

September 11, 2020



Downingtown East Weekly Updates from the Principal...

Thank you for all of your patience and cooperation during week two of online learning. Each year during the second week of school we hold a Senior assembly where our counseling department communicates the information necessary to complete the college application process. Since we cannot hold such an assembly at this time our Counseling team has created another exceptionally detailed Nearpod for our Seniors. We have posted this Nearpod on the Senior Schoology page but also want our parents to have access. It contains critical information for our Seniors and must be viewed by any Senior who plans to go to college next year. Parents and Seniors can view the presentation by clicking the link and using the code: HROKF <https://nearpod.com/student/>
I hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing weekend.

Senior Announcements:

1. In follow up to the Counseling Department's earlier Nearpod presentation explaining how to complete your college applications, your counselors have rolled out a second one that explains what you need to do to have the necessary materials sent to your schools, thus completing the application process. When applying for admission to a college, applicants are expected to pull a lot of pieces of information together. While your School Counselor is responsible for sending all of those pieces to your colleges, only you will have to ability to log into and set up your personal Naviance account so that they can upload and send the materials. Naviance features "eDocs" - an electronic college application tool, allowing high schools to prepare and send college application documentation electronically to more than 3,000 electronic destinations, including all Common Application destinations. When student Naviance accounts are set up correctly, high schools are able to prepare, send, and track college application documents electronically. This presentation will help you learn how to create a "Colleges You're Applying To" list, match your account with your Common Application, request transcripts, and make sure letters of recommendation are uploaded. By following the steps laid out for you in this next Nearpod, you will be able to manage your responsibilities and help to make sure your college applications are complete. Go to: <https://nearpod.com/>; access code: HROKF

2. **SAT's** are being held at **Downingtown West High School on Saturday, October 3rd**. Interested students should visit the College Board website to register.

Attention Juniors and Seniors:

1. To parents of Juniors and Seniors - A **Virtual Financial Aid Night** will be hosted by the STEM Academy on **Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00pm**. Financial aid representatives will review the complete application process including grants/loans, FAFSA and CSS Profile applications, work study, and the determination of need and merit based scholarships by college financial aid departments. Additional information regarding access to the live presentation will be shared at a later date.

Freshmen Announcements:

1. **LMS 2019-20 yearbooks** have finally arrived! All families who have purchased a yearbook can pick up a copy in the LMS main office starting **Wednesday, September 9th**. **Parents** can stop by from **7:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Students can get them before and after school hours or during lunch break. We will only hand them out to students during these times since they are expected to be in class the rest of the day. Please do not ask for other student's pre-purchased copies. They must be picked up in person. If you did not purchase a yearbook, but would like one, we have a limited quantity available for \$20 each (limit 2 per customer). Checks may be made out to "Lionville Middle School" or you may pay with cash.

General Announcements:

1. The Downingtown West Home & School Association and Revolution Prep will host a **SAT & ACT Practice Tests** fundraiser for Downingtown students on two Saturdays -- **10/10 and 11/14 -- from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Choose one test for each date! A \$10 donation will be collected upon registration with all proceeds benefiting the Home & School Associations of West, East and STEM. Register and review additional resources at the following link: <https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/84654>

2. The John Kane for State Senate is seeking interns. Interns are expected to work 10 to 15 hours per week and work will be in person out of the office in Chester County. If you are interested, please email emily@kane4senate.com or sam@kane4senate.com with a resume and few lines about your interest in applying.

3. Ever thought about being an Entrepreneur?? Junior Achievement is gearing up for their virtual 2020-2021 **Junior Achievement Company Program**, a no-cost after school program that gives students a graduate level entrepreneurship experience! Develop soft skills in leadership, communication, confidence, and decision-making. Network with professionals for mentorship, and gain real day-to-day experience running your own company. The program begins **November 9th** and meets weekly through March. Applications can be found at <http://form.jotform.us/JAofSEPTA/JACP> . Any questions? Contact Stuart Younger – stuart.younger@ja.org.

4. Applications for Working Papers...The Pennsylvania Child Labor Law, Act 151 of 2012 resulted in changes to Work Permit Application. All students between the ages of 14 and 17 are required by Pennsylvania School Law to secure an Employment certificate, known as "Working Papers," before they may begin to work.

Students, who have reached 18, by state law, do not need working papers. Under the current Pennsylvania Child Labor Act, only one type of work permit is issued. This is a wallet-size, transferable work permit, which is valid from the time of issuance until the minor turns 18 years of age.

The minor provides a copy to the employer and retains the original. Work permits are now being processed in the school by calling 610-363-6400 and making an appointment. School hours are 7:15am to 3:15 pm. Please be sure to bring with you a copy of the required proof of age such as one of the items listed below: • Birth Certificate • Passport • Driver's license • Learner's permit.

5. Yearbooks...We still have **Class of 2020 yearbooks** available for purchase. If you are interested, please call the main office at 610-363-6400 to schedule a time to purchase one. The cost is \$70.00 and please make out the check to "The Prowl".

6. Class Link and Schoology instructions for students...click on link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOSdBkAnQcM>

7. Students should now use the ClassLink to access applications for the systems that DASD uses most regularly. iPads and laptops *will no longer have separate apps* for systems like Schoology, Infinite Campus, IXL and Read 180. DASD's creation of a one-stop app for students to locate their tools is a direct result of parent and teacher feedback.

8. Textbook Pick-up:

Students who missed the "textbook pick-up days" will need to call the main office as soon as possible to make an appointment to pick up their materials. Please remember to wear your mask.

9. At Home Attendance Instructions for Parents and Students:

The directions for students and their parents to record attendance in Infinite Campus while learning from home are now on the [Tech FAQ Page](#). There is a video and PDF for parents and separate video and PDF for students. Students/parents can record their daily attendance (elementary) and period attendance (secondary) on school days from 7AM to 7PM. Teachers have the ability to edit or override student attendance for the current school day, plus one day later. Attendance corrections that are more than two days old will need to be submitted to the Director of Technology by the school attendance clerk.

Here are the links to take remote attendance for online learning for 20-21:

[Parent Remote Attendance Video Directions](#)

[Parent Remote Attendance Document Directions](#)

[Student Remote Attendance Video Directions](#)

[Student Remote Attendance Document Directions](#)

10. Click link for DASD Online Learning Plan: <https://www.dasd.org/Page/9378>

11. Click link for DASD Online Learning Plan FAQ's: <https://www.dasd.org/Page/9384>

Employment Opportunities:

1. **HomeSense** and **HomeGoods** in Exton are hiring! Help is needed 7 days a week 7am-10pm and everything in between! Cashiers, merchandisers, and stockroom – all positions! If you are interested please visit their website at www.jobs.TJX.com. Contact Danielle Buchter at danielle_buchter@tjx.com with any questions.

Athletics:

All sports will continue in its voluntary off-season work-out until further notice.

Home and School News:

1. The Home & School Association at Downingtown East will continue to provide as much as we can for our school and our students. In return, we need a little help from you to make the year successful. Consider getting involved and help to make a difference. Thank you. Below is a link for volunteers to sign up:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HN5_S9w_5nsXCv_Ho1HRwb48W3DiTKrLKxAiMM3aOJ4/edit

2. The first Home & School Meeting will be Wednesday, September 30th at 7pm via Zoom. More details will follow. Thereafter, the meetings will be the 4th Monday of every month with the exception of November and December due to the holidays: October 26th, November 16th, December 21st, January 25th, February 22nd, March 22nd, April 26th and May 24th.

Important Dates:

Friday, 9/11 – Class of 2021 Senior Portrait Session in auditorium from 3pm to 9pm by appointment.

Wednesday, 9/16 – 2 hour early dismissal at 12:40pm – Virtual Professional Development in PM for Faculty

Monday, 9/28 – Schools closed – Yom Kippur

Wednesday, 10/7 – Virtual Committee of the Whole School Board Meeting at 6:30pm

Monday, 10/12 – Virtual School Board Meeting at 6:30pm

Wednesday, 10/14 – 2 hour early dismissal – Professional Development for faculty

Wednesday, 10/21 – Class of 2021 Senior Portrait Session in auditorium from 3pm to 9pm by appointment.

Thursday, 10/22 – Class of 2021 Senior Portrait Session in auditorium from 3pm to 9pm by appointment.

Tuesday, 11/3 – Election Day! No School for Students. Get out and vote!

Wednesday, 11/11 – School Board Meeting

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