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Downingtown East Weekly Updates from the Principal...

It's Time to Apply for Financial Aid:

To apply for most financial aid, including federal and state student grants, work-study, and loans, you'll need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Although this financial aid form may seem complex, there are many free resources to help you. And completing the form is easier than it used to be, thanks to the new IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

Important Information:

1. Request information about financial aid and scholarships from the financial aid offices at the colleges to which you are applying. Be sure to know the deadlines!
2. Collect student and parent social security numbers, driver's license numbers, federal tax returns, investments including stocks and bonds, and bank account balances in preparation for completing financial aid forms. You must have current income tax information to complete the FAFSA.
3. You can complete, submit and track your FAFSA application online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. This is the easiest way to apply for federal aid, and you should try to do so as early as possible after October 1st. You will be prompted to create a FAFSA ID comprised of your log-on and password for the FAFSA. The online program even checks your data before it is transmitted to the processing center, so there's less chance of making an error.
4. Many private colleges require you to fill out the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile in addition to the FAFSA. Consult the following site to see if this is required by any of your potential schools:
<http://profileonline.collegeboard.com>
5. Check with the admissions office, the financial aid office, and the office for your desired program of study to see if there are any additional scholarships that you may apply for. In addition, don't forget the National Scholarship Search available in Naviance under the 'Colleges' tab.
6. Local scholarship applications for seniors will be available in March. More information will be mailed home in late February. Don't forget to take advantage of these generous opportunities provided by local families, businesses, and organizations!

Most students receive some form of financial aid to help them pay for college. Learn about financial aid and how it can work for you by going to <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>

Upcoming Activities:

10/28 – Post Prom Kick-off Meeting in Library from 7pm to 8:30 pm.

10/31 – Lifetouch Student Picture re-take on Auditorium Stage.

11/5 - No school for students – Professional Development for faculty.

11/18 – Home & School Meeting in Room 319 from 7pm to 8:30 pm.

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.. 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.

2. 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>
- 2.** We still have **numerous seniors** who have not verified the accuracy of their name for their diplomas! Please stop by the main office and check in with Mrs. Gibson as soon as possible. We need to order diplomas very soon! Thank you.

Graduation Projects:

- 1. 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.

Career Opportunities/Internships:

- 1.** 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. 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!
- 2.** 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.
- 3. 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!
- 4.** 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.
- 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 downingtown@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.

Athletics – Varsity Competitions – Go Cougars!

10/25 – Football vs. Coatesville (Senior Night) at 7pm

10/29 – Volleyball District Semi-Finals - TBD

10/29 – Boys' Soccer Semi-Finals - TBD

10/29 – Girls' Soccer Semi-Finals - TBD

10/31 – Volleyball District Finals - TBD

11/1 – Football District Playoffs at 7pm

11/2 – Girls' Soccer District Finals at Upper Merion at 3pm

11/2 – Field Hockey District Finals – TBD

11/2 – Boys' Soccer District Finals - TBD

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.

This Class of 2020 Aerial print is on sale in room 244 for \$5:



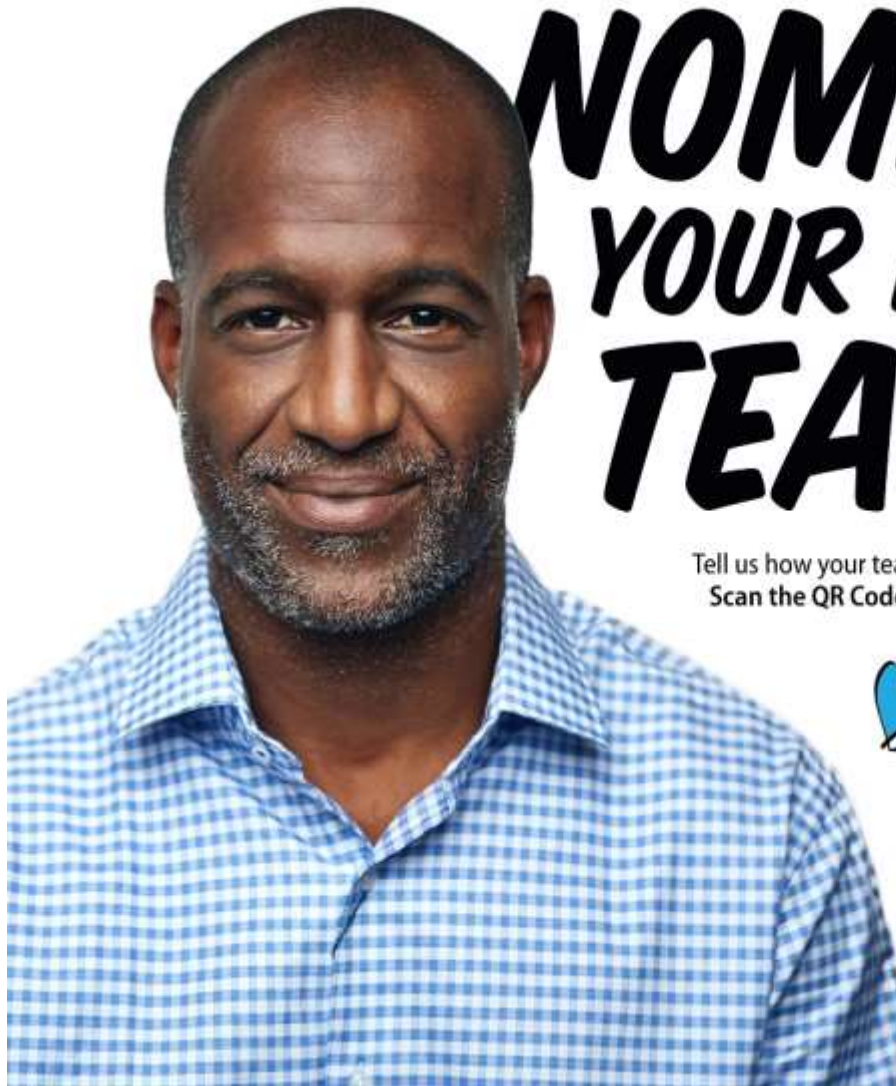
Nominate your favorite teacher: Citadel's Heart of Learning Award!

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The Citadel Heart of Learning Award has recognized over 270 teachers and awarded over \$216,000. We hope you will encourage students, parents, faculty, and administrators to nominate a deserving teacher for this year's program!

All nominations are accepted here: <https://www.citadelbanking.com/giving-back/citadel-heart-of-learning/citadel-heart-of-learning-nomination-form>



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Tell us how your teacher makes a difference.
Scan the QR Code to nominate a teacher.



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