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.

To all senior interns: Reminder to check Schoology for updates and reminder. The Career Exploration Assignment is due on February 18th.

Wednesday evening, in front of a raucous home crowd, the varsity girls basketball team staged its best win of the season, a thrilling, come from behind victory over Hereford. Down seven at the half and eleven at one point in the third quarter, the Wolverines clamped down defensively, limiting the Bulls to single digits in the each of the final two periods. This coincided with an offensive surge that was led by sophomore Destini Ward’s twenty points, thirteen of which were scored in the second half and included three 3 pointers. Senior Tiffany Manning added fifteen of her own. Teammates Sydney Stokes, Troi Williams, Dyani Mattar, and Maya Britton all contributed to the scoring column. In addition, Ward and Mattar led the team with significant defensive rebounds that greatly limited Hereford’s offensive output. The team continues its homestand Friday evening against Chesapeake. Not only is it senior night but also a white out some come out to support the Wolverines.

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!
➢ 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!

➢ 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!! This is it! Today is the last day to buy a 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 Shirley Chisholm. When thinking about how contentious things are in Congress today, imagine being the sole black female congresswoman nearly 50 years ago, at the height of the civil rights movement. Shirley Chisholm was relentless in breaking political barriers with respect to both race and gender. She was a pioneer. 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.”