



A SECOND LOCKER: David DiLeo '15 discusses basketball with his mom, Kay DiLeo, during lunch. "My mom's office comes in handy when I can't fit anything else in my locker some days," David said.

As a sophomore girl strolls down the crowded hall, waving at friends as she passes. "Hi, Emily!" "Hi, Katie!" "Hi, Hannah!" "Oh, hi Mom."

For a dozen or so West students, spotting mom or dad at school happens frequently.

"It's weird seeing my parents at school sometimes because I'm just walking down the hall and—bam—they're there," said Emma Sauser '17, whose parents both work at West.

But a daily encounter at school with mom or dad does offer conveniences. Ariel Halvorsen '17 said she doesn't see her mom, family and consumer science teacher Rhonda Halvorsen, much during the day unless she needs something although "it's really nice having her there."

"I can always go to her for coffee money and have a ride to and from school," Ariel said.

The guidance office attracts hundreds of students, along with a few children of the counselors.

Molly Breitbach '16 said she appreciates her dad, counselor Paul Breitbach, not "digging into" her personal life at school.

David DiLeo, whose mom, Kay, works at West, cited one inconvenience. "As a counselor, she is constantly checking my grades and lets me know exactly how I'm doing."

Spanish teacher Jamie Sandhu said she liked getting to know her daughter's [Rebecca '17] friends in class, although it can be awkward if her friends are at their house all the time when they're used to seeing her in "teacher mode."

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A QUICK STOP: Molly Breitbach '16 visits her dad, Paul Breitbach, before lunch Feb. 3. "I like that my dad is a counselor at West because I know that I can always count on him to give me great advice if I ever need it," she said.



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CHECKING IN: Rebecca Sandhu '17 visits her mom, Jamie Sandhu, in her Spanish classroom before basketball practice. "I like keeping an eye on Becca," Jamie said.

GAME PLAN: Emma Sauser '17 doodles football plays on a white board in her dad's office Feb. 4. Emma's parents, Brian and Mandy Sauser, both work at West. "I always have someone here to lean on if I need help with something," Emma said.

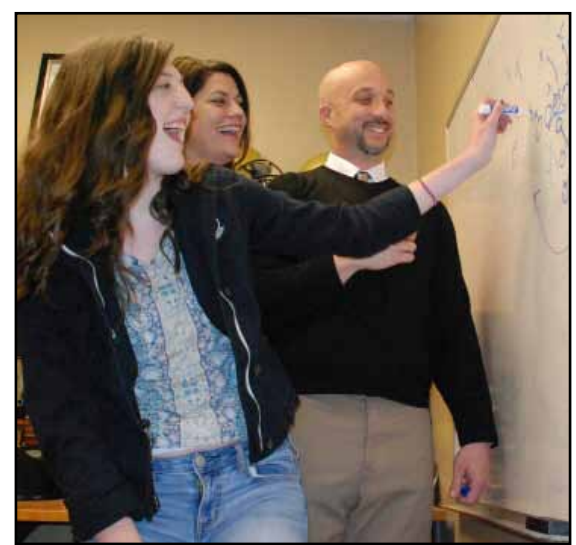


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FLY ON THE WALL: Ryan Bozer '15 and Kathryn Bozer '17 help their mom, Spanish teacher Teresa Bozer, with some work after school. "[Being a teacher at West] lets me see who their friends are—as if I'm a fly on the wall and can peek into their social lives without interference," Teresa said.



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SNACK TIME: Freshman Katie and junior Michael McGrane meet up with their mom, science teacher Marianne McGrane, after school to talk about their day and have a quick snack. "I love seeing my kids during the day. It's a opportunity that not many parents have," Marianne said.



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SPELL CHECK: Abby Walling '15 stops in to have her mom, science teacher Carolyn Walling, check one of her labs. "I usually see Abby once throughout the school day. I love everything about seeing her," Carolyn said.

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