



EAGLE NEWS – October 30, 2015

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HOMECOMING WEEKEND IS HERE! - Homecoming is an annual tradition in the United States. People, towns, high schools, and colleges come together to welcome back alumni and former residents. It was my honor to welcome back members in the “**Class of 1966**”. They are celebrating (a few months earlier) their 50th Class Reunion. The reunion chairperson reached out to me last year to allow the Class of '66 to tour the halls of their old stomping grounds. This class was the first class that went through our Jr-Sr High School when they were in 7th grade. As an alumnus myself ('90), it was a pleasure and honor to walk the halls with a few of the founding pioneers of our school. They shared funny stories of the great times had in our hallways/classrooms/detentions and the memories still cherished. WELCOME BACK CLASS OF 1966



West Deptford Homecoming Game - Our homecoming game will be played at Sterling High School tonight @ 7pm. At 6:40pm, our senior's football players and parents will be recognized for their support and hard-work throughout this season. At half time, we will introduce our homecoming court and crown our Homecoming Queen. Our award winning marching band will perform their award winning show. **PLEASE NOTE: Somerdale has a curfew in place.** This will impact West Deptford minors who plan on attending the football game at Sterling. The curfew begins at 7:00pm and pertains to the areas off site of the school. Minors should be accompanied by an adult if they are off school premises. This includes the pizzeria and Wawa across the street from the school.

Also, during our homecoming game. Q102 “Friday Night Lights” will broadcast live involving the entire student body from the football game. This week long event included junior and senior cheerleaders recording the “Hot Five at Nine” on Q102 at IHEARTSTUDIO. They will provide live coverage and updates from our game from 6pm-8pm with prerecorded promos, photos and interviews as well.

West Deptford Homecoming: West Deptford Homecoming Dance is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6:30pm -10:30pm held in the HS gymnasium. Doors do not open until 6:20pm. Students will not be able to leave the dance until after 10:00pm.

Just a reminder that schools will be closed next week, Monday, November 2nd – Friday, November 6th for Teacher In-Service and New Jersey Teacher's Convention. If there is any way that we can help you support the education of our students, please let us know. Thank you in advance for all that you do to make our school great!

--Dr. Gismondi

EAGLE NOTES

GRADUATION NEWS:

Please use the below link to complete your child's DIPLOMA FORM requirement. This will allow us to collate all of the seniors' names – first, middle, last – in a fashion that will expedite the ordering of diplomas for graduation. **Please complete ASAP.** In this link, you must also indicate your child's height and weight for their cap and gown measurements. As indicated in Ms. Saia's letter home to parents, each child must pay a \$20 fee for their cap & gown. You may drop this off in cash or with a check made payable to **JOSTENS** to the High School Main Office at your earliest convenience. The deadline for all cap and gown payments will be sometime in December/January.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_rXS3ANDoqLNB8G-ro7xnJoziULMBkilHVHU4d0LfXA/viewform?c=0&w=1

GRADUATION INFO/SOPHMORE CLASS RINGS:

Graduation orders through Josten's, i.e. announcements, etc. may be submitted to the Josten's representatives, who will be here at the High School on **Thursday, November 12, 2015** during homeroom.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCHING EAGLES:



Congratulations to the West Deptford HS Marching Band for winning the Tournament of Bands, Group II, SJ Championships this past Sunday at Eastern Regional High School. This is the 8th SJ Championship for the WDHS Marching Band over the last 10 years! The WDMB won first place and took the awards for Best Visual & Best Music. The WDMB's score of 96.30 was not only the highest Group II score, but it was the highest score of all bands, across all Group sizes. The WDHS Marching Band remains undefeated all season!

Our Marching Eagles are now setting their eyes towards the Tournament of Bands, Atlantic Coast

Championships which will be held at Hershey Park Stadium on Sunday, November 8th. Our Marching Eagles are currently ranked #1 going into the finals. Good Luck in Hershey!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 CLASS OFFICERS:

President – Jacquelyn Kephart

Vice President – Tyler Lopez

Secretary – Gabby Olimpo

Treasurer – Maddie Fenuto

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. **Over 110 Seniors** participated in a workshop this week presented by **Rowan College at Gloucester County**. Students learned about the community college option as well as what their next steps are if they wish to apply. If your son or daughter participated, please be sure to ask them to see their handouts! They received a ton of important information!

2. **SAVE THE DATE!** *College Planning Night*
November 19, 2015 - 6:30pm
High School Auditorium

Our guidance counselors will provide a soup to nuts overview of the college planning process, including:

- finding the right college fit for your child
- 2 year community college options versus 4 year college options
- admission criteria
- application process
- SAT/ACT testing
- planning timelines
- **financial aid process**

We encourage parents of all college-bound students, **no matter what grade level**, to attend since we know that many parents are anxious to get a head-start on the college planning process. And be sure to bring your student(s) along!

Parents of Seniors may also want to attend College Planning Night. The overview of the **financial aid process** may be particularly helpful, though please note that this is not meant to be a step-by-step explanation of completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form. However, for families looking for that level of assistance, we will be notifying parents of seniors in January about upcoming financial aid events offered in the community where families can get free assistance with actually completing the FAFSA form. So stay tuned!

3. All juniors will participate in college planning classes in December. Each student will receive a college planning handbook that will serve as their roadmap for this process. Stay tuned for more information!
4. In January, we will work with sophomores to explore their career interests as well as to begin discussing future plans and goals. We will show them how to use a web-based program called Naviance that they will use for the next several years in high school.

Family Portrait Fund Raiser

WDHS National Honor Society

All proceeds will be used to benefit OPERATION BLESSING 2015

You are invited to participate in the 6th Annual WDHS
NHS Portrait Fund-raiser.

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2015

Time: 4:30—8:30pm (appointments will be 15 minutes each)

Place: West Deptford High School Room 6

Cost:

\$25 sitting fee &
\$25 for Digital Download
so you can print your own
pictures and/or design your own cards

Cash or check will be accepted

Portrait Ideas:

- Family Portrait
- Siblings Portrait
- Portrait with grandparents
- Family Portrait (with your well-behaved pet)



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Operation Blessing 2015 Fundraiser

NHS is selling Jamberry nail wraps to raise funds for Operation Blessing, our holiday service project.



All standard sheets of nail wraps are \$15 (Buy 3 Get 1 Free)

The make great stocking stuffers for the holidays!!

30% of your order will go towards Operation Blessing.

See any NHS member to order (free shipping) or place your order online at jodydavis.jamberry.com/profile

You can also view the catalog at the website above.

Orders are due by Wednesday, November 25th and should arrive by mid-December (earlier if you order online).

Questions??? Email Jody Davis: jdavis@wdeptford.k12.nj.us

OPERATION BLESSING:

The WDHS NHS has begun preparations for Operation Blessing, a program designed to help the district's neediest families during the holiday season. We will be collecting gift cards, games and clothing (jackets, socks, underwear, PJs) for West Deptford high school aged students in need. Monetary donations will also accepted. Donations can be delivered to WDHS main office. Please contact jstuart@wdeptford.k12.nj.us for further information. The NHS thanks you for your support.

KEY CLUB :

On Tuesday, October 27th, Key Club members made 200 PB&J sandwiches to be distributed to the hungry in Camden. The following students participated: Alli Horn, Brianna Anderson, Natalie Policella, Macey Vidas, Justin Cairns, Josh Shaffer, Taylor Fanslau, Sara Khalil, Giana Soli, Bobbiann Gubbei, Nick Paterna, Casie Haubois, Carol Garrett, Erica Colna, Emily Willett, Lauren Willett, Jamie Cesaro, Kelly VanFossen, Wayne Hires, Mia Wilson, Olivia DiSimone, Jasmine Daly, and Katie Lee. Thanks to Mrs. Yvonne Herbst for volunteering her time and her kitchen as well as 10 loaves of bread. Thanks also to all the students, parents, and staff members who donated peanut butter, jelly, and bread.

On Thursday, October 29th, Key Club members Avery Bailey, Walter Reeve, Ryan Ward, Charles King, Anthony Dockery, and Brianna Sanchez served dinner at Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.

The Operation Blessing Food Drive has begun! Please help the WDHS Key Club continue their annual tradition of providing holiday food baskets to over 100 local families. Most needed items are peanut butter, jelly, stuffing, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, fruit, soup and stews, pasta, rice, dessert mixes, and pasta sauces. Key Club members will be conducting neighborhood food drives to help support Operation Blessing. If you get a flier in your mailbox saying that a student is collecting food, please consider putting together a donation for them. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Yeager, Key Club Advisor. Thank you for your generosity.

DECA INFORMATION:

We are in need of business professionals for New Jersey DECA's Southern Blue Regional Competition on Wednesday, January 6th. Each year, the members of the various High School Business Education Programs across the state of New Jersey participate in a Regional DECA competition. DECA provides an opportunity for students to compete in a variety of business fields. The areas of competition include, but are not limited to: Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Food Services, Fashion Merchandising and Financial Services. In order to offer this unique opportunity to our students, we are in need of business professionals who would be willing to share their expertise as judges. This year, the Regional Competition will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Cherry Hill on January 6 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

If you have never had the experience of serving as a judge for one of our conferences, you will be instructed upon arrival of your specific directions. In short, you will be listening to students present their Marketing ideas on various business situations, and then you will be asked to score the students out of 100 points. Assistance will be provided to you throughout the day with any questions you would have.

If you are willing to participate, please click on the following link to register online. Register to Judge: is https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Nb6-5r1ohirmLHJMcv_7ouepr2Lv23jgppUOkJDdQ/viewform?c=o&w=1

I hope you will be able to assist us! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at ldupont@wdeptford.k12.nj.us.

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