



EAGLE NEWS – December 11, 2015

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARCC UPDATE: In the upcoming week, all students who took the PARCC test last year will receive scores in the mail. If you did not take the test or complete the test in the spring, you will also receive a “PARCC SCORE MOCK UP” on how the test measured and scored our students. Please review the information and refer to our PARCC link on the high school website to assist in answering any additional questions that may arise.

West Deptford High School will present a PARENT PARCC INFORMATIONAL MEETING on Wednesday, January 13th @ 6:30pm. During this meeting, we will review the scores and updated graduation requirement information regarding our students. If you have any PARCC related questions before the January 13th meeting, please contact Ms. Saia 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.

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MUSICAL NEWS:

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.

KEY CLUB NEWS:

On December 10th, Key Club members participated in Volunteers of America “Adopt-A-Family Radio-athon” held at The Comcast Center in Philadelphia. Sponsored by Ben FM 97.5, Volunteers of America Delaware Valley has adopted just over 500 families from programs within the organization, partnerships with other non-profit organizations, and individuals. Students volunteered as Christmas carolers and solicited donations for this wonderful program. The following students participated: Camryn Arseneau, Avery Bailey, Tyler Barna, Alexia

Benson, Allison Churchill, Kyra D'Costa, Olivia DiSimone, Nicole Fallon, Madison Kelly, Sara Khalil, Shane Moore, Nick Paterna, James Phillips, Catherine Revelas, Patrick Walton, Andrew Weikel, and Micaela Wilner.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for the generous outpouring of food donations for Operation Blessing. West Deptford Township students, parents, staff, as well as community businesses and organizations came together to help those going through hard times this holiday season. Thanks to your generosity, Key Club was able to create food baskets for over 100 families in our community.

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

- All juniors participated in college & career planning lessons this week. Be sure to ask your junior to see the ABCs of College Planning books and other materials they received! This book provides a comprehensive soup to nuts overview of the college planning process!
- High-achieving juniors interested in STEM careers are encouraged to consider applying for the highly prestigious Governor's School Program, which is a free, summer residential academic program. Two specific programs will be offered by the state this summer: the Governor's School of Engineering & Technology hosted by Rutgers University and the Governor's School in the Sciences hosted by Drew University. Interested juniors should see Mrs. Quindlen in the guidance department by December 11th.
- Students interested in applying for dual college credit from Camden County College for eligible high school courses are reminded that their applications and payment are due by Friday, December 11th. Please contact Mrs. Quindlen in the guidance office if you have any concerns about meeting this deadline.
- Seniors are reminded to finish their college applications and update their Naviance accounts. Transcripts cannot be sent from WDHS unless students request them via Naviance and have a parent-signed transcript release form on file.

Gifted & Talented Program Update:

- Thirty G&T members visited University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University last week and learned a lot about the college admission process. Check out our photo in front of the iconic Drexel Dragon!



CBI NEWS:



Ms. McCool's CBI students shopped for Operation Blessing at the Deptford Mall this week. Students were able to showcase their money/budgeting skills that they have been working hard on in the classroom. They took pride in helping families in our area during the holiday season. Their Job Coaches Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Harmon, & Mr. Gore did a fabulous job aiding the students during this endeavor.



ATHLETIC NEWS:

CONGRATULTIONS to the West Deptford Eagle Swimming & Diving Team on their 3-0 start to the season and their most recent 93-91 victory over Paul VI on Tuesday. **KEEP IT UP WDHS SWIMMING & DIVING!**

Basketball & Wrestling regular seasons are right around the corner! If interested in purchasing a season ticket please contact the WDHS Athletics Dept.

THIRD ANNUAL HOUR OF CODE:

West Deptford High School held its third annual Hour of Code on Thursday, December 10th. Over two dozen students came out to learn a little bit about computer programming or show off some of the programs they had previously written. Students worked with languages such as Scratch, Python, HTML and CSS. The excitement in the room was infectious as these students discussed things they already knew and what they were excited to learn. The future of STEM education is bright in West Deptford!



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