

# West Deptford Middle School

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## WDMS competes in local game show The ClassH-Room

WDMS has been selected to compete on a local game show called The ClassH-Room on Fox 29! The show pits 3 WDMS staff against 3 WDMS students in a trivia based game. The winners earn \$500 for their school. The show will be taped on Saturday, January 5th, in the Fox Studio located on 330 Market Street in Old City. Participating staff, students and families will depart WDMS via school bus at 8:00am and return at approximately 1:30pm. The ClassH-Room airs at 12pm weekdays on Fox 29.

The following WDMS staff were selected by their peers to compete on the WDMS Staff Team: Rich Cottone (7<sup>th</sup> gr), Barry Jost (8<sup>th</sup> gr) and Wendy Rooney (6<sup>th</sup> gr) and alternate Fiona Paterna (8<sup>th</sup> gr). Paige Duczkowski, Adam Humeniuk, Victoria Trotter and alternate Julian Geibel will represent our WDMS Students Team. The winning team will receive \$500 for their school. Good luck to both teams!



## WDMS 4th ANNUAL HOUR OF CODE

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, WDMS had over ninety students participate in an hour-long session of computer coding. The Hour of Code is a global movement aimed at introducing students to computer science and showing that everyone can learn the basics of coding. WDMS annually participates in the Hour of Code to extend and strengthen the learning that takes place in our STEM courses. At WDMS, we understand that no matter the field that our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on their understanding of how technology works. This year, we were excited to work in collaboration with Mr. Seeley from West Deptford High School as he encouraged and motivated the students to channel their interest in the computer science and engineering courses offered at our high school. We would like to thank all of the students and staff that participated in this annual event!

## Upcoming Events

### January 2

School re-opens full day

### January 5

The ClassH-Room game show taping

### January 8

PTO Mtg-WDMS library 6:30

### January 15

Geography Bee

### January 16

Team & Group pictures

### January 18

School Closed

### January 21

School closed for MLK Day

### January 22

Countdown to Camp Mason Mtg

6:30pm WDMS Café

### January 22

2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends

### January 25

7<sup>th</sup> grade visits WDHS 12:30-2:30

### January 30

Last day to order yearbooks

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PTO Wendy's Night 5-8pm

### January 31

Report card distributed via email

## COUNTDOWN TO CAMP MASON 2019

Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: The countdown for your 5<sup>th</sup> grade student to attend Camp Mason 2019 is on! Please mark your calendar to attend the informational parent meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Middle School café. During this meeting, you will learn about the trip including dates, cost, activities, parent chaperone lottery, and much more! We look forward to seeing you!



## AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS-SESSION II

Session II of our afterschool club program will begin on January 29, 2019. Parents may select ONE club, per day, per session. All students must be registered for a club prior to attending. Session II clubs run Jan. 29 – April 25, 2019. Clubs run Tuesday – Thursday from 2:45 pm – 3:35pm. Every club (except Homework Club) is offered one day a week. Homework Club is offered every Tuesday - Thursday. Bus transportation is provided for bus-riding students involved in any of our after-school programs (buses depart at 3:45pm). Students must report directly to their club immediately after retrieving their belongings from their lockers at school dismissal. After school clubs are a privilege. Students must be engaged in the club and respectful to those around them. Students that are distracting or disrespectful will receive no more than two warnings from the club advisor, after which time they will no longer be able to attend that club. Multiple removals from clubs will result in the student being excluded from clubs for the remainder of the club session. Session 2 Club sign-ups can be found on the WDMS website under the "Clubs/Activities" tab.

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Yearbook orders will be accepted now through January 30th. You can place your order in school or online. To order online go to [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) and enter our school name. Orders will be accepted in school every Friday through January 25<sup>th</sup> during homeroom in Mrs. Ward's room E11. In school orders must be placed in person, not in staff mailboxes. Yearbooks cost \$42 and can be purchased with cash or check. Please make checks payable to WDMS.

**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER  
ONLINE IS 1/30**

## GEOGRAPHY BEE

At this time of year every WDMS Social Studies class conducts the Geography Bee. The contest begins in the individual Social Studies classes with the classroom winners advancing to a grade level competition. The top three contestants from each grade level advance to the school-wide competition. Good luck to our young geographers!

## FROM THE WDMS HEALTH OFFICE

It's cold and flu season! Below are some helpful tips for keeping your child healthy during the school year.

- ✓ Frequent handwashing is one of the simplest-most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. The Mayo clinic suggests soaping up for as long as it takes to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice
- ✓ Use hand sanitizer
- ✓ Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough
- ✓ Keep hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth
- ✓ Stay current on all childhood vaccines including the flu shot

Students should stay home from school for at least 24 hours if they have:

- ✓ A fever of 100 degrees or more
- ✓ Chills
- ✓ Sore throat or cough
- ✓ Diarrhea or vomiting

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

WDMS Student Council has had such a busy start to the year. There have been two very successful dances, a breakfast to welcome new students, a school wide door decorating contest and the School Store has been a big hit.

Student Council will be kicking off the New Year with lots of exciting and fun events. For 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, there will be an after school trip to Launch and a two week gratitude project called "Look for the Good." More details will be released after our Winter Break. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders can look forward to our first WDMS Talent Show. Auditions will be held at the end of January and beginning of February.



SORRY, SON... THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT

## LATE BUSES

Late buses are every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Late buses should 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 they are supervised by a teacher. If attending a sporting event as a spectator, students must leave and return at the beginning of the event.

## 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

No child will be permitted to ride on other buses for any reason. Each student can only ride the bus they are assigned to ride. If you have a one day childcare issue, the person watching your child should pick them up at the school. No students are permitted to switch between buses.

**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)**

**For additional transportation information, please visit our district website at:**

[http://www.wdeptford.k12.nj.us/district\\_info/transportation](http://www.wdeptford.k12.nj.us/district_info/transportation)

## 7<sup>th</sup> GRADERS TO VISIT WDHS

On January 25<sup>th</sup> the entire 7<sup>th</sup> grade will visit WDHS to participate in an informal "meet and greet" with staff and students from WDHS. During their visit, 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will tour the building and learn about course selections, extracurricular activities and high school athletics. High School course selections usually begins in early spring for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. We hope after visiting WDHS, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be better equipped as 8<sup>th</sup> graders to make the decision regarding which high school they will attend. More information will be available in the next few weeks.

## 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 during the drop-off. We will do our best to notify your student that the item has been dropped off.

## PTO NEWS – JANUARY 2019

8 - PTO Meeting 6:30

17 - Magazine Kick-off assemblies

25 - Magazine sale end

30 - Wendy's 5-8 PM

WDMS PTO is always looking for volunteers.

Please consider attending one of our monthly meetings to find out more about us!

Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of each month in the WDMS library at 6:30 pm.

## BOX TOPS AND SODA TABS

WDMS is collecting box tops and soda tabs. Box tops are used by the PTO as another source of revenue. To encourage students to participate, we have monthly contests to see which homeroom collects the most Box Tops. The students in the winning homeroom each receive a free pretzel. Our Learn & Serve Club is collecting soda tabs in an effort to help Ronald McDonald house. Thank you for your support!



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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.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Date	Time	Versus	Location
1/3	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Haddonfield
1/7	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood
1/8	4:00 PM	St Margaret's	WDMS
1/10	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	Paulsboro
1/14	4:00 PM	Gloucester	Gloucester
1/15	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	Pine Hill
1/17	4:15 PM	Delsea	Delsea
1/18	4:00 PM	Hammonton	Hammonton
1/22	3:45 PM	Gateway	WDHS
1/24	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	WDMS
1/29	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	WDMS
1/31	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	Haddon Hts
2/5	3:45 PM	Audubon	Audubon
2/6	4:00 PM	Clearview	Clearview
2/7	4:15 PM	Delsea	WDMS
2/13	4:00 PM	Pitman	WDMS
2/14	4:00 PM	Collingswood	WDMS

## GOALS

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Date	Time	Versus	Location
1/3	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	WDMS
1/7	4:00 PM	Collingswood	WDMS
1/10	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	WDMS
1/14	4:00 PM	Gloucester	WDMS
1/15	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	WDMS
1/17	4:15 PM	Delsea	WDMS
1/18	4:00 PM	Hammonton	WDMS
1/22	3:45 PM	Gateway	Gateway
1/24	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	Lindenwold
1/29	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp
1/31	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	WDMS
2/5	3:45 PM	Audubon	WDMS
2/6	4:00 PM	Clearview	WDMS
2/7	4:15 PM	Delsea	Delsea
2/13	4:00 PM	Pitman	Pitman
2/14	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood

### WRESTLING

Date	Time	Versus	Location		Date	Time	Versus	Location
1/2	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	Paulsboro		1/23	4:00 PM	Haddon Heights	Riverwinds
1/4	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Riverwinds		1/25	4:00 PM	Sterling	Sterling
1/6	9:00 AM	Delsea	Delsea Middle School		1/30	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Riverwinds
1/8	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood		2/6	4:00 PM	Clearview	Clearview
1/14	4:00 PM	Hammonton	Hammonton		2/7	4:00 PM	Washington Twp	Riverwinds
1/18	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	Lindenwold		2/9	9:00 AM	Paulsboro	Paulsboro