



EAGLE NEWS – February 03, 2017

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

When it comes to social media and internet use, parents are the first line of defense. Many of the issues we deal with in school are oftentimes a result of activity that occurred outside of school hours. Inappropriate comments, pictures, and/or threats are usually brought to our attention by an alleged victim or observers of the inappropriate behavior. As parents, there are a few things you can begin doing immediately that will help teach our children responsible and respectful social media use.

1. **Monitor social media use.** If you don't do this now, please begin to monitor your child's social media activity and address inappropriate behavior immediately. Create your own account and follow your child. It only takes one regrettable post for your child to lose privileges here at school and impact their future.
2. **Think before you post.** As parents, we model the behavior our children replicate. Unfortunately, too many adults engage in inappropriate behavior when using social media. Keep in mind that our children see this behavior and may act similarly. Parents who model appropriate social media behavior help to teach our children how to conduct themselves respectfully.
3. **Report suspicious activity.** Anytime you see suspicious activity or potentially threatening comments, please report them to law enforcement immediately. If comments are geared toward the bullying and/or harassing of other students, please report those comments to the school administration immediately.
4. **Social media is not a reliable source of information.** If you have questions regarding your child's school, please go to the district website for more information. You can also call your child's school for accurate information. Too often we see comments on social media attempting to address or clarify a school-related issue that are often inaccurate, misleading, and/or irresponsible. If you want to know, call us, we are always happy to provide accurate and reliable information.

I am asking that our parents reiterate these important points with their children. Unfortunately, we have had far too many uncomfortable parent meetings where students have gotten themselves in a lot of trouble as a result of social media misuse. The phones our kids carry today can be dangerous and too often are used as "weapons".

If there is any way that we 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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:

1. **Did you know???? All students ages 15 and up can take college courses while in high school at a 60% reduced tuition rate at RCGC!** Take advantage of this low cost option to get a jump start on earning college credits! Schedule an appointment with a **RCGC Advisor**. See guidance for more info on scheduling an appointment today!
2. Parents should keep their eyes out for **Semester 1 Report Cards distributed on Friday, 2/3/2017.**
3. **Sophomores and Juniors** are encouraged to log into Collegeboard to view their **PSAT scores** and link to a free on-line personalized tutorial program through **Khan Academy**. Students who are having trouble logging in or creating a Collegeboard account should schedule an appointment with their counselor.
4. **Sophomores** will have the opportunity to take advantage of a Guidance Dept. "Walk-in- Wednesday" later in February to get assistance with accessing their PSAT scores and understanding what they mean. Stay tuned for more info!
5. **Juniors** who are thinking about 4 year colleges and universities should **register to take the SAT and/or ACT this spring**. Students received handouts with all the test dates, registration deadlines, registration information, etc. back in December during their college planning classes.
6. **Seniors** are reminded to **update their Naviance accounts** to let us know where they have been accepted and where they plan to attend, once they make that final decision!
7. **Seniors planning to attend RCGC: Over 100 scholarships are posted on RCGC's website.** Apply today at www.rcgc.edu/scholarships. Don't miss out on free money! See your guidance counselor if you need help!
8. **Parents of seniors who plan to attend college or a trade school in the fall: Have you filed your FAFSA yet?** Many schools had **January 31st priority deadlines** so do not delay and get that FAFSA filed! If you need help, try one of these websites for lots of helpful resources: www.HESAA.org and www.NJFAFSADays.org.



THEATRE DEPARTMENT NEWS:



Tickets for the High School Musical "Mary Poppins" will be on sale every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 pm in the high school main lobby.

Tickets are \$10 and \$15 at the door.

SADD NEWS: (Students Against Destructive Decisions)

SADD students participated in a statewide project, **Drugs over Dinner Campaign**. This initiative provides parents the opportunity and the tools to start the conversation with their children about making safe choices regarding Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drugs. The students placed brightly colored stickers on the pizza boxes at **CICONTE'S ITALIA PIZZERIA** in West Deptford. The stickers contain a message encouraging parents to have a conversation with their children as well as a link to a website that offers tips on how to start the conversation.



Pictured Above: Officer Jiles, Al - Owner of Cicontes, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Everwine, Gabby Schultz, Alli Horn, Brianna Anderson, Gabby Young, Nicoletta Muriel, Morgan Kennedy, Candice Carter - Southwest Council, Kevin - Cicontes Front row: Alexys Still, Maggie Squillace, Jaden Snyder, Ryan Staffieri



WDHS CELEBRATES INFLUENTIAL LEADERS DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

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Dr. Shirley Jackson

Dr. Jackson attended MIT and received a Bachelors, Master, and Doctoral Degree all in Physics. First African American to receive PH.D from MIT.



FUN FACT

Dr. Jackson developed the portable fax, touch tone telephone, solar cell phone, fiber optic cables for oversea phone calls and Caller ID/Call Waiting!!

DECA NEWS:

DECA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!! We are currently short over 100 judges for our State Leadership Conference.

New Jersey DECA Invitation to Judge at the State Leadership Conference

This serves as an invitation to act as a judge at the DECA State Leadership Conference (SLC) at Harrah's Atlantic City. DECA is a co-curricular marketing organization that aims to prepare the future leaders of tomorrow through leadership development, community service, and academic competitions.

The State Leadership Conference is the second qualifying round of competition in New Jersey for these high school students. It spans several days, however, the actual day that we will need your judging services is **February 22**.

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: [REGISTER TO JUDGE](#): You will be contacted in the near future with more detailed information. However, if you have questions in the meantime, please reach out to me via email:

Liz LaPalomato at elapalomato@monroetwp.k12.nj.us or WDHS DECA advisor ldupont@wdeptford.k12.nj.us

Thank you for taking the time to read this and consider volunteering! I look forward to the opportunity to work with you at a future DECA event.

KEY CLUB NEWS:

On Tuesday, January 31st and Wednesday, February 1st, Key Club members made over 240 PB&J sandwiches to be distributed to the hungry in Camden. The following students participated: Gavin Paul-Welsh, Dante Paterna, Josh Shaffer, Mackenzie Jupin, Kara Yarusso, Katie Lee, Dana Van Fossen, Justin Cairns, Angelo Scoleri, Brett Wicker, Katelyn Skarupa, Samuel Cameron, Brooke Bailey, Jacob Jackson, Kelly Van Fossen, Gabby Schultz, Alli Horn, Jessica Abdmessih, Elizabeth Hutchinson, Bassey Abit, Tyler Barna, Bradley Schultes, and Chris Cori. **Thanks to Mrs. Yvonne Herbst** for volunteering her time and her kitchen. Thanks also to all the students, parents, and staff members who donated peanut butter, jelly, and bread.



On Thursday, February 2nd, Key Club members Vincent Tate, Kolby Green, Rachel Bathurst, Emily Magyar, Alexia Benson, Lexi Meitzler, Chae Lee, Jason Minnite, and Jessica Abdmessih served up hope and delicious hot meal to those in need at Cathedral Kitchen in Camden.

WEST DEPTFORD HIGH SCHOOL PTO:

Congratulations to Senior, Dylan McDonald and his family for winning the 65 inch TV in the **WDHS Project Graduation** raffle. Enjoy the Superbowl on your new big screen TV!

SENIOR NEWS:

Attention All Seniors: Your \$20 cap and gown payment is now due. Please bring payment to the main office. If paying by check, please make payable to **"JOSTENS"**.



Attention All Seniors: The final **SENIOR TRIP PAYMENT IS DUE**. Please hand in your final trip payment to the main office ASAP. If there is a problem, please call the office.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WDHS FIELD HOCKEY TEAM who was recognized on Wednesday, February 1st at the West Deptford Township Building for their 2016 South Jersey Field Hockey Championship as well as Coach Linda Decker's 400th career win and her induction into the Gloucester County Sports Hall of Fame.



ATTENTION SPRING STUDENT-ATHLETES! It is time to get your paperwork in! Visit the WDHS Athletics Page or stop down to the WDHS Athletics Office to gather information!

RENAISSANCE CLUB NEWS:



Don't forget! Please pick up the re-heatable trays you ordered this **Saturday 2/4 from 9:30 am until 11 am** in the High School **front lobby**. Thank you so much for your support of our club! We raised \$160 thanks to your generosity! Enjoy your nuggets!

Contact Mrs. Pence (epence@wdeptford.k12.nj.us) or Mrs. Falcone (jfalcone@wdeptford.k12.nj.us) with any questions.

The Renaissance Club is also selling Chick-Fil-a sandwiches after school **EVERY Wednesday!** Sandwiches are \$4! All proceeds go to the Renaissance Club whose goal is to build school leadership through academic achievement and school spirit.

SAVE THE DATE! The Renaissance Club is hosting their first Car and Truck Show! It will be held on **Saturday, May 20, 2017**. If you are interested in showing a car or truck, or if you are interested in being a vendor at our Car and Truck Show, please fill out one of the attached forms and send them into the attention of either Mrs. Falcone or Mrs. Pence. All spots (car/truck as well as vendors) are \$15. The Renaissance Club appreciates your ongoing support! We hope to see everyone there!



EXTENSION! EXTENSION! EXTENSION!

**ATTENTION SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS!
YEARBOOK VANITY AD EXTENSION!!!**

BUY A SENIOR VANITY AD NOW UNTIL February 14th!!!!

Ad instructions

Ad link: <http://shop.balfour.com/smi47541/catalog/category/view/s/yearbook-ads/id/312796/>

4 Easy steps:

1. Choose an ad
2. Create an account
3. Design the ad
4. Then pay for the ad (If you are having technical trouble or difficulty designing the ad, call the call center, (800) 853-1337, and an assistant will help)

Local Business Owners: The West Deptford High School Yearbook staff cordially invites you to be a corporate sponsor for the 2017 yearbook. Your donation will benefit our school and students by helping to offset the cost of production of our award-winning publication. The success of the yearbook is dependent on the support of sponsors with interest in supporting our school and community. Kindly consider a donation to help sustain our continued success in producing a high-quality product at an affordable cost for our students. Thank you for your consideration. Click here <https://shop.smart-pay.com/> to design your ad.

If you have any questions, please see the contact information below:

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PROJECT GRADUATION NEWS:



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W.D.H.S "2017" PROJECT GRADUATION
February 15TH, MARCH 15TH, APRIL 19TH, MAY 17TH
FROM 4 – 8pm



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EAT IN, PICK UP, OR DELIVERY!!!



Any Questions Please Contact: mhorn@wdeptford.k12.nj.us