Fallon, will host a fundraiser for NJHS on Thursday, March 22nd, from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the 2106 Hwy. K, O'Fallon location. Please attend or drive-through and mention West Middle School to support our National Junior Honor Society. [Chick-fil-A Flyer](#)

### NJHS APPLICATIONS

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at West Middle School, second-semester 7th graders are eligible to apply for membership if they have an accumulated grade point average of 3.5. Eligible candidates need to check their grade level window to see if they qualify. Applications were made available on March 6, 2018. Students who wish to be considered for membership must complete an application and return it by March 20, 2018. The first part of the process is to have the student check the grade level window and ask for the application.

### Proposition 3: Maintenance, Upgrades & Additions

Fort Zumwalt's Proposition 3 is a no-tax-increase \$35 million bond issue on the April 3 ballot. The district's 31 facilities, 27 of which are schools, were most recently assessed at more than \$550 million. Regular maintenance and upgrades ensure safe, welcoming learning environments for our students and staff and protect taxpayer investment.

Prop 3 would provide funds for maintenance of roofs, parking lots and heating & cooling systems. It would provide funds for continued upgrades to computer network infrastructure and building interiors. Additions are needed at Flint Hill Elementary to eliminate mobile classrooms and at North High School to accommodate a growing student population. A new Professional Development Center, capable of providing our teachers adequate learning space and tools, is also needed to keep student achievement moving forward.

Prop 3 is a no-tax-increase issue. The district collects a debt service levy for paying off bonds (loans) used to fund capital improvements such as maintenance, construction or land purchases (currently 69 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation). Strong financial stewardship allows Fort Zumwalt to borrow within the limit of the revenue generated by that 69 cents, so no increase is required to repay the \$35 million the district would borrow through Prop 3.

For a look at previous bond issue projects or to learn more about Proposition 3, visit [tinyurl.com/ZumwaltProp3](http://tinyurl.com/ZumwaltProp3).

### DATES TO KNOW

March 9 – No School/Records Day  
 March 12-16 – Spring Break  
 March 19 – Classes Resume  
 March 20-28 – Book Fair  
 March 22 – NJHS Chick-fil-A Night  
 March 27 – Best of West Night

### YOU CAN FIND US ONLINE!

[WMS Website](#)

[PARENT/STUDENT 2017-2018 INFORMATIONAL HANDBOOK](#)

### WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION AT WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE WILL FOSTER THE BUILDING OF STUDENT CHARACTER, INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, TEACH CHILDREN TO EFFECTIVELY PROBLEM-SOLVE, EMBRACE ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY, AND ACADEMICALLY PREPARE CHILDREN WHO ARE HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE, AND CAREER READY IN A CULTURALLY DIVERSE SOCIETY.