# HARVARD WESTLAKE

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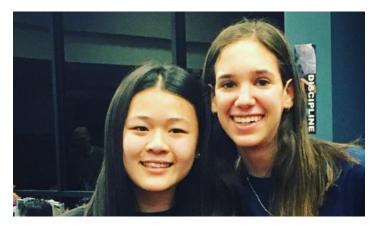
# DID YOU KNOW?

Just as Harvard-Westlake students pursue a purpose beyond themselves through community service, the school too is also committed to its institutional public purpose. Harvard-Westlake has undertaken a number of community service initiatives and recently launched a major partnership with Bright Star Schools (Stella Middle Charter Academy, Rise Kohyang Middle School, and Valor Academy Middle School) for a semester-long after school enrichment program. Harvard-Westlake teachers provide courses in Beginning Robotics, Greek Mythology, Electronic Music, and Improv. The HW Bridge Program meets twice a week, with the courses, transportation to and from Harvard-Westlake, and a snack and dinner provided free of charge to the Bright Star students.



# CINEMA SUNDAYS

Please join us for the 2017/2018 Cinema Sundays program, hosted by our own performing arts instructor, Ted Walch. Eleven classic films will be screened followed by an in-depth discussion featuring special guest panelists. Movies begin at 3:00 p.m. and are free of charge to neighbors and friends of the Harvard-Westlake community. Please RSVP to Stacy Marble at smarble@hw.com.



### **VEX Robotics Competition**

Congratulations to Jenna Kronenberg '20 and Stephanie Cho '20, who won the Judges Award at the VEX Robotics Competition, presented by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation. Teams of students were tasked with designing and building a robot to play against other teams in a game-based engineering challenge. Classroom STEM concepts are put to the test with the students developing lifelong skills in teamwork, leadership, and communication.



## **Community Service**

Nearly one hundred members of the Harvard-Westlake community volunteered at Bethune Middle School helping to clean, paint, and beautify the campus. The HW Parents Community Service Program organized the event in partnership with Bethune Middle School and Big Sunday, an outreach organization that aims to enhance and beautify local schools. Students from both school communities worked alongside one another at this annual day of service.



#### **Track Usage For Our Neighbors**

REMINDER: We welcome our neighbors to use the track on our campus. For your safety and to ensure that only residents of the local neighborhood are using the track, please fill out a track application and submit to <a href="mailto:smarble@hw.com">smarble@hw.com</a>.





### Calendar

#### **Harvard-Westlake Performing Arts**

**February 9** Combined Instrumental & Choral Concert @ Emmanuel Lutheran Church / 7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to smarble@hw.com to receive your complimentary tickets.

## **Share your thoughts**

If you have thoughts about something you read or suggestions for a future Harvard-Westlake Community Newsletter, please let us know. You can email me at <a href="mailto:smartheo:smart

Thank you,

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#### **Summers At HW**

Do you know any kids in grades 5 through 9 who are interested in experiencing what Harvard-Westlake has to offer? Check out Harvard-Westlake Summer, a unique opportunity to get a taste of Harvard-Westlake. More information and registration can be found on our website. Contact smarble@hw.com with any questions.

