

## WEST DEPTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

EAGLE NEWS – February 23, 2018

### Note from the Principal about “School Safety”

If you missed my earlier correspondence, this is what I sent out to the entire school district today:

*WDHS received notification that there was a SNAP CHAT message circulating from a WDHS student who was threatening to shoot up West Deptford on Monday. With SNAP CHAT, the messages disappear. Luckily, one of our students was able to capture the image and report it immediately. Our incredible West Deptford Police Department immediately responded and is currently conducting an investigation into the social media posts. We were able to identify the source and immediate action is being taken to assure the safety of our school community.*

*Please know that we will not tolerate any social media messages at all that threatens anyone in our school system. We will press charges and work with the law enforcement to make sure words do have consequences. I am so proud of our student body for coming directly to us so that the school administration and police could take immediate action. Please remind your children, as always, to continue to report any social media posts they feel are threatening in nature or are questionable and WDHS administration will address these swiftly as we did today.*

I have stated many times before, here at West Deptford High School your children’s safety is our number one concern. We will continue to redouble our efforts and vigilance as it is applied to the security of our high school. I need assistance from the parental community to join me in the fight on **MODELING** the **PAUSE BEFORE YOU POST** technique. Please **DO NOT** spread information regarding the high school on what you think. Today, alone, I read comments from community members that provided false information. Please remember that we are transparent with our messages and work in a community partnership. We will continue to notify our school community on situations that come to our attention without violating student’s rights.

It was demonstrated today that our school district works side by side with the West Deptford Police Department by immediately investigating this allegation. We are proud of our students who understand this type of behavior will not be tolerated and for immediately bringing it to our attention.

#### **GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS:**

##### **Course Planning Begins for the 2018 - 2019 school year!**

- Students in **9th, 10th, and 11th grades** will be receiving information in the next two weeks about the course selection process for next year.
- Current academic teachers have made recommendations as to the level of course(s) each student should take. Students can discuss this with their teacher if they'd like.
- Students will be scheduled with individual appointments with their guidance counselors during March to discuss the courses they wish to take. Students can review the Curriculum Guide for 2018 – 19 on the high school website under the Curriculum tab and learn more about course offerings, pre-requisites, and course descriptions.

**PLEASE READ:  
IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**



- Each student's course selections will be sent home for their parent/guardian's review and signature and should be returned to the guidance department ASAP to not delay the development of the student's schedule.

### Seniors - RCGC Accuplacer Testing



RCGC was here on Wednesday and administered the college placement exam to 69 seniors. If your son or daughter took the test, please be sure to ask to see their results. Next step will be to register for classes during our Roadrunner Registration event on May 3rd.

### Juniors

- Want to start researching colleges? [Sign up to go on a field trip to this year's annual Career Council College Fair at Riverwinds on Thursday, March 8th.](#) Interested **Juniors** should return their permission slips to the Guidance Dept. ASAP! Seats are limited!



### Sophomores



All 10th graders participated in guidance lessons last Friday on using the web-based Naviance career and college planning program. Students took career interest surveys and researched career clusters that could be a good fit for them. Be sure to have them show you how to use the program! Students will have free access to the program until they graduate!

### **GRADUATION NEWS:**

#### All Cap & Gown Payments are now due.



Please bring your payment of **\$20** to the main office. If paying by check, please make check payable to **JOSTEN'S!**

### **SENIOR TRIP NEWS:**



#### **T-Shirt Design Contest**

#### **Attention Seniors!**

Anyone interested in submitting a design for the Senior Trip t-shirt should do so before the end of the school day on Monday. Voting will take place Tuesday morning!

### **NHS NEWS:**

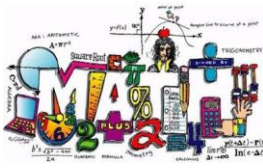
The American Red Cross is making an urgent call for blood donations of all blood types to help combat a blood shortage after severe winter weather caused January blood bank donations to drop by the thousands.



Please encourage your child to sign up to donate blood on Wednesday, **March 14th** during the school day at **WDHS**. Students must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 5'1" tall. **Red Cross**

parent permission slip is required for **16 & 17-year-olds**. Students should see **Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Stuart** or any **NHS member** for registration & permission slip.

### MATH DEPARTMENT NEWS:



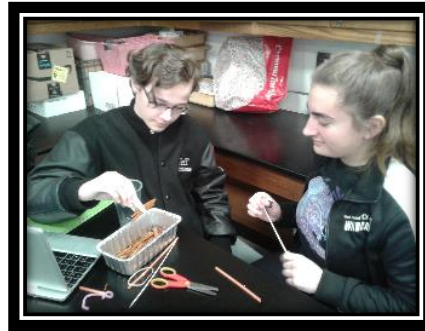
The **MathWorks Math Modeling Challenge** will take place from **March 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**. Teams of 3-5 will work to solve a single open-ended, realistic, math modeling problem in a 14-hour window. Scholarship prizes ranging from \$1,000-\$20,000 are awarded to the winning teams! **For more information on this competition, please contact your math teacher or department chair Mike Seeley!**

### SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

The students in Mrs. Patton's biology class created **Bird Beaks** that are suited to a particular food type. Then they switched food types to see how successful their beaks are with a new food.



*Biology*  
is **Life**



### RENAISSANCE NEWS:

**Save the Date!!**

**Renaissance 2nd Annual WDHS Car Show May 19, 2018**  
**11 am to 4 pm.**



**We would love to have your company sponsor our event!** For a **\$50 donation**, we will put your business logo on the back of our t-shirts! Please contact Mrs. Falcone or Mrs. Pence for more information. If you would like to **show your car or be a vendor** at our Car Show, please look at the **Renaissance page** on the **WDHS website or forms and costs**. <https://sites.google.com/a/wdeptford.k12.nj.us/renaissance-club/home/car-show-and-vendor-fair-details>

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS:

### ATTENTION SPRING SPORTS ATHLETES:

The time to turn in Athletic Participation Paperwork has arrived! Begin turning in all information to the **WDHS Athletics Office** at your earliest convenience. This information is available on the **WDHS Athletics Website** under the "Athletic Paperwork" tab.



### COLOR RUN 2018 IS HERE:



Sign up for our 2nd annual WD Super Booster Club **Color Run** to be held on **Saturday, March 17th** right here at **WDHS!** Visit the following link to sign up: <http://shop.schoolathon.org/187920>.

All proceeds from this event will support **WEST DEPTFORD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS**.

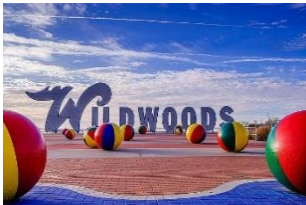
### STUDENTS NAMED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL ACADEMIC SQUAD:



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following field hockey players who were named to the **2017-18** High School National Academic Squad. The High School National Academic Squad program recognizes high school seniors and juniors who have achieved a minimum cumulative, unweighted **GPA of 3.5 out of 4.0** or the equivalent through the first quarter of the 2017-18 school year.

- Seniors - **Lindsay Barney, Camryn Ley, Jessica McGivern, Katherine Yarusso**
- Juniors - **Miranda Mason Gabriella Schultz, Sunny Walters, Kate Bilodeau, Genevieve Filippone**

### SENIOR CLASS NEWS:



#### MOREY'S PIERS FUNDRAISER

From **Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** through **Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**, the senior class will be selling discounted passes to the Morey's Piers and Beachfront Water Parks. These tickets make great gifts – and they **NEVER EXPIRE!** Feel free to share this deal with your friends and family so they too can enjoy the **Wildwood Boardwalk** at these great prices!

The following passes are available at discounted prices:

**Splash and Ride Combination Pass - \$65** (You save **\$18!**)

- Can be used as a TWO DAY TICKET! (Or you can use it all on one day!)
- One day: All day and evening Admission to amusement rides on all THREE of Morey's Piers!
- Second day: All day admission to BOTH Beachfront Water Parks!

**Amusements Only Pass - \$45** (You save **\$15!**)

- All day and evening Admission to amusement rides on all THREE of Morey's Piers!

**Water Park Only Pass - \$35** (You save **\$15!**)

- All day admission to BOTH Beachfront Water Parks!

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO WEST DEPTFORD HIGH SCHOOL  
ORDERS DUE THURSDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

Please contact Mr. Seeley ([mseeley@wdeptford.k12.nj.us](mailto:mseeley@wdeptford.k12.nj.us)) or Mr. Crane  
([jcrane@wdeptford.k12.nj.us](mailto:jcrane@wdeptford.k12.nj.us)) with any questions.



## KEY CLUB SOCK DRIVE:



KEY CLUB is holding a  
**SOCK DRIVE!!!**




If you have any spare pairs of NEW  
socks, you could make a difference!

The sock drive is run by the Rowan  
University Street Medicine Organization to  
help those in need in Camden.

Running from now until March 9<sup>TH</sup>  
**PLEASE HELP THOSE IN NEED!!!!!!**

Toss your socks in the  
HAMPER in the Main Lobby or  
by the Activities Office near the gym.



## YEARBOOK NEWS:

### ATTENTION SENIORS AND PARENTS OF SENIORS

**The Last Day to Guarantee a Copy of the Yearbook is Today, February 23rd.**

Yearbooks are on sale for **\$95**

Click here to purchase your **YEARBOOK**: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A05206900>



## PTO ANNUAL BASKET AUCTION:

On March 20, 2018, the West Deptford High School PTO will be holding its **Annual Basket Auction and Happy Hour at Filomena's Lakeview Restaurant from 7-9 pm.**



Proceeds will benefit **Project Graduation** and provide **scholarships to graduating seniors**. We encourage you to support this worthy cause by purchasing a ticket, bringing your friends, and join us for a night of fun, laughter, and excitement!

We are asking parents to help with donations for this worthwhile event. We are in need of basket donations or monetary donations (**checks payable to WDHS PTO**) to purchase items for the basket auction. If you would like to donate your themed basket, or if you and a friend would like to do a basket together, please let us know! Drop off at the high school no later than March 5, 2018. We are asking that all completed baskets have a value of **\$50** or higher.



Tickets are **\$25** and will include 2 hours of **food, wine, beer, and soda**. At Filomena's, you can purchase tickets for a chance to win any of the fantastic baskets. Just to name a few, the **Graduation Basket includes reserved seating at the Graduation ceremony, a free Project Graduation ticket and more**. The **Prom Basket** contains a **free Prom ticket, a limo to the prom, various gift cards to help with the cost of Prom and more**. We will also have 50/50 prizes.



If you would like to donate or purchase tickets, please contact any of the PTO Officers, **Cheryl Reeve** - 856-905-2968 or [wcreeve1@comcast.net](mailto:wcreeve1@comcast.net); **Kate Cargill** - [kathryn.cargill@comcast.net](mailto:kathryn.cargill@comcast.net); **Lucy Holton** - [1holton99@yahoo.com](mailto:1holton99@yahoo.com) or **Dawn Gismondi** - [1greattwinmom@verizon.net](mailto:1greattwinmom@verizon.net).

Thank you for your support! Sincerely, West Deptford High School PTO

**No One Under 21 Years of Age Permitted to Attend - ID May Be Required**

## COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER NEWS:

The **Red Bank Battlefield** is looking for **student volunteers**. If you are interested in **earning volunteer hours**, please visit the Battlefield for additional information on **Saturday, March 3, 2018**, at **10 am**. You can also contact **Marry Cummings at (856) 307-6456** or email [mcummings@co.gloucester.nj.us](mailto:mcummings@co.gloucester.nj.us)

## Volunteer Information Session

Join us at Red Bank Battlefield Park



**Do you have a love for history and nature?**

Volunteers offer tours of the Whitall House and battlefield, demonstrate and discuss colonial living, plant and help maintain the gardens, participate in hearth cooking demonstrations, decorate the house for the holidays, and participate in special events.

**Come visit us Saturday, March 3 and learn more!**

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**Important dates:**  
March 3, 2018: Information Session at 10 am  
March 31, 2018: Orientation at 10 am  
Refreshments will be served!



  
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