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Hello Bulldogs, and welcome to yet another edition of the “Bulldog Bark”. My co-editor and I are so thankful for all of the support we’ve received for the making and publishing of this newspaper. This time of year, it’s important to be thankful for friends and family alike, but also to those who support and uplift you, which is why we are so thankful for our dedicated readers who make this newspaper possible. We hope you will enjoy our third edition, and have a happy Thanksgiving if you celebrate.

Ad Hinman, Co-Editor

The Westmoreland PTO Craft & Vendor Fair

The Westmoreland community excitedly held its annual craft fair on November 22nd! Everything from baked goods to crochet pieces were available. The cafeteria, auditorium, and gymnasium were filled with vendors and members of the Westmoreland community showing off their hard work and creations. This event allowed those starting their small businesses or part-time hobbies to have an outlet to sell their products this year! Also, the event welcomed food donations as a form of admission which allowed us to give back to others who needed it. The craft fair was a warm welcome to the holidays, and gave us an in-depth look into what our community is passionate about and how we can help each other this holiday season.

The Winterguard Season Starts

The Winterguard Season is officially starting. The rehearsals start at the beginning of December, and continue throughout the season. The competitions start in January and are on every Saturday after that throughout the season. This year the JV team is competing every other Saturday as well! Furthermore, on February 21st, the team has their community show. They would love it if the community came to show their support, and they are excited to show off this year's show. We talked to Arabella Sawanec, who is a senior member of the guard, and we asked her what she was most excited about for the upcoming season. She stated, "I'm excited to watch and cheer for JV this season.". We are excited to see what the guard performs this year!

Senior Spotlight

Kayla Sciorilli is a Senior in the class of 2026 who attends Westmoreland High School. She is an extremely talented person who tries her best to excel in anything she does. In her free time, she loves to read and crochet. She also enjoys going to the movies, and spending time with her loved ones. Kayla plans on going into the medical field, so she will be going to a college that offers a major of health sciences. She would like to become a certified Ultrasound/Sonography Technician. In school, Kayla is in the Marching band, in the pit, and the Drama Club. She enjoys both of these extracurriculars and notes that they both have strong senses of community and family, which is very important in high school. This year, Kayla takes many classes, but her favorites are Film Studies and English. She is very skilled in reading and writing and has always had a passion for both of them. She enjoys the analysis of movies, which is why she likes Film Class so much. Even though she loves English and film, her favorite class of all time is band. She enjoys playing and learning mallet percussion, which she plays in band and in Marching band, and she enjoys collaborating with the people in the class in order to create music.

Girl's Varsity Volleyball Tryouts

Over the course of two days the Girls Varsity Volleyball team held their tryouts for this winter season. The girls team had recently combined with Oriskany, meaning that Oriskany girls would be trying out this year alongside your Westmoreland Bulldogs. This year the Head Coach was Dan Daskiewich. Last year the head coach was Connor Downing, however this year he could not fill the position due to personal reasons. The only girl from Oriskany who tried out was Peyton Beuhler. There were eleven girls who tried out this year, including two sophomores; Jordan Delong and Lyla Aielo. In the end, all eleven girls made the team. The first game of the season will be Tuesday, December 2nd, at home. Good luck this season ladies!

Boys Varsity Volleyball Tryouts

This year the Boys Varsity Basketball team held their tryouts over the course of a few days. The team had a new coach this year, who luckily had a lot of coaching experience in the past. Tryouts were held and ultimately everyone made the cut. The team is looking very promising this year with the new coach, and skills shown by the team during tryouts. The boys have been working hard, and we are all wishing for a better season than last. Good luck boys!

Senior Spotlight

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Kayla's favorite part about being a senior is the events and opportunities that seniors have. She loves that all the events give her and her classmates more time to enjoy experiences together before they go their separate ways. Even though she enjoys being a senior, it isn't what she expected it to be. Kayla expected everything to feel the same as previous years, but she states that things are actually quite different. She says that many experiences have a bittersweet feeling to them, as she learns about the different paths that her classmates are on. Kayla believes that during high school, it is most important to focus on finding a drive for yourself, finding incentive for you to do your best on things you might not want to do. Striving for certain goals you set for yourself is great, and pushing yourself will make you an overall better person. Lastly, she tells juniors to be themselves, and not to try to rebrand themselves or be something they're not in order to fit in.

Little Women Was a Huge Success!

The Westmoreland Drama Department performed their play, Little Women on November 7th and 8th. This year they decided on doing "Sips, Sweets and Treats" tables in the Auditorium with donations of cookies from North Star, ice cream from Stewart's, and Shirley temples and water for their audience to enjoy during intermission. There was also mezzanine seating available for people who did not want to sit at the tables. The show followed the four March sisters as they grew up in Massachusetts during the time period of the Civil War. They all face different obstacles, which help them grow to be women. Little Women had a great showing both nights, and told the March family's story perfectly by putting their emotions into the play to express the story. Overall, the show was fantastic, and the cast had a great time performing it!



Keeping Up With the Westmo Staff

Mr. Suber started teaching at Westmoreland High School last year. Mr. Suber is a math teacher for the 7th and 8th grade. When asked why he chose to come to this school, Mr. Suber answered; "I wanted to come to teach at the high school I graduated from.". When I asked Mr. Suber what his favorite food was, Mr. Suber answered; "My favorite food is sushi.". The third question I asked him was what his favorite animal was. He answered that it was the dog-faced puffer, which is a type of pufferfish. The fourth question I asked him was what his favorite color was. He responded; "My favorite color is purple.". The fifth question I asked him was, "What is your favorite book?". He answered Brandon Sanderson, Mistborn. The next question I asked Mr. Suber was how he manages his students when they get out of control. He answered that he shuts off his lights, and then waits until they stop talking. The last question I asked him was what his favorite professional sports team is. His answer was the Baltimore Ravens.

The Select Choir Sings at the NYSCATE Conference

By: Ad Hinman

Every year the New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education, or (NYSCATE) has a statewide conference where exhibitors can showcase education applications of technologies, and keynote speakers can give speeches. This year it took place from November 23rd-25th at the Turning Stone Casino, where Westmoreland's Select Choir was invited to sing Christmas carols. Many other schools were invited to each sing for a maximum of twenty minutes. But because several were not in attendance, Westmoreland's Select Choir sang for forty minutes instead of twenty. They sang several popular Christmas songs, such as; Ding Dong Merrily On High, Hallelujah, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, Patapan Fantasia, Toyland, Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, and Up on the Housetop. Many of the members of the Select Choir also received t-shirts from the various booths set up around the conference. Overall, it was a successful performance, and the Select Choir hopes that they can attend the conference again next year.

Song of the Month

November's Song of the Month is "Linus and Lucy" by Vince Guaraldi. The song is known as the "Peanuts" theme. It was first written in 1964, for the Peanuts special "A Charlie Brown Christmas" which was the first "Peanuts" T.V. special. Linus and Lucy has been made into many different forms, also being featured in "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" and "A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" and such forth. Guaraldi continued to write for Peanuts until his death in 1976. However, Linus and Lucy continues to be a fan favorite, and a Peanuts classic, with more than 13 different versions. Other artists based off of Vince Guaraldi include the "Vince Guaraldi trio, Quartet, and Quintent".

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Trivia

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

When Was the first Thanksgiving?

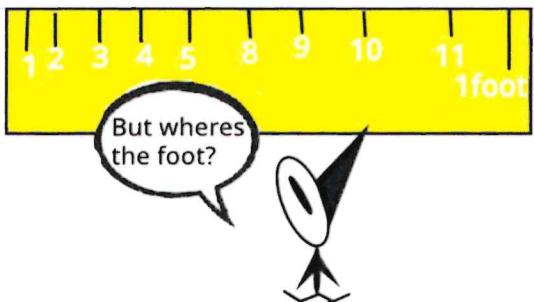
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Fun Fact!

The average person blinks 14 to 17 times per minute.

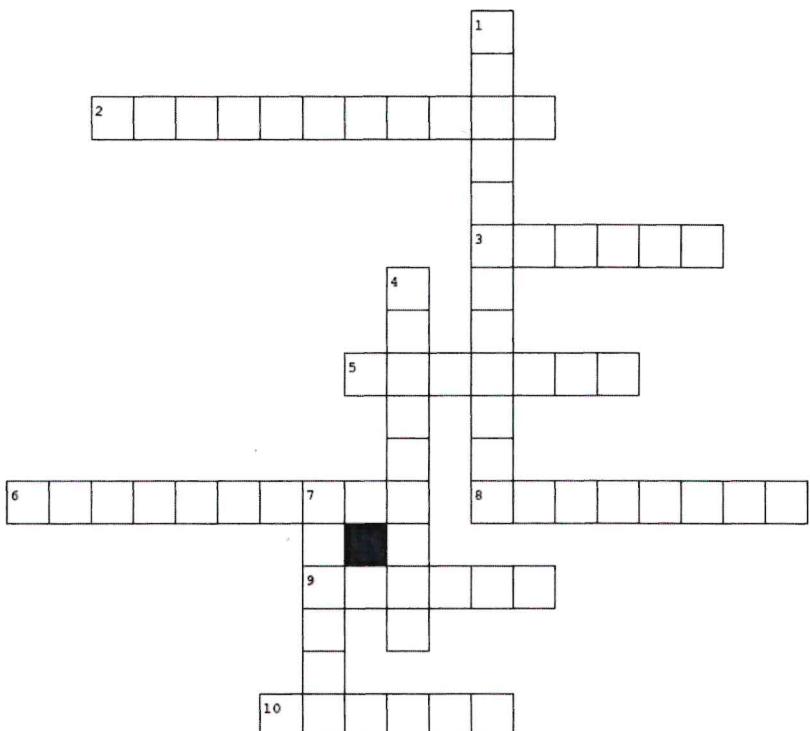
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By: Emmitt Storey



Westmo Crossword

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Across

- 2. The day after Thanksgiving
- 3. A vegetable and a sport
- 5. To gather or process crops
- 6. Dessert often served on Thanksgiving
- 8. "Now everyone go around the table and say what they're ___ for!"
- 9. Large bird which is indigenous to America
- 10. Sound made by a turkey

Down

- 1. Holiday celebrated in November
- 4. Berry which is sour in its natural form
- 7. A starchy vegetable

- 7. Potato
- 4. Cranberry
- 1. Thanksgiving
- Down Answers
- 9. Turkey
- 8. Thanksgiving
- 6. Pumpkin pie
- 5. Harvest
- 3. Squash
- 2. Black Friday
- 2. Across Answers
- Trivia Answers: A