Hey Western! Don’t forget to check out the Pulseras that the Spanish Honor Society is selling! You know, those colorful bracelets made by artists in Nicaragua and Guatemala? They will be sold every morning in the lobby from 7:00am-7:20am through February 14th. Bracelets are $5 and purses are $10. All proceeds go back to the artists who made them.

There will be a Physics Olympics meeting this coming Wednesday and Friday morning at 7AM in room 221.

The Engineering Club is not meeting this Wednesday. Instead, we are meeting Thursday in Mr. Renaud’s room, room 229. All are welcome to come and join!

Attention any students interested in playing Tennis this spring: There is a Tennis meeting next Monday, February 10th at 7:00am in the lobby.

Attention all 9th 10th and 11th graders: Registration cards are due TODAY. Please turn them in to your homeroom teacher or Mrs. Martinez. If you have any questions about your course request please see Mrs. Martinez or your guidance counselor. Once again, registration cards are due TODAY.

Are you interested in coming out for track and field this spring!? Calling all runners, throwers, and jumpers? We want you. Come out for the track and field interest meeting this Thursday, February 6th at 7:10am in room 304.
The West Indian Student Association is hosting a pregame social. Stick around after school on Wednesday, February 5th before the basketball game to enjoy food, music, and a few cultural tidbits.

Do you need help getting on the right track at the start of the semester? Maybe you need help preparing for a midterm or Unit Test? If so, come to NHS-sponsored tutoring during your lunch on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in room 213. Bring your lunch and any necessary study materials. Remember, if you have a lunch, you have a tutor.

Attention all athletes interested in playing a spring sport: Registration must be completed on FormReLeaf by February 27th and physicals are due to Mrs. Rowe by February 21st. Pick up a flyer in the office for more info!

Senior Banners are on sale now. Order online by Valentine’s day to get the early bird price! Grab the flyer from the main office for ordering details or take a picture of the example hanging in the main lobby. Go to http://www.varistygraphics.net/western-tech to order.

Seniors! Are you getting excited to graduate in May? Well, for 50 of you who haven’t bought your cap & gown yet, you will NOT be walking across the stage! Please order your cap & gown by following the instructions on the pink flyer that you received at the Senior Meeting in December. Sorry – you gotta pay the higher price of $40. Write yourself a note RIGHT NOW! In April, the company will no longer accept orders. Hurry up and get on it!

In honor of Black History Month, today we celebrate Robert Abbott. Born just five years after the end of the Civil War, Robert t founded a weekly newspaper, The Chicago Defender, one of the most important black newspapers in history, in 1905. Without Abbott, there would be no Essence, no Jet (and its Beauty of the Week), no Black Enterprise, no The Source, no The Undefeated. The success of The Chicago Defender made Abbott one of the nation’s most prominent post slavery black millionaires. Stop by the bulletin board outside of the library to learn more.

In honor of Black History Month, we will start each week with a recommendation to add to your reading list. Stop by the library today to check out this and other featured titles.

Today’s featured Black History Month selection is...

- March by John Lewis

Written by Activist and Congressman John Lewis, March reminds us why it is so important to stand up for what we believe in. In a time where many feel stifled and silenced, March gives us hope that
through protest, community, conversation, and unity, the change we seek will come to fruition. *The three volume graphic novel series March* is a vivid first-hand account of John Lewis’ lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, meditating in the modern age on the distance traveled since the days of Jim Crow and segregation. Rooted in Lewis’ personal story, it also reflects on the highs and lows of the broader civil rights movement.

**SAT Word of the Week**

**MILIEU** (pronounced: “meel-YOO”)—a noun meaning “environment, surroundings, culture”

“Many people find the general MILIEU of the nightclub—with loud music, crowds, and strobing lights—to be invigorating; just as many find it slightly exhausting.”