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.

Welcome all SASA members! This Thursday is our first meeting! SASA Night Planning has officially started and will take place after AP exams. If you are interested in participating or helping out in this event, please join us this Thursday from 2:15pm to 3:00pm in Ms. Achar’s room. This is mandatory if you want to be involved in SASA night! See you there!

Come out and support the Junior Class’ Fundraiser at Kung Fu Tea in Owings Mills on Thursday, February 20th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Fifteen percent of all proceeds go to the Junior Class. Receive a 10% discount on your purchase with a student IS. Participate in the Bubble Tea Pong Competition to win exciting prizes. Hope to see you there.

Calling all procrastinating juniors! The time has come to pay your dues during our dues drive this week. The drive is from February 10th to February 14th. We are all looking forward to our 2021 class activities, but they cannot go on without enough funding! Pay this week in the lobby in the mornings or online and receive $5 off your prom ticket. That’s right $5! Dues are $20 for freshman year, $30 for sophomore year, and $40 for junior year, for a grand total of $90. Quit playing and get to paying!
➢ National Art Honor Society will meet this Thursday in room 224 until 3:00pm.

➢ Attention all 9th 10th and 11th graders: Your yellow, green, and blue registration cards should be turned in. Please make sure the card is signed by a parent or guardian and you have 8 credits if you are a 9th or 10th grader and at least 4 credits if you are an 11th grader. These cards are very important as we plan for the next school year. Please make sure to turn in your card to Mrs. Martinez as soon as possible. They were due last week.

➢ The Boys Varsity Basketball team won a tough matchup on Friday 77-56 versus Kenwood. The game was back and forth the whole first half with the team leading by three after a half of play. However, the scoring and defense picked up in the 2nd half. The charge was led by Charles Neverdon scoring 22 points, which was a game high. Walter Carr continued his high scoring ways dropping 19 of his own. Donovan Leak also exploded offensively scoring 17 points and going 5 of 7 from the free throw line. Finally, Will Fitch also scored 12 points, all of which were in the pivotal second half. The team looks to continue their winning ways at Hereford and Chesapeake this week.

➢ Attention all boys interested in playing lacrosse this season. There will be a final interest meeting this Friday, February 14th, before school at 7:10am, in room 302. Paperwork due dates and practice information will be discussed. It will also be an opportunity to meet the coaching staff and learn what equipment and paperwork you will need completed by February 26th. If you cannot attend, see Mr. Pagliarini in room 302 as soon as possible.

➢ Bonjour! The National French Honor Society will have a meeting this Wednesday, February 12th from 2:15pm to 3:15pm in room 210. This is an important meeting and we will need all hands on deck. Please plan to attend.

➢ 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.

➢ 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 this 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 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](http://www.varsitygraphics.net/western-tech) to order.

➢ In honor of Black History Month, today we celebrate Ella Baker. Proof that visibility is not necessary to make an impact, Ella Baker is one of history’s lesser-known civil rights heroes, yet one of the most important. If Martin Luther King Jr. was the head of the civil rights movement, Ella Baker was its backbone. In the 1940s, she developed a grassroots approach as an NAACP field secretary to gather and convince black people of the group’s message — a vision that holds true today — that a society of individuals can and should exist “without discrimination based on race.” 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…

*The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas.

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil’s name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life. Already read or seen *The Hate U Give*? Try Thomas’ new novel *On the Come Up*.

**SAT Word of the Week**

*Foment* (pronounced: foh-ment) — a verb meaning “to stir up, or to rouse dissent”
“There is always some jerk on the internet who does nothing but FOMENT disagreement and strife—when you see that person, just block them.”