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.

Attention western tech: Send a carnation to your friends for Valentine’s Day. SkillsUSA is selling carnations for two dollars apiece. They will be delivered on Friday, February 14 to A1 classes. Order carnations any day at lunch. For an extra dollar the French honor Society will transcribe your note to French, so you could be really cool and send a note in English and in French to your friends. Be sure to bring in money in order flowers at lunch.

Hello Everyone: Be sure to congratulate Victor Rabines, Madison Peery, Armstrong Christopher and Harry Das. They permed well at the SkillsUSA regional competition last night. They all finished in the top ten. Victor placed 3rd and will advance to the state championship in April. Congratulations all.

If you missed the track and field interest meeting, please see Ms. Higgins in mod 304 or Mr. Jet in mod 306 for important documents and dates.

The girls varsity basketball team took a large step closer to clinching back to back division titles Wednesday evening with a high scoring 79 to 62 victory at neighboring Woodlawn. Senior Tiffany Manning led the Wolverines with 31 evenly paced points. Junior Sydney Stokes bombed away from behind the arc.
with a barrage of six three pointers to finish with 22. Sophomore Destiny Ward added 16. Senior Maya Britton and sophomore Dyani Mattar rounded out the season high scoring by chipping in 6 and 4 points respectively. The team heads to Kenwood Friday night before returning to Western Tech for a three game homestand against Annapolis, Hereford, and Chesapeake.

➢ Attention AP Students: If you received a notice last week in reference to money owed for AP tests, please return your payment to Ms. Tavernia or Ms. Monahan in the School Counseling Office as soon as possible. You may pay with cash or a check, payable to Western Tech.

➢ There will be a Junior Dues Drive next week Monday, February 10th through Friday, February 14th in the front lobby before school and during all lunches. Dues must be paid in full to attend junior prom.

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

➢ 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 tomorrow, Thursday, February 6th at 7:10am in room 304.

➢ 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.varsitygraphics.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 Richard Allen. Allen is considered the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in America. That church, now with a membership of more than 2.5 million people and 6,000 churches, was the country’s first independent black denomination. 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.”