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## Wilby Welcomes New Administration

By: Sofia Rositani

Wilby welcomed a new principal this year, Mr. Edwards. Mr. Edwards started in education as a Math teacher in a Chicago Vocational Academy. He then coached college basketball for a while at UMass and the University of Albany. He found he didn't love it, so he went back to teaching and then became an administrator. His favorite sports are basketball, baseball, an football. He also plays a little tennis and golf. His mother was a volleyball coach, his brother played football and is a football coach at Columbia University, so it's something his family really valued.

He has a brother who is 5 years younger and a large extended family. His father comes from a family of 8

siblings! Most of his extended family lives in Georgia, Indiana, and Detroit.

"I want to take Wilby and make it a school for the new millennial" Mr. Edwards says. We want to have a bunch of computer labs, distance learning, and iPads. We want to have our media center be truly a media center where you go and research on iPads and laptops and other technology. His vision is to take Wilby from a place that you just come to school and make it a community center. He wants Wilby to be a safe spot where kids can go and get help to achieve their life goals. He also wants to have a 1 to 1 initiative where every student

has some type of technology in place of books -like an Ipad or a laptop. Students can download whatever they need, and then instead of going to the computer lab, teachers can just say, 'I need you to type a paper, pull out your iPads, now let's get to work.' He said, "I also think that the world is changing, think about the last time you went to the doctor's office, the doctor has a tablet, not a paper chart. I think the world is changing and I think that the high schools have to change with the world. I want Wilby to be the place where people are glad to say, 'my kid goes there'." Welcome to the Wilby Family Mr. Edwards!

## Upcoming Events

- Halloween Dance & 'Pink Out'– October 27th
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk– October 29th
- End of 1st Marking Period– October 30th
- Election Day– No School– November 7th
- Veteran's Day Observed– No School– November 10th
- Report Cards Distributed– November 17th

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## Wilby Welcomes New Vice Principal

By: Devonte Hughes

Wilby Students would like to take the time out to welcome Mrs. Lori Peck, the new freshmen Vice Principal to our Wilby Wildcat team. Mrs. Peck is going to make it her mission to make Wilby High School 's freshman class into productive young men and women of society We look forward to having a wonderful school year !!!



# Recipe: Marshmallow Treats

By: Shauna Etheredge



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1. Melt butter in large sauce pan over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until melted and well-blended. Cook 2 minutes longer, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
2. Add cereal. Stir until well coated.
3. Using buttered spatula or waxed paper, press mixture evenly and firmly in buttered 13 x 9 inch pan. Cut into 2 x 2 inch squares when cool.

Ingredients  
 24 servings 65 calories  
 1/4 cup butter  
 4 cups miniature marshmallows  
 5 cups crisp rice cereal



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## Navy Workout

By: Mr. Conte

The Physical Education department invited U.S. Naval Recruiter Petty Officer Appleby come in and go over exercises students can perform to improve their health as well as help prepare for the CT fitness testing. The students had a good time participating and received a workout!



“There's a promise that what September starts, October will carry on, catching the torch flung into her hand.” - Faith Baldwin

## Unified Sports

By: Kaydee Gilbert

Unified sports is a great program this school offers. Unified sports is a few students helping the students with disabilities at Wilby play sports. You get to see the many smiles of the students, get the satisfaction that you did something great, and make one kid feel a little more joyful. Unified sports is the students playing many different sports. It's a great way to spend your afternoon after school. We go to different schools for games, and sometimes we even have home games. We have a dance and a picnic at the end of the year. The best part is everyone wins, everyone gets to play, but most of all, everyone has fun. If you are interested in joining contact Mrs.Zuraitis or Mr. Curly.

## Art Students Of The Month: September and October



The Art Department would like to congratulate Ruben Romero for being selected as the **September's** PBIS Visual Art Student of the Month! Ruben has taken Foundations of Art, Drawing and Independent Study of Art classes. This year, Ruben is a Senior and is currently taking the AP Studio Art class. The month long exhibit of Ruben's works will be on display in the PBIS Visual Arts showcase located in the commons building across from the auditorium.

The Art Department would like to congratulate senior Caitlin Soussa for being selected as the **October** PBIS Visual Art Student of the Month. Caitlin has been in the Art Department for three years and is currently taking the Independent Study of Art class, Printmaking and Ceramics. The exhibit of Caitlin's work will be on display in the PBIS Visual Arts showcase located in the commons building across from the auditorium.



## Students Help with Relief for Puerto Rico



In conjunction with the Durham Bus Company and the Hispanic Coalition, Wilby High School Students collected and helped 'stuff a bus' with essentials needed for those affected by Hurricane Maria. Water, clothes, shoes, paper essentials, toiletries, baby items, and non-perishables were donated. It was a great combined effort by staff and students and there was an incredible sense of community. Please continue to donate items and money for the relief effort— contact the Hispanic Coalition for more information!  
[info@thehispaniccoalition.org](mailto:info@thehispaniccoalition.org)  
 Tel: 203-754-6172



**“It was a great combined effort by Staff and students and there was an incredible sense of community.”**



## ‘IT’ Movie Review by: Sofia Rositani

This creepastic review is not filled with spooky spoilers. The movie “IT” is a spine chilling novel by Stephen King turned into a mini series in 1990, and it was recently released as major motion picture. The weekend of September 8th, upon its release, IT became the highest grossing horror movie of all time, earning \$189,400,000 worldwide. The movie ‘IT’ is an 80s set film about a demonic clown who feeds on the fear of children. Originally a book created by the Great Stephen King who has put fear in our hearts since 1973, with his first book called ‘Carrie’. My father (Rosario) responded “I didn’t know what to expect. (Did you see the original I asked) “no” however I expected a lot from Stephen King who is the ‘king’ of horror stories book.” The other question I had was ‘On a scale of 1-10 how badly did the movie scare you? My sister responded hilariously, “I give it a 6 because I hate clowns. At one point I think I threw a punch towards the screen.” My final question was, ‘Do you think the movie and the characters represented the 80s.’ I asked my father Rosario if he believe that the movie “IT” did a good job representing the 80’s era. “No, horrible job because I didn’t see anything 80s.” he replied bluntly. IT’s storyline was full of creepy spine chilling scenes and anyone with Coulrophobia (a fear of clowns) will not want to see this film!



## Waterbury Soccer Jamboree

By: Nathan Daunis

The Wilby soccer team started out their pre-season with an excellent run at the 20th annual Waterbury soccer Jamboree coming in 2nd place. After Sacred Heart High School was announced to be the winner by 1 point over Wilby it was announced that our own Gustavo Medina was the M.V.P of the jamboree.



## Poetry Corner—"Freshman Year"

By: Amerie Maysonet-Perez

You walk towards the doors that hold the sign that says,

"The only way out is in"

You enter with no sense of direction

Thick double doors slamming shut behind you

Leaving you trapped in this labyrinth of hormones

Freshman Year



## "When the Sun Rises"

By: Naomi Kouabo

when the sun rises  
I want to be free  
I want to spread my  
wings like the birds  
in the sky  
when the sun rises  
I want to be bright  
like the sun  
when the sun rises  
I want to let go of  
my pain of yesterday's  
when the sun rises  
I want to be happy  
- Naomi Kouabo



## Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 29, 2017 @ 1PM in Library Park, Waterbury. All our welcome to join Team Wilby Wildcats. Donations accepted in Room 332 to Ms. Marabello or go online [makingstrideswalk.org](http://makingstrideswalk.org).



## P.I.R.CLUB

By: Sofia Rositani

Have an odd fascination for the paranormal? Ever felt that unexplainable shiver down your spine? Wilby Paranormal Investigative Research Club (W.P.I.R.C for short) will help you answer all your questions regarding the field of paranormal and unexplainable phenomenon, with activities, discussions, and we will have the proper devices to use when we proceed towards our own investigation. If you want to join speak to Lead investigative researcher Sofia Rositani or Ms. Jusino. More information will be added in the first meeting. And remember have an open mind and believe...



**R**espect  
**I**ndividual  
**S**elf Control  
**S**afety  
**E**nvironment  
**S**uccess

## Enlightening the Mind Book Club

The Enlightening the Minds Book Club is back and up and running this 2017-18 school year. The students are so excited to return once again this year. Last year we read Witches & Wizards by James Patterson, The Big Dark by Rodman Philbrick, The Danger Box by Blue Balliett and The Escape by Hannah Jayne. We have another great list of books for this year like, Rebound, Unlikely Soldier, Jolted and others. In addition, we have planned a variety of exciting things like; watching and discussing movies based on books like "When a Monster Calls". We will play games like Jeopardy, Banana Grams, Movie Scene It, have book vs. movie debates, and have a Literacy scavenger hunt where the children, parents receive prizes. Also, we plan to meet local authors and have live discussions. At every meeting, we are served a delicious 3-course dinner, by Mr. Mango and his Culinary students. The book club advisors are Rebecca Harmon, Kristen Albert, NEMS Library Media Specialist and Parent Liaisons of Wilby and North End, Charlene Harris and Rozeena Hoosain. We still have room for more parents, students, so if anyone is interested in joining the "Enlightening of the Mind" Book club. Please fill out the registration form and get it back to the library ASAP, see Mrs. Hinton, in the library for a registration form.

## The Emerald Staff



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