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Issue 14



## 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,

As a reminder, next week is a short week for our students.

- **Monday, November 21:** Students will be dismissed at 12:40 pm.
- **Tuesday, November 22:** Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held throughout the day and evening. There is no school for students.
- **Wednesday, November 23:** Work Collaboration Day for teachers/ no school for students
- The remainder of the week DASD will be closed for Thanksgiving recess. Enjoy your holiday break.
- School will resume on Monday, November 28.

On Wednesday, November 30th beginning at 6:30 pm, **DASD Counselors** are inviting **ALL 9th-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families** to attend [College and Beyond Night](#) at Downingtown EAST High School. **If you are able to attend, please [register](#) as soon as possible.**

Have a wonderful weekend!

*Art Campbell*  
*Head of School*

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STEM HSA is participating in the Toys for Tots program.

Collection bins are located outside the main office and counseling office if you wish to make a contribution through December 6.

[More information about Toys for Tots](#)

### DASD STEM Academy

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Downingtown, PA 19335

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### Upcoming Events

#### November

- 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

#### December

- 5-9 Keystone Testing
- 12-16 Keystone Make—Up
- 14 MEA Presentation Skills—  
Junior Class
- 14 Early Dismissal 12:40 pm
- 16 MEA Networking &  
Resume Basics—  
Sophomore Class
- 19 Academic Team Comp.  
@ Rustin High School
- 24 Winter Recess begins

#### January

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 3 School Resumes:  
Welcome Back!

[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:**

Junaid Mansoor, Aakash Kalmady, and Vikash Gunalan grew vegetables in a handcrafted garden, and gave the crops to those in need. They had to plan the design of the garden as well as the acquisition of resources needed.

#### **Class of 2023 [Seniors]:**

Seniors continue to upload evidence and keep their CAS Portfolios up to date.

**December 1st is the last day to submit proposals for 2023 CAS Projects or Graduation Projects.**

#### **Class of 2024 [Juniors]:**

Juniors are working on creating CAS experience entries in ManageBac, and planning for CAS Projects.

### Extended Essay (EE)

#### **Class of 2023 [Seniors]:**

Students should be meeting with their EE Advisor to discuss their Rough Draft, and fine-tuning their work for their final paper.

RPPF #2 is due in ManageBac (Planning and Progress tab) by November 30.

#### **Class of 2024 [Juniors]:**

Juniors have started the EE planning process and are starting to research different subjects and topics of interest. A timeline of benchmark due dates is available on Schoology .



Toys for Tots, a 74-year national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides happiness, and hope to less fortunate children during each Christmas holiday season. The toys, books, and other gifts collected and distributed by our Marines and volunteers during the Christmas season offer these children recognition, confidence, and a positive memory for a lifetime. Toys for Tots also provides support year-round to less fortunate families experiencing challenges and exceptional circumstances, thus sending a message of hope beyond the holiday season. It is such experiences that help children become responsible citizens and caring members of their community. Last year, the Marine Toys for Tots Program fulfilled the holiday hopes and dreams of 7.4 million less fortunate children in over 800 communities nationwide. Since 1947, over 272 million children have been assisted. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a not-for-profit organization authorized by the U.S. Marine Corps and the Department of Defense to provide fundraising and other necessary support for the annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. For more information, please visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

# 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.

## CLASS OF 2023 IB EXAM SCHEDULE

These dates and times were set by the IB Organization and can not be changed or moved. Students will receive more information about testing expectations at a later date.

Date	Day of Week	Morning Session	Time (includes time for breaks/collection)	Afternoon Session	Time (includes time for breaks/collection)
4/27/2023	Thursday	No Exams Scheduled		No Exams Scheduled	
4/28/2023	Friday	Business Management HL Paper 1 Business Management SL Paper 1	8:30 am - 11:00 am 8:30 am - 10:00 am	No Exams Scheduled	
5/1/2023	Monday	Business Management HL Paper 2 Business Management SL Paper 2	8:30 am - 11:00 am 8:30 am - 10:30 am	No Exams Scheduled	
5/2/2023	Tuesday	Physics HL Paper 1 & 3 Physics SL Paper 1 & 3 Sports, Exercise & Health HL Paper 1 & 3 Sports, Exercise & Health SL Paper 1 & 3	8:30 am - 11:16 am 8:30 am - 10:46 am 8:30 am - 11:16 am 8:30 am - 10:46 am	No Exams Scheduled	
5/3/2023	Wednesday	Physics HL Paper 2 Physics SL Paper 2 Sports, Exercise & Health HL Paper 2 Sports, Exercise & Health SL Paper 2	8:30 am - 11:00 am 8:30 am - 10:00 am 8:30 am - 11:00 am 8:30 am - 10:00 am	Literature HL Paper 1 Literature SL Paper 1	12:00 pm - 2:30 pm 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
5/4/2023	Thursday	Geography HL Paper 1 Geography SL Paper 1 Global Politics HL/SL Paper 1	8:30 am - 11:00 am 8:30 am - 10:16 am 8:30 am - 10:00 am	Literature HL/SL Paper 2	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
5/5/2023	Friday	Geography HL/SL Paper 2 Geography HL Paper 3 Global Politics HL Paper 2 Global Politics SL Paper 2	8:30 am - 10:00 am 10:16 am - 11:30 am 8:30 am - 11:30 am 8:30 am - 10:30 am	Environmental Sys & Soc. SL Paper 1	12:00 pm - 1:16 pm
End of Week 1					
5/8/2023	Monday	Environmental Sys & Soc. SL Paper 2	8:30 am - 10:46 am	Math Analysis & Approaches HL Paper 1 Math Analysis & Approaches SL Paper 1 Math Applications & Infer. HL Paper 1 Math Applications & Infer. SL Paper 1	1:00 pm - 3:16 pm 1:00 pm - 2:46 pm 1:00 pm - 3:16 pm 1:00 pm - 2:46 pm
5/9/2023	Tuesday	German HL Paper 1 & 2 (Reading) German SL Paper 1 & 2 (Reading)	8:30 am - 11:30 am 8:30 am - 11:16 am	Math Analysis & Approaches HL Paper 2 Math Analysis & Approaches SL Paper 2 Math Applications & Infer. HL Paper 2 Math Applications & Infer. SL Paper 2	12:00 pm - 2:16 pm 12:00 pm - 1:46 pm 12:00 pm - 2:16 pm 12:00 pm - 1:46 pm
5/10/2023	Wednesday	German HL Paper 2 (Listening) German SL Paper 2 (Listening)	8:30 am - 8:46 am 8:30 am - 8:30 am	All HL Math Paper 3 History HL/SL Paper 1 History HL/SL Paper 2	2:30 pm - 3:46 pm 12:00 pm - 1:16 pm 1:30 pm - 3:16 pm
5/11/2023	Thursday	History HL Paper 3	8:30 am - 11:16 am	Chemistry HL Paper 1 & 3 Chemistry SL Paper 1 & 3 Design Technology HL Paper 1 & 2 Design Technology SL Paper 1 & 2	12:00 pm - 2:46 pm 12:00 pm - 2:16 pm 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm 12:00 pm - 2:46 pm
5/12/2023	Friday	French HL Paper 2 (Listening) French SL Paper 2 (Listening)	8:30 am - 8:46 am 8:30 am - 8:30 am	Chemistry HL Paper 2 Chemistry SL Paper 2 Design Technology HL Paper 3	12:00 pm - 2:30 pm 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm 12:00 pm - 1:46 pm
End of Week 2					
5/15/2023	Monday	French HL Paper 1 & 2 (Reading) French SL Paper 1 & 2 (Reading)	8:30 am - 11:30 am 8:30 am - 11:16 am	Economics HL Paper 1 & 3 Economics SL Paper 1	12:00 pm - 3:30 pm 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
5/16/2023	Tuesday	Spanish HL Paper 1 & 2 (Reading) Spanish SL Paper 1 & 2 (Reading)	8:30 am - 11:30 am 8:30 am - 11:16 am	Economics HL/SL Paper 2	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
5/17/2023	Wednesday	Spanish HL Paper 2 (Listening) Spanish SL Paper 2 (Listening)	8:30 am - 10:46 am 8:30 am - 10:30 am	Biology HL Paper 1 & 3 Biology SL Paper 1 & 3	12:00 pm - 2:46 pm 12:00 pm - 2:16 pm
5/18/2023	Thursday	Biology HL Paper 2 Biology SL Paper 2	8:30 am - 11:00 am 8:30 am - 10:00 am	Psychology HL/SL Paper 1	12:00 pm - 2:16 pm
5/19/2023	Friday	Psychology HL Paper 2 Psychology HL Paper 3 Psychology SL Paper 2	8:30 am - 10:30 am 10:46 am - 12:00 pm 8:30 am - 8:46 am	No Exams Scheduled	
End of Week 3					

## **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**

### November

28 Quinnipiac University 11:00 am

28 US Naval Academy 11:35 am

### December

1 Cheyney University 11:00 am

1 Harrisburg Univ. of Science and Technology 11:35 am

8 Millersville University 11:00 am

## **STEM Counseling Department**

### Winter SAT Prep Course: STEM Academy Class of 2024

- ♦ The STEM Academy will once again offer SAT Prep Courses for junior students who are planning to take the Spring SAT. The course will prepare students for the mathematics and/or reading sections of the SAT. Attached, you will find specifics about the prep course in addition to registration information. For scheduling purposes, all winter SAT Prep courses will be held in an **in-person format** and after school hours. *We encourage your child to sign up by December 19, 2022.* Any questions about the prep course or for more information please contact Ms. McGavin-Wiedlich in the Counseling Department via email at [kmcgavin-wiedlich@dasd.org](mailto:kmcgavin-wiedlich@dasd.org).
- ♦ Please see the [Cracking the Test Week Flyer](#) with additional information regarding different sessions available during the month of December for SAT, ACT, PSAT, etc. or visit [The Princeton Review](#) for a more direct overview.
- ♦ [SAT-ACT-PSAT Prep Courses are available.](#) There are session dates available throughout the fall and winter. Please email [pschmidt@prepareforthesat.com](mailto:pschmidt@prepareforthesat.com)
- ♦ **PHEAA Webinars** ([Flyer on Page 8](#))
- ♦ 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.

## **Important Attendance information**

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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

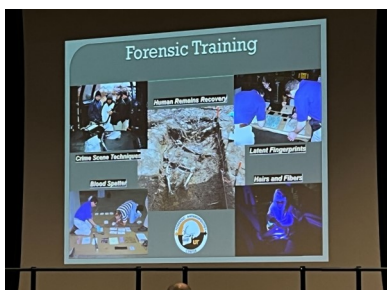
## Internships & Partnerships

### Opportunity:

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

### Lunch and Learn Speaker!

The Philadelphia FBI Evidence Response Team visited the STEM Academy this week to speak to students about careers with the FBI. Forensics teacher Summer Perez, invited the team in to share their career paths as part of the Evidence Response Team for students in her Pathways class. FBI backgrounds included everything from purchasing to the US Navy, but the common thread was that they are all experts in their field and absolutely love what they do. John Sand, STEM dad and member of the team worked with Ms. Perez to bring this experience to the students.



## DASD Athletics



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](#)



STEM Student Life

Ms. Katherine Cole, Dean of Academics & Student Life

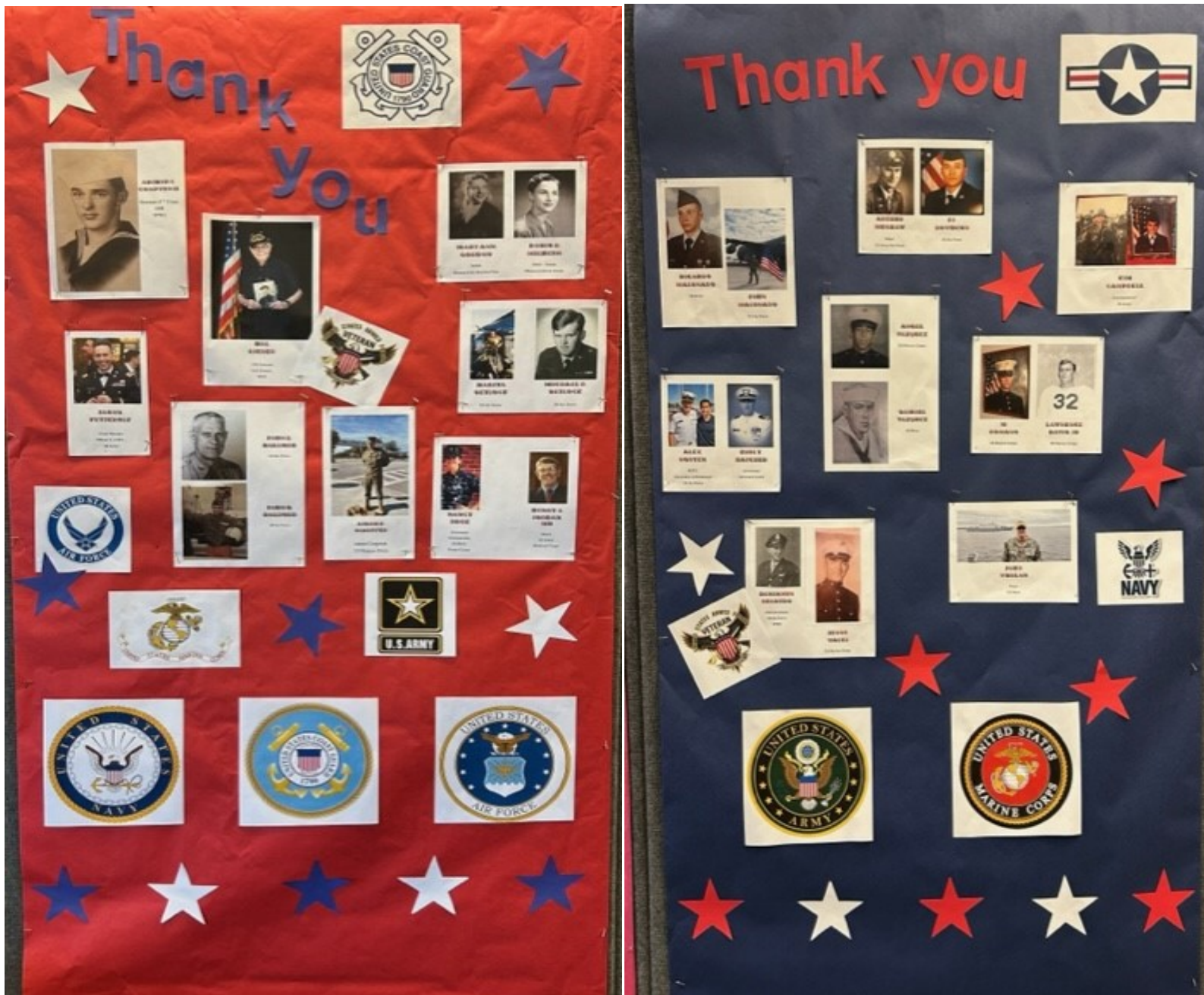
Ms. Cory Butler, Admin. Asst.





## From the KnowCo...

Submitted by Ms. Anna Jordan



***Thank you to everyone that submitted pictures of their service members, past and present. Pictured above is the Tribute Wall, hanging in the STEM Knowledge Commons, created by Ms. Anna Jordan. We thank everyone past and present for their service.***

# **LOST & FOUND LAST CALL**

- The KnowCo Lost & Found will be emptied at the end of the day, November 22.
- Please check for your student's items.
- Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity.





Save the Date!

### **Reminder:**

Cap and Gown orders are past due ! Please order asap or reach out to [kstauffer@dasd.org](mailto:kstauffer@dasd.org) if there are any problems completing the order.

**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**

**Congratulations to  
Devanshi Bhargava**

**for her winning  
Senior Mantle Design for  
the Class of 2023**



## **SPACE IS LIMITED**

**Don't Delay  
Order Your Senior Tribute Ad**

The yearbook staff has reserved a limited number of pages for Senior Tribute Ads.

There are many options using the online HJ Ad creator.

For more information and to order go to  
**[www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com)**  
**Job #13813**

Online order center closes Nov 30th @ 11:59pm



**\$50**

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### **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.

### **Post Prom**

On Friday, May 19, 2023 the STEM Academy Home & School Association will be hosting a **Post-Prom Party** following the senior prom. The Post-Prom Party is an all -night, drug- and alcohol-free event held at the school that is designed to keep our students safe by entertaining them through the morning hours with activities and food. In addition to food and fun, prizes are presented to students to help extend the fun of prom night, as well as to celebrate the culmination of their senior year.

The Post-Prom Party is run solely off donations from parents and our community. We are reaching out for support from you to help us reach our goal to be able to provide each student who attends with a prize.

We are reaching out to you **NOW** regarding prizes in hopes that you might take advantage of Black Friday and holiday sales to make your donations go further.

Shop from our [Amazon Wish List](#). You can select to have prizes delivered directly to Cristin Young.

If you prefer to give a monetary donation we are happy to shop for you. We have 2 options:

Donate online at <https://dtownstemacademy.squarespace.com/config/pages>

**Venmo:** @Cristin-Young, please use "post prom prize" in description.



2022-2023

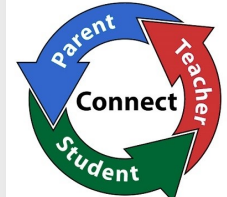
STEM HSA Board

[Michelle Smith, President](#)

[Mary Gasser, Vice-President](#)

[Kristen Wheeler, Secretary](#)

[Darrah Fildore, Treasurer](#)



### Upcoming

### HSA Sponsored Events

#### December

- 9 Faculty Appreciation
- 16 Winterfest

#### **\*\*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

Thank you everyone who contributed or volunteered to make our Thanksgiving Pie and Fall Treat day a success. The faculty and staff loved all the pies, coffee and cider!

We look forward to planning International Desserts and Winterfest for the month of December. If you are not on the planning committee, but would like to please reach out to Mary Gasser- [MaryGasser@gmail.com](mailto:MaryGasser@gmail.com)

A great way you can contribute to all our activities is to Shop Amazon Smile and have \*free\* money donated to the STEM Academy with every qualified purchase! Every little bit adds up! Amazon donates a percentage of sales back to the school if you place your order from the 'smile' page. The page looks and acts exactly the same and there is NO COST! Just free money donated to the school!

Use this link to auto-select STEM Academy Home & School as your supported organization.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-2446765>

If you use the Amazon App on your phone, you can turn on Amazon Smile in Settings and select 'Stem Academy Home & School Association' or your school. Thank you for your support!



### The 12th Annual Downingtown STEM Academy HSA "FORE the KIDS"

Golf Outing is on Monday, April 24, 2023 at

Whitford Country Club, Downingtown, PA.

The "**FORE the KIDS**" fund provides business-critical soft skills training for all STEM Academy students, delivered by the Mid-Atlantic Employers Association (MEA), scholarship funding for students in financial need to cover fees associated with the International Baccalaureate diploma and HSA Book Scholarships awarded at the Senior Awards Ceremony.

Please email [Kathy Cattell](#) for more information about sponsorship for the 2023 Golf Outing.

## 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.



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Until 01/06/2023



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

**DASD Counselors** are inviting **ALL 9th-12<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families** to attend **College and Beyond Night on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at Downingtown EAST High School**. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about post-secondary planning from a variety of presenters including, DASD school counselors, College Admissions Representatives, Military Representatives, and other experts in the higher education field. We are excited to offer a new session about how to navigate Mental Health Supports during the transition to college with Holly O'Connell from A Path to Hope. Please use this link to sign up for the event: <https://forms.gle/ZFKWfpPzHeGJVkGd9>

## College & Beyond Night: What's your Game Plan?

All parents, guardians, and 9th-12th graders are welcome to join the conversation around post-secondary planning.



**Wednesday November 30th @ 6:30 PM**

Downingtown EAST High School

**6:30 PM: Keynote Address**

**7:10 & 7:50 PM Workshops: Choose two!**



**Get the Ball Rolling:**  
College Apps 101



**Be a Phanatic:**  
The College Essay



**Know Your Options:**  
ACT vs. SAT



**Team Huddle:**  
Mental Health & College Transition



**Knock out those Credits:**  
IB Program & College



**The Nitty Gritty:**  
Financial Aid 101



**Meet your Recruiters:**  
College Rep Mini-Fair



**Our Defensive Coordinators:**  
Military Reps from all branches



# Financial Aid Assistance Webinars – November 2022



## Presented by PHEAA: Covering the Gap: Pieces of the puzzle to help pay your education bill

Understanding education balances can be confusing and whether you're trying to address the costs or beginning to plan for higher education, this review is for you. Join PHEAA representatives Linda Pacewicz and Daniel Wray for a 1 hour webinar that will emphasize best practices (such as seeking grants and scholarships first), remind families about additional resources (such as payment plans), and review private/alternative loans as a last resort in the process of covering the Gap and keeping balances affordable. The discussion will also include the basics of credit, what factors impact a credit score, how can a credit score be improved and the effects on your borrowing capability.

### Event Dates

- **Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 PM (ET)
- **Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 12:00 PM (ET)

## Presented by PHEAA: Understanding the Offer Letter and Balances

The Offer Letter, or Financing Plans, that you receive to provide an idea of the costs associated with attending post secondary education can be confusing as each school formats their information differently. PHEAA, represented by Linda Pacewicz and Daniel Wray of PA Forward, will assist you, in this 1 hour webinar, in understanding and navigating through the types of Aid that are listed, what you are being offered and identifying the balances and next steps needed so you can make knowledgeable and affordable decisions. Q&A interaction is encouraged.

### Event Dates

- **Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 12:00 PM (ET)
- **Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 PM (ET)

**Register Today!**

**PA** **FORWARD**<sup>™</sup>  
Student Loans

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# Cracking the Test Week

Click on the events below to register

DECEMBER 4  
Sunday 8 PM EST

## SAT®, ACT®, or Both?

Should you take the SAT, ACT, or both? In this session, we will discuss the truths and misconceptions, similarities and differences, and the strategies that improve scores on both tests.

DECEMBER 5  
Monday 10 PM EST

## SAT Strategy Session

In this presentation, we give students some basic strategies which will help improve scores on their next practice or official exam. These are excellent follow-up programs to our SAT or ACT Practice Tests.

DECEMBER 6  
Tuesday 8 PM EST

## ACT Strategy Session

In this presentation, we give students some basic strategies which will help improve scores on their next practice or official exam. These are excellent follow-up programs to our SAT or ACT Practice Tests.

DECEMBER 7  
Wednesday 8 PM EST

## PSAT® Scores, Now What

In this informative session, we will discuss analyzing score reports, qualifying for National Merit®, and using PSAT® scores as a launching point for SAT and ACT Prep.

DECEMBER 8  
Thursday 8 PM EST

## AP® Strategy Session

AP students who have succeeded all year long in their classes still need to prepare for the actual exam. In this presentation, students will learn about the strategies for AP Exams that can earn scores that equate to college credit.



Scan the QR Code for more information on upcoming events.

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**STEM DECA**

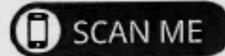
**SODA TAB FUNDRAISER  
START COLLECTING TODAY!**

**Collecting from 11/28-12/12  
outside StuCo/near vending  
machines & in the KnoCo**

**ALL soda tabs will  
be donated to the  
Ronald McDonald  
House Charities**



# Whippet Biscuits



The students in the Transition Program are baking, advertising and marketing Dog Biscuits as a class fundraiser again this year! These biscuits are made from scratch from all-natural ingredients and at just \$5 per pack, they make a great gift! We eagerly await your order!



Ingredients: Peanut Butter, Oatmeal, Flour

The Foundation for Free Enterprise Education proudly presents

# PFEW

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At PFEW, you'll:

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- Boost Your Resume and College Applications
- Explore Career Options
- Build Self-Esteem and Confidence
- Gain Exposure to College Life and Independence
- Network and Make Many New Friends
- Have Fun!

“This program is absolutely wonderful, and I think every hardworking, motivated high school student should experience everything PFEW has to offer.”

- Erica Peifer  
(Pope John Paul II HS)

## 2023 Dates

**Week 1 | July 2 - 7**

**Week 2 | July 9 - 14**

**Week 3 | July 23 - 28**

**Week 4 | July 30 - Aug. 4**



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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!

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## 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!