

**December 13, 2019**



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

**Annual Alumni Panel and Finding Your College Fit:**

The overall college experience may play as big a role in a person's future success as their degree. A good college "fit" is when a college meets a student's needs and wants academically, socially, and financially. When deciding on a school, a student should consider:

**Majors.** If considering several majors and unsure what to choose, it is best to consider a college that offers a larger variety of majors. Also, if a student is undecided, look for a college that offers an Undeclared or Exploratory major.

**Class size.** Some students enjoy large lecture halls, while others need a small classroom with regular discussion. Whatever style is best for the student is what they should be looking for in a college.

**Academic resources.** If students know they will need extra tutoring or advising, they should be looking for colleges that can offer options like a writing lab, note taking services, and an Academic Success Center.

**Activities.** Getting involved offers students the chance to build skills with the potential for personal development, giving them the opportunity to try something new, have more experiences to put on a resume, and have a great time doing so.

**Affordability.** When starting to build their college list, parents and students should talk about what the family can realistically afford to help pay for the cost of college and look into the financial aid options available at each college.

**Your Personal Impression.** A visit to the college campuses that are on a student's short list could be the deciding factor for where they choose to attend. Even if they've visited the campus before, another afternoon when classes are in session may help a prospective student get a real feel for the vibe of a campus and the flow of students. Additionally, exploring the city or town surrounding the campus will give them the opportunity to see if this is a place they can really put down roots.

**Do Your Research.** Reading testimonials online, explore the colleges' websites, and follow colleges' complete social media networks may also provide some valuable insight to help in the final decision.

**On December 19th, we will be holding our annual College Alumni Panel,** where we welcome back several graduates during 8<sup>th</sup> period in our library. These young adults, who were DEHS juniors and seniors not long ago, will share their stories of how they chose their college and what they've experienced while there. The panel discussion will focus on how they determined the "fit" of their school, what resources have been helpful on campus, and what kinds of activities they have been involved with. Please join us in encouraging your upperclassman to sign up in Naviance under the Colleges tab, Research Colleges, College Visits, Alumni Panel, and attend this very special event.

**Upcoming Activities:**

**12/13 – Winter Chorus Concert** at 7pm in Auditorium.

**12/17 – Winter Orchestra Concert** at 7pm in Auditorium.

**12/23** – Schools closed for winter holiday – school reopens Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**1/8 – Winter Band Concert** at 7pm in Auditorium.

**General Announcements:**

**1. Revolution Prep** is offering live webinars for the PSAT! There is no cost to register for these informational sessions on how students can start investing time and effort today to increase scores and confidence for future exams such as the ACT and SAT. They will also cover how tests such as the PSAT fit into the larger college admission picture so that students can best balance the competing interests of grades, testing, and extracurricular activities. Choose from one of the following dates: December 12<sup>th</sup>, December 18<sup>th</sup>, or January 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Hope Goldberger at

267.776.4098 or [hope.goldberger@revolutionprep.com](mailto:hope.goldberger@revolutionprep.com). Register for an upcoming webinar at [www.revolutionprep.com/webinars](http://www.revolutionprep.com/webinars).

**2.** On **December 17<sup>th</sup>** we will host a **Doctor of Pharmacy** student from the University of Pittsburgh, Nikitha Yagnala, during all four lunches. If you are interested in learning more about this major, stop by the Library during your lunch period. Sign up in the Counseling Department or email Mrs. Wick at [cwick@dasd.org](mailto:cwick@dasd.org) so we have a head count.

**3. JUNIORS and SENIORS...**On **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**, meet some of our awesome D-town East grads who will return to campus 8<sup>th</sup> period to share their college experience, majors, and offer advice to you! Sign up on Naviance or email Mrs. Wick in the Career Center if you would like to meet the College Alumni Panel – [cwick@dasd.org](mailto:cwick@dasd.org).

**4.** The **Henrietta Hankin Library** needs volunteers to assist with STEM programs for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders on the **first three Thursdays in December** from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Contact Susan Walraed if you are interested at [swalraed@ccls.org](mailto:swalraed@ccls.org).

**5. Kutztown University** will host a hands-on **Graphic Design Camp** for sophomores, juniors, and seniors to learn more about a career in graphic design. Students will explore their creativity and critical thinking abilities, as well as learn how they can impact society through design. Lunch will be provided and Kutztown University Communication Design students' awesome creative works will be presented. The date is **Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** and the cost is \$10. Contact the Communications Design Department for more information and to register at 610-683-4530 or [traylor@kutztown.edu](mailto:traylor@kutztown.edu)

**6. Donations are needed** for the **Prom Dress Sale Event** scheduled for Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 p.m. at the Bold & Beautiful Salon in Downingtown. ALL gowns will be \$25!! Donated dresses should be modern, age appropriate and dry cleaned, and may be dropped off at the Main Office at all three high schools. Proceeds from this sale are used to offset prom expenses for students in need! See flyer at the end of this newsletter.

### **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](http://SSS.gov) and it is the law! Online and print material is available at <https://www.sss.gov/Resources/Resources>

### **Graduation Projects:**

**1. West Bradford Little League** needs someone to help manage the snack bar for baseball season April-June. Help with opening and closing the snack bar, inventory, stocking and sales. Contact Keli Laverty if you are interested at [kelilaverty@gmail.com](mailto:kelilaverty@gmail.com) or 610-350-8748.

**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).

### **Attention Sophomores & Juniors...**

**1.** Registration for Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW) is NOW open! This is a great summer opportunity to learn about leadership, explore different careers in the business world and connect with business leaders across the state. Thanks to generous donors the cost for the week on a college campus is only \$295 and scholarships are available. Visit <http://www.pfew.org> for more details!!! Also, this would make a great graduation project!!

### **Attention Juniors & Seniors...**

**1. JUNIORS and SENIORS!** Don't forget to sign up for the **College Alumni Panel** next **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> period** in the Library on Naviance or email Mrs. Wick to reserve a seat! Colleges represented include the University of Richmond, Messiah, Minnesota State, DeSales, Penn College of Technology, Temple and West Chester University. See the complete list on the board outside the Career Center! Our grads will offer their best advice for YOU as you plan your future after high school!

### **Employment Opportunities:**

**1.** New in Downingtown! **Barndawgs** will be serving gourmet hot dogs and they need part-time help. Email

[Barney@barndawgs.com](mailto:Barney@barndawgs.com) if you are interested.

**2. Five Guys Burgers and Fries** will be opening soon in their new location in the Brandywine Square Shopping Center. All shifts are needed, competitive pay is offered as well as bonuses and tips. Interested students should email [rockham1923@rockham.com](mailto:rockham1923@rockham.com).

**3.** In preparation for the **2020 Census**, applications are now open for Census takers. You must be 18 to apply, and the pay is \$19.50 per hour. For more details and application information visit [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs).

**4. Sierra** in the Fairfield Shopping Center is hiring! Apply at [jobs.tjx.com](http://jobs.tjx.com) and search by keyword 237468!

**5. Express** in the Exton Square Mall needs seasonal help 5-15 hours per week as sales associates, fitting room stylists and shipment associates. The minimum age is 16 and starting pay is \$9 per hour or \$10 with a year of experience. Express offers flexible scheduling and a 50% off employee discount! Contact Jordan Groh at 610-524-8117 for more information, or visit <https://tinyurl.com/yzkwfbd8>.

**6.** 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.

**7. 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.

**8. 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).

**9.** 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!

**10. 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.

**11. 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.

**12.** 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.**

**13. 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.

**14. 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).

### **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](mailto: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.

## **Athletics – Varsity Teams – Go Cougars!**

- 12/13** – Girls' Indoor Track at Lehigh at 6:30 pm
- 12/14** – Wrestling Bangor Invitational at Noon.
- 12/14** - Boys' Indoor Track at Lehigh at 12:30 pm
- 12/14** – Girls' Basketball vs. Berwick at 1pm
- 12/17** – Swimming vs. West at 3:30 pm
- 12/17** – Girls' Basketball vs. Pennwood at 5:30 pm
- 12/17** – Boys' Basketball at Pennwood at 6pm
- 12/19** – Boys' Basketball vs. Henderson at 5:30 pm
- 12/19** – Girls' Basketball at Henderson at 5:30 pm
- 12/20** - Swimming Vs. Kennett at 3:30 pm
- 12/20** – Girls' Indoor Track at Lehigh at 6:30 pm

### **BIOLOGY KEYSTONE REVIEW SESSIONS**

Sessions will run from 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Students are encouraged to come with questions regarding the topic being reviewed.

DATE	CONTENT TO BE COVERED
Monday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	A1 – Basic Biological Principles
Thursday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>	B1 – Cell and Cell Division
Monday, December 9 <sup>th</sup>	A4 – Homeostasis & Cell Transport
Thursday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	B2 - Genetics
Monday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	B3 - Evolution
Thursday, December 19 <sup>th</sup>	B4 - Ecology
Thursday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	A3 - Bioenergetics
Monday, January 6 <sup>th</sup>	A2 - Chemical Basis of Life

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/debiology>

Or use the QR code:





# Downingtown High School East Campus

Home of the Cougars

50 Devon Drive • Exton, Pennsylvania 19341 • Phone: 610-363-6400 • Fax 610-903-1047

November, 2019

TO: Students and Parents of the Class of 2021

FROM: Jill Whalen, Assistant Principal

SUBJECT: SAT Prep Classes

Downingtown High School East Campus will again be offering courses to assist students with preparation for the upcoming Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). College-bound juniors typically take the SAT in the spring of their junior year and may repeat the exam in the fall of their senior year if necessary.

**TEST INFORMATION:** Spring, 2020 SAT test dates are **March 14<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Downingtown High School West Campus. The **test center code** is 39228. You can register for the SAT online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Use the **school code** 391341 to indicate attendance at DHS-East.

**SAT PREP CLASS INFORMATION:** Students can take SAT Prep classes on the day/dates below at DHS-East. The class times are listed on the Registration Form attached. It is not possible to attend both a Math and a Verbal class during the same time slot on a single day, choose one Math class and one Verbal class per time slot. Each class will meet six times, as indicated here.

<b>Monday Class Dates</b>	January 13, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 2
<b>Tuesday Class Dates</b>	January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25
<b>Thursday Class Dates</b>	January 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27; March 5

**Class size is limited, so EARLY registration is recommended.**

The registration fee is \$60.00 per course (each course meets six times, see above dates).  
An SAT Verbal/Math practice book is included in the price of each course.

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## SAT Prep Class Registration Form

Class size is limited so **EARLY** registration is recommended. The registration fee is \$60.00 per course (each course meets six times, see dates on other page).

**Please return this completed registration form and payment  
to the Main Office / Mrs. Whalen. Deadline for registration is December 13, 2019.**

Student Name	Homeroom #	Telephone #
Student Email		
Parent Email		

Circle the day(s) and course(s) in which you want to be enrolled\*\*.

<b>VERBAL Courses</b>	Monday 3pm – 5pm	Monday 6pm – 8pm	Thursday 3pm - 5pm
<b>MATH Courses</b>	Tuesday 3pm – 5pm	Thursday 3pm – 5pm	Thursday 6pm - 8pm

**\*\*Please Note:** A minimum of 17 students will be needed to hold a class and a maximum of 30 will be allowed per class.

My check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, payable to Downingtown Area School District, is attached.

I understand that **no refund** will be made should I withdraw from the course(s) after the first meeting.

Student Name	Parent/Guardian Name
Student Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature

For Office Use ONLY: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Book Issued \_\_\_\_\_

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## **WINTER BREAK GIFT CARD COLLECTION**

Did you know that there are a number of D-East Families that are experiencing food insecurity and are in need of basic daily essentials?

**H & S WILL BE COLLECTING GIANT AND TARGET  
GIFT CARDS FOR THESE FAMILIES FROM  
DECEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 13.**

Cards will be distributed in time for Winter Break. Please drop cards off to Guidance Office Attention: Carol Warren

DOWNINGTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

# PARENT SPEAKER SERIES

7:00 PM AT DASD CENTRAL OFFICE

SEPTEMBER

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**INTERNET SAFETY** Learn how to better understand the internet, where kids learn to use it and how to build healthier boundaries.

OCTOBER

15

**ACCESSING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES** Learn how to access treatment in the community and better understand levels of care.

NOVEMBER

19

**MANAGING GRIEF AND LOSS** The holidays can be an especially difficult time for those facing grief and loss. Learn tools to help manage your emotions and find support in the community.

JANUARY

21

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS** What are the signs of depression and suicide? How can you protect your child? Answer these questions and more while learning best practices to keep your child safe.

FEBRUARY

18

**DRUG TRENDS AND VAPING IN YOUTH** What are the signs and symptoms of substance use and vaping? Learn how to recognize these behaviors in children and find support.

MARCH

17

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR YOUTH** Learn strategies and tools to help your child reach success inside and outside of the classroom.

APRIL

14

**POST-GRADUATION MENTAL HEALTH** Learn how to support your child in the transition to college and help them to find access to mental health care during the post-secondary years.

MAY

19

**EMBRACING SUMMER!** Learn strategies for a successful summer, including ways to manage the summer transition and downtime in order to build inner resources and resilience in our kids.



MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT [WWW.DASD.ORG/PARENTSPEAKER](http://WWW.DASD.ORG/PARENTSPEAKER)



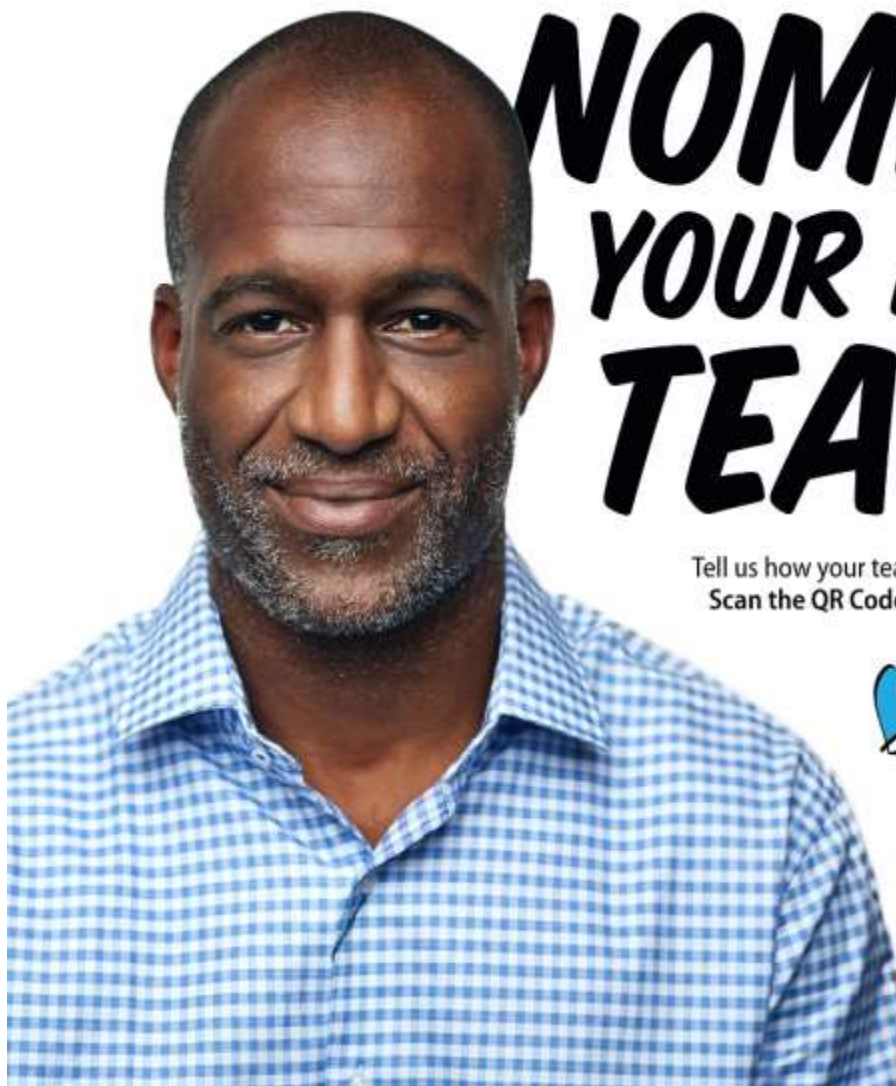
# Nominate your favorite teacher: Citadel's Heart of Learning Award!

*Honoring Teachers in Chester County!*

CitadelHeartofLearning.com

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>



# NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER!

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



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# Prom Dress Drive



~Proceeds from this sale are used to offset prom expenses for students in need~

## Donations Needed:

- Gowns (modern, age appropriate, and dry cleaned)
- Where to drop off: Main Office at Downingtown East HS, Downingtown West HS, STEM Academy, or DASD Central Office
- Donation deadline: Monday, March 16th

## Details of Prom Sale Event:

- Date---> Monday, March 30th 2019
- Time---> 4:00 to 7:00 pm
- Where---> Bold & Beautiful Hair Salon  
3225 Lincoln Highway, Downingtown, 19335
- Pricing---> Gowns will be \$25

