



EAGLE NEWS - September 18, 2015

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

HAPPY 2nd week of school! We hope that everyone has been able to adjust to the opening of school after a fantastic summer. Administrators, staff and students have been busy over the past week preparing for the upcoming year. The administrators had the opportunity to meet with each grade level to welcome them back to our school. This year, we decided that the theme of our meetings would be “The Year of Renovations”! This gave us the chance to explain the exciting physical changes that occurred within our school over the summer, to review procedural changes relating to study halls and media center usage and identify code of conduct changes in the handbook. Most importantly, the class meetings gave us the chance to thank our student body for a job well done which made not only West Deptford High School proud but the entire community as well!

Over my six year tenure in this high school, I have bragged to administrators, teachers, parents and community members regarding the consistent growth of our high school. I always brag that our state and county rankings have soared upwards, our school report card highlights our improvements and our academics are one of the top rankings in the county. But through personal reflection, I realized that I have never shared that information with our students. With that being said, it was with great pleasure that we changed our own meeting forum and celebrated with the students the incredible achievements that they have earned our school and community.

Please keep in mind that the staff in our high school continues to prepare our students for the future and are here for you. Please reach out to them at any time to discuss problems, questions or anything that you feel is important for the betterment of our school and/or your child. If there is any way that the administration can help you support the education of our students, please let us know. Thank you in advance for all that you do to make our school great!

--Dr. Gismondi

EAGLE NOTES

BACK-TO-SCHOOL:

West Deptford High School’s annual “Back-to-School” night is next Thursday, September 24, 2015 @ 7:00pm. You will have the opportunity to meet your child’s teachers, see the changes in our school and become an important part of our school. You should have received a mailing with your child’s schedule at this point in time. Please contact the main office if you have not!

PAPERWORK/LAPTOP INSURANCE: Please make sure your return all of the forms that were sent home in the summer mailing. In the main office, we will also accept laptop insurance and forms during Back-To-School night.

Key Club News!

On Thursday, September 17th, Key Club members Parker Bonaventure, Olivia DiSimone, Bobbiann Gubbei, Shelby Monaghan, Giana Soli, Fiona Terranova, and Mia Wilson served dinner at Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. Key Club members volunteer at Cathedral Kitchen monthly. If you or your family are looking for a way to give back to the community, visit www.cathedralkitchen.org. You can help out by serving meals, donating sandwiches and snacks, or making centerpieces - there are activities for all ages.

Key Club is making toiletry bags for the clients at Volunteers of America homeless shelters. Needed items are full and travel size toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorant, soap, hand sanitizer, lotion, tissues, band aids, lip balm, disposable razors, etc. Students will be making the bags throughout the year so donations are always welcome.

News From the Athletic Department!

CONGRATULATIONS Senior Lady Eagle Field Hockey player, Jade Freeberg! Jade was named as the South Jersey Sports Digest "Female Athlete of the Week" You can visit the link below to read the article. Great job Jade!
http://www.sjsportsdigest.com/news_article/show/553369?referrer_id=1114104

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2015 WDHS Athletics Hall of Fame Class!

Janette Freeberg-Sailor (Class of '97)

Jessica Mills (Class of '05)

Daniel Batdorf (Class of '07)

Kevon Brown (Class of '09)

Team: 1998-1999 Boys Track & Field

Contributor's Award: Mr. Bill Moore

The Hall of Fame Football Game will take place next Friday, September 25, 2015 at Sterling High School. The Hall of Fame Luncheon will take place on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at Riverwinds Restaurant at 1:30pm. To purchase tickets please contact the WDHS Athletic Office.

ATTENTION senior Marching Band and Cheerleading parents! Senior Parent Recognition Night will take place prior to the start of next Friday's football game vs. Haddon Heights at Sterling High School. You should have received a letter in the mail. Please contact the WDHS Athletics Office to confirm your attendance. Festivities will begin at 6:30pm.

From the Guidance Dept.

Welcome Back, Students! We hope everyone had a great summer and are rested and ready to take on the excitement and challenges of a new year!

During September and October, counselors will be reaching out to each new freshman student as well as transfer students to get to know them and to assist with any adjustment issues they may be having. In addition, Mrs. Sanford, our SAC, will be hosting Transfer Student Welcome Group meetings. A special Welcome Breakfast will be held September 17th. Transfer students will receive invitations to attend!

A couple of Important Reminders for Seniors:

- The October SAT deadline has passed although students can still register through Sept. 18th with a late fee penalty. Otherwise, the next SAT test date is November and the registration deadline is October 9th. Students can register at www.collegeboard.com.

- The next ACT test will be given on October 24th and the registration deadline is September 18th. Students can register at www.actstudent.org.
- RCGC will be here in late October to talk to students who are interested in the community college path. The application process for RCGC will be discussed at that time.

Info for all grade levels:

- The SAT is changing dramatically! The redesigned SAT will be launched by the Collegeboard in March, 2016. Any student who is interested in taking the current version of the SAT must take the Oct., Nov., Dec., or Jan. test. Info on both the current and new versions can be found at <http://www.collegeboard.com>.
- All Juniors will take the PSAT in school on October 14th, 2015. No registration is required. Sophomores will take a redesigned PSAT that reflects the redesigned SAT in February, 2016.

Counselors met with seniors this week to discuss college planning and the application process. Students were encouraged to sign up for text reminders from the Guidance Dept. and we encourage parents to sign up as well. Simply text @12guide to 81010. A copy of the senior reminders that were reviewed with students is attached for your review.

WDHS Guidance Dept. September Newsletter for Seniors

Welcome to your senior year! We hope you had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to your final year at WDHS! There are [a few important reminders](#) that we want to share with you about the college planning process.

STUDENTS APPLYING TO 4 YEAR COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
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Fall SAT / ACT Testing

- SATs will be given in October, November, and December here at WDHS. **Register on-line at www.collegeboard.com. The late registration deadline for the October SAT is Sept. 18th.**
- The ACT will be given in October, and December. The Oct. 24th test date has a registration deadline of Sept. 18th. **Register on-line at www.actstudent.org.** The nearest ACT test site is Rowan College at Glo. Co.
- As you are registering for testing, please be sure to enter in any colleges to which you plan to apply so that your scores can be sent directly to them. **If you do not do this now, you will have to pay to send your scores later ☹**

Recommendation Letters

- If you have not yet requested two or more letters of recommendation, please plan to do within the month as this is a key part of the application packet. **Seniors must the WDHS Letter of Recommendation Request form** when asking any teachers, counselors, etc. for letters. This form can be found in the Guidance Office or in Naviance in the Document Library. No letters will be written by teachers or counselors without this form.

Activity Resume

- If you have not already, you should create a list of all your high school activities, leadership roles, awards, employment/internship experiences, community involvement, etc.
- This information is often asked for on applications and having it ready ahead of time will help you complete your applications more efficiently. If you applied for NHS, you can use that format as your template and

simply update it. Otherwise, you can find a sample in the *ABCs of College Planning* book that all students received last December during our college planning workshops.

Applications

- Please be ready to share with your guidance counselor the list of schools to which you plan to apply. As we discussed last spring in our college planning sessions, you need to notify us through Naviance when you have submitted your applications on-line. This is the only way that we will know that the rest of your records need to be sent. Please be sure to complete your portions of the application **at least two weeks prior to the due date so that counselors have sufficient time to complete their portion. Again, it is YOUR responsibility to send your test scores to the colleges. They are not included on your high school transcript.**
- We strongly encourage you to submit all applications by **early November**. With the increasing competitiveness of colleges and universities, the early bird gets the worm!

NCAA Clearinghouse

- **Potential Division I or II college athletes:** please be sure to visit www.eligibilitycenter.org to register and to review the eligibility guidelines. Please be sure that your senior year schedule includes any remaining core courses that the NCAA requires. **This is the STUDENT'S responsibility!!!** (If you have any questions about this, see your counselor right away in Sept.)

Keep A File!

- Create a file for ALL your important college & scholarship-related paperwork.
- Make sure to save copies of your college acceptance letters as well as copies of any award letters for scholarships you receive. We will require this documentation later on if you wish to have your successes included in the district newsletter and graduation program.

Sign up for reminders from the Guidance Dept.! Text @12guide to 81010

STUDENTS APPLYING TO ROWAN COLLEGE AT GLOUCESTER COUNTY (FORMERLY GCC)

- Please plan to participate in our **On-Site registration process** in which RCGC admission representatives meet with students here at WDHS to help facilitate the application and enrollment process. RCGC admission reps will be here for a large group meeting on October 27th during 2nd period. Students must sign up in the Guidance Dept. Application information and step-by-step instructions will be discussed at this meeting.
- RCGC's application process is very simple and straight-forward. **You will not need letters of recommendation or SAT/ACT test scores** unless you plan to apply to a competitive program such as Nursing, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, etc. However, all students are advised to take the SAT or ACT at least once. Doing so can possibly exempt you from having to take the community college placement test and thereby possibly avoid having to take remedial classes.

Your counselor will meet with each of you early in the school year to review your plans, your transcript, and your progress on applications.

☺ **Mrs. Quindlen, Mrs. Canna, Mrs. Bonzella, and Mr. Baillie** ☺

CLUB INFO:

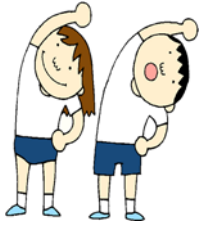
Want to make new friends and have fun!? Join graphics and photography clubs! **Graphics club** will be held every Tuesday in the graphics room. Learn how to use Photoshop and design with typography. **Photography club** will be held every Wednesday in the graphics room. Learn how to take better photos and document clubs at school.

Interested in design?
Like to take photos?

Join Graphics club! We will meet every Tuesday in the graphics room.
Join photography club. We meet every Wednesday in the graphics room.

CBI News:

Ms. McCool's CBI Class hosted a Meet-n-Greet with Mrs. Sexauer's Sociology Class to start off the new school year. Students rotated to different activities that the CBI students created. The Sociology class brought refreshments to enjoy as they greeted each other. They will continue to work on our courtyard landscaping project next week. Be sure to check it out during Back to School Night!



We are eagerly awaiting for the next shipment of gym uniforms to arrive. We will make an announcement when the inventory arrives. Pre-orders from the summer will be delivered to student homerooms. After pre-ordered uniforms are delivered, we will open our school store for additional purchases. (We accept Cash/Check.) Thank you for your cooperation.