



EAGLE NEWS – April 8, 2016

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARCC Testing:

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 TESTING TICKETS WAS 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 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.

STAFF NEWS:

WDHS chemistry teacher Geralyn Fontaine was accepted into the South Jersey Summer Institute. She is very excited to learn about all the opportunities available in South Jersey that she can pass on to her students. Congratulations and job well done Mrs. Fontaine!

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:

The West Deptford Relays are right around the corner! On Saturday April 9th one of the most prestigious relay events in South Jersey will be held. Come out and support your Girls Track & Field team as they compete for a championship! The spring sports season has arrived! Be sure to check the WDHS Athletics website for event times and locations!

CONGRATULATIONS to Eagle Softball Senior Alexa Anderson who went 4 for 4 on Friday in a win against Overbrook. Alexa's 4 hits included her 100th career hit (a homerun) and the walk off hit (**ANOTHER** homerun)! Great job Lex!

CONGRATULATIONS to the WDHS Girls Track & Field Team on a stellar opening weekend at the Buena Relays. In the absence of some key seniors, the Eagles still managed to bring home a number of medals!

First Place Medals

Shuttle Hurdles: Jasmine Daly, Ali Horn, Lauren Tigue, Annette Wanjiku/**Long Jump:** Lauren Tigue and Aleigha Mason/**Triple Jump:** Lauren Tigue and Jasmine Daly

Third Place Medals

4x400: Macy Vidas, Tiaja Hampton, Jasmine Daly, Annette Wanjiku

Fourth Place Medals

4x200: Jasmine Daly, Sara Cabello, Annette Wanjiku, Tiaja Hampton

Fifth Place Medals

Distance Medley: Chae Lee, Heather Fiorentino, Sam Spence/ **Shot Put:** Gabby Sileo and Iyana Royal

KEY CLUB NEWS:

Last weekend April 1-3, Key Club members Rasha Abouelsaadata, Tyler Barna, Katie Lee, Vittoria Gambino and Kaity Naphys, and their Advisor Mrs. Yeager attended the New Jersey District Key Club Convention (DCON) at Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch. The students attended workshops and dances, competed in contests, participated in caucuses, and helped to elect the 2016-2017 NJ District Executive Board. Tyler & Rasha served in the House of Delegates and Katie, Kaity, and Vittoria served on the Sergeant of Arms Committees. Tyler (on guitar and vocals), Rasha (sang Sky Fall), and Katie (gymnastics) competed in the Talent Competition. Vittoria Gambino and Kaity Naphys competed in the Non-Digital Poster contest and earned 3rd place in the state! Katie Lee was awarded the Golden Member award which was presented to a general member in attendance at Convention for their outstanding service during the year. President Camryn Arseneau, VP Rasha Abouelsaadata, Secretary Katie Revelas, Treasurer Sydney Cargill, Editor Tyler Barna, Webmaster Avery Bailey, and Historian Nick Paterna earned Distinguished Officer Honors. WDHS Key Club was recognized with the Big Ten Award for increasing our membership by 10% and for being the host club of the Southern Regional Training Conference back in September. The members that attended convention are energized for the new service year ahead.

Congratulations to the 2016-2017 WDHS Key Club Officers who were recently elected: President Tyler Barna, VP Jason Minnite, Secretary Kyra D'Costa, Treasurer Lindsay Barney, Editor Juliana Stauffer, Webmaster Sarah Cabello, and Historian Kaity Naphys. The officers will begin their terms next week.

GSA NEWS:

The GSA students will be participating in a Day of Silence on Friday, April 15th. GLSEN's Day of Silence is a national day of action in which students across the country vow to take a form of silence to call attention to the silencing effect of anti-LGBT bullying and harassment in schools.

If your child would like to participate, please have him/her sign up to participate outside of room 25. Your child will need to take a Day of Silence card from the envelope where the sign-up sheet is located, and inform his/her teachers about his/her participation.

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!

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

- **LAST CALL!!** All students in grades 9 through 11 should have met with their counselor to discuss courses for next year. If you have not already done so, please sign and return the blue course selection sheet. 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.
- Rowan College at Gloucester County presented a college admission program to all juniors this week. Be sure to ask your child about it! In addition to information about the college, their academic programs, cost savings, athletics, support services, etc., representatives also discussed ways in which high school students can earn college credit while in high school. Interested students should see their guidance counselors.
- April 8th is the deadline for the May SAT. Students can register at www.collegeboard.com. The final ACT test date for this year is June 11th. Students can sign up at www.actstudent.org. The deadline is May 6th.

- **Congratulations to Tyler Barna** who has been accepted to the NJ Governor's School in the Sciences which will be held this summer at Drew University. Governor's School is an extremely selective program for the highest achieving students in the state, so this is quite an accomplishment. We are so proud of Tyler and wish him great success in the program!
- **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.

Attention Class of 2019 - Class Long-sleeved shirts are now available!

Front left chest



Shirts are BLACK with green and white writing on front and back.

If you are interested in ordering a class t-shirt, please fill out the order form below.

Fill out the form below and return it to Miss Stetson (Room 10) by
Friday, April 15th.

A class representative will also be visiting homerooms to collect orders. You may pay using cash or check. Please make checks payable to "WDHS Class of 2019."

Place BOTH the order form and money in an envelope with your name on it.

Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large*	Total
Long-sleeved Tee \$15.00 each					
Cash <input type="checkbox"/> or Check <input type="checkbox"/> # _____					
				Total:	\$

*Need XXL or bigger? Make note of that and add \$2.00 to the shirt price.



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!