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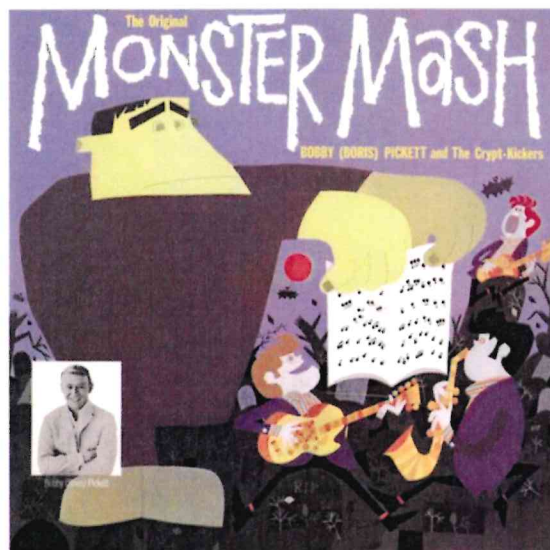


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Hello Westmo! I am so excited to have published the first newspaper this school year with my Co-Editor Ad Hinman. Everyone who has joined the club has put hard work and determination into creating a wonderful paper, sharing with the rest of the school what's going on during the school year. I cannot wait to continue this journey with my fellow peers, and continue writing together. I hope all of you who read the Bulldog Bark will enjoy the second edition and continue along with us to read our upcoming editions. Thank you for all the support, we hope you enjoy the paper!

Alexis Batur, Co-Editor

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By: Skylar Batur

Did you go to the ribbon cutting? If not, you missed out on a lot of fun surrounding the new track and field at the high school! The ribbon cutting happened on October 4th, on the field at the high school. At the ceremony, everyone gathered to hear about the new all-purpose turf field and tennis courts. They added more bleachers to watch games from for all different sports.

Several modified and varsity teams showed up to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony. After the ribbon cutting, there was food from the concession like chips, popsicles, drinks and pizza. The varsity boys and girls soccer teams played a co-ed game on the new field to celebrate. All of this was leading up to the first home football game on the new turf! At half time, the marching band and color guard also performed. The ribbon cutting ceremony gathered the community to celebrate the new sports areas.

School Trunk-or-Treat Rained Out!

By: Ad Hinman

On Friday, October 24th, the school hosted its annual Trunk-or-Treat event, from 6:00-8:00 PM, where school clubs, organizations, and individual groups come to decorate the trunks of their cars in a spooky fashion, and hand out candy to children in costumes. This year, though it was chilly, there was no rain on the forecast, leading volunteers and trunk-or-treaters alike to come without umbrellas or raincoats, which left them greatly unprepared for the onslaught of rain that was to come. Around 7:30, it began to sprinkle, but that sprinkle soon led to a downpour which would result in the Trunk-or-Treat ending a half hour early. Luckily, by that point, most of the Trunk-or-Treaters had cleared out, leaving only volunteers behind, and there was minimal damage to decorations or costumes, though the small amounts of candy left were soaked by the rain. Mrs. Davis, the advisor of the Tri-M, which had a "trunk" at the Trunk-or-Treat commented that "I was so proud to see our music department managing and interacting with our community in a positive manner,". The Trunk-or-Treat truly is a safe and fun way to go about Halloween celebrations within Westmoreland's community. Despite the weather, it was a very successful night, though next time, both volunteers and Trunk-or-Treaters should venture to bring raingear.

Senior Spotlight

By: Alina Kulpa

Alexis Batur is a Senior attending Westmoreland High School. Alexis does many different extracurriculars, and plans to make the best of her final year in high school. Alexis is in a lot of different music extracurriculars, including Drama Club, in which she always participates in the Fall play, and the Spring Musical.

She has participated in musicals such as Phantom of the Opera, Mary Poppins, Les Mis, and plans on doing this year's musical production of The Adams Family. She's also a member of the Select Choir, Broadway Voices, and Tri-M.

Along with the music extracurriculars, she is enrolled in Chorus and Music Appreciation classes. Alexis is also a member of the National Honors Society, ACE Club and Journalism club.

During school hours, Alexis takes many classes including Digital Photography, Psychology, and Anatomy, but plans on taking Sculpture, Sociology, Physiology, and Music Appreciation next semester. She loves Digital Photography and recommends it to anyone who would love to learn how to capture and edit beautiful scenes and moments on camera. She also loves and recommends Psychology with Mr. Bartlett.

Girl's Varsity Tennis Sectionals

The Girl's Varsity Tennis Team went to Sectionals this month. The girls in attendance were Breana Bulger, Caitlynn Smith, Caroline and Megan Brenan, Kylee Faniglula, Feona Sweet and Juliana Acee. Breana, who was new to third singles, played her opponent from Clinton, and was defeated in the first round. Caitlynn Smith, who played doubles with Megan Brenan, played Clinton in their first round, and fought hard, but lost in the end. Caroline Brenan, who played with Kylee Faniglula, lost in the first round against their opponent from Clinton. Feona Sweet won her second doubles match against Clinton and went on. Juliana Acee, the first singles player went farther than her teammates, but was ultimately defeated during sectionals. The Girl's Varsity Tennis Team did amazing this year, and we are all very proud of them!

The Homecoming Football Game

By: Emmitt Storey

The Homecoming football game was a blast this year!

Everyone was bustling with excitement as the Westmoreland Bulldogs took on the Pulaski Blue Devils.

This is how the game went: It started off with the Blue Devils kicking first. Eventually, Westmoreland scored on their first possession and made the 2 pt conversion, for 8 points. Shortly after, Westmo kicked next. Soon, Westmoreland had earned 8 more points, giving us a 16 point lead! After an interception was eventually called at the 2 yard line, Westmo scored 6 points, making the score 22 to 0. At halftime, our marching band and the colorguard gave an amazing performance of "Mamma Always Said," a melody about war, patriotism, love, kindness, and sorrow. In the second half of the game, the Devils scored twice, putting them up to 12 on the scoreboard. However, Westmoreland came back and earned 24 points, putting them up to 48, and winning the game! The final score was Westmo 48, Blue Devils 12. It was definitely an exciting game! Congratulations Westmoreland!

Senior Spotlight

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She states that the class is important because it teaches you about the human brain and how it thinks. She believes that it is a very helpful intro course to anyone who plans to study Psychology in college, or to anyone who might be going into a career where basic Psychology knowledge will be needed. Alexis will be attending a college and studying Psychology. Alexis would like to tell underclassmen that they shouldn't take their time in high school for granted. Enjoy every second with your friends, and make sure to appreciate them. Alexis is very proud of all the clubs and extracurricular activities she's joined, and how she's put herself out there and balanced all of her activities.

Keeping Up With the Westmo Staff

Ms. Whittaker has been our Chemistry teacher here at Westmo, for eight years. She is also one of the advisors of the Student Council, and she handles the business end of the Yearbook. When asked what she loves about teaching Chemistry, she responded, "I love Chemistry myself, and it is always exciting when others start to love it too."

Marching Band Championships

By: Kayla Sciorilli

The Marching Band season has come to an end. The band went to the Syracuse JMA Wireless Dome on October 26th, for their final performance. They performed in the division Small School Two against many different schools across New York. The PRIDE won third place in their division with a score of 85.00. They jumped almost four points from their previous competition before the championships! This was a bittersweet weekend for the PRIDE, yet they are very proud of what they were able to accomplish throughout the season. We spoke to Westmoreland Senior Juliana Acee, who has been with the band for four years and is now a senior member. She stated, "Our dome performance was phenomenal this year, and our jump in points was really impressive. The experience, especially as a senior, was memorable. Truly soaking in the moment and the atmosphere made it all real." This year's championship was a wonderful end to an incredible season for the Westmoreland PRIDE.



Keeping Up With the Westmo Staff

I enjoy explaining WHY something is happening because Chemistry and chemical reactions are practically running everything in day to day life." When asked about what she enjoys doing outside of school, she said, "I enjoy spending time with my dogs: Mira, who is one, and Remy, who is five,". They are both Dachshund's. If you ever want to see what they look like, she has pictures of them drawn by Mrs. Rogan and her daughter, Naomi, displayed on her classroom wall. She also mentioned that she enjoys playing a video game called, "Stardew Valley" and doing cross stitch and crochet. In fact, if you walk into Ms. Whittaker's room during her free periods, you might just find her crocheting! Her mission is to crochet all the starter Pokemon from all of the seasons by December. If you see her working on this task, don't be shocked, just let her do her thing! She is even considering starting a crochet club, possibly next year to pass her love of this hobby onto others. Don't wait until Chemistry class to get to know her. If you see her in the hallway, say "hi!"

The Homecoming Hassle

By: Ad Hinman

This year, the Homecoming Dance Committee decided that they would not be hiring a DJ for this year's Homecoming on Saturday, October 10th from 7pm-10pm, a massively controversial decision. Instead, they sent out a google form via email to all of the students in Westmoreland grades 9th-12th. The google form prompted them to recommend five songs that they wanted to be put on the Homecoming playlist, providing that they were school appropriate. However, despite the playlist being student-made, most students did not enjoy it, and within an hour and a half, almost half of the students attending Homecoming had left. A survey conducted by the school newspaper showed that 2 in 3 students, or 66% of people who attended Homecoming did not like the music, despite the songs being chosen by the student body. This begs the question, how many students actually did the original survey on what songs they wanted to hear which was sent out by the dance committee? While we don't have the answer to that question, we can assume that it was around 66% of those in attendance. When asked if she enjoyed the music at Homecoming, one student who preferred to remain anonymous stated that; "I feel like there weren't many songs to really get hype to, like there were (too) many Halloween songs, and a few sad songs, which I didn't really enjoy. I also think that it's better to have a live DJ, rather than a playlist because a live DJ can take song requests and read the crowd". However, when asked if she completed the google form to add songs to the playlist, she said no. This reinforces the theory that many of the students who disliked the playlist did not contribute in making it. The Dance Committee has yet to decide on whether or not they will be hiring a DJ for next year's Homecoming.

Song of the Month

October's song of the month is . . . "The Monster Mash" by Bobby Pickett. In 1962, Bobby and his bandmate Lenorad Capizzi wrote it with the intentions of getting in on popular music such as "The Twist" and "The Mashed Potato" which were popular songs at the time. The song was based on the ideas expressed in Frankenstein, which at the time was growing in popularity, as the novel was being adapted into many different films. Bobby Pickett featured an impression of Boris Karloff, who was a famous horror movie actor at the time, and was in many Frankenstein film adaptations. He figured the song would bring attention to his audience at the time, and become the next popular dance/song. Fun fact about the song, Pickett and Capizzi wanted to bounce off popular dance names at the time and incorporate them into the song title, and in doing this, they came up with the title "Monster Mashed Potato". Unfortunately, the name did not stick so they decided to settle on the "Monster Mash".

The Homecoming Community Pep Rally

By: Ad Hinman

On Thursday, October 9th there was a Homecoming Community Pep Rally. It was open to the communities of both Westmoreland and Oriskany, and was hosted at the Westmoreland Fire Hall Pavillion. It was originally planned to be from 6pm-9pm, however it was later moved to 7pm-9pm. The event consisted of a large bonfire, which was lit and managed by the Westmoreland Fire Department. There was also a food truck, and a concession stand. There was a good turnout of people from both Westmoreland and Oriskany alike, and the bonfire helped to keep everyone warm, as temperatures that night reached 31°F. Overall, the Pep Rally was a great way to bring the community together before the Homecoming dance.



Trivia

The answer can be found in the bottom right-hand corner of the page.

What year did Halloween become a holiday in America?

- a. Not sure b. 1938
c. 1894 d. Late 19th Century

Fun Fact!

Scotland's national animal is a unicorn

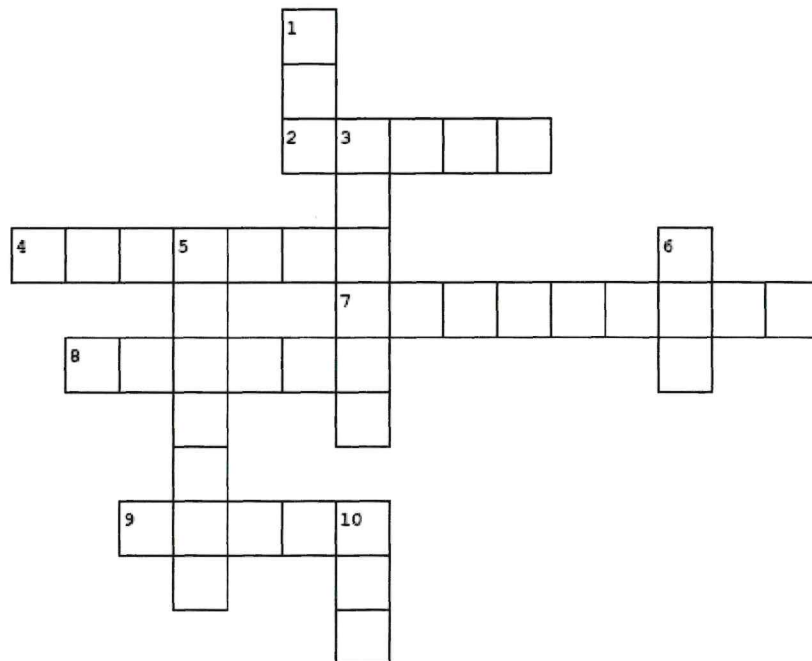
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Monster - Vampires -
Halloween - Bats - Spooky
- Zombies - Scary -
Werewolves

Westmo Crossword

(Answers in bottom corner)



Across

2. Trick-or-
4. Sleeps in a coffin
7. Sweet Vegetable
8. The undead
9. Wears a pointed hat

Down

1. Spooky animal or a piece of baseball equipment
3. Peanut butter chocolate treat
5. Spookly the Square ____
6. Said by a ghost
10. A curse

Across Answers
1. Treat
4. Vampire
7. Candy Corn
8. Zombies
9. Witch
Down Answers
1. Bat
3. Reeces
5. Pumpkin
6. Boo
10. Hex

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