

# **EAGLE NEWS**

**December 9, 2022** 

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Congratulations to our **November** Students of the Month.

Business/Marketing Ed – *Benjamin Sparich*Applied Technology – *Emily Scott*Visual & Performing Arts – *Alexis Schlagle (not pictured)*Guidance – *Tyler McAleer*Mathematics – *Kallie Christy* 

Health/PE – *Davis Lorman* 

Science – Aidan Fronza

English – *Terrell Robinson*Social Studies – *Noah Funches* 

World Languages – Sienna Struzynski





#### **WDHS INCLUSION – DECEMBER 2022**

This week at WDHS, we celebrated "Inclusive Schools Week." This is an annual celebration held each year during the first full week of December (December 5-9, 2022). Since its inception in 2001, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated all the progress schools have made in providing both support and quality education to its diverse student population. This year at WDHS, we welcomed our Community-Based Instruction students into some of our science and social studies classes for interactive lessons with their peers.

https://sites.google.com/wdeptford.k12.nj.us/wdhsinclusion/monthly-theme/december-2022?pli=1



WDHS Inclusion - December 2022

Holidays Around the World

sites.google.com

#### **HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD**

St. Lucia's Day

December 13

Place of Celebration – Sweden, Norway



# The Reason For Celebration - To commemorate the Italian Saint Lucia under the Great Persecution of 303 AD.

Another important global December holiday, St. Lucia's Day, is celebrated to pay homage to the appearance of a bright star in the sky, leading the three Kings to Bethlehem to visit newborn baby Jesus. One common way the day is celebrated is by giving children gift baskets that contain traditional St. Lucia's Day items like candles, cookies, and fruits. Additionally, many people book their flights to Sweden to celebrate this festivity by singing Christmas carols and exchanging gifts. Another common tradition associated with St. Lucia's Day is wearing a wreath of candles on your head. It has also been believed that Saint Lucia used to bring food and help Christians who were being poorly treated during times of oppression.

- Kelly A Clark, Acting Principal

# **Department News & Notes**

#### Earn College Credits for Eligible High school Classes

Students in eligible WDHS courses have the opportunity to apply to earn college credits for these courses. Registration info can be found on the high school homepage and has also been emailed out to eligible students and families. The deadline to sign up is <u>December 9</u>. If you have any questions, please contact your guidance counselor.



FUTURE

JUNIORS participated in a two-lesson College and Career Planning program this week presented by our school counselors. Students learned about planning for after high school and what steps they should be taking, and when. Students also used Naviance and the Guidance Google Classroom to conduct college and career research.

Be sure to ask them about it!

#### PSAT Scores were available as of December 5 through the Collegeboard website.

Sophomores and Juniors who took the PSAT in October will need to create an account (if they do not already have one) and then log in to view their scores. Students can also link to a free remediation program through Khan Academy to practice their skills prior to taking the SAT.

#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR SENIORS

### 4 year College & University Applicants:

- Students applying to 4-year colleges & universities are encouraged to have everything submitted **before** the winter break.
- Instructions on how to apply, request letters of rec., send test scores, etc., can be found on the Guidance Google Classroom for Seniors.
- Seniors are encouraged to start exploring scholarship opportunities. As we receive scholarship information, we will post it under the scholarship tab in Naviance. Students can then link directly to the application.
- Check out <u>www.fastweb.coom</u> for numerous other scholarship opportunities.

#### 2 Year Community College Applicants:

- RCSJ's priority admission application can be found here: RCSJ Application
- Interested students should apply prior to winter break.
- Over 100 scholarships specific to RCSJ can also be found on their website.

# AN INVITATION TO PREPARE FOR THE 2023 SAT

Please click the link below to get started.



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https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ItptU0Fcr4dCrXXMEAA8DUB5MbnaNKeuWYjiYFx18jM/edit



#### **COMPUTER SCIENCE NEWS**

# Celebrate Computer Science Education Week - Try an Hour of Code!

The Hour of Code is a worldwide effort to get as many students as possible worldwide to do an hour of programming during Computer Science Education Week! West Deptford Schools have been participating in the Hour of Code since 2013.

Anyone who wishes to participate should complete one of the one-hour tutorials at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/wdhshourofcode">https://tinyurl.com/wdhshourofcode</a>. On Monday, December 12, random winners will be chosen from those entries, and these winners will receive Wawa gift cards!



Have fun! If you have any questions, contact Mr. Seeley via <a href="mailto:mseeley@wdeptford.k12.nj.us">mseeley@wdeptford.k12.nj.us</a> or on Twitter/Instagram @misterseeley.



WDHS Girls Who Code and students from the Computer Science courses went down to the middle school Tuesday afternoon to assist in their Hour of Code! Over 75 middle schoolers chose to work on their coding projects or to learn a new skill, and our high school students were there to help, chat, and share in the fun that comes with creating! Thank you to Mr. Becker, Mr. Locantore, and Ms. Petrutz for having us!







For **Computer Science Education Week**, the club will also be decorating a couple of windows in the building with Post-It Note pixel art!



### **Esports Team News**

### Winter Signups

This winter season, we will be playing **Overwatch 2! Tryouts** will take place on **Monday**, **December 12**, **and Thursday**, **December 15!** Please complete our signup form at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/wdhsesports">https://tinyurl.com/wdhsesports</a>



#### **Fall All Stars**

Congratulations to **Julian Geibel** (Super Smash Bros) and **Jason DiMattesa** (Rocket League), who both earned **Garden State Esports All-State First Team honors!** This is the first time the conference has awarded this title, which was determined by the competitors who received the greatest number of Player of the Game nods, which both coaches voted on after each match.



Julian and Jason will also be recognized at the **Garden State Esports Fall Finals**, which will take place at Rider University on **December 17**. The team looks forward to attending to cheer for them, watch the state championships, and meet professional gamers and local college teams!

#### **DECA**



DECA will run a Krispy Kreme fundraiser, raising money for the **Good Grief Foundation**.

**Good Grief Foundation** is an NJ-based nonprofit that builds resilience in children, strengthens families, and empowers communities to grow from loss and adversity.

The donuts will be sold from **December 1st -15th** for \$13 per dozen and can be purchased from any **DECA member or directly through Ms. Newman** via email <a href="mailto:lnewman@wdeptford.k12.nj.us">lnewman@wdeptford.k12.nj.us</a> (send your child in with a check made payable to WDHS DECA or cash).

Please **help support the club** as we enter **our largest fundraiser of the year!** We are also continuing our preparations for the regional competition, which is taking place in Cherry Hill on January 9.

~ Jake Hartman/DECA President

#### **ACADEMIC CHALLENGE**



#### **Academic Challenge NEEDS YOU!**

The WDHS Academic Challenge team competes against local schools in a Quiz Bowl type competition. We need more students of various backgrounds to help cover the many types of questions that are asked at these competitions. We meet on **Thursdays in room 23** and **compete** in **January and February**.

If interested, see Mrs. Pence in room 23 and join the remind by texting @joinwdac to 81010.

#### YEARBOOK ORDERS - ON SALE NOW

Order your 2022-23 yearbook for \$90 through November 18. Senior Vanity and corporate ads can also be purchased through January 9, 2023. To buy, access <u>Jostensyearbooks.com</u> today!

Offer	Price	Start - End Dates
Campaign 2	\$90.00	11/18/2022 - 12/16/2022
Last Chance Personalization	\$95.00	12/17/2022 - 1/27/2023
Limited Supply	\$100.00	1/28/2023 - 6/2/2023



Additional purchases can be made for: Personalization: \$10 Icons: \$5 Signature Package: \$17

Clear protective cover, Autograph Section, Photo Pockets: \$5

**Senior Ads:** 

**END DATE - 1/9/23 FULL PAGE**: \$275 **HALF PAGE**: \$150

QUARTER PAGE: \$80. EIGHTH PAGE: \$45

# **KEY CLUB MEMBERS**



Key Club members had a busy November. On November 3, Key Clubbers and the residents at Brightview Woodbury Lake shared what they are thankful for. They wrote them down on leaves and pumpkins and displayed them on their Tree of Gratefulness. Afterward, they played Thanksgiving bingo and other games with the residents.









In addition to serving hope and hundreds of delicious hot meals to the guests **at Cathedral Kitchen**, Key Club members decorated placemats and made fun and functional centerpieces for the CK dining room. After the apples and snowmen brighten up the tables at CK, they can be taken home and used for their parts (earmuffs and toilet paper). They also made LOTS of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches so the guests can have something to eat the next day.









#### **WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY NEWS**



# Celebrating Inclusive Schools Week

Inclusive Schools Week is held each year during the first full week in December. Since its inception in 2001, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference, and other factors. The Week also provides an important opportunity for educators & students to discuss what else needs to be done in order to ensure that their schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.













Mrs. Elliot's Class had a 4 Station Lab that CBI students rotated too.







Mr. Pustie's Class had a robot demonstration that CBI students judged.

On Friday the CBI class will join Mrs. Kelly's History Class.

# CBI seniors went shopping for Operation Blessing.



Pictured are Nashon Davis, David Davis, Jesse Scarborough, & Jeremiah Cromer

#### MARKETING DEPARTMENT NEWS

# **JOB OPENINGS**



There are numerous jobs available and also posted outside Room 9 for students. See Mr. Drummond if interested. To get updates on current job openings, email Mr. Drummond at mdrummond@wdeptford.k12.nj.us.

#### WDHS PTO FUNDRAISER

We will have our first **Pat's Pizza Fundraiser** on **Wednesday**, **December 14**. It runs from **11 am-8 pm.** What a great way to order lunch, dinner, or both! Please tell them about the High School PTO fundraiser when you order. We are now working towards Project Graduation.



Pat's Pizza Fundraiser
Wednesday, December 14th

National Park, Eat In, Delivery or Carry Out
11 am-8 pm

Please make sure you mention the WDHS PTO
when you order

### **AMAZON SCHOLARSHIP AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

# Apply Now: \$40k Scholarship + Paid Internship at Amazon

### Student Application Deadline: January 20, 2023

The Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship/Internship Program will provide selected high school seniors with a **\$40,000 scholarship** and a **paid summer internship** at Amazon following their freshman year of college, guaranteed.

Students do not need to be computer science superstars to apply. Amazon is seeking a wide range of voices and students, and they're <u>reserving spots specifically for Project STEM</u> <u>students</u>. Note: Please remind students to select "Yes, I am (or have taken) a Project STEM course" in their application.

Learn more about eligibility requirements and encourage your students to apply. Applications are open through **January 20, 2023, at 3 pm CST.** 

**Find Out More** 

**New Career Explorations Lessons Now Available** 

Empower your high school seniors to apply for this amazing opportunity with a unique sequence of lessons <u>now available in your courses</u>. There's something for everyone - from your 9th graders to your 12th graders.

Note: This exciting lesson sequence includes interviews with recent high school graduates, Amazon scholarship recipients, and interns and culminates in the writing of a personal statement that can be used to support applications to this and other student aid programs.

### **Lesson Previews**



# **Lesson 1: Why This Matters**

Students will explore how computer science impacts seemingly non-technical careers and explore a range of possible careers.





#### Lesson 2: It Could Be Me

Students will consider their postsecondary plans, including college, possibly for the first time.





#### **Lesson 3: Tell Your Story**

Students will reflect on their identity and unique experiences and begin writing their own personal statement.

<u>Lesson slides</u> <u>Lesson plan</u>

Find each lesson at the end of Units 0, 1, and 2 or grouped together at the end of your Project STEM Canvas course's Modules page.

<u>Learn more</u> about this incredible opportunity. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us at <u>support@projectstem.org</u>.