Principal Report: Kurt Barker

- Schoology expectations are being met by teachers and many teachers have gone beyond expectations. Teachers are incorporating Schoology into the daily flow of class and some teachers are posting additional resources on the site.
- January Schedule:
  - January 19 - 22: Mid Term Exams
  - January 25: TCHS closed
  - January 25: End of 2nd Marking Period
  - January 29 & 30: Stage West Performance - 7:00 pm – Auditorium
- West Side Beat is our Student run paper. The students do the layout, articles, and photography. Please check it out! [http://dwestsidebeat.com/](http://dwestsidebeat.com/)
- Keystone retesting just finished up.
- Theater Arts: Stage West is putting on a third production on 1/29/16 and 1/30/16. The production is: Crazy Town
- Course Selection night is 2/8/16. Come to West with questions about classes, how to sign up, and electives available.
  - Course Selection information: [http://www.dasd.org/Page/4915](http://www.dasd.org/Page/4915)
  - Window opens to sign up for courses
  - Department heads will be available for questions
  - Walk through the process of signing up for classes
  - H&S available for questions and selling Spirit Wear
  - Spirit Wear Link: [http://spsgraphics.com/DWSW](http://spsgraphics.com/DWSW)
- 2 neighboring school districts came to tour West to see how we run the library. Kudos to Mrs. Nass, our Librarian!
  - If you have never been to the library, stop in and check out:
    - Student created chalk work
- Student created art work
- Maker spaces
- Lego wall
- Little bits
- Where to borrow class books
- Where to hang out with friends
- Oh, yes, and reading books, reference books, poetry books, fiction books, non-fiction books, and so much more!
  - There are over 90 students in the Library Club!
- March 1, 2016: Scholarship applications become available
- Check out our West Athletics page to see athletes highlighted and all their accomplishments: [http://www.downingtowntwestathletics.org/](http://www.downingtowntwestathletics.org/)

**Home and School Overview:** [http://www.dasd.org/domain/3012](http://www.dasd.org/domain/3012)

**Fundraisers:**

- Two times per year, run an SAT Bootcamp to help students prepare for the SAT’s. Camp usually runs the weekend before the scheduled SAT’s.
  - Next Bootcamp runs Feb. 27th and 28th
    - Spring: FlowerPower fundraiser
    - Spirit Wear runs all year
- What does H&S do with the money it raises?
  - Awards 2-4 book scholarships
  - Welcome Breakfast for Teachers
  - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
  - Helping Hands fund
- Joint H&S news:
  - Last meeting was focused on Elementary level
- School Board updates: [http://www.dasd.org/domain/1738](http://www.dasd.org/domain/1738)
  - Safe Homes: [http://www.dasd.org/domain/2974](http://www.dasd.org/domain/2974)
  - Focus on results of PAYS Survey that looks at Drug and Alcohol usage and prevention
  - Seminar on Marijuana use coming in April
• Contest: Theme: No Drinking and Driving
• West students went to Lionville Beverage and put stickers on cases of beer focusing on information for parents who host underage drinking parties

Welcome to our 8th Grade parents!

• West H&S hosted a Parent to Parent night where 8th grade parents could ask high school parents and current high schoolers questions about West.
• Some of the topics covered were:
  o Music Program
  o Arts Programs
  o Various levels of academic study
  o Blended courses/Ivy Academy
  o Time management
  o Lunchroom
  o How to balance sports and school
  o New math course flow: Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Math Analysis, Calculus
  o Many other topics!

Special Thanks to the students and teacher who sat on the panel and answered questions:

  o Ed Otto, Band Director
  o Lauryn Edmondson
  o Tara Eng
  o Andy Gonzaga
  o Jimmy Meals
  o Shane Walker

Come join us for our next H&S Meeting on March 10th, 2016 in the Library at 7 pm.