



EAGLE NEWS – February 11, 2016

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulation to our school for making the TOP 100 SCHOOLS IN NEW JERSEY for our graduation rates. We were ranked #74 with a graduation rate of 96.19 for the 2015-2016 school year. <http://patch.com/new-jersey/middletown-nj/these-are-100-nj-school-districts-best-graduation-rates-more>

Congratulations to our school for being names the TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY for our 10th grade ELL PARCC scores during last school year. This is a true testament to our teachers and students for all of their hard work. http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2016/02/the_18_best_performing_schools_and_districts_by_gr.html

Please remember school is closed Friday, February 12th and Monday, February 15th for Presidents Weekend!!! There is a schedule half day Teacher In-Service on Friday, February 18th. Have a fantastic weekend!

Dr. Gismondi

GUIDANCE NEWS:

- Please be sure to review your child's report card with them. They were distributed to students last Friday. Now is the time to make an improvement plan if you see that your son or daughter has any grades of Ds or Fs. Please reach out to your child's teachers and/or guidance counselor to discuss.
- Families of seniors who plan to attend college are reminded that they need to fill out the FAFSA form in order to access financial aid including student loans. Go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov> to complete the form on-line. If you need assistance, check out <http://njfafsadays.org> for local events where you can get free, personalized help completing your form.
- You do **not** need to wait until you file your 2015 Income Taxes before completing the FAFSA. Need based aid is limited and many schools have deadlines that are fast approaching! (University of Delaware is 3/15, West Chester University is 3/1, Temple University 3/1, Towson University 2/15, University of Maryland 2/15, etc.)
- PSAT score reports were given out to 11th graders earlier this week. Be sure to ask to see them! Tons of resources are available on the College board website to help interpret the scores as well to prepare for the SAT.
- The late registration deadline to sign up for the March 5th Sat is Feb. 23rd. Go to www.collegeboard.com to register if interested.
- All 10th graders will take the PSAT on Feb. 25th during the school day. No sign up is required. This is a great way to get exposure to the college admission testing process.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

- **CONGRATULATIONS** to WDHS head football coach Clyde Folsom on his induction into the NJ State Football Coaches Hall Of Fame!!
- **ATTENTION SPRING STUDENT-ATHLETES!** March 4th is the start of the spring season. Be sure to complete all necessary paperwork ASAP!
- **SPRING SPORTS MEETING** will be held on Monday, March 21st at 6:30pm in the auditorium. Student-Athletes and at least one parent are required to attend.

Pride and Awareness of All Cultures (PAAC) CLUB NEWS:



In celebration of Black History Month, our PAAC club has been monumental in sharing "Influential Moments in Black History". Our next influential person for this week's Eagle News is Dr. Patricia Bath. In 1981, Bath invented the surgical tool that made her famous: the Laserphaco, which she continues to perfect and later patented in 1988. The tool was used during eye surgery to correct cataracts, an eye condition that clouds vision and can lead to blindness. Cataracts usually affect older people. Bath's laser tool was more precise, less invasive and less risky than previous devices.

MUSICAL NEWS:

This year's spring musical is **GREASE!**

Now it's time to dust off your leather jackets, pull on your bobby-socks and take a trip to a simpler time as 'bad boy' Danny and 'the girl next door' Sandy fall in love all over again.

It's the original high school musical, featuring all the unforgettable songs from the hit movie including *You're The One That I Want*, *Grease Is The Word*, *Summer Nights*, *Hopelessly Devoted To You*, *Sandy*, *Greased Lightnin'* and many more.

So throw your mittens around your kittens and hand-jive the night away with the show that'll make you want to stand up and shout, 'A-wop-bop-a-loo-bop A-wop-bam-boom!'



IT'S THE MOST ELECTRIFYIN' EXTRAVAGANZA on stage!!... Be there or be square!

Performance Dates:

Thursday, March 17 - 7:30pm

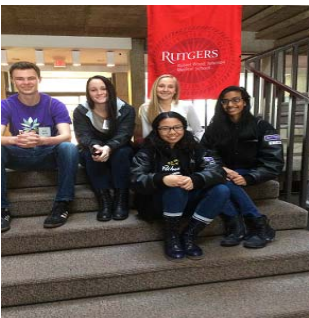
Friday, March 18 - 7:30pm

Saturday March 19 - 7:30pm

Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door

Tickets are on sale now.

NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE DEPT:



On Saturday, January 16th, two six person teams from West Deptford High School competed in the NJAAPT Physics Olympics at Monmouth Regional High School. Our senior team scored 3rd place in the FERMI Event out of 39 teams. Our junior team scored 4th place in the Collapsing Tower event, 7th place in the Bernoulli Ball event and 11th place in the Zero Car Event. We celebrated our accomplishments with some ice cream and Cinna-bun at a rest stop on the NJ Turnpike.

CBI NEWS:

Here is a picture of the Super Bowl Breakfast Party Winners!



The WDHS CBI Class dropped off our soup donation to the SJ Food Bank. WDHS donated 640 lbs of soup this year. The food bank will be able to help many families during this cold weather. The CBI students also received a tour of the food bank. After their hard work, they stopped and had lunch at a local buffet restaurant.



DECA NEWS:

Invitation to Judge at the State Leadership Conference

This letter serves as an invitation to act as a judge at the New Jersey DECA State Leadership Conference (SLC). The SLC is divided into two conferences. The first (**Gold**) will be held **February 21-23** and the second, (**Blue**) **February 24-26**. The actual day that we will need your services is **February 22** for the Gold Conference and/or **February 25** for the Blue Conference. WDHS DECA serves in the Blue Conference.

This year's state conferences will be held in Cherry Hill, NJ. We will be using three hotels. They include the Crowne Plaza, The Holiday Inn, and the ML Hotel. The hotel you are assigned to will depend on which competitive event you will be judging. We will be providing a breakfast and lunch at each hotel. We would ask you to arrive for check-in between 8-8:15 AM and you should be finished by approximately 3PM that afternoon. If at that time you are willing to stay and judge the finalist rounds, they will be taking place later that day.

If you are willing to participate in the State Leadership Conference, please click on the following link to register online: [fill it out in Google Forms](#).

You soon be contacted in the near future with more detailed information. However, if you have questions in the meantime, please reach out to the respective conference coordinator:

- Blue State Leadership Conference (February 25): Liz LaPalomanto elapalomanto@monroetwp.k12.nj.us
- Gold State Leadership Conference (February 22): Evelyn Minutolo EMinutolo@chclc.org