

October 4, 2019



Downingtown East Weekly Updates from the Principal...

The Importance of the PSAT...

Wednesday, October 16th, all 10th and 11th grade students will take the PSAT during the school day. While this is happening, 9th grade student will receive instructions on a variety of pertinent topics ranging from technology to emotional health. 12th graders will be able to access Counselors and English teachers in the cafeteria who can assist them in the college application process. This is a great time for seniors to get answers to questions regarding the college search, essays testing, recommendations, and Naviance. Please encourage your son or daughter to take advantage of these very important opportunities for each grade level.

The PSAT/NMSQT is practice for the SAT, one of the predictors that colleges use to evaluate college readiness. It measures critical thinking skills that are important for success in college, including critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing skills. The PSAT provides experience for a national standardized timed test, but the scores are not held against the students. For National Merit consideration, only 11th grader scores are used, but sophomores are encouraged to take the PSAT for testing experience and to get a start on college admission testing.

In January, students' PSAT/NMSQT Score Report and test book will be returned to them. Their score report will include their critical reading, math, and writing skills scores. It will show the correct answers, their answers, difficulty level of each question, math content involved, and skills that need strengthening. Students will then be given access to free, personalized practice recommendations through the Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy (<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>), as the creators of the SAT have given them exclusive access and advice to build a personalized practice program for any student who wants to take advantage of SAT prep at no cost.

Since the PSAT is only practice for the SAT, students should not overly stress about preparation, but they can read about the test and try practice questions if they would like. Students will all receive the "Official Student Guide to the PSAT" in their English classes next week and have access to practice questions and information pertaining to the PSAT on <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/inside-the-test>

***See Flyer at end of newsletter for important football ticket info for East/West game!**

Upcoming Activities:

- 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.
- 10/10** - Post Prom Kick-off meeting - in the Library beginning at 7:15 pm
- 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 Student 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 11:00 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. Delaware County Community College will host a **FAFSA Completion Night** on **Thursday, October 17th, at 6 p.m.** at their main campus in Media. Register to attend at www.dccc.edu/fafsa-completion or call 610-723-4000.
2. The Chester County Intermediate Unit will host their annual **College Fair** on **Monday, October 21st, 2019, 6-8 p.m.** at the Exton Square Mall. More than 230 colleges, universities and technical schools will be participating. This event is free to parents and students. For more information visit: www.cciu.org/collegefair.
3. 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.
4. The Joint Home & School Associations of East/West and STEM will host a **SAT Practice Test** on **Saturday, November 16, 2019, at 9 a.m.** in the West Library. A donation of \$10 will be collected at registration to benefit the Home & Schools. Registration is limited to 25 students from each school on a first-come, first-in basis. Register at www.revolutionprep.com/partners/84654.

Senior Announcements:

1. **Attention All 18 year-old males:** Please remember to sign up for the U.S. Selective Service System: it takes 45 seconds to register online at SSS.gov and it is the law! Online and print material is available at <https://www.sss.gov/Resources/Resources>

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 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.
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.

Employment Opportunities:

1. **Wegmans** is hiring for the Downingtown store! Part-time positions include cashier, Helping Hands, restaurant and merchandising areas of the store. Wegmans offers flexible scheduling, internships and scholarships! Join the team by

visiting www.wegmans.com/careers. An Open Interview Day will be held on Monday, October 7 from 10 am-7 pm – check out the website for more details.

2. Shreiner Tree Care needs a part-time data entry assistant. No experience needed, training will be provided, but strong Microsoft Office/Excel skills are important! Hours are 10-5 per week and flexible, pay is \$10-12 per hour. See the flyer in the Career Center for more details. Resumes should be forwarded to kkeyser@shreineretreecare.com or call Kim at 610-265-6004. Build your resume!

3. 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.

4. 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!

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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!

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. The **Downingtowntown 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.**

16. 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.

17. 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: Oct. 5 & 6- Fair Hill, Maryland

Oct. 19 & 20- Finals at Allentown

Athletics – Home Varsity Competitions – Go Cougars!

10/4 – Football vs. West at 7pm

10/5 – Boys’ Soccer vs. Archbishop Wood at 11am

10/8 – Boys’ Soccer vs. Coatesville at 5:30 pm (Senior Night)

10/10 – Field Hockey vs. Shanahan at 5:30 pm

10/10 – Girls’ Soccer vs. Shanahan at 5:30 pm (Senior Night)

10/10 – Volleyball vs. Shanahan at 5:30 pm

DE Home & School News!

1. The Home and School Association is bringing back the **SPRING CRAFT SHOW** after a 2-year hiatus! If interested in volunteering for this event, please email Paula Comber at: pecomber@verizon.net today! A kick-off meeting will be scheduled shortly. Historically, this has been the only fundraiser for Home and School. Stay tuned and like our Facebook Page for more information: Downingtown East Home and School.



**Downingtown Area School District
Department of Athletics**

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FOOTBALL GAME DETAILS

Downingtown East vs Downingtown West

Game information

Date: Friday October 4, 2019

Home Team: Downingtown East

Away Team: Downingtown West

Time: 7:00 PM Kick Off

Gates Open: 6:00 PM

Ticket Information

All tickets are \$5.00

High School Students Only

Ticket Sales

Tickets will be on sale for **students only** **Tuesday October 1** at the following locations (*limit 1 ticket per student*):

1. Downingtown West: Cafeteria during all 4 lunches- **Tuesday Only**
2. Downingtown East: Athletic office during all 4 lunches- **Tuesday Only**
3. Stem Academy Students Only: Main office during all lunches
 - a. **Tuesday- limit 1 ticket**
 - b. **Wednesday- limit 6 tickets**
 - c. **Thursday- limit 6 tickets**

Student Entrance for game night

1. **WEST Students:** please enter the stadium at the DiSerafino entrance across from the Stem building
2. **EAST Students:** please use the student entrance located at the main ticket booth

General Admission Ticketing Information

Tickets will be on sale at both Downingtown East and Downingtown West in the main office lobby.

Ticket sales are limited to **6 tickets per person**.

Wednesday October 2: 9:00 am- 2:00 pm

Thursday October 3: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday October 4: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**students in grades K-8 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult*

As a reminder, the following are prohibited in the stadium complex: book bags, oversized hand bags, open containers, balls, signs, body paint, artificial noise makers and pets of any kind. Shirts must be worn at all times.

Corey J. Sigle
Director of Athletics

The Class of 2020 Aerial print is on sale in room 244 for \$5.

