



EAGLE NEWS

February 23, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ATTENTION ALL JUNIORS

New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA)

On March 11th - 14th, ALL 11th graders will take the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA). This standardized test is given by the State of New Jersey, required for graduation. Students cannot opt out of this graduation test; if they do not take it, they may be ineligible for a high school diploma. Students will be measured in the English Language Arts and Mathematics standards over these four days. Students will receive more information pertaining to the test within their classrooms over the coming weeks.

Musical News!!



The WDHS Musical Department is excited to announce that tickets for Shrek the Musical are now on sale. The performances are Friday, March 15, at 7 pm, Saturday, March 16, at 7 pm, and Sunday, March 17, at 2 pm. Reserve your tickets online at the link or by scanning the QR code below. Tickets will also be available at the door, but don't delay! The best seats in the house will sell out early!!

<https://wdhs.booktix.com/>



REMINDER!

Senior Trip Medical Questionnaire

Dear Senior Trip Parents

All parents of students going on the senior trip must complete the [Medical Questionnaire and Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization](#) form and the WDHS Overnight Medication form attached below. Both forms can be found on our WDHS website under the Clubs and Activities tab and then the **Senior Trip 2024** tab. All forms must be completed and submitted to the nurse's office by **March 13, 2024**.

[Overnight Medication Form.pdf](#)

Congratulations

Seal of Biliteracy 2024



This school year, West Deptford has participated for the sixth time in the nationally accredited initiative: the **Seal of Biliteracy**. By achieving the Seal of Biliteracy, graduating students demonstrate that they are able to speak, read, listen and write at a level of high proficiency in English and another language. Seniors who meet these criteria will receive a certificate from the Commissioner of Education, a medallion to be worn at graduation, and the insignia will be affixed to their transcripts. The Seal provides evidence of linguistic skills that are attractive to college admission offices and future employers.

In our sixth year of participation, 5 seniors will be awarded the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy (pictured from left to right):

Salvatore Badalamenti -Italian

Kristell Iturralde -Spanish

Karen Guijosa -Spanish

**Isabella Kwashek -American
Sign Language**

Emily Hernández -Spanish



It is a special year as the first ever Seal in American Sign Language at West Deptford High School has been earned!

This is a very rare and distinguished accomplishment. We hope this experience will encourage our students to be a lifelong learner of languages and cultures, and it better prepares them for the path of being a global citizen in the 21st century.



Congratulations on this achievement!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS & NOTES

SENIORS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND RCSJ NEXT YEAR:



1. The community college placement exam, called the **Accuplacer**, will be given at WDHS on **March 12**. If a student misses the test, they will need to go to the RCSJ campus and take it on their own time prior to registering for college courses for next year.
To find sites to review and practice, go to: <https://www.rcsj.edu/testing/gloucester/placement/faq>.
2. **Gloucester County Internship Scholarship**: This provides two years of FULL tuition and fees to attend RCSJ while participating in a career-related internship. Go to www.rcsj.edu/scholarships for more information.
3. Numerous other scholarships are offered! Don't miss out on free \$! Go to www.rcsj.edu/scholarships for more info.

JUNIORS & SENIORS:

RCSJ (Rowan College of South Jersey) is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, March 20, from 5 to 7 pm. To see what our local community college offers, click the link below to register. I hope you can make it!



[Rowan College of South Jersey Open House, March 20](#)



The **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) will be given here on **March 19** to any junior or senior interested in pursuing a career pathway in the military. See your school counselor to sign up.

LAST CALL! Earn College Credits for Eligible High School Classes

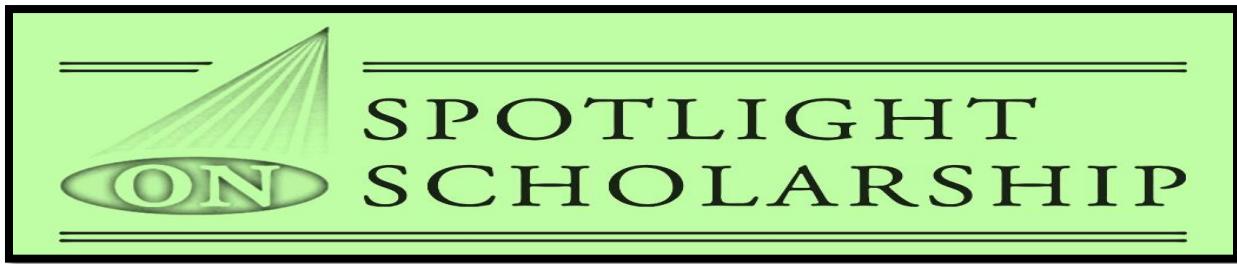
Camden County College Program: Students in eligible WDHS courses can apply to earn college credits for these courses. Registration info has been emailed out again to eligible students and families and can also be found on the high school homepage. The deadline to sign up has been extended through **March 3**. If you have any questions, please contact your guidance counselor.



The **College Dual Credit Program through Rowan College South Jersey (RCSJ)** provides our students with the opportunity to earn college credits for completing courses here that are deemed equivalent to RCSJ coursework. The credit fee is offered at a very reduced rate compared to standard college tuition and fees.

Eligible students have been given the information and registration forms in their classes. The due date to sign up is **February 28**.

High School Course	RCSJ College Course Equivalent	College Credits
Tomorrow's Teachers	EDU205 - History of American Education	3
Exploring Engineering II	PHY107 - Technical Physics	4



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Wilt Chamberlain Memorial Fund is a last-dollar scholarship program that provides financial assistance to current high school seniors with financial needs looking to further their education in the fall at a four-year university or, two-year associate program, or trade school.

You can also visit www.wiltfund.org and our [LinkedIn Page](#) for more information.

I am happy to announce that we are now accepting this year's scholarship applications until April 22. Below are the minimum eligibility requirements:

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- **Plan to graduate from high school at the end of the 2023-24 academic year**
- **Intend to enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution beginning in the fall of 2024**
- **Earn a cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.5 or above**
- **Demonstrate significant unmet financial need**
- **Family income must be \$50,000 or less**
- **Must reside in the Greater Philadelphia Area**
 - Philadelphia County, PA
 - Bucks County, PA
 - Delaware County, PA
 - Montgomery County, PA
 - Burlington County, NJ
 - Camden County, NJ
 - Gloucester County, NJ

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THE WILT CHAMBERLAIN MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

is available to high school seniors with financial need who seek to graduate from a four-year university or a two-year associate or vocational program

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CLOSING APRIL 22, 2024

For more information or to apply, visit www.wiltfund.org or email info@wiltfund.org



ETS Cares Scholarship Program



About the ETS Cares Scholarship Program

- ETS Cares scholarships are funded entirely by monetary contributions from employees.
- The program was established to assist graduating public high school seniors in their goal of achieving a higher education degree.
- More than \$1.2 million in scholarships has been awarded to more than 200 students since the program was established in 2010.
- The program offers one-time scholarships to students entering their freshman year of college or other higher education institutions.
- Scholarships of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded to selected students.

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

Public high school seniors in any U.S. state graduating in May or June 2024 who are:

- experiencing significant financial challenges
- planning to enroll full time in an accredited, postsecondary nonprofit educational institution in the fall of 2024
- actively pursuing a degree at a postsecondary nonprofit institution (two- or four-year college/university or vocational/technical school)

How Do I Apply?

To apply for a scholarship, you must:

- Provide an original essay on the following topic (500 words or less):
 - Describe your hardship or challenge and how it impacts you.
- Visit the [ETS Cares application website](#) and:
 - Create login credentials.
 - Complete the online application and upload the required documents.

What's the Timeline?

- The application portal will open on February 1, 2024.
- The application deadline is March 15, 2024.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced in June 2024.



For more information, contact ETSScholarships@ets.org

NOTES FROM MRS. SANFORD

Please click the link below to view how to talk to your teenager about relationships.

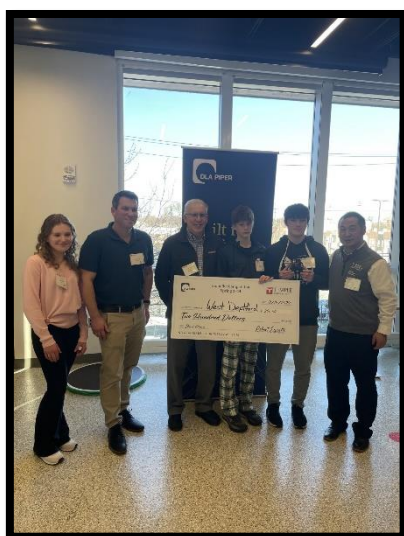
Please reach out to Mrs. Sanford and/or any guidance counselor for additional support and resources.

Teens and Romantic Relationships



STEM CLUB NEWS

On President's Day, four members of the STEM Club competed at Temple University's Sumo-Bot Spring 2024 competition sponsored by the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the DLA Piper Law firm. Appearing from left to right: Student Mentor Dylan Esposito, Dr. Robert Esposito, Mr. Pustie, Grayden Tagye, Chase Eagle, and Dr. Li Bai (ECE Dept. Chair). Chase and Grayden captured 3rd place, winning \$200.



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Clear protective cover, Autograph Section, Photo Pockets: \$5

WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY AND CLUB NEWS

WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY & CLUB



The Next Meeting is on Tuesday, February 27th!

Immediately After School in Room 38!

In the previous meeting students made paper lanterns and played a game to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



- ◆ In our next meeting, we will be introducing a new project highlighting Black History Month.
- ◆ Also, there will be a discussion about the upcoming club trip to Washington D.C.

WDHS PTO CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER



The **WDHS PTO** is having a **Spring/Easter Chocolate Sale**, courtesy of **Gertrude Hawk Chocolates**. It's easy to participate and **starts today**.

You can click the link to get started. [Gertrude Hawk PTO Fundraiser 2024.pdf](#)

KEY CLUB



NEW SOCK DRIVE

(for men, women, and children)

FEBRUARY 12TH – MARCH 1ST

Drop-Off Locations:
**WDHS MAIN LOBBY &
ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS OFFICE**

Socks will be donated to:
***Rowan University Street Medicine Organization
to help those in need in Camden.***

* Cathedral Kitchen-Camden * Konquer Krew Outreach & Addiction Support * The Branches Center of Rio Grande * St Mary's Church *

Sponsored By:
WDHS Key Club and Mrs. Patrice Chambers



Warm Feet, Warm Hearts

KEY CLUB SHORTI-HOAGIE VOUCHERS

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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.

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