

October 21, 2022
Issue 10



STEM Academy Head of School Update

[Mr. Art Campbell](#), Head of School

[Ms. Kelly Stauffer](#), Admin. Asst. to the Head of School

Good Evening STEM Academy Families,

The [STEM Application for the 23-24 Class of 2027](#) will be closing on Sunday October 23. Please remind any of the current 8th grade family members, friends or neighbors to make sure their application is completed if they are interested in applying for next school year.

As a reminder, there will be no school on Monday, October 24, in observance of Diwali.

On Tuesday, October 25, families are invited to register to attend the anti-bullying event being held at Downingtown West HS. For more information and to register please review the information [A Conversation About Bullying](#).

Additionally, in about 2 weeks from today, the end of the 1st marking period will be taking place (Thursday, November 3). It is very important to make sure to check Infinite Campus to verify that assignments are up to date. If there are any questions, please be sure to reach out to your students' teachers prior to the end of the 1st marking period. Teachers are available to meet with students during Lunch & Learn times and students should be sure to use this opportunity to make sure they end the first marking period on a positive note.

Have a great weekend!

Art Campbell

DASD STEM Academy

335 Manor Ave.
Downingtown, PA 19335

Phone: 610-269-2420 Fax: 484-694-5590 Email: stinfo@dasd.org

Upcoming Events	2
IB Updates	2
Attendance Office	3
Counseling Department	3
School Nurse	3
Internships & Partnerships Leader	4
Athletics/MPA	4
Senior Class of 2023	5
Home & School Association	6
DASD/STEM Upcoming Events and Fliers	7

As a reminder, the new Lunch and Learn Schedule for the 2022-2023 school year went into effect on Tuesday, September 20th. The updated STEM Academy Bell Schedules can be found on our Website and are also listed below:

BELL SCHEDULES

[STEM ACADEMY 2022-2023](#)

[DAILY SCHEDULE](#)

Regular School Day Bell Schedule
7:40 AM - 2:40 PM

[EARLY DISMISSAL/2 HOUR DELAY](#)

[SCHEDULE](#)

Two-Hour Early Dismissal
7:40 AM - 12:40 PM

Two-Hour Delayed Opening
(usually weather related)
9:40 AM - 2:40 PM

[The STEM Academy Application for the 2023-2024 Class of 2027 is open now through October 23, 2022 for any 8th grade student that wishes to apply.](#)



Upcoming Events

October

- 23 Class of 2027:
Application Closes
- 24 No School/Diwali
- 28 East/West Pep Rally

November

- 1 Picture Retake Day
- 3 End of 1st Marking Period
- 8 No School/Prof. Dev. Day
- 9 Indian Heritage Event
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 Fall Play 7:00 pm
- 13 Fall Play 2:00 pm
- 17 STEM Powderpuff Game
- 18 STEM Homecoming
Dance @ DMS 7:00 pm
- 21 Early Dismissal 12: 40 pm
- 21 MEA Communication
Styles—Sophomores
- 22 No school: Parent/Teacher
Conferences
- 23 No School for Students:
Work Collab. Day
- 24/25 Thanksgiving Recess
- 29 Key Club: American Red
Cross Blood Drive
- 30 MEA Sophomore Speaker
Series

[STEM Parent/Student
Handbook 2022-2023](#)

[2022-2023 District Board
Approved Calendar](#)

[22-23 Program of Study](#)

IB Updates

IB Research Specialist/CAS & EE [Ms. Alyssa Sherlock](#)

Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) Updates

Senior CAS/Graduation Project Spotlight:

Dylan Stoudt is working to become a volunteer EMS person at Minquas Fire station. He is learning a variety of skills used in the medical field as well as how the medical field operates/what is entailed within it since it is a field of work that he is considering as a career. This project also allows him to help his community by providing lifesaving support.

Class of 2023 [Seniors]:

Students may upload photos, videos, time sheets, flyers, etc., but be sure to include their face and their name as evidence.

CAS Interview #2 Survey must be completed by October 31.

Class of 2024 [Juniors]:

Students continue to develop a CAS plan and are entering experiences into ManageBac. Some have begun forming collaborative groups and brainstorming CAS Projects.

Extended Essay (EE)

Class of 2023 [Seniors]:

*Students are reviewing their outlines and research with their EE Advisor to ensure a logical progression in their essay. **Meetings with Advisors should take place by October 28. Rough Drafts are due to ManageBac and Turnitin by November 1.***

Class of 2024 [Juniors]:

Students have started brainstorming possible subjects and topics of interest for their EE.

IB Program Requirements

[Dean of Curriculum & Instruction/ Dean of 9th & 11th Grade Students](#) [Mr. Michael Sheehan](#)

[Admin. Asst. to Dean of. Curr. & Instr.](#) [Ms. Meghan Schell](#)

Please be reminded of the [IB Fees Letter for the Class of 2023](#) that was sent out May 10, 2022 and is also available on our [website](#). If there are any questions or concerns please reach out to our office.

STEM Academy Counselors

[Ms. Mary Wallin:](#)
Grades 9-12: Last Names A-C

[Mr. David Stratton](#)
Grades 9-12: Last Names D-KL

[Ms. Kellie McGavin-Wiedlich](#)
Grades 9-12: Last Names Ko-Ra

[Ms. Leanne Glowik](#)
Grades 9-12: Re-Z

[Ms. Stephanie Rockowitz](#)
Counseling Secretary/Registrar

[Ms. Jennifer Stull](#)
Prevention Specialist

[Guide to Districtwide Mental Health Resources](#)

College and University Visits

October

27 Univ. of Richmond 11:00 am
27 Kean University 11:35 am
28 Lafayette College 11:00 am
28 St. Joe's University 11:35 am

November

2 Binghamton University 11:35 am
2 Stony Brook University 11:35 am
3 NJ Institute of Tech. 11:00 am
3 Gettysburg College 11:35 am
9 Cedar Crest College 11:00am
9 Immaculata University 11:35 am
15 Kutztown University 11:00 am
15 Rutgers University 11:35 am
16 Randolph-Macon College 11:00am
16 West Chester University 11:35 am

December

1 Cheyney University 11:00 am

STEM Counseling Department

- ♦ [SAT-ACT-PSAT Prep Courses are available.](#) There are session dates available throughout the fall and winter. Please email pschmidt@prepareforthesat.com
- ♦ Additional University/College Visits can [STEM Academy Website Calendar.](#) (These are updated daily and subject to change.)
- ♦ To schedule an appt. to visit your school counselor, please complete the following form: [Counseling Appointment Request Form](#)

FROM THE NURSE

- ♦ **Online Registration:** Please remember to complete the Online Registration for your child(ren). This will provide me with updated health information as well as give permission for over the counter medication this school year. Go to [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) to complete the process.
- ♦ **Medication:** Students are only permitted to carry emergency medication (Epinephrine, Asthma inhalers, and diabetes medication). Any medication to be administered during the school day, should follow our current medication policy (attach board policy) and complete the [authorization for medication administration](#)
- ♦ Please contact [Ms. Jennifer Mikulich](#) with any questions or concerns.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Please help us in reminding your student of the following:

- ♦ Whether your student is arriving late to school, has Senior Privileges, or has a parent note to leave early, they must [sign in/out of the main office](#) for attendance.
- ♦ All attendance inquiries throughout the school year can be directed to stemattendance@dasd.org
- ♦ Students should scan the QR Codes located outside the main office, and then upload their notes for Early Dismissal, Absence, Tardiness, and Trips.
- ♦ Please review the **attendance policy** in the [Student Code of Conduct](#): Upon 3 unlawful offenses a written notification will be sent to parent; upon 6 unlawful absences, a 2nd notification will be sent, and a School Attendance improvement plan meeting will be required.
- ♦ If you are planning a family trip, please be sure to turn in the [Request Form for Educational and Family Trips](#), no less than 2 weeks prior to the request.

[Ms. Dana Sokso](#): Attendance Secretary DASD STEM Academy

- ♦ [Additional Resources](#)
- ♦ [Financial Aid Powerpoint](#)
- ♦ [College Application Presentation](#)
- ♦ [Work Permits](#)

INTERNSHIPS & PARTNERSHIPS

[Ms. Susan Boardman](#) Internships & Partnerships Leader

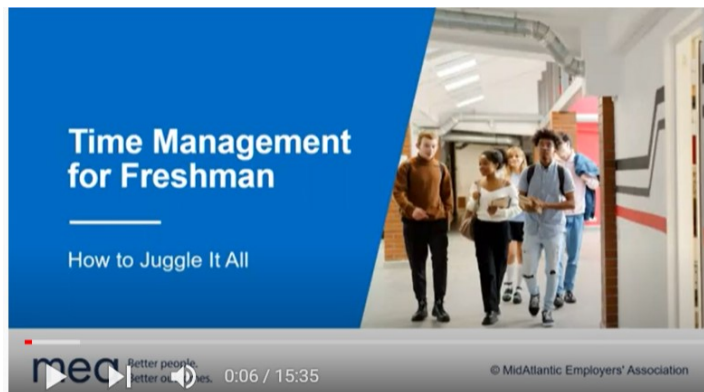
[Ms. Cory Butler](#) Administrative Asst.

Internships & Partnerships

Opportunity:

[Interested in Partnering with The STEM Academy for the Career Exploration Program for 2023-2024?](#)

Time Management for Freshman!



High School is a whole new world: classes, homework, activities, sports, clubs, organizations, family, job and so on. Students have to juggle a lot of responsibilities and many nights are spent staying up late or getting up early because they don't seem to have the time. Why?

All Freshman participated in a session designed to provide students with tools to understand and better handle the responsibilities they face in today's increasingly hectic world. A facilitator from Mid-Atlantic Employers Association, taught students TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS, and how to:

- Organize and compartmentalize school tasks with home life responsibilities
- Prioritize responsibilities, tasks and necessary "to DOs" for results
- Identify areas for improvement and strategize concrete and specific solutions
- Use techniques to eliminate time wasters and interruptions
- Write SMART goals to impact efficiency and direction

Freshman teachers supported the students by providing relevant activities that were due for the week.



DASD MPA

From the Music Parents' Association:

Thank you to all the parents who have really stepped up to help with the East vs. Coatesville and the USBands show this weekend.

On Saturday, we'll be hosting the USBands championship at Kottmeyer Stadium. It's a great way to see top bands performing in our own backyard. To buy tickets, go to: <https://www.showpass.com/22-ubands-pastates/>.

We are having another fundraiser to help raise funds for students' DSF accounts which can be used for the Choir and Orchestra trip to Walt Disney World in February. Each wreath sold will earn between \$8-\$12 for the student's account. <https://www.dhsmpa.org/wreaths/>



All students at STEM are encouraged to participate in athletic programs offered at their home schools.

An activity bus is available for students heading to East to participate daily, and is located in the bus loop at dismissal.

To find more information about what sports are offered at your students' homeschool, please choose one of the following that links directly to the correct Athletics page:

[Downingtown East High School Athletics](#)

[Downingtown East High School Athletics Schedule](#)

AND

[Downingtown West High School Athletics](#)

[Downingtown West High School Athletics Schedule](#)

Mark your calendars...

East and West will be holding the annual Pep Rally on Friday, October 28, 2022.

All Fall Athletes are encouraged to wear their Athletic Uniform. Transportation is available to East from STEM. More details will



Save the Date!

October/November Deadlines

Reminder:

Cap and Gown
orders are due by
November 1.

Please reach out to
kstauffer@dasd.org
with any questions.

Reminder for those with Senior Privileges:

- ◆ You MUST sign in at the main office when you arrive to school, and out prior to leaving for the day.
- ◆ You should enter through the main office.
- ◆ You must have completed the [Early Dismissal/Late Arrival Permission form for Seniors](#) and obtained appropriate approval.

SENIOR REMINDERS—CLASS OF 2023

- ⇒ You should have received an email containing information to begin the process of ordering the CAP/GOWN/STOLE required for the Class of 2023 Commencement Ceremony, which will be held this year, on Thursday, June 8. The deadline for ordering will be November 1, so that we can assure a timely delivery of all of the necessary items. For more information, please refer to [STEM Senior Class of 2023 Letter from Herff Jones](#), and here is the direct link to the items you will need to order: [Cap/Gown/Stole Package](#)
- ⇒ **How do you choose the senior portrait for the yearbook?** “Log into your Prestige photo account and choose which photo to put in the yearbook. It will need to be one of the drape/tux photos.



Hello Senior Families,

It's yearbook ad time! The Downingtown S.T.E.M. Academy staff is already working hard on the yearbook, and we want your senior to be part of it!

Each year the Legacy Yearbook Staff reserves a limited number of pages for senior tribute ads. Each senior family has the opportunity to design and publish a 1/8 page tribute ad in the back of the STEM Legacy Yearbook.

It is super easy to create an ad in our online ad create. Just have your pictures ready to import and your messages written before starting.

Head to yearbookordercenter.com to begin creating your ad today.
School code is 13813.

The cost is \$50 and the deadline for ordering an ad is November 30th. While space is limited if you order before this date we can guarantee the space.

Please reach out to Ms. Long (jlong@dasd.org) or Mrs. Romano (jromano@dasd.org)

2022-2023

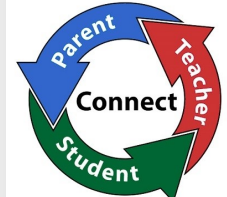
STEM HSA Board

[Michelle Smith, President](#)

[Mary Gasser, Vice-President](#)

[Kristen Wheeler, Secretary](#)

[Darah Fildore, Treasurer](#)



Upcoming

HSA Sponsored Events

November

01 Fall Fest

14 [HSA Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom](#)

****Save the date!****

Monday, April 24, 2023:

[FORE the Kids Golf Outing](#)

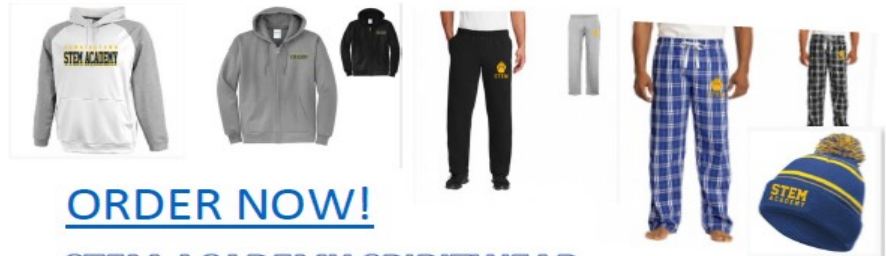
HSA meetings will be held throughout the year on the second Monday, of each month, beginning at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. The First meeting of the year will be in- person.

STEM HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

STEM Spirit Wear

STEM Spiritwear store is open! Orders must be placed by October 20 and will be delivered in 2-3 weeks.

Order here: <https://tuttlemarketing.com/store/products/stem-academy-1826>



ORDER NOW!

STEM ACADEMY SPIRITWEAR

Order by 10-20



New Parent Gear!

Student Life Donations

We can't make these events possible without your generous donations.

Please go to

<https://dtownstemacademy.squarespace.com/stem-donation>

to make your donation today!

From the Yearbook Advisors Ms. Long and Ms. Romano:

Many have been asking how to get my club, class, students, etc in the yearbook. The easiest way for students, parents and teacher to share pictures with our yearbook team is submit them via eshare. Here you can upload pictures, write the captions and tag students, making it MUCH easier for our staff to get them in the yearbook. Please share the following link with your clubs leaders and use it yourself to submit pictures and stories. We cannot guarantee we will be able to use them all but we will do our very best!

Link to eshare: <https://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/?code=13813>

Need to know our school code? School Code: 13813

The yearbook staff greatly appreciates your help in collecting pictures and stories for this year's book.



ONE YEAR. ONE BOOK.
YOUR CHANCE TO PRESERVE IT ALL.

Downingtown S.T.E.M. Academy

\$65

Until 01/06/2023



2 WAYS TO ORDER

1. Online at www.yearbookordercenter.com Order #13813
2. Call Herff Jones Yearbooks M-F 8am-5pm CST 1-866-287-3096 Order # 13813

"A Conversation About Bullying" with Downingtown alumni Sara Shepard and Zakiya Young will take place on October 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Downingtown High School West (445 Manor Ave, Downingtown).

Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-conversation-about-bullying-tickets-411284873127>

Downingtown Area School District Presents

A CONVERSATION ABOUT BULLYING

WITH DOWNINGTOWN HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI



**Sara
Shepard**

*New York Times Bestselling Author
Pretty Little Liars*



**Zakiya
Young**

*Actor
Pretty Little Liars: Original Sin (HBO Max)*

ABOUT THE EVENT

Join Downingtown High School alumni Sara Shepard ('95) and Zakiya Young ('97) for a candid conversation on the dangers of bullying. Attendees will also have the opportunity for a meet and greet and book signing.



**OCTOBER 25
6:30 PM**

Downingtown High
School West - Auditorium

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

This free event is open to the public.



FREEFORM



HBOmax



As a reminder, the new Lunch and Learn Schedule for the 2022-2023 school year went into effect on Tuesday, September 20th. The updated STEM Academy Bell Schedule can be found on our Website and are also listed below:

BELL SCHEDULES

STEM ACADEMY 2022-2023 DAILY SCHEDULE

Regular School Day Bell Schedule
7:40 AM - 2:40 PM

EARLY DISMISSAL/2 HOUR DELAY

SCHEDULE

Two-Hour Early Dismissal
7:40 AM - 12:40 PM



FILL UP YOUR MEALS ACCOUNT → E → F ← FILL UP ON DELICIOUS FOOD

DON'T GET STUCK ON EMPTY

Fall Menus Now Available!

Or go to:
<https://www.dasd.org/departments/food-services>
Free & Reduced pricing to those who qualify

©2022 All rights reserved. All Rights Reserved. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Register Now for the 21st Annual Chester County Turkey Trot!

Registration is now **OPEN** ~ come **TROT** with us on Thanksgiving Morning! T-shirts guaranteed for first 1500 registered.

When: Thanksgiving morning, November 24, 2022

Where: Downingtown West High School

The event is a 5k race, 2k walk, kids fun run and virtual race options. In addition to supporting the Downingtown West Cross Country team, proceeds of the race will benefit the Cure4Cam Childhood Cancer Foundation. See <https://runsignup.com/ccturkeytrot> for all details!