

West Deptford Middle School

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OPERATION BLESSING

Operation Blessing will take place on Saturday, December 14, in the WDHS Cafeteria. For years, this program has been helping West Deptford families celebrate the holidays. This year, Operation Blessing will provide holiday assistance to more than 120 West Deptford families. If you are able to donate, please visit our Giving Tree located in the WDMS foyer. All UNWRAPPED donations should be returned to the WDMS Main Office by Friday, December 6. Please contact WDMS Nurse Kim Lee at 848-1200, ext 3206 with any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

HOUR OF CODE IS SOON APPROACHING!

WDMS will hold our annual Hour Of Code event on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, from 2:30-3:30 pm in the Cafeteria. 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, 2019. <https://www.smores.com/acphd>

WDMS WINTER CONCERTS

The annual WDMS Band and Choir Winter Concerts will be held on December 11 and December 18 in the WDMS cafeteria. The doors open at 6:30pm with the concerts beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. On December 11th, the 7th and 8th grade choir and band and the Eagletones will perform. On December 18th, the 5th and 6th grade choir and the 6th grade band will perform. The 5th grade band will perform later this year.



Upcoming Events

December 2

Wrestling begins

December 2

Boys Basketball tryouts 2:45-4:30pm

December 3

PTO Mtg-WDMS library 6:30pm

December 3

Girls Basketball tryouts 2:45-4:30pm

December 4

Boys Basketball tryouts 2:45-4:30pm

December 5

Girls Basketball tryouts 2:45-4:30pm

December 6

UGLY Sweater Friday

December 6

Boys & Girls Basketball tryouts
2:45-4:30 pm

December 10

Hour of Code 2:30-3:30pm

December 11

Winter Concert 7:00pm
Grades 7 & 8

December 11

PTO Friendly's Night 6-10pm

December 13

UGLY Sweater Friday

December 13

7/8 gr Holiday Dance 6:30-8:30pm

December 14

Operation Blessing WDHS

December 18

Winter Concert 7:00pm
Grades 5 & 6

December 18

PTO Friendly's Night 6-10

December 18

PTO Wendy's Night 5-8pm

December 20

UGLY Sweater Friday

December 20

Early Dismissal 12:19 pm

December 23-January 1

Winter Break

December 27

Southern Regional Wrestling Tourney

January 2

School Reopens



STUDENT COUNCIL TO HOST 7th and 8th GRADE HOLIDAY DANCE

The West Deptford Middle School Student Council will be hosting "A Night of Holiday Fun" on **Friday, December 13, 2019 for all 7th and 8th grade students**. The dance will start at 6:30pm and doors will close at 6:45pm; the dance will end promptly at 8:30pm. All students must be picked up by 8:30pm or they may lose their privilege to attend future events. Students are encouraged to dress for the occasion in festive holiday outfits. The school dress code will be enforced. Students will have the opportunity to participate in holiday apparel contests, dancing with DJ Steve, holiday games, and a selfie station. Light refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission is \$5 per student. Tickets can be purchased each morning during homeroom beginning December 2nd. All permission slips and **EXACT \$5** payment must be returned by the end of homeroom on Tuesday, 12/10. **NO exceptions will be made to this deadline.** Participating students will receive a wristband during homeroom or lunch on Thursday, 12/12.

WDMS LEARN AND SERVE CLUB

The WDMS Learn and Serve Club is comprised of 5th and 6th grade students interested in helping others. Their focus is on projects that benefit our community. Earlier this fall, club members spent time hand writing greeting cards for the residents of the local assistant living facility, Sheppard's Farm. Once the cards were completed, the students filled "Goodie Bags" with Halloween jokes, crossword puzzle and word search books and DIY Halloween tea lights. The cards and goodie bags were then delivered to Sheppard's Farm. The residents were thrilled to receive their special treats and enjoyed reading all of the hand written cards!

Currently, club members are working diligently on their "Hand Tied Fleece Blanket" project. Students have begun the arduous task of hand tying yards of fleece fabric together to make warm winter blankets. Their goal is to complete 20 blankets. This year they will be donating the completed blankets to Operation Blessing which helps local families throughout the holidays.

The Learn and Serve Club will finish out the club session by collecting items for the Gloucester County Animal Shelter. Students will visit the shelter in late January and look forward to bringing boxes full of collected items with them. Donations can be sent in to WDMS beginning December 2, 2019. All donated items should be given to Mrs. Headley in D-9 or Ms. Redkoles in D-6. The complete list of donations can be found [HERE](#).



MAPSS COLLECTION UPDATE

Military Appreciation Project Santa & Supplies

Once again, our WDMS family comes through in a big way! With the donations collected, we were able to help send over 150 holiday boxes to deployed troops! Well Done WDMS!



ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW!

Yearbook orders will be accepted now through January 31st. You can place your order in school or online. To order online go to the "For Students" tab on the WDMS website or click [HERE](#). Orders will be accepted in school every Friday during homeroom in Mrs. Ward's room E12. 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.

*DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!*

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

No child will be permitted to ride on other buses for any reason. Students can only ride the bus assigned to them. If you have a one-day childcare issue, the person watching your child should pick them up at the school. No students will be 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/transpo](http://www.wdeptford.k12.nj.us/district_info/transpo%20rtation)
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PTO NEWS – DECEMBER 2019

3 - PTO Meeting 6:30pm, WDMS Library

11 - Concert 50/50 sales
Friendly's Night 6-10pm (Deptford)

18- Concert 50/50 Sales
Friendly's Night 6-10 pm (Deptford)

18 - Wendy's 5pm-8pm

Save the Date: February 21, 2020
Designer Bag Bingo & Basket Auction

Designer Bag Bingo & Basket Auction tickets will go on sale later this month. The PTO is looking for basket donation items and volunteers for this event. Please contact Patty Watts @ thewattsfamily@msn.com for additional information on how to volunteer or donate.

BOX TOPS and other fundraising efforts...

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. Soda tabs are also collected in each homeroom and will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in late spring.

The PTO also participates in a number of **FREE School Support Programs** such as Shoparoo, Amazon Smile, Ebates/Rakuten and Coke Rewards. Please click [HERE](#) or visit our WDMS website for additional information on these programs.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

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.



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.

WDMS WINTER SPORT SCHEDULES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/17	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	WDMS
12/19	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	Atlantic Ave Elementary
01/03	3:45 PM	Audubon	Audubon MS
01/06	4:15 PM	Delsea Reg	WDMS
01/08	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	WDMS
01/14	4:00 PM	Collingswood	WDMS
01/16	3:45 PM	Paulsboro	WDHS
01/21	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	WDMS
01/23	4:00 PM	Woodbury	WDMS
01/28	3:45 PM	Gateway	Gateway
01/30	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	Lindenwold
02/04	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp MS
02/06	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	WDMS
02/11	3:45 PM	Audubon	WDMS
02/12	4:00 PM	Gloucester City	WDMS
02/13	4:00 PM	Hammonton	WDMS
02/18	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Haddonfield MS
02/20	3:45 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood

BOYS BASKETBALL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Location</u>
12/17	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp MS
12/19	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	WDMS
01/03	3:45 PM	Audubon	WDMS
01/06	4:15 PM	Delsea Reg	Delsea MS
01/07	4:00 PM	Pitman	WDMS
01/08	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Haddonfield MS
01/14	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Collingswood MS
01/16	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	Paulsboro MS
01/21	4:00 PM	Pine Hill	Pine Hill MS
01/23	4:15 PM	Woodbury	Woodbury HS
01/28	4:00 PM	Gateway	WDMS
01/30	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	WDMS
02/04	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	WDMS
02/06	4:00 PM	Haddon Hts	Atlantic Ave Elem
02/11	3:45 PM	Audubon	Audubon MS
02/12	4:00 PM	Gloucester City	Gloucester City
02/13	3:45 PM	Hammonton	Hammonton MS
02/18	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	WDMS
02/20	3:45 PM	Collingswood	WDMS

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>
12/27	9:00 AM	Southern Slam	Southern Reg. HS		01/24	4:00 PM	Lindenwold	Riverwinds
01/03	4:00 PM	Gateway	Gateway		01/29	4:00 PM	Haddon Heights	Haddon Hts MS
01/05	9:00 AM	Bound Brook	Bound Brook HS		01/31	4:15 PM	Sterling	Riverwinds
01/06	4:30 PM	Hammonton	Riverwinds		02/05	4:00 PM	Haddonfield	Haddonfield MS
01/08	4:00 PM	Audubon HS	Riverwinds		02/08	9:00 AM	Colonial Conf Championships	Paulsboro HS
01/10	4:00 PM	Haddon Twp	Haddon Twp					
01/15	4:00 PM	Collingswood	Riverwinds					
01/17	4:00 PM	Paulsboro	Riverwinds					

Go Eagles!