



EAGLE NEWS – November 20, 2015

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ATTENTION PARENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019

The New Jersey State Department of Education has just released an **update** to their graduation requirements for your children. As you may know, there has always been a state testing requirement as a part of the graduation requirement for each New Jersey High School. When the NJ State Department elected to join the federal ‘Achieve’ initiative along with other states, they chose at that time to switch our standardized test from the HSPA to the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers). Since the PARCC is a new test of record, the State Department wants the transition period – the next few years – to be as smooth as possible. To this end, your children are being given multiple opportunities to meet his/her state test graduation requirements.

If your child is enrolled in an English I, II, or III course and an Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II course, he/she will be required to take the PARCC assessments for these respective courses each year. However, the State Department is providing some leeway in the requirement to pass all of these assessments for the fulfillment of the graduation requirement. In short, if your child passes only 1 of these 3 assessments in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, the requirement will be fulfilled regardless of the year your child took and passed the test. If he/she passes the English requirement in year 1, they still have to take the English II and III test but it will not be held against them in order to meet their graduation requirement. The same would be true for Mathematics. Similar to the HSPA, your child will be required to prove proficiency in both ELA and MATH in order to earn his/her diploma.

The NJ State Department of Education also recognizes that many of our students may have bypassed these aforementioned courses by the time they are required to take them in the next couple years. For example, those students in Math Analysis or Calculus will not be required to take a MATH PARCC assessment. He/She will be able to fulfill their state test graduation requirement via one of the following:

English Language Arts	Mathematics
PARCC ELA Grade 9 ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra I ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 10 ≥ 750 (Level 4) <i>or</i>	PARCC Geometry ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
PARCC ELA Grade 11 ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>	PARCC Algebra II ≥ 725 (Level 3) <i>or</i>
SAT Reading* ≥ 400 <i>or</i>	SAT Math* ≥ 400 <i>or</i>
ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading ≥ 16 <i>or</i>	ACT or ACT PLAN Math ≥ 16 <i>or</i>
Accuplacer Write Placer ≥ 6 <i>or</i>	Accuplacer Elementary Algebra ≥ 76 <i>or</i>
PSAT10 Reading or PSAT-NMSQT Reading** ≥ 40 <i>or</i>	PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math** ≥ 40 <i>or</i>
ACT Aspire Reading ≥ 422 <i>or</i>	ACT Aspire Math ≥ 422 <i>or</i>
ASVAB-AFQT Composite ≥ 31 <i>or</i>	ASVAB-AFQT Composite ≥ 31 <i>or</i>
Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal	Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal

Note: * SAT taken prior to March 2016; ** PSAT taken prior to October 2015. The College Board will establish new ‘cut scores’ in December 2015 for the new PSAT and in May 2016 for the new SAT.

Again, this is the NJ State Department of Education's transition plan for the "test of record fulfillment" as it pertains to the Graduation Requirements for the Classes of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019. If you should have any questions regarding this please contact Ms. Kelly A. Saia, our Assistant Principal of Curriculum & Instruction as she serves as our School Testing Coordinator or Dr. Gismondi.

--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. Reminders were sent to homerooms. Thank you.

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

ATHLETIC NEWS:

The annual **WEST DEPTFORD HALL OF FAME** will be held this Sunday at the Riverwinds Restaurant at 1:30pm. Please contact the WDHS Athletics Office to purchase your tickets. This year's honorees:

Janette Freeberg-Sailor: Class of '98

Jessica Mills: Class of '05

Dan Batdorf: Class of '08

Kevon Brown: Class of '09

Bill Moore: Contributor's Award

Team: 1998-1999 Boys Track & Field Team

WINTER SPORTS UPDATE:

Bowling and Swimming & Diving have begun. Wrestling, Winter Track and Girls & Boys Basketball begin practice/tryouts on Monday, November 23rd through Wednesday November 25th. Be sure to have all paperwork completed and turned in **ASAP**.

The NJSIAA Gr. II South Semi-Final Football playoff game will be this Friday night at 7pm at West Deptford High School. Our Eagles will take on the Buena Chiefs for a chance to play in the State Championship game at Rowan.

ATTENTION WEST DEPTFORD! On Monday, December 7th at 6:20pm, **PRIME TIME**, the West Deptford High School Cheer Squad, will be performing at the Wells Fargo Center prior to the 76ers basketball game vs the San Antonio Spurs. To purchase tickets please contact Head Coach Katie Adams at kadams@wdeptford.k12.nj.us. Not only will this be a great opportunity for our Cheer Squad but it is also a fundraiser for our Cheer program. A percentage of each ticket sold will benefit WDHS Cheer!

Support our girls and be a part of this great opportunity! Hundreds of WD fans under one roof! Get your tickets TODAY! Orders are due by December 3rd.

Three ticket options available:

Upper Level: \$25
Lower Corner: \$45
Baseline: \$65

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE NEWS:

The Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) club attended the “12th Annual Conference for LGBTQ-Straight Alliances” presented by GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network). The students attended various informational workshops designed for the LGBTQ population, GSA clubs, and allies of the LGBTQ population. This forum also gave the GSA students the opportunity to meet students from other GSA club members in the state of NJ.

SPANISH CLASS NEWS:

The Spanish III students are reading a novel about a girl in Chile. As a result, the students made empanadas in class as one of the activities to further understand Chilean culture. A special shout out to Mrs. Herbst for allowing the students to create and bake the empanadas in her room. Her assistance and instruction was invaluable. Thank you Mrs. Herbst!!

KEY CLUB NEWS:

On Thursday, November 12th, 19 members of the WDHS Key Club volunteered at Brightview Assisted Living. Some students helped residents with their exercise program and played BINGO, while others played games with the patients in the Alzheimer’s and dementia unit. The following students participated: Nick Paterna, Chae Lee, Hunter Marple, Vincent Tate, Olivia DiSimone, Jason Minnite, Matthew West, Bobbiann Gubbei, Casie Haubois, Gianna Soli, Mia Wilson, Matthew Wilson, Sara Khalil, Carol Garrett, Tyler Meitzler, Alexandra Meitzler, Justin Hahn, Kyra D’Costa, and Jesse Vitale.

On Wednesday, November 18th, Key Club members made 165 PB&J sandwiches to be distributed to the hungry in Camden. The following students participated: Alli Horn, Genevieve Filipone, Matthew Wilson, Katie Lee, Sara Khalil, Vittoria Gambino, Kaity Naphys, Justin Cairns, Josh Shaffer, Lori-An Johnson, Jannah Quigley, Chris Cori, Rasha Aboulesaadate, Camryn Arseneau, Grace Arseneau, Kyra D’Costa, Brianna Anderson, and Gabby Schultz. Thanks to Mrs. Yvonne Herbst for volunteering her time and her kitchen as well as 8 loaves of bread. Thanks also to all the students, parents, and staff members who donated peanut butter, jelly, and bread.

On Thursday, November 19th, Key Club members Kyra D’Costa, Mia Wilson, Danielle Houpt, and Olivia DiSimone served dinner at Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.

FRENCH CLASS TRIP NEWS:

The deadline for payment to see *An American In Paris* in NYC on February 26th is **December 1st**. Checks made out to WDHS or cash, along with permission slips, have to be in by that date or the theatre will release the tickets I have ordered. The total cost for students and chaperones is **175.00** each. Please have the money in by that date as I cannot guarantee a seat after the deadline passes.

MUSICAL NEWS:

WDHS Madrigals are preparing for their submission to the More101 FM Christmas Choir Competition. With the help of Mr. Kirschner and the video tech lab, they will make their final recording on Friday, November 20th. In

the event their submission is chosen as a finalist, our WD fans will be needed to get out the vote and make us #1! Stay tuned.

In addition, during the month of December, the Madrigals will be performing at the Philadelphia Seaport Museum, The Ritz Theatre, and for various Senior Citizen groups throughout the area. WD will be well represented as they spread holiday cheer through their music. The Annual Holiday Concert will be held Thursday, December 17th, 7:00PM in the HS Auditorium.

DECA:

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_7ouep2Lv23JjgpPUOkJDdQ/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.

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

- **College Dual Credit Opportunity!** All students in Accounting, level III and IV World Languages, AP Chemistry, AP US History, AP Psychology, and AP World History received important information last week about how they can earn college credits for these classes this year from Camden County College. Please be sure to review the info that was sent home and consider signing up for this awesome, cost-saving opportunity. The deadline to apply is December 11th.
- **Seniors are reminded to complete their college applications and to update their Naviance accounts** to indicate where they need transcripts sent. Remember, transcripts cannot be sent to colleges unless you have a signed transcript release form on file. Also, **seniors should check in Naviance for information on how to apply for a variety of local and regional scholarship opportunities.**
- The **deadline to apply to Rutgers is coming up on December 1st.** Be sure to complete your application as well as the **SRAR (Self-Reported Academic Record)** by this deadline.
- **Seniors who plan to apply to RCGC are encouraged to complete their application on-line** as soon as possible at www.rcgc.edu/apply. Once the application is complete, remember to stop down to guidance to pick up your free RCGC bag!

- Juniors and Seniors: There is still time to register for the **December 5th SATs**, though a late registration fee applies. The Late Registration deadline for the December SAT is November 23rd. You can register at www.collegeboard.com.
- The **ASVAB** (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) **will be given here on December 8th**. Interested students should sign up in the guidance office.



WDHS OPERATION BLESSING
**UNDERWEAR
 DRIVE**
 CLASS COMPETITION



Now through November 24th, each class will collect new packages of underwear for children and teenagers. One point will be awarded for each pair donated.

Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior...
 Which class will donate the most underwear???

Many of us take underwear for granted.
 However, there is as much of a need for these donations as there is for other clothes and winter coats.
 We can help.

The class that donates the most underwear will be awarded the coveted **UNDERWEAR TROPHY**.
 (No, seriously, there's a trophy.)

Who will it be?

Donations will be collected in homeroom.

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.

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. You can drop off your donations in the **Main Lobby at WDHS**. 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.



What is Operation Shoebox NJ?

Operation Shoebox NJ is a non-profit organization based out of NJ that gathers supplies, money, and personalized letters that are donated to them from people just like you from around the country! These donations are then packed in boxes and sent over to the military men and women that serve for our country! Each box costs approximately \$25.00 to ship, so any donations are extremely helpful, no matter how big or small.

Some other useful Info!

Check out Operation Shoebox NJ website and everything that they do - it's truly amazing! (Founder/Executive Director: Rob Hirsch)

www.opshoeboxnj.org

****OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL = \$700.00!****
 Please help us reach our goal, which again, will provide boxes and personalized letters to be sent over to military men and women during the holiday season!

Any questions/concerns? Feel free to email us at ldupont@wdeptford.k12.nj.us

How can YOU help?

Each year our DECA Club chooses a Fundraiser to be a part of, and this year it is Operation Shoebox NJ. You can help us, help them by donating money, names, and letters for the Military Men & Women overseas! Again, any donation is helpful, no matter how big or small. If you would like to donate, you can do so by sending a check to the following address:

Make Checks Payable to: **WDHS DECA**
 West Deptford High School
 1600 Old Crown Point Road
 West Deptford, NJ 08093
 Attn: Ms. Nicole Drummond or
 Mrs. Lauren Dupont

(Mrs. Lauren Dupont and Ms. Nicole Drummond are our advisors!)

**If you would like to send us the names AND addresses of Military Men and Women that you know in the military, you can to this email address:

DecaShoebox@gmail.com

This will help us create the personalized letters that go into each and every box.
DEADLINE: Nov. 16 - December 10th

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)
They 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

YEARBOOK SALES !!! - Prices starting at \$115. To order yours visit www.smart-pay.com today!

- **Parents-** Don't forget to purchase and design your own vanity ad. Visit <http://shop.balfour.com/smi47541/catalog/category/view/s/yearbook-ads/id/312796/>.
- **Local Business Owners-** sponsor a business ad and help support yearbook!

The West Deptford High School Yearbook staff cordially invites you to be a corporate sponsor for the 2016 yearbook. Your donation will benefit our school and students by helping to offset the cost of production of our award-winning publication. The success of the yearbook is dependent on the support of sponsors with an interest in supporting our school and community. Kindly consider a donation to help sustain our continued success in producing a high-quality product at an affordable cost for our students. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please use the contact information below.

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| _____ \$250 | 1/2 page ad | _____ \$450 | Full page ad |
| _____ \$550* | Full page ad – GUARANTEED 1 st page in the ad page section | | |
| _____ \$550* | Full page ad – GUARANTEED last page in the ad page section | | |

***Only one available on a first come, first serve basis so please respond early.**

Please submit this form, art work for yearbook ad and your payment by **December 21, 2015** to:

West Deptford High School, c/o Mark Drummond-Yearbook, 1600 Crown Point Rd, Westville, NJ 08096

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City, State, Zip

Email Address of Contact

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Class of 2016 Wawa Coupon Fundraiser

- We are selling coupons for **Wawa Shorti® Hoagies** for \$4 (The retail price of Shorti® Hoagies at Wawa is \$4.29 without tax). Let your customers know they are getting a deal!
- You will earn a **dollar** for every coupon you sell!
- These coupons can be used at any Wawa store location and they do not have an expiration date.

Use the attached order form to keep track of who places orders with you, how many they order, and the total amount of money you have collected. When you finish collecting orders you may hand in your order form and money (in an envelope please!) to **Mrs. Falcone** in Room 13, **Mrs. Holloway** in the Special Ed./World Language office, or any of our **class officers**. **All order forms and money are due by Friday, December 4th!**

Once we have collected all orders, we will distribute coupons to you in homeroom. We will include a copy of your order form so that you can deliver the coupons to your customers.



Wawa Coupon Fundraiser Order Form

ORDERS DUE: Friday, December 4th

Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Customer Name	Customer Phone #	# of Coupons Ordered		Total due:
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****Checks can be made payable to West Deptford High School Class of 2016.****

****Coupons MUST be paid for up front!****