

# Winter break is time to do your own thing

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The March Break has arrived. For a whole week, we students can sit back and contemplate our sins of the past few months. For some, this is a much needed breather. For others, a chance to get caught up in all subjects, while still others find it a good opportunity to skip the country for a while. But for all it is a week free of the rigors of school.

This past week was one of relative inactivity for Westlane's extra-curriculum, perhaps because of the upcoming break. But a few individuals have earned congratulations. I'll mention these first.

Robin Huxtable of 10c won a speaking contest last week, which was sponsored by one of the local service organizations. People who have never taken public speaking seriously, as few do, cannot realize how difficult it is to do a good job, much less excell, as Robin has. So congratulations to her, and good luck at the next level of competition.

Also last week, two of our students were presented with citations for community service by the Greater Niagara United Appeal organization. Tim Woodward and Theresa Johnson were given these awards at a luncheon for their outstanding contribution to Westlane's Starve-A-Thon, which presented over \$1,000 to the UA last November. Let us hope that students of Westlane will see fit to again contribute to this fund-raising drive each and every year.

In the past few weeks, something has been happening throughout the school. It has been decorated by a most pleasing variety of artworks, some truly excellent pieces in themselves, but which, collectively, make a remarkable improvement in the school's appearance. Display cases, bulletin boards, windows and bare walls have fallen prey to this sudden metamorphosis.

And who is the Mystery Painting hanger, roving the halls in her never ending search for an end to monotony? Yes, the credit for this commendable undertaking goes to none

other than Miss Skavinski, who must have had her art classes going in high gear to produce all this material.

Probably a few individual students have helped her out (after all, is such a job within the capabilities of one person?), but I haven't seen anyone but her climbing ladders and sticking these things on the walls. Regardless who helped, or why it was done in the first place, thank you Miss Skavinski and the art work classes!

One group I thought I'd mention is the soccer team. They have just now started working out, getting in shape for the long season to come. This is, of course, the team that came so very close to being Westlane's first OFSAA All-Ontario winners last year, after bringing home SOSSA honors. This year, the team has lost only a few players, and should be stronger than ever, what with all the extra experience the younger stars will now have. Look for this team to be in the news as soon as the season gets rolling.

Another upcoming sports event has to do

with a team that most people seem to have forgotten. Yes, our Westlane Powder-Puff Hockey Team is swinging into action—once again. The Spartanettes play the rough and tumble crew from Niagara District S.S. in the return engagement of a game played a couple of weeks ago. I understand there seems to be a growing animosity between these two teams, and they just had to have a go at it again.

This game will be played Thursday, March 23 at 3:30 p.m. in the Niagara Falls Memorial Arena. I hope to see many Westlane fans there to join in the immortal chant, "Give me a W!" If enough of you Green and White fans show up, I bet Joe Sparty himself will bethere.

Since I'm not sure if there's going to be a column next week (what will you say to wrap the garbage in if there isn't, eh?), I really should give you two of Joe Sparty's quotes, just in case the Review doesn't get a column. But Joe Sparty, unfortunately, is on vacation and is unavailable for comment.