

Westwood

Jan. Newsletter

Arts

December was eventful for the arts, with Dance performing at both the Manitoba Dance Showcase and their own showcase Emergent Expressions, at which they raised over \$700 for the Jill Mino Scholarship Fund; and the Senior Musical Theatre department having an amazing run of Little Shop of Horrors! As we enter into the next semester, many of us are enjoying winding down a bit after the stress of exams, but that's not the case for many of the arts students! With various concerts, shows, and music festivals coming up, the arts kids aren't getting much rest. The winter concerts for both band and choir are this week, with the band concert on Wednesday February 5th, and the choir concert on Thursday February 6th. Later in February all six of Westwood's fabulous bands will be performing at Optimist Festival, and will hopefully return home with trophies (check out the band website for dates



- Emergent Expressions

and more information)! The choral department is also gearing up for festival season with the Winnipeg Music Festival beginning at the end of February, but, if you can't wait that long for more choral excellence, consider buying

a singing Valentine! Of course we can't forget about drama and musical theatre who are both beginning to rehearse for their upcoming shows; Willa Wonkie and the College Tour, and Mary Poppins. If you're more visually inclined, consider entering a painting into "Paintuary" put on by the visual arts department, in which you'll have a chance to win paints and brushes! As always, there is no shortage of excitement in the arts department, and we look forward to seeing you at our performances!

-Danica Dumore

Academics

January was a long month full of many grueling exams for all grades. First, the grade 12's had their provincial english exams. The exam started with a three hour portion in the morning, and continued throughout the week with the students writing a piece on the theme of communication. The Grade 12s were also required to write their provincial math exams. A big congratulations goes out to the grade nines for successfully completing their first ever exams!

Exams are finally behind us, and now everyone can breathe a sigh of relief. After conquering exams, we are beginning a new semester and are halfway through the school year!

-Paige Quick

Spicy Sports Sector

The sports section now introduces an original comic strip, designed by the author using MS Paint!



Last minute update: I've been informed by my editors that it would be a good idea to never make one of those again.

Back to your regularly scheduled programming, one notable sporting moment that has occurred recently is the start-up of the basketball season. The Varsity boys and JV girls teams in particular are strong competitors, both in the top 3 of their leagues, while the JV boys and Varsity girls are not far behind in placements in their leagues. It's pretty nice to see all 4 teams pulling their weight in a sport for once (I'm looking at you volleyball).



- JV Girls Basketball

-Bentley Turner