

Westfield High School Principal Dennis Fyffe Announces First Marking Period Honor Roll

WESTFIELD - Westfield High School Principal Dennis Fyffe announced the first marking period honor roll for the 2006-2007 school year.

Westfield High School recognizes student achievement every marking period at two levels: Honor Roll and Distinguished Honor Roll.

For the classes of 2006 and 2007, a student must attain all A's in academic subjects and no grade below a B in any non-academic subject for inclusion on the Distinguished Honor Roll, or a grade of A or B on all subjects, academic or non-academic, for inclusion on the Honor Roll.

Beginning with the class of 2008, determination of inclusion on the Honor Roll will be based on the following criteria: For the Distinguished Honor Roll, the GPA must be between 3.75 and 4.0 with no grade lower than a B. For the Honor Roll, the GPA must be between 3.5 and 3.74 with no grade lower than a B.

12th Grade Distinguished

Stephanie Baeder, Theodore Chou, Anthony Cocuzza, Kathryn N. Cronen, Nicole DiBenedetto, Aaron E. Eisenberg, James Kelly, Neha Limaye, Mary Kate Lucker, Alyssa Lund, Thomas Malaspina, Nathan Margolin, Erin McCarthy, Harrison Mercado, Tara Picaro, Olivia Pomann, Ellen Ramage, Nicole A. Reich, Nathaniel Roquet, Ian Schwartz, Miles Hsu, Lauren N. Hughes, Elizabeth Kamel, Jill Kandigian, Michael Kaufhold, Hong Soo Kim, Anne Knisley, Ryan Krasnos, Elaina Kujawski, Stephanie A. Kuntz, Zachary LaPorta, Suzanne G. Lemberg, Melissa Littman, Kristen Koepfler, John N. Levidy, Matthew Loughlin, Toni L. Ma, Joseph R. Maran, Daniel Markowski, Pamela Marks, Catherine Marvin, Rebecca McNulty, Michael Melillo, Kimberly Morawski, Kimberly Mumford, Rachel Patterson, Maya Pincus, Stephanie Pinheiro, Ioanna Protopigianis, Carolyn Raphael, Julie Reich, Josephine Reinhardt, Crista M. Ricci, Emily K. Cozzi, Stephanie Rowe, Erin Scialabba, Kevin Shallcross, Allison E. Sharkey, Jessica Sheftanson, Megan R. Sherman, Vincent Spinelli, Daniel L. Strauss, Beth Budnick, Jennifer Burns, Meg Buttick, Katherine Nguyen, Robert O'Rourke, Su Pak, Marisa Palestino, K. Nicole Papadopoulos, Kiran Patankar, Katherine Payne, Jaclyn Pellicano, Andrea Petrarca, Matthew Pogue, Alexander Powell, David Puser, Eric H. Rachman, Robert Realmuto, Christopher Rhodes, Samantha Ritter, Nicole Rosenberg, Hannah Rubin, Kristian Wendel, Hannah Wharam, Caitlin Whitlock, John Wilt, Cathryn Winchester, Matthew Wolski, Xinyi Zhang

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Timothy Adamcik, Jessica Anderson, Alexandra H. Annis, Stephen Aswad, Marlee Austin, Jeremy Bender, Claire F. Bennett, Danielle Bercovicz, Andres H. Betancourt, Matthew Bluffield, Kristen L. Boersig, Lauren Brachman, Nina Brownstone, Emma Byer, Andrew Calvaruso, Alex Chaves, Caitlin Comforti, Jordana Confino, Marlena Cortese, Stephanie Cortinhal, Leigh Couture, Emily K. Cozzi, Julie M. Daurio, Joshua David, Katherine Douglas, John Dugan, William Eisenberg, Elizabeth A. Engel, John F. Falzon, Renee Ferio, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Benjamin A. Flast, Christopher Franks, Evan Friedman, Emily E. Fusco, Ariel N. Gale, Matthew Gelmetti, Paige Geraghty, Katherine Goellner, Matthew Gralla, Britta L. Greene, Peter Griesmer, Jessica Harner, Elizabeth Hawkins, Jonathan Holt, Lauren C. Huff, Alexandra Hurtt, Neil Huskey, Melanie L. Jackson, Christine Kandigian, Angela Kerins, Kristen Koepfler, John N. Levidy, Matthew Loughlin, Toni L. Ma, Joseph R. Maran, Daniel Markowski, Pamela Marks, Catherine Marvin, Rebecca McNulty, Michael Melillo, Kimberly Morawski, Kimberly Mumford, Rachel Patterson, Maya Pincus, Stephanie Pinheiro, Ioanna Protopigianis, Carolyn Raphael, Julie Reich, Josephine Reinhardt, Crista M. Ricci, Emily K. Cozzi, Stephanie Rowe, Erin Scialabba, Kevin Shallcross, Allison E. Sharkey, Jessica Sheftanson, Megan R. Sherman, Vincent Spinelli, Daniel L. Strauss, Beth Budnick, Jennifer Burns, Meg Buttick, Katherine Nguyen, Robert O'Rourke, Su Pak, Marisa Palestino, K. Nicole Papadopoulos, Kiran Patankar, Katherine Payne, Jaclyn Pellicano, Andrea Petrarca, Matthew Pogue, Alexander Powell, David Puser, Eric H. Rachman, Robert Realmuto, Christopher Rhodes, Samantha Ritter, Nicole Rosenberg, Hannah Rubin, Kristian Wendel, Hannah Wharam, Caitlin Whitlock, John Wilt, Cathryn Winchester, Matthew Wolski, Xinyi Zhang

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Kathryn Abruzzo, Stephanie Albright, Nicole Aloupis, Elizabeth Antonelli, David C. Babetski, Michelle Ball, Kimberly Berke, Hanna Berman, Sara Birkenthal, Mallory R. Boesch, Vlad Bouchouev, Sally F. Bregman, Ariel Burns, Julia L. Burns, Jane Cederoth, Kristina Chabrier, Amanda Chang, Meredith L. Clark, Colleen Cleary, Philip Cohn, Anthony DePaolo, Sophie Dekoning-Teasdale, Natalie DiFrancesco, Anthony Dilorio, Marie Dilorio, Daniel R. Dickstein, Joshua Einbinder, Mark Fischetti, Zachary Friss, Amanda Garfinkel, Daryl W. Garfinkel, Sophia Geskin, Nina Godbee, Alexandra Goldin, Natalie K. Golikov, Briana Goncalves, Kelsey Greenfield, Bridget Grogan, Eric L. Hagstrom, Monica Hong, James Hughes, Michael Irving, Gabrielle Jakob, Jennifer Jean-Louis, Ethan S. Krell, Rachel Kreutzer, Alexander Leone, Jenna Leopold, Alice Li, Elizabeth Lisoocy, Justin Lo, Amanda Lojo, Maria Lomaka, Erin Lukowiak, Gregory Luppescu, Amber Marie Lutey, Ezra Margolin, Joseph Martoglio, Nicholas Mavrogianis, Kathryn Millen, Charlotte Morabito, Natalie Morrison, Daniel F. Morse, Anna C. Morton, Alyson Moskowitz, Taylor Murtishaw, Dana Newman, Katherine Nguyen, Robert O'Rourke, Su Pak, Marisa Palestino, K. Nicole Papadopoulos, Kiran Patankar, Katherine Payne, Jaclyn Pellicano, Andrea Petrarca, Matthew Pogue, Alexander Powell, David Puser, Eric H. Rachman, Robert Realmuto, Christopher Rhodes, Samantha Ritter, Nicole Rosenberg, Hannah Rubin, Kristian Wendel, Hannah Wharam, Caitlin Whitlock, John Wilt, Cathryn Winchester, Matthew Wolski, Xinyi Zhang

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Gabrielle Cerami, Victoria M. Cheung, Robert Ciarracca, Kevin J. Clancy, Sara Conner, Andrew P. Cordeiro, Sam Crossland, Tyler Cusick, Matthew B. Daly, Monica D'Amico, Katherine Davidson, Elizabeth Dennerlein, Adam DiBattista, Kathleen Dooley, Marykate Doyle, Michael Eilbacher, Jennifer Eisenberg, Carly Erman, Jonathan Erman, Kathleen M. Esler, Caroline Fahey, Sharon M. Faktor, Michael Fietkiewicz, Benjamin Fine, Alex Furlong, Alex Furlong, Drew Schapow, Maxwell Schuster, Jennifer Sgalardi, Vishal Shah, Nikolay Shargorodsky, Dylan M. Simon, Kenneth Sipe, Justin M. Snyder, Emily A. Harris, Kate Heffernan, Zachary D. Helfand, Kyle E. Higgins, Valerie Hoffman, Leslie G. Holt, Miles Hsu, Lauren N. Hughes, Elizabeth Kamel, Jill Kandigian, Michael Kaufhold, Hong Soo Kim, Anne Knisley, Ryan Krasnos, Elaina Kujawski, Stephanie A. Kuntz, Zachary LaPorta, Suzanne G. Lemberg, Melissa Littman, Kate Kovalenko, Edward Langer, Jennifer LaSpata, Amanda LaVecchia, Catherine LaVecchia, Brian Lee, Kimberly Legones, Matthew Leonard, Claire MacDonald, Nathan Margolin, Michael Marks, Christopher Mattes, Kevin Maus, Natalia Mavrogianis, Patrick F. McCabe, Lauren McCurdy, Amanda McQuade, Rebecca McQuade, John T. Meagher, Philip J. Micele, Georgia Mierswa, Russell J. Miller, Erin Moran, Emily S. Bregman, Lindsay Brown, Keith Moran, Katherine Morgan, Christine Mruz, Caitlin Murphy, Stephanie Musat, Jeffrey Mysel, Natalie Narodzky, Jesse T. Natale, Rachel Newberg, Jaclyn Nicoll, Julienne Niemiera, Roberto Olivares

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Lingbo Chen, Kevin O'Rourke, Caitlyn Oster, Desiree Ott, Sarah Ozdamar, Sarah Passanati, Ricky Passanati, Christopher Patella, Ojus Patel, Sarah Pecker, Patrick Pellicano, Courtney Phillips, Markel Pitt, Catherine E. Porta, Brittany M. Pryor, Colleen E. Psomas, David R. Purdy, Adric Quackenbush, Sarah E. Queller, Jonathan Ramalho, Daniella Regencia, Matthew T. Renart, Brittany Reyes, Jessica Riegel, Drew Ritter, Adam L. Rubin, Peter Rucinsky, Ryan Salmon, Lindsey Ann Sauerwein, Elizabeth L. Scanlon, Melanie Schor, Laura Schwab, William Schwartz, Jonathan Sheflin, Julie Anne Shelman, Marlena Sheridan, Daniel Shorrock, John-William Sidhom, Jenna Skoller, Leanne Skorge, Brendan Smith, Bryan J. Smith, Darrell Ann Smith, Jacqueline Snyder, Jesse Solomon, Brent Souders, Kate M. Statton, Jack Sternal, Jacob Stevens-Haas, Virginia Stroup, Cheryl Tamofsky, Katherine Taylor, James N. Thayer, Julie Tiedrich, Suzanne Toriello, Douglas Townsend, John J. Trimble, Andrea S. Turitz, William Uhr, Alex Vanarelli, Nicole Vendetti, Michael P. Verrier, Ted Vincetti, Jason Waks, Sarah Weber, Francesca Welham, Gregory Whittman, Molly G. Williams, Ayn Carlee Wisler, Charles Woehr, Cassandra Wright, Alexander Wrongski, Caroline Yost, Benjamin Zakarin, Aron L. Zavaro

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Iraqi People are 'Free,' But Remain Mired in Civil War

By NEIL FITZPATRICK

Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Saddam Hussein is dead. He was executed last Saturday, December 30, 2006 by the current Iraqi government in an old military intelligence headquarters in a Shiite neighborhood in Baghdad. Ironically, during his time as dictator, Saddam held several executions of dissenters at the same facility. The question remains, what now? The intention of this inquiry is not to cast doubt on whether or not Hussein deserved to die. Even as an opponent of the death penalty, it would be hard to justify sparing his life.

He was executed for the murders of 148 Shiite Muslims in 1982, and was in the middle of a trial for the genocide of 180,000 Kurds in Northern Iraq from 1987 to 1988. Rather, the question is meant to suggest a look at our continued role in the war today.

It is no secret that Saddam's death was generally greeted as good news across America. It serves as a rare tangible accomplishment in a war where victories are as hard to define as the enemies. But will it bring the nightmare to an end?

Our original intention in invading the region was to eliminate weapons of mass destruction. When that proved false, the mission became liberating the Iraqi people.

At least 3,000 American soldiers have died for that cause, a number that is not heard enough, not felt enough in this country, where the majority of opposition to the war is apathetic at best. Along with that, 52,000 Iraqi civilians are dead, a figure which brings

new meaning to the word "liberation."

Now, with the death of the tyrant who controlled the nation, an era in Iraq's history comes to a close. The Iraqi people are "free," but the Iraqis are mired in civil war. The execution of Saddam has given Sunni insurgents a martyr, and deepened their resolve.

So what now? It seems obvious that the war must end as quickly as possible. However, a new purpose has evolved out of the mistake: we are now at least partially responsible for the Iraqi people.

When we assumed the role of "liberating" force, we took on certain responsibilities. To abandon these people to civil war would be to render meaningless the entire ordeal, including Saddam Hussein's death. Measures must be taken to avoid all out civil war, and they must be diplomatic.

I do not assume to know how to do this. Indeed, it seems to be a question that is stumping even our national government. So what now?

Now, we do what any self-respecting student faced with an impossible problem would do: we find the smartest kid in the class and listen. A new congress should give a new perspective on the war, and fresh ideas on how to end it.

It is time for a committee to be formed, and hearings to take place. Let the smart kids talk, the ones with experience in the region, and the ones with no experience or preconceptions. Let us hear all sides to the issue, Shiite, Sunni, Kurd, and maybe we will find a solution. At least we will learn something.

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