



EAGLE NEWS – April 15, 2016

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARCC Testing Update:

I would like to thank our parents, teachers and students for your patience and dedication during our PARCC testing this week and our modified schedule. Our students handled the PARCC assessments like champions. During this first week of testing, West Deptford High School triumphed in all aspects of testing from preparation, to laptops, Wi-Fi connections, and most importantly, patience. West Deptford High School was able to test a little over 640 students a day with great success. Our testing schedule resumes on April 18th, 19th and 20th as follows:

Mon, April 18th	Tues, April 19th	Wed, April 20th
English 9	English 9	English 9
Algebra II	Geometry	Geometry
		Algebra II

******ALL TESTING TICKETS WERE MAILED HOME A FEW DAYS AGO WITH THE EXACT TESTING TIMES AND ROOMS. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHILD! Have them take a picture on their phone on where they report on testing day to avoid any problems!!*******

On April 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.**

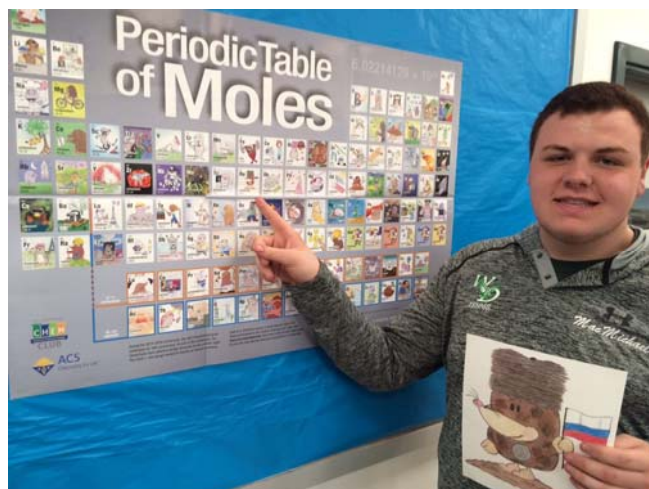
On these delayed opening days, all non-testing 9th-12th grade students will report to school promptly at 10:15am. Once delayed arrival students arrive to school on April 12th, 13th, 14th, and 20th they will go directly to HR. Homeroom on these four testing days will begin at 10:15am. Students who do 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.

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.

CHEM CLUB NEWS:

During last school year, the American Chemistry Society Chemclub program celebrated its 10th anniversary. As part of the celebration, the Chemclubs were asked to design elements for the periodic table. The twist – the design needed to feature an animal commonly used as a chemistry mascot: a mole! Over 29 states participated in this creation. We are excited to announce that James MacMichael's RHENIUM was chosen for the poster contest.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY 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.

ATHLETIC NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS to February Student-Athlete of the Month, Matt McSorley. Matt finished the 2015/2016 Swimming season qualifying for the NJSIAA State Tournament in the 50 Freestyle and broke multiple school records along the way. Here's what Matt's teachers had to say about his work in the classroom:

Matt is a student in my Math Analysis class and he is very dependable, respectable, hardworking and conscientious. He is always willing to help others who are having difficulty in the class and he is a true gentleman. He is always willing to help others who are having difficulty in the class and he is a true gentleman. Matt is a very studious and respectful student in my AP World History class. He regularly participates and does excellent academic work in a tough subject.

In our student-centered AP Physics 1 class, Matt is a quiet, disarming leader who loves doing physics. His group enjoys working with him because he has a way of involving everyone in solving problems. It is a truly a group effort. In Engineering I class, I picked Matt to pair with a new student because Matt is an excellent teacher. This new student is transitioning well due to Matt's efforts. Matt has my endorsement as a student athlete of the month.

CONGRATULATIONS to the March Student-Athlete of the Month, Jake Jackson. Jake is a member of the Boys Tennis Team as well as Academic Challenge, NHS, Renaissance and Key Club. Here's what Jake's teachers had to say about his work in the classroom:

Jake Jackson has proven to be a dedicated student in Advanced Placement US History II. Jake works hard to complete all assignments to the best of his ability and participates positively in class. Jake continued to improve his academic efforts in all aspects of AP work this year including the dreaded essay writing. Jake has proven to be a diligent learner and a genuine pleasure to have in class!

REMINDER: The West Deptford Relays have been rescheduled for Saturday April 30th!

KEY CLUB NEWS:

Many thanks to the students, staff, parents, and community sponsors that made the 10th Annual Key Club Volleyball Marathon such a huge success. The event raised over \$2,200 for Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. Attached is a picture of the check presentation to Alex Wills, Cathedral Kitchen's Community Relations Director. Pictured from left to right are the 2015-2016 Key Club Officers: Webmaster Avery Bailey, Vice President Rasha Abouelsaadata, President Camryn Arseneau, Alex Wills, Treasurer Sydney Cargill, Secretary Katie Revelas, Editor Tyler Barna, Advisor Mrs. Kathleen Yeager, and Historian Nick Paterna.



Congratulations to the Competitive Bracket Champions "Block Lesnars" - Matt Britt, Zach Peterson, Tyler Cleary, Nick Diaco, Tommy Sampson, Joe Panchella, manager Greg D'Ottavi, and water boy Gio Gismondi, and Fun Bracket Champions "Cloud 9" - Nick Tropiano, Wayne Hires, Frank Salvatore, Sean Kelly, Zach Baginski, Harrison and Ben Weidner, and Walter Reeve. Best Team Name Award went to "Sleepin at Shane's" and Best Dressed Award went to "Wanjiku's." Thanks to Julie Egresitz for designing this year's t-shirts.

On Thursday, April 14th, Key Club members Rebecca Solimeo, Charles King, Lindsay Barney, Danielle Houpt, Wayne Hires, Nicholas Novak, Avery Bailey, and Nick Paterna served dinner at Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.



SADD NEWS:

Drugs Over Dinner- Please join us on Wednesday, May 4th at 5:30 PM- 6:30PM for free Ciconte's Pizza in the HS Cafeteria to kick off our Drugs Over Dinner Campaign! In cooperation with The Southwest Council, WDHS SADD Organization would like to invite parents and students to be part of an opportunity to start the conversation with their families about making safe choices regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Please save the date and come hungry! Stay tuned for more information!

Guidance Department News and Reminders!

- Parents of students in 9th through 11th grades who are in danger of failing a course for the year will be notified of this by mail next week. Information about summer school options and costs will be forthcoming.
- Letters are being sent home with a listing of your child's course requests for next year. Please be sure to review yours carefully. If you have not yet signed the blue course selection sheet, please do so and make sure your child returns it to the guidance department. Please note that any waiver form that may be

needed for your child to take a course for which he or she was not recommended, must be submitted by May 1st. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the guidance department.

- RCGC is offering a special summer program, “Summer Bridge,” for current juniors or seniors who may need to take foundational courses before starting college. Interested students should see their guidance counselors.
- Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine is hosting a Medical Science Academy for current juniors who rank in the top 25% of their class. This is a 28 week afterschool program that orients students to careers in the medical field. Applications are due by May 16th. Please see your guidance counselor for more info.
- Seniors planning to attend RCGC are reminded that **the week of April 25th is WDHS’s Priority Course registration week at RCGC.** Seniors must make an appointment on-line to see an advisor.
- Senior Final Surveys were sent out via Naviance. Please complete the form with the information as to your final plans for after high school as well as any scholarships you may have received. We want to recognize you for your accomplishments!
- **Students interested in STEM careers** are encouraged to consider applying to the **2016 GOVERNOR’S STEM SCHOLARS PROGRAM.** This program is for students attending school in New Jersey who are pursuing studies in the fields of STEM (science, technology, engineering or math), have a 3.5 G.P.A. or higher, are in grades from 10th to graduate students (not older than 25), and who can show a demonstrated interest in STEM. In addition to submitting the completed application, the applicant must also submit the following: Resume; Certified Transcript and Reference Letter (optional). If chosen as a scholar, students will be required to attend the four conferences of the Governor’s STEM Scholars and complete a research project. **Applications are due no later than May 27, 2016.** More info as well as the application can be found at www.govstemscholars.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/2016-Governors-STEM-Scholars-Application.pdf. Interested students can also see their guidance counselors for more info.

Reminders for Seniors:

- If you plan to attend college or a vocational training program and you have not yet completed the FAFSA, you need to do so ASAP! RCGC is offering free help to families who may need assistance in completing the FAFSA. Step by step workshops will be held every hour from 8:30 am until 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 26th. Interested families must RSVP to Terri Germano at 856-415-2219.
- College-bound Seniors are also reminded to update their Naviance accounts with where they have been accepted, declines, waitlisted, etc. and where they plan to attend. We will also be collecting information on any scholarships awarded in the next few weeks.
- Deadlines are fast approaching for numerous scholarships! Seniors should check Naviance as well as the Guidance tab on the high school home page.
- Seniors who plan to attend RCGC should check out their scholarship page at www.rcgc.edu/Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx. Most have deadlines of May 2nd.
- WDHS has been assigned a **RCGC PRIORITY CLASS REGISTRATION WEEK which will be April 25th through April 29th.** Students who plan to attend RCGC can meet with an academic advisor during this week and register for classes. This is a huge advantage to our students as they will be offered seats in courses before registration is opened up to the general public. Don’t miss out! Schedule your appointment today at www.rcgc.edu/priorityregistration.

ANGLER NEWS:

WDHS Angler’s club trips schedule is 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.



Spring Flower Donations



For the month of April the Eagles Nest will be collecting donations to purchase flowers for the WDHS Media Center Courtyard. The courtyard is looking fabulous and a “*grand opening*” ceremony is anticipated before the end of the school year. A jar will be available at the school store for all donations.

Thank you for your generosity!