

EAGLE NEWS

September 24, 2021

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the past two weeks, we practiced our first Evacuation Drill and Fire Drill of the 2021-2022 school year. For half of the students in our building, these drills may be the first drill they experienced in a long time or the first in our building. Thank you to our staff and students for our drill's efficient, mannerly, and patient execution. We will continue to practice several drills throughout the year. School safety is our number one priority. We will continue to ask our student body to do what is expected for all of us to be safe by following directions and being good citizens.

As we continue through the school year with activities and sporting events, this is an excellent time to discuss what being a good WDHS citizen means. It means being respectful and caring as you support our sports teams and students. It means acting in a manner that positively reflects the values of the West Deptford High School community. Here are some reminders for events that take place on our fields and our school.

- NO EXCEPTIONS. Students must exit the building at the end of each day. NO STUDENT may be in the building unless they participate in a club, sport, or stay for a teacher. This is a safety issue.
- Students are not allowed in the building during and after school sporting events.
- **Foul language towards** ANYONE will not be permitted, and you will be removed from games. (ANYWHERE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY...HOME AND AWAY)
- Sideline behavior should be positive and supportive. Yelling at refs or opposing teams may not only cause removal from a game but may also create a penalty for our sports teams. Last year, our SCHOOL COMMUNITY won the Colonial Conference Sportsmanship Award for the 2020-2021 school year. We NEED to continue these positive supports for our school programs.
- VAPING for parents and students is prohibited on school property.
- Students who ride their bikes to school and after-school events should be mindful of cars pulling in and out in our parking lot. School discipline or police contact can occur if students are fooling around on their bikes on our school property. Please be careful and safe.

Our Eagles Nest has the best parent and student section around. We are fans of our students and want them to have the best experience possible. Let's continue this tradition by maintaining the respectful and positive support of our West Deptford teams and students. --Dr. Gismondi

EMBRACE THE DIFFERENCE

Life would be boring if we were all the same.

This year, WDHS is celebrating and recognizing diversity and culture to honor our school community. To do this, we have created themes for each month of the school year to acknowledge and celebrate other cultures and populations.

Throughout our school, we will post information on our outdoor electronic sign, advertise celebratory figures using our indoor T.V. hall monitors, embed themes within classroom lessons, and use the Parent Eagle News to share with our school community.

CELEBRATION OF CULTURE & DIVERSITY

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Born in Guadalajara, México, Guillermo González Camarena was granted U.S. Patent 2,296,019 for a "Chromoscopic adapter for television equipment", an early color television transmission system.

His invention was used in NASA's Voyager mission in 1979 to take pictures and video of Jupiter..



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This month, we are celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month. National Hispanic Heritage Month honors the culture, heritage, and contributions of Hispanic Americans each year. The event began in 1968 when Congress deemed the week including September 15 and 16 National Hispanic Heritage Week to celebrate the contributions and achievements of the diverse cultures within the Hispanic community. The dates were chosen to commemorate two key historical events: Independence Day, honoring the formal signing of the Act of Independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua (September 15, 1821), and Mexico's Independence Day, which denotes the beginning of the struggle against Spanish control (September 16, 1810).

From the Guidance Department

Grades 9 – 12: Parents are reminded to check their child's academic progress frequently by viewing grades through Power parent. This is a great way for parents/guardians to stay on top of how your student is progressing in his /her classes.

<u>PSATs:</u> Sophomores and Juniors will be offered the opportunity to take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 13, during the school day. No sign-ups are required.

SATs:

• The SAT will be given at WDHS in October, November, December, May and June. Students must sign up on collegeboard.com. Students are reminded to bring their admission ticket, bring pencils, and a calculator. **WDHS** does **NOT provide calculators.**

Grade 12:

- Seniors and their parents are reminded to check their email for important resource information from the guidance dept.
- Seniors are asked to join the Guidance Dept's Google Classroom specifically for Seniors. Join Code is k67xofe. Here you will find information on planning for your future, whether you plan to go to college, trade school, the military, etc. Parents are also encouraged to join. Parents may find the videos on financial aid and how to complete the FAFSA particularly helpful!
- <u>Transcript Release Forms</u> (found in the Google Classroom for Seniors) are due back by September 24. No transcripts can be sent out to colleges, trade schools, the military, employers, etc., without this on file.
- All seniors will be scheduled for individual sessions with their guidance counselor during the months of September and October to discuss post-secondary plans and action steps. Keep your eye out for a zoom invite.
- Effective October 1, parents of seniors can complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Go to https://fafsa.ed.gov for information.

GOING TO COLLEGE



College Presentations for WDHS Juniors & Seniors

The following colleges, trade schools, and universities will be holding admission presentations during the school day at the high school. Students may sign up through their Naviance accounts.

Drexel University	Thu September 23, 2021
Delaware Valley University	Tue September 28, 2021
Camden County College	Tue September 28, 2021
Immaculata University	Wed September 29, 2021
Widener University	Wed September 29, 2021
Johnson and Wales University	Thu September 30, 2021
Towson University	Mon October 4, 2021
<u>University of Delaware</u>	Tue October 5, 2021
Rowan University	Tue October 5, 2021
Stockton University	Wed October 6, 2021
McDaniel College	Thu October 7, 2021
Rider University	Tue October 19, 2021
Monmouth University	Tue October 19, 2021
La Salle University	Wed October 20, 2021
Pennsylvania State University-Main Campus	Wed October 20, 2021
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Thu October 21, 2021
Neumann University	Wed October 27, 2021
Montclair State University	Tue November 2, 2021
Moravian University	Tue November 9, 2021
Holy Family University	Tue November 9, 2021
Rutgers University-Camden	Wed November 10, 2021
Pennco Tech-Blackwood	Wed November 10, 2021
Rutgers University-New Brunswick	Thu November 11, 2021
Ramapo College of New Jersey	Wed November 17, 2021

CLASS OF 2024 FANCLOTH FUNDRAISER

Class of 2024 FANCLOTH fundraiser will be running from 10/1-10/15. Please check your email and the Class of 2024 Google Classroom for more information and the link to the fundraiser!

Email Mrs. Umba with any questions! gumba@wdeptford.k12.nj.us

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS



Class of 2025 News

Class of 2025 is holding a Fancloth fundraiser:

Grab your W.D. gear! It ships directly to your house and supports the Class of 2025! For player name, either write

your favorite freshman's name or write "Class of 2025" if you do not know anyone! Email Mrs.

Everwine with any questions!

Mrs. Everwine: severwine@wdeptford.k12.nj.us

https://fancloth.shop/JGEZH



Please sign up for the Remind for important reminders throughout the next 4 years!

Class of 2025 Students Remind: text @wd2025 to the number 81010 Parent of Class of 2025 Remind: text @wd2025par to the number 81010

YEARBOOK ORDERS - ON SALE NOW

Order your **2021-22 yearbook** for **\$85**, now through October, with **FREE** icons! **Senior Vanity ads and corporate ads** can also be purchased now through **January 10**.

To purchase, access <u>Jostensyearbooks.com</u> today!

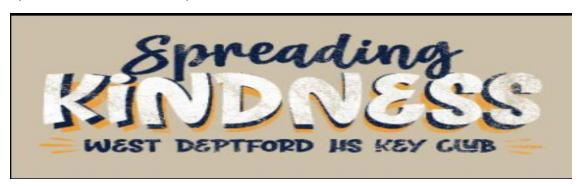




KEY CLUB

WDHS Key Club is selling amazing t-shirts to promote "Spreading Kindness." We know you want to spread some kindness of your own by purchasing one of these cool shirts. The cost is \$15. Profits from your purchase will support Key Club community service projects.

Place your order and make payment on the link: https://https://www.imagemarket.com/2021-2022KEYCLUBSHIRT. You will be notified when your order arrives. Shirts will be available for pick up at WDHS in October. Hurry, the cart close date is September 30.



KEY CLUB / SHORTI HOAGIE VOUCHERS



COST PER VOUCHER:\$4.00 (Retail value of \$4.69)

They are accepted at all Wawa locations & never expire!

They will be available for pick up at WDHS the next week.

To order: email kyeager@wdeptford.k12.nj.us



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



South Jersey Dream Center needs help organizing incoming/outgoing donations for those affected by recent weather disasters. Can you help at their W.D. facility anytime between 10 am-3 pm on a Tuesday/Thursday? Contact them here: southjerseydreamcenter.org/contact/

NJ HOBY 2022 SEMINAR

Are you a high school sophomore? Are you interested in becoming a better leader and giving back to your community? Then you should apply to attend the New Jersey Hugh O'Brian Youth leadership seminar!

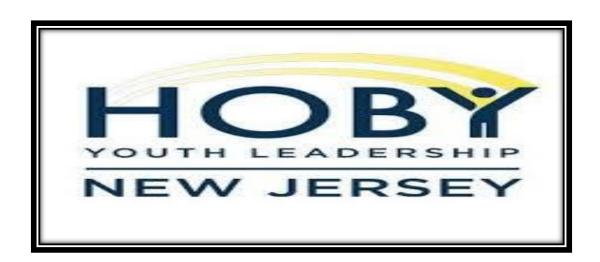
When: Friday, June 10 - Sunday, June 12 Where: Kean University in Union, NJ

At the seminar, you will hear from various speakers, participate in community service activities, and build leadership skills. You can find more information about NJ HOBY at https://newjerseyhoby.org/

All applications should be emailed to Mrs. Cepurneac at ecepurneac@wdeptford.k12.nj.us by no later than **Monday, October 4!

Application Link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UDNp-eLw-nhEinMEVzjJLY2nrJqG3-3Eox1Z_viVIZU/edit?usp=sharing



MARKETING DEPARTMENT NEWS

JOB OPENINGS

There are numerous jobs posted outside **Room 9** for students.

See Mr. Drummond if interested in any of the jobs.

To get updates on current job openings, email Mr. Drummond at mdrummond@wdeptford.k12.nj.us. You can also follow

Jobs have already begun to be posted.

the new Twitter feed for WDHS - @WdhsP.



CBI NEWS



CBI - Job Training



NHS NEWS

The NHS is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, 10/4/21. The Red Cross has a critical need to increase the available blood supply. The blood drive is open to students who are 16+ years old, who weigh at least 110lbs, and are at least 5'1".

Students interested in donating blood should see any NHS member or Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Stuart in room 18. Students should sign up by Monday, 9/27.



WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY & CLUB



NEXT MEETING IS ON **TUESDAY, SEPT. 28TH.** RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL IN ROOM 38! ALL ARE WELCOME!



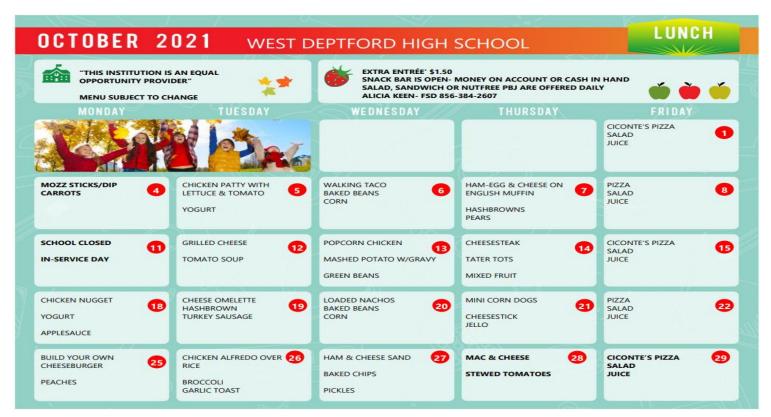
All **Club t-shirt designs** are due at this meeting, and members will vote on their favorite one. Proceeds from the t-shirt fundraiser will benefit the International Rescue Committee, an organization that helps Afghan refugees.

WDHS CHOIR - FALL MUM FUNDRAISER



WDHS LUNCH MENU

Vegan and Gluten-Free Items Available



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Please click on the links below to view *GETTING BETTER TOGETHER FOR TEENS AND PARENTS.*

How teens can talk to parents about getting help.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oqFUARNvytpdKi0OvPYEuKs5Z-QT9cug/view?usp=sharing

Self-care for parents.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VRq46D6eh2VMTLfTpaMtNNEHN6yUM_5G/view?usp=sharing

COMMUNITY NEWS

Scholarship Essay Contest

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s_OWVC3CMSdQiGJd5YnAinDU2iw5nyd/view?usp=sharing

VFW Voice of Democracy Essay contest applications, rules, and information. This contest is open to all students in grades 9 through 12, including homeschooled students.

This year's topic is "America: Where Do We Go From Here?". To avoid disqualification, participants are reminded not to include any information within the essay that identifies their sex, nationality, race, or other personal identifiers.

As the deadline, October 31, falls on a Sunday, we ask for all essays to be submitted by Friday, October 29, to my attention or dropped off at the West Deptford VFW on Hessian Ave.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 856.579.8474. Thank you. Rhonda Gundersen Robert H Jordan VFW

ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FOR ADULTS – SPONSORED BY THE SOUTHWEST COUNCIL

We are hosting a FREE conference on September 25 for adults who work directly with Youth Athletes to help educate them on the dangers of substance abuse when playing sports and dealing with injuries. If you are a Coach, Parent, Nurse, Teacher, Trainer, or Athletic Director, you are eligible to attend.

Our keynote speaker is Michael Belh, a former D1 football player who had his battle with addiction and came out on the other side. We will also be offering breakout workshops that include SPOT IT! ARE YOU MISSING THE SIGNS? and DON'T GET VAPED IN!

If you would like to attend, please register here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-youth-athlete-conference-tickets-168120971351

Our agency commends you for your dedication to providing a safe and healthy community for our children,

and we look forward to a future partnership to continue these efforts.



