



## **EAGLE NEWS**

### **DECEMBER 1, 2023**

#### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

With the holiday season quickly approaching, we are getting ready for a fun and exiting month at WDHS! We will be celebrating our Winter season activities with a Winter Spirit week during the Week of December 18. We hope our students will continue to stay focused on their academics and activities throughout this busy time and are looking forward to a fun and exciting December ahead!

Have a great day!  
Mrs. Spaventa  
Principal



***Congratulations*** to the newest members inducted into the 2023-2024 West Deptford High Schools National Honor Society on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. Their next huge endeavor will be hosting our community-wide Operation Blessing event on December 9th.

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS & NOTES

### Camden County College Dual Credit - Earn College Credits for Eligible High School Courses

Students in eligible WDHS courses have the opportunity to apply to earn college credits for these courses. Registration info can be found on the high school homepage and has also been provided to eligible students. The deadline to sign up is December 8. There will be a second round of registrations later in January as well. If you have any questions, please contact your counselor.



### COLLEGE NOW Program



ATTENTION

RCSJ (Rowan College South Jersey) will be here Thursday, December 7, to speak with students who want to learn more about taking college courses while in high school. WDHS will pay the tuition and fees for up to two courses in the fall and spring semesters for eligible juniors and seniors. Interested sophomores can also participate but are not eligible for WDHS funding. Interested students can sign up in the Guidance Department.

**JUNIORS participated in Guidance Classroom Lessons** this week presented by our school counselors. Students learned about planning for college and careers after high school and what steps they should be taking to pursue their pathway. Students had the opportunity to use Naviance and the Guidance Google Classroom to conduct college and career research. **Be sure to ask them about it!**



### JUNIORS interested in Science/Math or Engineering!

The New Jersey Governors School Program will be offered again during the summer of 2024 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, and Drew University. These are very competitive programs, and there is an intensive application process. Please see Mrs. Quindlen in the Guidance Office by December 15 if interested.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

#### 4 year College & University Applicants:

- **LAST CALL!** Students applying to 4-year colleges & universities are encouraged to have everything submitted **before the winter break**.
- Instructions on how to apply, request letters of rec., send test scores, etc, can be found on the **Guidance Google Classroom for Seniors**.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS!** Seniors are encouraged to start exploring **scholarship opportunities**. As we receive scholarship information, we will post it under the **scholarship tab in Naviance**. Students can then link directly to the application.
- Check out [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) for numerous other scholarship opportunities.



#### 2 Year Community College Applicants:

- RCSJ's priority admission application can be found here: [RCSJ Application](#)
- Interested students should apply prior to winter break.

**APPLY NOW**



SCHOLARSHIPS

**Over 100 scholarships** specific to RCSJ can also be found on their website.

### RCSJ Scholarship Spotlight: Gloucester County Intern Scholarship Program

Twenty-Five free tuition and fees scholarships are available to students in the top 25% of their class who plan to attend RCSJ. Internships are available in all program areas and are part of the program. Apply online at [www.rcsj.edu/ISP](http://www.rcsj.edu/ISP).

## SPORTS MARKETING AND DECA NEWS



The Sports Marketing class and the DECA Club enjoyed a guided tour of **Lincoln Financial Field** on **11/30/23**. While touring the home of The Eagles, WD students learned about the **operating procedures** of the **private Press Box**, heard about the **construction history** of the stadium, and learned about the **green energy business** efforts of the organization. Students witnessed the ground crew repairing the entire field surface, which we learned was a million-dollar project that takes several days in preparation for game day.

The highlight of the trip for many students was walking out of the players' tunnel and taking in the on-field view of the playing field.



## WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY AND CLUB NEWS

**Congratulations to the 2023-2024  
WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY members!**

<b>FRENCH INDUCTEES</b> Sadie Afflerbach Aubrey Long Sara Pasra Kathryn Pitts Tyler Reddin Anthony Shuart	<b>ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INDUCTEES</b> Viktoryia Barysevich	<b>FRENCH 2ND YEAR MEMBERS</b> Abigail Simko Halle Simer Hope Vaughn
<b>SPANISH INDUCTEES</b> Isaunee Budiere Brady Cobb Mariah Demiani-Pinto Madison Eastlack Allison Fahy Abigail Farfan Dominick Finocchiaro Isabella Gibbons Zoey Gibbons Isabella Javadi Jocelyn Martin Nelson Mejias Aidan Paskiewicz Sheyla Pérez Gómez Terrell Robinson Marián Santos Landero Jack Simcox Olivia Smith Sienna Struzynski Brianna Teasdale Alexis Varela Josue Vicente Ceballos	<b>AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 2ND YEAR MEMBERS</b> Isabella Kwashek Emma Lyons	<b>ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE 2ND YEAR MEMBERS</b> Yulibet Gonzalez Sevilla Maria José Paredes Mora
<b>AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INDUCTEES</b> Grayson Massa Emma Sobieski Nina Viola	   	<b>SPANISH 2ND YEAR MEMBERS</b> Isabella Abdnessih Devon Dammingier Lindsay Gallagher Kadence Soper Riley Sweeny Sean Wiggenghorn Cyrianna Williams Ammen Zaheer
		<b>SPANISH 3RD YEAR MEMBERS</b> Emily Hernández Bertolazzi Grace Simpkins

  
**Congratulations!**  




Our Next club meeting is next week, Tuesday, December 5th. This meeting is only for those who are being inducted into the honor society.

After school in the AUDITORIUM!!

This year's induction ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 am.

Only families and Friends of inductees are invited.

At our previous meeting, we made placemats for Cathedral Kitchen!!

BE SURE TO FOLLOW CLUB'S INSTAGRAM PAGE: wlhs.c



## YEARBOOK ORDERS – ON SALE NOW

Purchase your Yearbook NOW and lock in a great rate PLUS free icons.

Go to: <https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>

Offer	Price	Start - End Dates
<b>Campaign 2</b>	<b>\$90</b>	<b>11/18/2023 – 12/15/2023</b>
Last Chance to buy Personalization online	\$95	12/16/2023 – 1/26/2024
Limited Supply	\$100	1/27/2024 – 6/1/2024

Personalization: \$10  
Icons: \$5  
Signature Package: \$18  
Clear protective cover, Autograph Section, Photo Pockets: \$5

**SENIOR VANITY ADS- END DATE - 1/08 /24**

**Prices:**

FULL PAGE: \$275  
HALF PAGE: \$150  
QUARTER PAGE: \$80  
EIGHTH PAGE: \$45





## KEY CLUB NEWS

### OPERATION BLESSING - FEED-A-FAMILY

*Dear West Deptford Community,*

Thank you to everyone who signed up to **Feed-A-Family** for Operation Blessing. This is a reminder that donations are to be dropped off at WDHS by **MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**. Please remember to label your bags so we can keep track of participation. Also, if your donations for one family are in multiple bags, please tie the handles together so we know which bags go together. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Yeager.

If you still want to participate, sign up on this form: <https://forms.gle/fsrYEveX7uxiFdH67>

## KEY CLUB

THESE MAKE  
GREAT GIFTS

### KEY CLUB SHORTI-HOAGIE VOUCHERS

COST PER VOUCHER:\$5.00  
(Retail value of \$6.28)

They are accepted at all Wawa locations & never expire!

They are available for pick up at WDHS.

To order: email  
[kyeager@wdeptford.k12.nj.us](mailto:kyeager@wdeptford.k12.nj.us)



Great to have on hand for a quick meal or as a gift.

## NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY HOLIDAY ORNAMENT SALE

The National Art Honor Society is selling *student-handmade ceramic ornaments*. All proceeds will **fund** the *NAHS* and *Senior Scholarships* for the 23-24 school year. To order yours today, click this link: [NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER.png](#)

**National Art Honor Society  
Holiday Ornament Sale**

Purchase a set of 3 or 5 hand-made ceramic ornaments and support NAHS!

<https://forms.gle/gj6NcvZfWgj6gaFL7>

A collection of hand-made ceramic ornaments, including a star, a heart, a circle, and a square, displayed on a wooden surface. The ornaments are decorated with various patterns and colors.

## ESPORTS NEWS

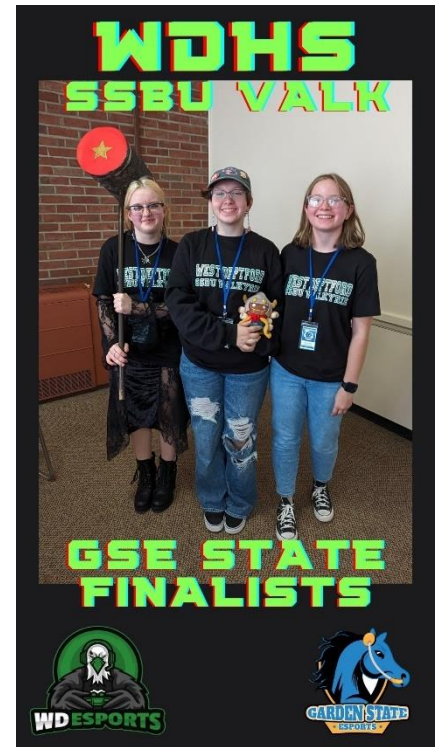
The WDHS Esports Team wrapped up a successful fall season on **Saturday, November 18**, at the Garden State Esports Fall Finals, hosted at St. Elizabeth University in Morristown, New Jersey. ***Our Super Smash Bros Valkyrie team***, comprised of ***Katie McKinney, Carly McKinney, and Liam Hill***, made it to the state championship match before falling to Barnegat. Each of these students was also honored as a member of the all-state team for the GSE Valkyrie League, ***which is a league for girls, marginalized genders, and non-binary persons***. This was the ***first time in school history that one of our teams progressed to the championship round***, earning the opportunity to play live on stage in front of hundreds of people, and we are incredibly proud of them!

Throughout the fall, the team competed against schools from around the state in Super Smash Bros, Rocket League, and Omega Strikers. In addition, students helped with the creation of digital media and the streaming of matches on Twitch. Over 30 students participated in esports this fall, with more than 20 playing competitively against another school!

Our alums are also finding success, with Colwyn Moser being part of a championship chess team at Rutgers this fall and Julian Geibel earning a spot on the Stockton University SSBU team. Congratulations to WDHS English teacher and Esports Coach Mrs. Smolenski, as her Camden County College Overwatch 2 team won their playoff match this past week and is headed to the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE) division championship!



***Our esports program is in its third year***, and we are as excited as ever to compete in the ***GSE spring season***. Check us out on Instagram and Twitch @wdhsesports, and thank you to everyone for your support!



## SEAL OF BILITERACY

**Calling all seniors!**



**Seal of Biliteracy**  
for Eligible Graduating High School Seniors

WDHS is awarding the

### SEAL OF BILITERACY

to recognize seniors who can read, speak, listen and write in 2 or more languages at a high proficiency level. Get an official certificate from the state of NJ, a medallion for graduation and the insignia on your transcripts!

To request to be scheduled for testing in a World Language in January or to ask questions, please contact Mrs. Gleason at:

[kgleason@wdeptford.k12.nj.us](mailto:kgleason@wdeptford.k12.nj.us)

#### ENGLISH

- ✓ Satisfy the state ELA assessment for graduation

#### WORLD LANGUAGE

- ✓ Pass the exam given in **January** in all language domains of a language other than English

