

**September 6, 2019**



**Downingtown East Weekly Updates from the Principal...**

Thank you for your patience with the Infinite Campus roll-out. It wasn't as smooth as we had hoped, but we are working through the kinks and we believe that once we have it all up and running, you will be happy with the new program.

One of Infinite Campus's biggest benefits is that it is mobile-friendly. Currently, you can access Infinite Campus by going to the parent portal on our site, but soon you will be able to use an app to receive information about your child.

To that point, last year we received feedback that the emailed biweekly grade reports were causing undue pressure and stress in our students. For that reason, and due to Infinite Campus' ease of access, we will no longer be sending the biweekly grade reports via email.

Please remember you can access your child's student records and grades at any time at [www.dasd.org/parentportal](http://www.dasd.org/parentportal).

**Letters of Recommendation for Seniors Applying to College:**

Acquiring letters of recommendation is more than just a task to check-off on the college application process checklist- it's a necessity that students have to pay close attention to. A compelling recommendation from [a teacher who knows them well](#) provides colleges with an assessment of them as a student and person that goes beyond transcripts and test scores.

Teachers can describe scholastic ability in a way that's more detailed than what grades provide, and they can also speak to other qualities like personal integrity and a passion for the course of study, which are prized by colleges. To help ensure that the recommendation is genuine, colleges generally prefer that parents and students waive their FERPA rights. Waiving your right lets colleges know that you do not intend to view your recommendations, which helps reassure them that the letters are candid and truthful.

Students were encouraged in their junior year to ask for recommendations, so now is the time for your senior to follow up with those teachers. They will be asked to designate the primary and secondary recommender, but it is best to find out the requirements of their specific colleges of choice. Colleges ask for all different numbers of recommendation letters. Each college sets its own policy and could require anywhere from zero to multiple letters, so it's always a good idea to double check each school on your list to make sure you understand exactly what it wants.

Students must remember to add these teachers into Naviance by going to "Colleges I'm Applying To", selecting "Letters of Recommendation", and clicking on "Add Requests". All letters will be bundled with transcripts and counselor forms and sent at the same time through Naviance upon the student's request. To allow teachers the time to write quality letters, a student must request the recommendation at least 2 weeks prior to any deadlines. Be aware that there are a handful of schools with Early Action dates as soon as October 15, and most requires all materials be submitted by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Upcoming Activities:**

**9/10** – Lifetouch Pictures for all students and staff – Please bring picture envelopes that were given out in homeroom!

**9/11** – 2 hr. early dismissal for students at 12:40 pm. Professional Development for faculty.

**9/14** – "R" word football game at 7pm.

**9/19** – **Back-to-School** night for parents from 6:30 to 8:30. See schedule template and letter at the end of this Newsletter.

**9/30 – 10/4 - Spirit Week!**

**10/3** – Picnic and bonfire after school.

**10/4** – Pep Rally.

**10/4** – East vs. West football game at 7pm.

**10/8** – 2 hr. early dismissal for students at 12:40 pm. Professional Development for faculty.

**10/8** – Academic Team competition in auditorium from 8:30 am to 11am.

**10/9** – No school for students. Professional Development for faculty.

- 10/11 – Homecoming Football game vs. Henderson at 7pm
- 10/12 – Homecoming Dance
- 10/15 – Swim Team parents meeting in café from 7pm to 9pm.

### **General Announcements:**

1. **Juniors and Seniors**...College admission representatives will start visits to your Career Center the **week of September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Sign up on Naviance under the College tab to meet the rep, and you **MUST** have teacher permission to attend these information sessions. Check out the list and see Mrs. Wick with any questions!
2. The **Henrietta Hankin Library** needs volunteers to assist with STEM programs for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders on the **first three Thursdays in October, November and December** from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Contact Susan Walraed if you are interested at [swalraed@ccls.org](mailto:swalraed@ccls.org).
3. **GIRLS WHO CODE** will meet at the Henrietta Hankin Library in Chester Spring **Tuesday nights from September 10 to November 12**. Class size is limited and online registration is required at: [www.chescolibraries.org/events](http://www.chescolibraries.org/events), click on "Henrietta Hankin Branch Programs".

### **Senior Announcements:**

1. Lifetouch/Prestige Portraits will be here on Fridays September 20 and 27, 2019 for the **final** Senior Portrait picture-taking sessions. If you did not have your portrait taken during the May, June, or July sessions, you should have received an envelope mailing with an appointment date/time for the September sessions.  
Before you report for your scheduled session time, please make sure you log on to the website listed on the appointment card to confirm your portrait appointment and to choose a session type; there are three session types from which to choose. You will use the unique code listed on the appointment card to confirm the appointment, so please be attentive to that information listed on the right hand side of the appointment card.  
If you did not received an envelope mailing from Lifetouch/Prestige Portraits, please contact Mrs. Kirkner in the Main Office by calling 610-363-6400 x5500. Thank you!

### **Graduation Projects:**

1. The **Downingtown Young Whippets** need a PA announcer for home football games! Games run from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays through mid-November. This would also make a great grad project! Contact Chris Shoemaker at [coachshoe23@gmail.com](mailto:coachshoe23@gmail.com) or 610-636-5106 if you can assist these young players by calling the games!
2. **Need a Grad Project?** If you love animals consider volunteering at **Spay and Save**, an animal rescue in Chester County that needs help with cage maintenance, website help, fostering cats or dogs, adoption events. And more. Check out [www.spayandsave.org](http://www.spayandsave.org) and/or contact them at [thankyou@spayandsave.org](mailto:thankyou@spayandsave.org).
3. **Need a Grad Project???** **The Well in Downingtown** hosts an after-school program for elementary-aged kids from 4-6 p.m. Tutors are needed to assist with homework, and then provide extra math and reading help with materials provided. No prep is necessary! Tutors will be needed starting late September, from 4-5 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you are interested please contact Amy Straub at [amypstraub1@gmail.com](mailto:amypstraub1@gmail.com).

### **Career Research Opportunities:**

1. **KYW Newsradio** will once again host the KYW Newstudies Program for students interested in learning more about news reporting, writing, editing and ethics at a major market radio station. Classes will take place on Saturdays -- October 12, 19, 26, November 9, and November 16 -- at the KYW Newsradio studio. This opportunity is open to Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, students must commit to all dates and provide their own transportation. Interested students who would like to be nominated should see Mrs. Wick in the Career Center or email her at [cwick@dasd.org](mailto:cwick@dasd.org) ASAP due to the limited number of spaces available.
2. Thinking about a career in Accounting? Check out **Accounting Career Days** offered at various colleges this fall sponsored by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Meet CPA's who will share their experience in

Accounting, Forensic Accounting, the FBI & IRS, Tax and Financial Planning, IT and Consulting. This is a **free** event and times and locations can be found at [www.picpa.org/careerday](http://www.picpa.org/careerday).

### **Employment Opportunities:**

- 1. The Medicine Shoppe** pharmacy in Guthriesville needs part-time help Monday-Friday from 4-7 p.m. and weekend shifts are Saturdays 9-3 and Sundays 10-2. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in pharmacy or healthcare—must be 16! If you are interested stop by for an application or call 610-269-7368 and ask for Diana.
- 2. Colonial Woods Personal Care Home** in Glenmoore needs a part-time cook available 4-8 p.m. during the week or weekends. Prior food handling experience preferred but will train! Salary is \$11-11.25 per hour. Contact Michael Corkran at [michaelcorkran1@gmail.com](mailto:michaelcorkran1@gmail.com). For more information on Colonial Woods visit [www.colonialwoodspersonalcare.com](http://www.colonialwoodspersonalcare.com).
- 3.** Are you artistic, detail-oriented and love teaching others?? **Board and Brush Creative Studio in Downingtown** is hiring assistants to help customers with their wood projects. **MUST be 16** to apply and available evenings and weekends. Email [downingtowntown@boardandbrush.com](mailto:downingtowntown@boardandbrush.com), include your resume or background, availability and feel free to include a fun random fact about yourself!
- 4. Bright Light Early Learning Center** in Chester Springs, a pre-school and day care, is looking for teacher assistants after school from 3-6 p.m. a few days a week. You must be 18! Please contact Miss Dawn at 610-458-5428 or [dawn@brightlightelc.com](mailto:dawn@brightlightelc.com).
- 5. Kumon Center of Exton**, an after-school math and reading enrichment program, is hiring math and reading assistants, graders and data entry help on Mondays and Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. Please email your resume to [exton\\_pa@ikumon.com](mailto:exton_pa@ikumon.com).
- 6.** The **Lionville YMCA** is hiring lifeguards, swim instructors, sports instructors and child care providers for evenings and weekends...age 15 & up. Earn a paycheck and get a free membership! Apply online at: [www.ymcagbw.org/careers](http://www.ymcagbw.org/careers).
- 7. Bora Stitch**, an embroidery and sewing production shop in West Chester, needs part-time help counting and checking garments, and boxing them for shipping. Students will possibly be trained to run embroidery/sewing machines. You must be 16 to apply with reliable transportation, and the hours will be 10-25 per week. Contact Nick Kripp at [Nick@borastitch.com](mailto:Nick@borastitch.com), or Ryan Martin at [Ryan@BoraStitch.com](mailto:Ryan@BoraStitch.com).
- 8. UPS** is hiring package handlers in their West Chester facility. Two shifts are available: 4-9 a.m. or 6-10 p.m. \$14 / hour, up to \$5,250 per year in tuition reimbursement, full medical benefits after 9 months, retirement benefits and opportunities for promotion. Apply online at: [upsjobs.com](http://upsjobs.com) or text UPSJOBS to 33588.
- 9. Uno's Pizzeria & Grill** in Exton is hiring servers and hosts. Students must have weekend availability. Servers must be 18 and Hosts must be 16. NO experience necessary and schedules are flexible. Apply in person, and immediate interviews available 2-4 p.m. daily at 8 N. Pottstown Pike, Exton, PA 19341.
- 10.** The **Downingtown Bowling Palace** is accepting applications for Party Host and Hostess positions. Hours are flexible, fun atmosphere and a chance to learn customer service skills. Must be 16 years or older to apply. **Apply in person at 977 E. Lancaster Avenue in Downingtown.**
- 11. WIZE Computing Academy** is looking for a part-time computing and technology teaching assistant to help the lead teacher with children ages 4-12 and their projects designed to extend STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) learning. Contact: Dipika Sarkar at [dipika.sarkar@wizeacademy.com](mailto:dipika.sarkar@wizeacademy.com) or 484.238.5543.
- 12. Home Sense In Exton** is hiring 10-15 part time associates with average hours 16-29 per week. Interviews onsite welcome. Or contact Danielle Buchter, District Manager, at [Danielle\\_Buchter@TJX.com](mailto:Danielle_Buchter@TJX.com).
- 13. Calling all Entrepreneurs!** The **Young Entrepreneurs Academy** will host an Information Session on September 12, 2019, at the Ludington Library in Bryn Mawr at 7 p.m. YEA assists students in grades 6-12 with the knowledge and skills they need to start and run their own business. No business experience needed—just creativity, enthusiasm, dedication and effort! Classes meet Wednesday evenings at Cabrini University. For more information visit [www.yeaphiladelphia.org](http://www.yeaphiladelphia.org) or contact Ellen Fisher at [efisher@yeaphiladelphia.org](mailto:efisher@yeaphiladelphia.org).

**Club Activities:**

**1. The Downingtown Composite Mountain Bike Team** has been hard at work practicing throughout the heat of summer to prepare for our 4th season. Our team, which is comprised of 50 students in grades 6-12 from both sides of the district, is one of 40+ teams in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Cycling League (PICL) that will be competing in 5 races this Fall.

The first race is **this weekend** in Gettysburg! They will have 39 riders participating. Below is the schedule for Fall:

Sept. 7 & 8 - Season Opener- Gettysburg, Granite Hill Campground

Sept. 21 & 22- Johnstown

Sept. 28 & 29- Boyce Park, Pittsburg

Oct. 5 & 6- Fair Hill, Maryland

Oct. 19 & 20- Finals at Allentown

**Athletics – Home Varsity Competitions – Go Cougars!**

**9/7** – Girls’ Soccer vs. OJR at 10am

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**9/9** – Girls’ Soccer vs. Great Valley at 5:30 pm

**9/10** – Boys’ Golf vs. Coatesville at 3pm

**9/10** – Volleyball vs. Great Valley at 3:30 pm

**9/10** – Field Hockey vs. Great Valley at 3:45 pm

**9/10** – Cross Country vs. West Chester East at 4pm

**9/11** – Girls’ Golf vs. West at 3pm

**9/12** – Boys’ Golf vs. Shanahan at 3pm

**9/12** – Boys’ Soccer vs. Kennett at 3:45pm

**9/14** – Volleyball Cougar Classic at 9am

**9/14** – Football vs. West Chester East at 7pm



# Downingtown High School East Campus

Home of the Cougars

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August 2019

Dear Parents:

We would like to welcome you to Parents' Back-to-School night on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm at Downingtown High School East Campus.

During the evening you will follow a modified program of your student's "**Day A**" schedule. With the help of your child, please complete the enclosed mini-schedule and please **bring it** with you on September 19<sup>th</sup>. During each ten minute class period, teachers will explain their curriculum and expectations.

Parking will be available at the high school and at Lionville Elementary School next door. I would also like to encourage you to car pool when possible to prevent congestion in the campus parking lot.

The following additional information may be helpful to you throughout the remainder of the school year:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held all day on **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** from **8am until 11:00am, 12:30pm until 3:30pm** and again this same evening from **6:30 pm until 8:30 pm**. Additional information will be sent to you.
- Should we experience delayed openings or school closings due to inclement weather, phone messages will be sent from Dr. Lonardi and announcements will be made over the following television stations:

Television Channels: KYW-3, ABC-6, & CBS-10

Sincerely,

Paul E. Hurley III  
Principal

**Paul E. Hurley III**  
Principal

**Eric McComsey**  
Assistant Principal

**Karen Welch**  
Assistant Principal

**Jill Whalen**  
Assistant Principal

**Corey Sigle**  
Athletic Director

**DOWNTOWN HIGH SCHOOL EAST CAMPUS**  
**PARENTS' BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**  
**Thursday, September 19, 2019**  
**Mini Schedule --- Please use Day "A" schedule**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE : \_\_\_\_\_

### EVENING SCHEDULE

TIME	PERIOD	ROOM #	TEACHER
6:30 TO 6:45	1st		
6:50 TO 7:00	2nd		
7:05 TO 7:15	3rd		
7:20 TO 7:30	4th		
7:35 TO 7:45	5th		
7:50 TO 8:00	6th		
8:05 TO 8:15	7th		
8:20 TO 8:30	8th		

**Please bring this completed schedule with you on the 19<sup>th</sup>!**

*If you have study halls listed on your schedule, please join us in our student commons area for refreshments. Tables will be set up in the cafeteria to procure information pertaining to Chester County Technical college High School and the C.C.I.U Driver's Education program. We thank the National Honor Society for helping to serve the refreshments and for supplying guides for the evening.*