MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 13, 2020  Thursday B Day

➢ 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.

➢ The Wolverine RPG Society will meet TODAY after school until 4:00pm in room 106.

➢ We will be holding our second bus evacuation drill on Monday morning as the buses come into the loop. Dress appropriately for sliding off the back of the bus. Teacher, your assistance would be welcome!

➢ Attention students! The SkillsUSA Carnation sale is over. We are sold out!

➢ Welcome all SASA members! TODAY 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 TODAY after school 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 ID. 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 TODAY after school in room 224 until 3:00pm.

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.

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!

Hey Seniors!! Only 1 day left to order your senior banner at 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.

In honor of Black History Month, today we celebrate Mary Mcleod Bethune. Though she was able-bodied, Mary McLeod Bethune carried a cane because she said it gave her “swank.” An educator, civil rights leader and adviser to five U.S. presidents, the “First Lady of the Struggle” has been synonymous with black uplift since the early 20th century. She turned her faith, her passion for racial progress, and her organizational and fundraising savvy into the enduring legacies of Bethune-Cookman University and the National Council of Negro Women. She understood the intersections of education, optics and politics and was fierce and canny in using them to advance the cause of her people. 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.”