

# Westhill High School's Lip Dub: What School Spirit Means to Westhill

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A PROMO for the Lip Dub, posted on the Westword instagram.  
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On March 26th, 2025, Westhill High School revived its long-awaited Lip Dub for the first time in five years, organized by Mr. von Wahlde and his Communications class. This event has always been a highlight for students and staff. With the long pause of production, anticipation was higher than ever. Over these past five years, many things have changed, such as the way the Lip Dub is performed, and the challenges that come with organizing the event.

The Lip Dub is not just a fun video; rather, it is an event that truly allows Westhill to express

its pride as a community. It brings students, teachers, and faculty members together, creating a moment of unity. Carolinna Rivera ('27) says, "Well, I think the Lip Dub is a perfect way to connect a lot of students here at Westhill because it really does enhance bonding by getting to know each other within the hallways."

Beyond Westhill's students and staff, the Lip Dub also brings together sports teams and clubs through music, as well as through shared representation of what they love doing. On the day of the Lip Dub, teachers could be seen decorating hallways

together and singing along with the students. From the "dubbers" performing in front of the camera, to people on the sides of the hallways dancing along, everyone could be seen cheering and waving balloons. School spirit plays a very important role in life at Westhill, and the Lip Dub brings this spirit to the forefront. Being a Westhill Viking is a point of pride, and this is shown clearly through Lip Dub celebrations. Students were flooding the halls with purple and gold colors, painted faces, posters, and enthusiasm.

"School spirit means pride in the way

people in our school can represent our school's colors, also how we support each other by lifting and boosting people by making them feel included and connected to one another," Isabella Jimenez ('27) said.

Of course, behind all the joy and energy is hard work. Picking songs, holding auditions, decorating, staying on schedule, and recording in general, took lots of preparation. Auditions were held on February 11 and 28, after which selected dubbers received emails with their roles and positions. A detailed filming schedule was sent out, and volun-

teers were asked to help bring the event to life.

On the morning of the Lip Dub, students from the Viking Video class came together to distribute decorations for teachers to put up. Filming began shortly after. They rounded up students to fill the hallways and got dubbers to look their best. Finally, they ended the Lip Dub with a bang, getting students to participate all together in the final part, crafting a flawless ending for the 2025 Lip Dub, perfectly capturing the spirit of Westhill.