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Downingtown East Weekly Updates from the Principal...

Considerations for Making Your College List:

If you are convinced that you need to somehow find the single perfect college for you from the more than 4,700 colleges and universities in the US, you can relax, because here's the truth: There is almost certainly more than one "right" college where you will be happy and successful. Finding the right college for you takes a little introspection and effort on your part. Some things to consider while you create your list of potential schools:

1. Curriculum - Look for the schools that offer the right courses and facilities offered for the kinds of studies you want to undertake. If you're not sure yet, look for a school with a broad-based liberal-arts program. If you want science, make sure they have up-to-date labs, computers and other facilities.

2. Location - Is there a certain geographic location of the US that you would prefer to live in, or one which you know you want to avoid altogether? Do you want to live close to home? Should the campus have a rural or urban feel?

3. Size - If you think you might be overwhelmed at a large university, look for a school with a smaller number of students. But remember, even at a larger school, after your first couple of years, classroom size gets smaller and you get to know the students in your major area of study.

4. Sports and Activities - A rich social life is an important part of college. Find out if the school you're interested in has clubs or other organizations you can participate in.

5. Cost - Find out what the tuition, fees, room and board charges will be at your choices. Financial aid may be more available than you think, so get in touch with the financial aid office at your choices and inquire how they can help you.

6. Academic Standards - Find out what the average GPA and test scores are for the accepted students at the college of your choice. If your scores aren't quite high enough, you might have to emphasize other attributes to the admissions officers.

7. Visit the Campus - Make visits to a number of schools. Try to get a feel for the college's personality and how it meshes with who you are and what you want. Many schools offer open houses and campus visits on weekends where you can talk to current students or alumni. You can also take "virtual tours" at many college Web sites.

Narrowing down a college list is not an easy task, but if you break it down by considering which characteristics matter most to you, you will be able to refine your options and create a personalized college list that reflects your interests, priorities, and strengths.

Upcoming Activities:

9/30 – 10/4 - Spirit Week!

10/3 – Picnic and Powder Puff game 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.

10/17, 18, 19 – Fall Play Performance: **"Almost Maine"** – 7pm to 9:30 pm

- 10/31 – Lifetouch Senior Picture re-take on Auditorium Stage.
- 11/5 - No school for students – Professional Development for faculty.
- 11/25 – Early Dismissal for students at 12:40pm – Professional Development for faculty.
- 11/26 – No school for students! Parent-Teacher Conferences from 8am to 11:30 pm, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm and again from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
- 11/27 – No school for students – Work collaboration day for faculty.
- 11/28 & 11/29 – **Holiday recess. Schools and offices are closed!**

General Announcements:

1. **Are you interested in the medical fields?** Do you want to be a doctor or nurse? There will be an introductory meeting next **Tuesday, September 24, in room 240** for HOSA Future Health Professionals. Please make sure to attend as this meeting will cover important information and all of the new rules for the 2019-2020 competition. make sure to invite your friends or anyone else interested (the more the better!). Again this meeting will be Tuesday, September 24, in room 240... see you then!
If you have any questions contact president Simran Rajpal: 20srajpal@student.dasd.org, vice president Pratham Patel: 20ppatel@student.dasd.org, secretary Vedha Reddy: 20vreddy@student.dasd.org or treasurer Cristina Micale: 20cmicale@student.dasd.org
2. The **Henrietta Hankin Library** needs volunteers to assist with STEM programs for K-5th 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.
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, 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 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 and/or contact them at 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.

Career Opportunities/Internships:

- 1.** If you have an interest in broadcast journalism consider the **KYW Newstudies Internship** that runs five Saturdays in October and November! Write a story about your school and/or community! Great opportunity to explore this potential major! See Mrs. Wick ASAP if you are interested. Spaces are limited.
- 2.** If you have ever thought about being an entrepreneur check out the **Junior Achievement Company Program!** This program guides students through building their own company with the help of business professionals. Host companies include Pfizer, SAP, IKEA, Ernst & Young and more—applications are due **Friday, October 11, 2019**, and can be found at www.ja.org.
- 3. 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 ASAP due to the limited number of spaces available.
- 4.** 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.

Employment Opportunities:

- 1.** Tired of working fast food and cashiering? **Creative Restaurant Solutions** in Exton is looking for **OFFICE assistance** 6 hours per week with flexible days and hours! Must be proficient in Word & Excel, and a quick learner with excellent communication skills. **Great resume builder!** Contact Jeff Cilea at jcilea@consultcrs.com or 610-594-2065.
- 2. Great opportunity for music tech students! Central Presbyterian Church** in Downingtown needs a **Sound Board Technician** to assist the Praise Band on Wednesday evenings (6-8 p.m.) and Sunday mornings (8:30-11 a.m.) twice a month. Dates are flexible! The pay is \$10-\$12 per hour. Contact Jan Drury at 610-283-8273 if you are interested!
- 3.** Love Animals? **PetValu** in Lionville is hiring customer service representatives! **MUST** be 18 to apply. Stop in to inquire about joining the team or call 610-524-1253.
- 4. Tel Hai Retirement Home** is hiring part-time servers in the evenings offering flexible schedules, free swimming pool and fitness center memberships, free meals and drinks, grant and scholarship opportunities and more! Minimum age is 16 and interested students may walk in any Wednesday in September from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for on-the-spot interviews. Questions? Email Luann Thomas at lthomas@telhai.org or call 610-273-4611.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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. For more information on Colonial Woods visit www.colonialwoodspersonalcare.com.
- 7.** 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, include your resume or background, availability and feel free to include a fun random fact about yourself!
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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, or Ryan Martin at Ryan@BoraStitch.com.

12. 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 or text UPSJOBS to 33588.

13. 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.

14. 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.**

15. 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 or 484.238.5543.

16. 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.

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 4 more races this

Fall: Sept. 21 & 22- Johnstown

Sept. 28 & 29- Boyce Park, Pittsburg

Oct. 5 & 6- Fair Hill, Maryland

Oct. 19 & 20- Finals at Allentown

2. Boys' Ice Hockey Varsity team will start off their season in a charity tournament this Sunday, **September 22nd** at 5pm at IceLine.

Athletics – Home Varsity Competitions – Go Cougars!

9/24 – Boys' Golf vs. Avon Grove at 3pm

9/24 – Boys' Soccer vs. Rustin at 3:45pm

9/25 – Girls' Tennis vs. Unionville at 3:30 pm

9/25 – Cross Country vs. Coatesville at 4pm (Senior Day)

9/26 – Boys' Golf vs. Henderson at 3pm

9/26 – Volleyball vs. West at 3:30 pm

9/26 – Field Hockey vs. West at 5:30 pm

9/26 – Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. West at 7pm

9/28 – Field Hockey vs. Mt.St. Joe at 10am

9/28 – Girls' Soccer vs. Spring Ford at 10am

9/28 – Volley Ball vs. Pope John Paul at 10am