

West Deptford Middle School

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OPERATION BLESSING

This year's Operation Blessing is Saturday, December 9, in the WDHS Cafeteria. For years, this program has been helping West Deptford families celebrate the holidays. Families in need will be able to select a few items to place under their trees. If you are able to donate, please visit our Giving Tree located in our foyer. All UNWRAPPED donations should be returned to the WDMS Main Office by Tuesday, December 5. Thank you for your continued support!

HOUR OF CODE IS BACK!

WDMS will hold our annual Hour Of Code event on Tuesday, December 7, 2017, from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Library. Our school participates in the Hour Of Code in order to provide students with an opportunity to interact with computer programming to extend the learning that takes place in their Creative Computing course. This year's program will give students of all levels the ability to have fun with computer science. Activities will include learning about the basics of coding via online tutorials featuring characters from Star Wars and Minecraft; opportunities to get creative by designing artwork using Turtle Art; and challenging projects for more experienced students like 'de-bugging' broken programs. The Hour Of Code is a global movement aimed at introducing students to computer science and showing that anybody can learn the basics of coding. The event, organized by Code.org, reaches tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. . Students participating in this event will be provided transportation via our late bus, which departs at 3:45 pm. Parents interested in signing their children up for the event should complete the registration form by December 5, 2017.

<https://goo.gl/forms/oDh4HQrdLpnJQUe2>

HONOR ROLL AND PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Congratulations to our students who received Honor Roll and Principal's List certificates for their Quarter 1 grades! Our Honor Roll students were treated to a complimentary soft pretzel during the early dismissal day on 11/22. Students who made the Principal's List were treated to a grade-level ice cream party on 11/29. Principal's List certificates are awarded to students who receive no grades lower than an A- on their report card. Students who are listed on the Honor Roll are those who receive no grades lower than a B- on their report card.



Upcoming Events

December 1

Poinsettia sale ends

December 4

Team 5B trip to Philadelphia

December 5

PTO mtg-WDMS library 6:30

December 6

Team 5A trip to Philadelphia

December 6

Winter Concert-7:00pm

5/6 choir and 7/8 band

December 7

Hour of Code 2:30-3:30

December 9

Operation Blessing WDHS

December 11-14

Parent/Teacher Conferences

December 11

Poinsettia pickup 2-4pm

December 12

Poinsettia pickup 9am-3pm

December 13

Winter Concert- 7:00pm

6th gr band and 7/8 choir

December 14

Evening conferences

December 22

Early Dismissal 12:29 pm

December 23-January 2

Winter Break



NEW JERSEY ANNOUNCES NEW SCIENCE ASSESSMENT

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has altered the statewide science assessment previous known as the NJASK Science. In past years, the NJASK Science was taken in the month of May during a student's fourth and eighth grade school year. This year, the NJDOE created a new science assessment, named the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLSA-S). In November 2017, the State Board of Education proposed a change that would require students in grade 5 to be assessed in order to align the assessment to the state's new elementary science standards. Therefore, grade 4 students will no longer take the state science assessment. The NJSLSA-S will be a computerized assessment taken on the same computer-based testing platform as PARCC. Similar to the statewide PARCC assessment, the NJSLSA-S will be administered during the month of May. Students in grade five and eight will complete the NJSLSA-S on May 29, 2018 and May 30, 2018. Please refer to the table below that indicates the number of minutes spent on each of the four science units.

Assessment	Test Units	Test Time per Unit	Total Testing Time	Dates Administered
Grade 5	4	30 minutes per unit	2 hours	May 29 th -30 th
Grade 8	4	45 minutes per unit	3 hours	May 29 th -30 th

CONFERENCES: DECEMBER 11 - 14

Over the past several years, parents have shared their concerns regarding Parent/Teacher conferences for students in Grade 6-8. Specifically, parents have indicated they would prefer to meet with the teacher(s) of the subject(s) they are having difficulty instead of the randomness of meeting with their child's period 2 teacher. In addition, parents of students doing well in all subjects would have preferred no conference at all.

Therefore, this year, Grade 6-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on an "as-needed" basis for students in Grades 6-8 that have been identified by their teachers as needing a conference to discuss academic and/or behavioral concerns. Parents of students who are not identified as needing a conference may contact their child's guidance counselor at any time during the year to schedule a teacher meeting or may request to be on a waiting list should conference times allow.

Grade 5 conferences will remain student-led with each parent and student having a conference.

All Special Area teachers will be available in the cafeteria for any parent that is interested in discussing content pertinent to their class.

PTO NEWS – DECEMBER 2017

- 5 - PTO Meeting 6:30
- 6 - Concert 50/50 sales
 - Friendly's Night 5-9pm (Deptford)
- 11-14 Pretzels/Snack & Water Sale
 - Cafeteria sales during conferences
- 13 - Concert 50/50 Sales
 - Friendly's Night 5-9 pm (Deptford)
- 27 - Wendy's 5pm-8pm



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Yearbook orders will be accepted now through January 26th. You can place your order in school or online. To order online go to www.balfour.com and enter our school name. Orders will be accepted in school every Friday during homeroom in Mrs. Ward's room E11. Yearbooks cost \$40 and can be paid in the form of cash or check. Please make checks payable to WDMS.

LATE BUSES

Late buses are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Late buses depart at 3:45pm. Late bus runs are typically longer as there are only four late buses covering a larger area. Students may not stay after school unless a teacher supervises them. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event.



WDMS ATHLETICS

Individual sport schedules and coach contact information are available on the WDMS website under the Athletic tab. Athletic late buses depart WDMS at approximately 4:30pm. Students may not stay after school without teacher supervision. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event. In the event an athletic event is postponed or canceled at the last minute, a "Remind" message will be sent from our Athletic Coordinator and a message will be posted in red at the top of the WDMS website. If interested in receiving Remind texts regarding the WDMS Athletics, please text @wdmsath to 81010 to sign up for Remind Text from our Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Jakubowski.

STAYING CONNECTED AT WDMS

Please register for a PowerParent account in the main office (if you do not already have a PowerParent login). In addition, our school website is a great resource to help you stay up-to-date. Almost every piece of vital information, from either the staff or main office, is posted on the WDMS website. It is important to stay on top of your student's grades, attendance, and school events. In addition, you can stay connected with WDMS via our Official Facebook and Twitter pages. It is imperative that you alert our main office with any changes in phone numbers or email addresses.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Any student needing to ride home or walk home with another student (in an emergency daycare situation only) must:

1. Have his/her parent email transportation at sthomashasko@wdeptford.k12.nj.us
2. A note is required from both the sending and receiving parent and must be brought to the main office.
3. Once the main office receives approval from transportation, a bus pass will be issued for that day only.

Students will NOT be given permission by WDMS administration to walk to any other location except home. (i.e. ice cream stand, pizza place or a friends)

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria to allow for students to check for their missing items daily. Any found eyeglasses, purses/wallets, cell phones, or other electronics are kept in the main office until they are claimed. Once a month we notify students and parents that the lost and found is full and all unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.

ITEM DROP OFF

Please understand that the WDMS Main Office is a busy location as it is the hub of our school. In the event your child left an item at home and a parent brings it to school, you will be asked to sign the item in when it is dropped off. We will do our best to notify your student that the item has been dropped off.

WDMS WINTER SPORT SCHEDULES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/15	4:00 PM	Collingswood	WDMS
12/19	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	Hd Hts
12/21	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	WDMS
1/3	4:00 PM	Clearview	WDMS
1/4	4:00 PM	Monongahela	Deptford
1/9	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Haddonfield
1/10	4:00 PM	Hammonton	WDMS
1/11	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	WDMS
1/16	3:45 PM	Gateway	WDMS
1/17	4:00 PM	Hammonton	Hammonton
1/18	3:45 PM	Audubon	Audubon
1/24	4:00 PM	St Margarets	WDMS
1/25	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	Paulsboro
1/30	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	Lindenwold
2/1	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood
2/6	4:00 PM	Haddon hts	WDMS
2/7	4:00 PM	Glou. City	Gloucester City
2/8	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	Pine Hill
2/12	4:15 PM	Delsea	WDMS
2/13	4:00 PM	Monongahela	WDMS

BOYS BASKETBALL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/15	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood
12/19	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	WDMS
12/21	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	Pine Hill
1/3	4:00 PM	Clearview	Clearview
1/4	4:00 PM	Monongahela	WDMS
1/9	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	WDMS
1/10	4:00 PM	Hammonton	Hammonton
1/11	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp
1/16	3:45 PM	Gateway	Gateway
1/17	4:00 PM	Hammonton	WDMS
1/18	3:45 PM	Audubon	WDMS
1/25	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	WDMS
1/30	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	WDMS
2/1	4:00 PM	Collingswood	WDMS
2/6	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	Haddon Hts
2/7	4:00 PM	Gloucester	WDMS
2/8	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	WDMS
2/12	4:15 PM	Delsea	Delsea
2/13	4:00 PM	Monongahela	Monongahela

WRESTLING

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>		<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/18	4:00 PM	Audubon	Audubon		1/17	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Riverwinds
12/20	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	Riverwinds		1/19	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	Riverwinds
12/28	9:00 PM	Southern Slam	Southern HS		1/24	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	Riverwinds
1/3	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Riverwinds		1/26	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	Paulsboro HS
1/5	4:00 PM	Sterling	Riverwinds		1/31	4:00 PM	Gateway	Gateway
1/8	4:00 PM	Wash Twp	Wash Twp HS		2/2	4:00 PM	Pennsville	Pennsville MS
1/9	4:30 PM	Hammonton	Riverwinds		2/6	4:00 PM	Clearview	Clearview MS
1/10	4:00 PM	Woodstown	Woodstown		2/7	4:00 PM	Monongahela	Riverwinds
1/12	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp					

GO EAGLES!