



EAGLE NEWS – March 24, 2016

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PLEASE NOTE: West Deptford High School will be closed Friday, March 25, 2016 – Tuesday, March 29th! Schools will re-open Wednesday, March 31, 2016. Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break!

Dr. Gismondi

PARCC Testing:

The New Jersey State Department of Education has recently released an update to their graduation requirements for all NJ students. As there has always been, New Jersey has a state “testing requirement” as a part of the graduation requirements for all New Jersey high schools. This test of record has been the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) for the past several years; students in 11th grade have taken this assessment in the past. When the NJ State Department elected to join the federal ‘Achieve’ initiative along with other states a few years ago, they chose at that time to switch our standardized test of record from the HSPA to the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment.

All students enrolled in the following courses - English I, II, III, and/or Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II – are **required** to take the PARCC assessment for that course each year they are enrolled in said courses.

In the upcoming weeks, WDHS students enrolled in these above courses will take the PARCC assessment. In order to ensure optimal testing conditions for those students who will be testing each day, there will be a delayed opening for all other students who are NOT testing.

Our testing schedule for April 12th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 19th, and 20th is as follows:

Tues, April 12	Wed, April 13	Thurs, April 14	Mon, April 18	Tues, April 19	Wed, April 20
English 10	English 10	English 10	English 9	English 9	English 9
English 11	English 11	English 11	Algebra II	Geometry	Geometry
Algebra I	Algebra I	Algebra I			Algebra II

*(*All students will receive a PARCC Testing Ticket which will indicate their testing rooms assignment(s) a week prior to testing.)*

On April 12th, 13th, 14th, 18th, 19th, and 20th all students who are testing will report to school at their regularly scheduled start time (7:30am). Students must arrive to their assigned testing rooms by 7:30am so that testing may commence immediately. **It is imperative that all students testing are present each day, arrive on time, and leave their cell phones at home. If your child has a cell phone on his/her person during the testing period, your child’s test will be VOIDED.**

Those students in classes/grades who are not scheduled to take the PARCC as outlined above will have a delayed arrival to school on those days. A second run of buses will pick up these students at their usual bus stops and bring them to school. Bus drivers will announce to the students the time they should be at their bus stops for these days. A general rule of thumb, however, is if students are usually at their bus stop thirty minutes before the start of a regular school day, they should also report to their bus stop thirty minutes prior to the start of the delayed school day. For example, those students who arrive at their bus stop by 7:00am for a 7:30am start on a regularly scheduled school day should arrive at the bus stop

by 9:45am for a **10:15am start** on the delayed school day. Students who drive to school **should report by 10:15am each day.**

On these delayed opening days, all non-testing 9th-12th grade students will report to school promptly at 10:15am. Once delayed arrival students arrive to school on April 12th, 13th, 14th, and 20th they will go directly to HR. Homeroom on these four testing days will begin at 10:15am. Students who do not report on time will be marked late to school and could serve subsequent disciplinary consequences. Once delayed arrival students arrive to school on April 18th and 19th, they will report directly to the Auditorium until HR begins. Again, it is important that ALL delayed arrival students report to school at 10:15am on each of the six testing days.

Once testing is completed each day, ALL students will report to their HR for attendance and then Periods 4-7 (lunch periods). Each testing day will end with an additional period (1, 2, 3, or 8). These details will be disseminated to the students by their classroom teachers the week prior to testing AND will be displayed in HR each day.

We encourage you to visit our High School web page, where you can find a link to an array of PARCC resources. Once you enter the HS page, please find the Curriculum tab in the top tool bar > scroll down to Testing Information > PARCC. On this page you will be able to access a PARCC overview for parents, updated graduation requirements, our parent presentation from January, and other beneficial resources.

If you should have any questions regarding this please contact me. I would be happy to clarify/answer any questions you may have about our testing and the upcoming schedule and our state mandated graduation requirements.

NHS NEWS:

Community Service Opportunities: Community Service is beneficial to students for many reasons. It can boost a student's resume. It can help them to gain new skills. It can enable them to network and meet new people. It can promote personal growth and self-esteem. It can strengthen the community. If your child is interested in completing some community service hours on their own, they should see Mrs. Davis in room 16.

RENAISSANCE NEWS:

Hey everyone! Come out Tuesday, April 5th to WDHS Night at CICONTE'S Pizzeria from 4-8 pm and support our Renaissance Program! 25% of all profits will benefit our program. Dine in or take out! Make sure you tell them that you are supporting our school!!!

KEY CLUB NEWS:

Thank you to all the students, families, and staff who attended Key Club's Wendy's Night Fundraiser. Your donation helps fund our many community service projects and helps us to continue to live out our Key Club motto "Caring - Our Way of Life."

On **Friday, April 8th** Key Club is hosting its **10th Annual Volleyball Marathon** at RiverWinds Community Center. The event raises money for Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. All participants raise funds to play, so we are seeking **food and beverage donations** which will be served to the students and staff participating in our charity event – pizza, food trays, cases of water, individual snacks, and fruit are always a big hit. **Monetary donations** also are gratefully accepted. We greatly appreciate any donation you can make. Make checks payable to "West Deptford High School." Contact Mrs. Yeager if you can make a donation.

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

- Counselors have been busy meeting with students in grades 9 through 11 to discuss their course plan for next school year. Please be on the lookout for a blue course request form. This form requires your review and signature and should then be returned to the guidance department.
- Last call for AP test registrations! Please see Mrs. Quindlen in the guidance office to register if you have not done so already. Monday, March 21st is the absolute latest we can accept registrations.
- Juniors are reminded they should sign up to take the SAT or ACT before the end of their junior year. Students can visit www.collegeboard.com to register for the SAT or www.actstudent.org to register for the ACT.
- Seniors need to update their Naviance account when they receive college acceptance, wait-list, or non-acceptance notification from colleges. Students must also indicate in Naviance where they plan to attend (once they make their decision) so that Guidance can send their final transcripts.
- RCGC will be hosting free FAFSA workshops every hour from 8:30 am until 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 26. If you need help completing your son or daughter's FAFSA form to access financial aid, please consider attending. Interested families will need to RSVP to Terri Germano at 856-415-2219.
- Students in all grade levels are encouraged to start thinking about how they would like to spend their summer! There are a ton of interesting and engaging summer enrichment programs out there, many of which also award college credit. The guidance department has put together a comprehensive listing that can be found on the high school homepage under the Guidance tab. Please take a look! There is truly something for everyone!

DECA NEWS:

WEST DEPTFORD HS DECA, has just kicked off our Yankee Candle® Fundraiser and I need your help! We are raising funds for competitive events and to support our local clubs and community programs. Our group earns 40% of every dollar you spend. Simply [click here](#) to see the exciting collection of America's Best Loved Candles™, candle accessories, flameless fragrance and assorted gift wrap. Shop online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – everything is shipped directly to you. If you don't click on my link listed above, you need to enter my **Group Number** 990030026 and my **Seller ID** Lauren5 in order for DECA to receive credit.

[Click here for my site](#) If you are having trouble with the above link, you may copy and paste the following link in to your browser

<https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/FFentry.htm?publicKey=YbOStgJVjeySAXzrK5SqWr5znragcteJ&frComp=yfc> Our fundraiser will be running from 08-Mar-2016 through 18-Mar-2016. Please help me by placing your order before the end of our sale. Thanks, DECA and I really appreciate your support!

PROJECT GRADUATION:

Come support Project Graduation! The PTO will be hosting a “**Basket Auction**” at Filomena’s in Deptford on Tuesday, April 12 from 7-9 pm. Tickets are \$25 and include an open bar (light spirits only); buffet with a chicken dish and pasta dish; salad; rolls and dessert. Tickets are limited. **Tickets can be purchased in the high school lobby on Wednesday, March 30; Thursday, March 31; Tuesday, April 5 or Wednesday, April 6 from 6-8 pm.** Or text Karen Gotchel at 856-371-1317.

GSA NEWS

Our GSA students are conducting a photo shoot for the NOH8 campaign to be displayed throughout the school. NOH8 is a campaign to "stand against discrimination and bullying of all kinds". If your child is interested in participating, please see Mrs. Vassallo in room 25. <http://www.noh8campaign.com/>

ANGLER NEWS:

WDHS Angler's club trip to Batsto will be April 3rd. There are also trips scheduled as follows: April 10th - Batsto Lake 4.5 mile hike or fishing at the lake; April 24th - Pine Barrens Wading & Oswego Rivers - 5 hour canoe/kayak/fishing; May 8th - Lower Delaware River - canoe/kayak/fishing and May 22nd Delaware Water Gap - canoe/kayak/fishing. See Mr. Burr or Mr. Campbell if interested. Transportation will be provided.