West Chester Area School District

2020-21 Activities Calendar
Central Office Administration

Spellman Education Center, 782 Springdale Drive, Exton, PA 19341
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Dr. James R. Scanlon, Superintendent of Schools

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Mr. John T. Scully, Director of Business Affairs

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Mr. Michael M. Wagman, Director of Information Technology
Mr. Kevin H. Campbell, Director of Facilities & Operations
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Secondary Schools Administration

West Chester East High School
Principal: Dr. Kevin R. Fagan
450 Ellis Lane, West Chester, PA 19380
Phone: 484-266-3800 ~ Fax: 484-266-3899

West Chester B. Reed Henderson High School
Principal: Dr. Jason P. Sherlock
400 Montgomery Avenue, West Chester, PA 19380
Phone: 484-266-3300 ~ Fax: 484-266-3399

West Chester Bayard Rustin High School
Principal: Dr. Michael A. Marano
1100 Shiloh Road, West Chester, PA 19382
Phone: 484-266-4300 ~ Fax: 484-266-4399

J. R. Fugett Middle School
Principal: Mr. Llewellyn A. Small
500 Ellis Lane, West Chester, PA 19380
Phone: 484-266-2900 ~ Fax: 484-266-2999

E. N. Peirce Middle School
Principal: Mr. Joseph R. DiAntonio
1314 Burke Road, West Chester, PA 19380
Phone: 484-266-2500 ~ Fax: 484-266-2599

G. A. Stetson Middle School
Interim Principal: Mrs. Mary Kay Puchalla
1060 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA 19382
Phone: 484-266-2700 ~ Fax: 484-266-2799

Elementary Schools Administration

East Bradford Elementary School
Principal: Dr. Christopher M. Alston
820 Frank Road, West Chester, PA 19380
Phone: 484-266-2100 ~ Fax: 484-266-2199

East Goshen Elementary School
Principal: Mr. Dennis E. Brown
800 North Chester Road, West Chester, PA 19380
Phone: 484-266-1500 ~ Fax: 484-266-1599

Exton Elementary School
Principal: Dr. Terri-Lynne Alston
301 Hendricks Avenue, Exton, PA 19341
Phone: 484-266-1400 ~ Fax: 484-266-1499

Fern Hill Elementary School
Principal: Dr. Rebecca L. Eberly
915 Lincoln Avenue, West Chester, PA 19380
Phone: 484-266-1600 ~ Fax: 484-266-1699

Glen Acres Elementary School
Principal: Ms. Donna Ryan
1150 Delancey Place, West Chester, PA 19382
Phone: 484-266-1700 ~ Fax: 484-266-1799

Hillsdale Elementary School
Principal: Ms. Paige Merten
725 West Market Street, West Chester, PA 19382
Phone: 484-266-2000 ~ Fax: 484-266-2099

Mary C. Howse Elementary School
Principal: Dr. Stephen Catrambome
641 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380
Phone: 484-266-1300 ~ Fax: 484-266-1399

Penn Wood Elementary School
Principal: Dr. Michael Garvin
1470 Johnny's Way, West Chester, PA 19382
Phone: 484-266-1900 ~ Fax: 484-266-1999

Sarah Starkweather Elementary School
Principal: Mr. John F. Meanix
1050 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA 19382
Phone: 484-266-2200 ~ Fax: 484-266-2299

Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School
Interim Principal: Ms. Julianne Pecorella
750 Westbourne Road, West Chester, PA 19382
Phone: 484-266-1800 ~ Fax: 484-266-1899

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Welcome to the 2020-21 school year - one that brings a lot of uncertainty and anxiety as well as the usual back to school excitement. This is not what any of us had hoped for or planned, but while schools across our region are opening under very challenging circumstances, we will continue to do all we can to make this school year a positive one for our students. Despite the strange circumstances under which we are opening, our mission remains the same: To educate and inspire students to achieve their personal best.

Our school district has always prided itself on providing an excellent education that not only meets students’ academic needs, but challenges them to take on new levels of rigor. We work as an educational team to get to know our students, build relationships, and provide the supports and encouragement needed to help them excel. Ours is a community steeped in service - to others and ourselves. Our students are among the most active in their communities, as any I have seen in my entire career as an educator. It is truly one of our strengths and points of pride.

This past calendar year has brought unprecedented challenges for all of us. In addition to dealing with a global pandemic, our nation came face to face with the reminder that racial injustices are present in our country. As educators, we consider it our responsibility to ensure that all students and staff members feel safe, valued, and accepted in our school community. I invite you to visit the Equity Mission page on our website for information about how we’re working on this important issue.

Despite the strange circumstances under which we are reopening our schools, we are so glad your child is with us this year. Each of our students is an important part of our school community, and we look forward to working collaboratively with students and parents to make this school year the very best it can be. Out of adversity, we will find strength. Out of hardship, we will build character. Out of uncertainty, we will find joy, as it is a joy to have your child in our school district.

Sincerely,
Dr. Jim Scanlon, Superintendent
2020-2021 District Highlights

West Chester Area School District serves a 75-square-mile suburban, urban and rural area in central Chester County known for its diversified industries and beautiful historic countryside. West Chester Borough, the county seat, is the hub of the district. The surrounding townships of East Bradford, East Goshen, West Goshen, West Whiteland, Westtown, and Thornbury (all in Chester County) are part of the district, as is Thornbury Township in adjacent Delaware County.

A $261.8 Million Budget for the 2020-21 school year supports instruction for close to 12,150 students in 10 elementary schools (kindergarten through grade 5), three middle schools (grades 6 through 8), and three high schools (grades 9 through 12). The district also provides services to nearly 4,000 non-public school students.

The Professional Staff, headed by Superintendent Dr. James R. Scanlon, numbers nearing 1,000. Seventy percent hold a master’s degree or higher. Teachers, librarians, reading specialists, guidance counselors, nurses, psychologists, and specialists in art, music and physical education comprise the instructional staff. An administrative staff works in each school and at the district’s Central Office.

Our Diverse Student Body has an ethnic distribution of 76.16% Caucasian, 8.85% Asian, 7.75% Hispanic, 4.21% African-American, and 2.98% Multiracial. Class size averages 25 students.

Student Achievement is evident by the College Board SAT scores our students receive which are consistently above state and national averages. In the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and Pennsylvania Keystone tests administered annually in the areas of English language arts, literature, mathematics and science, our students consistently score above state and national averages. In the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and Pennsylvania Keystone tests administered annually in the areas of English language arts, literature, mathematics and science, our students consistently score above state and national averages. In the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and Pennsylvania Keystone tests administered annually in the areas of English language arts, literature, mathematics and science, our students consistently score above state and national averages.

Curriculum in All Subject Areas is based on national, state, and local standards and reviewed on a regular basis. Curriculum development is coordinated from kindergarten through grade 12 to ensure continuity across schools and grades. District and state assessments measure how well the curriculum is mastered.

WC Cyber Program (WC Cyber) is a new and smarter approach to online learning taught by WCASD teachers. Our top-ranked education program is now available online for students in grades K through 12, providing a high quality, personalized, flexible education that fits the needs of your child & family. Unlike other cyber schools, WC Cyber does not contract with external education companies to develop or teach our program. WC Cyber students have full access to WCASD student support services, athletics, clubs, extra-curricular activities, counseling, an award-winning music program, and more. WC Cyber students will receive a WCASD diploma that is highly regarded by colleges and universities.

Technology resources are used extensively throughout the district to enhance teaching and learning. Wireless technology mediates flexible connection to the internet in all schools and interactive smartboards, laptops, and iPads are used to create a dynamic learning environment. Students in grades 7 through 12 receive laptop computers to use at school and home as part of the district’s 1:1 computing initiative. The Bring Your Own Technology program permits any student to use his/her personal computer in school.

Full-Day Kindergarten is a dynamic, hands-on program that allows children time to play – in both directed and non-directed ways – as a critical part of their school day. Our kindergarten curriculum was built with the knowledge that play is a central component of children’s growth. We believe that play-based learning forms the foundation for future academic success by helping our youngest students develop language skills, social and emotional skills, problem solving skills, and the ability to work effectively in groups.

Gifted Programs are provided for individuals who possess outstanding intellectual and creative abilities as defined by state mandates. Each year, individual programs are developed for students that provide enrichment and/or acceleration in specific areas when the student's needs are not met through the regular education environment.

Special Education programs are provided for all exceptionalities through district-run classes, private entities, and the Chester County Intermediate Unit.

High School Programs reflect the diversity of the student body. Students can take classes in business, technology, science, distributive education, music, and art courses, among many others, as well as enroll in advanced placement, accelerated honors, honors, and career & college prep-level courses. In addition, students can take college level courses through the new dual enrollment program collaboration with West Chester University, where they can earn high school advanced placement credit and college credit at the same time. The District also offers blended learning courses, where students learn part of the time at school and part of the time through the online delivery of content and instruction. Other educational options are available at the Chester County Intermediate Unit’s Technical College High School, which help prepare students for a variety of careers.

Partners in Education Program links parents, private individuals, civic organizations and businesses with all grade levels. The district also enjoys a partnership with West Chester University, which makes its resources available in a variety of ways.
**Policies and Procedures**

**Discipline Policy** - The District's Discipline Policy defines expectations and details specific consequences which may result from the violation of school rules. The policy, which is approved by the School Board, is printed in a booklet and distributed to families at the beginning of the school year.

**Emergency School Delays & Closings** - The District may have to close schools or delay opening schools due to inclement weather, emergencies, etc. To find the most up-to-date information in regard to closings, delays, early dismissals, etc, please use the following resources:

- **Homepage**: www.wcasd.net
- **Facebook**: facebook.com/WestChesterAreaSchoolDistrict
- **Twitter**: @WestChesterASD
- **Main Phone Number**: 484-266-1000
- **Local Television Stations**: ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX

**Family Educational Records Privacy Act (FERPA)** - This act protects the privacy of student records while assuring that educational information is accessible to school professionals. Schools publish student directories and yearbooks, and staff and/or media representatives may take photos of students participating in school activities that could be used in publications or on websites where students may be identified by name and school. Permission for the release of directory information may be withheld by contacting your school principal in writing. Should you choose this option, your student's name, image, or directory information will not be published in yearbooks, directories, publications, newspapers, etc.

**Guidance Services & Crisis Intervention** - Guidance counselors provide academic and career planning support, individual counseling, and parent and teacher consultations. They serve on child study teams (with administrators, psychologists, and teachers), and are liaisons to community agencies. Anyone can refer a student to a child study team if there is a concern. High school crisis intervention counselors work with students, parents, and staff on substance abuse and mental health issues.

**Internet Use Policy** - In order to prevent misuse or abuse of the internet in schools, a Student Acceptable Use Policy details what constitutes acceptable use of the internet including network etiquette, privacy, security, and vandalism. Parents or guardians may choose to disallow access to the internet for their students by completing the Parent Opt-Out form.

**No Smoking Policy** - The District's No Smoking Tabacco and Vaping Products Policy prohibits smoking on all school district property at all times.

**Nondiscriminatory/Discriminatory Harassment Policy** - Committed to maintaining an educational environment free of any type of harassment, there are separate policies for students and staff that prohibit harassment as well as retaliation against a person for filing a harassment charge.

**Official Records** - An official record for each student is maintained at schools. Parents have the right to review these records, which include grades, achievement test scores, disciplinary matters, and psychological tests.

**School Attendance** - Regular attendance is necessary for students to be academically successful. The state’s Compulsory School Law requires a written excuse from a parent or guardian within three days of an absence. If this excuse is not provided, the district follows procedures outlined by law and within district policy.

**Student Integrity** - The district supports students’ learning and academic achievement by encouraging them to produce work that is their own best efforts, done with integrity, and displaying the best academic ethical behavior. Academic dishonesty and plagiarism are unacceptable and those engaged in such acts will face disciplinary consequences.

**Weapons Policy** - Weapons or replicas of weapons are forbidden on school property. Under state law, a student is subject to expulsion for a period of not less than one year if he/she brings a weapon onto school property or onto any public conveyance providing transportation to a school or school-sponsored activity.

**Special Education Services**

The West Chester Area School District provides special education and related services to appropriate resident children with disabilities who are aged three through 21. Under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, school aged children qualify for special education and related services if they have one or more of the following disabilities and, as a result, need such services:

1. Intellectual disabilities
2. Hearing impairments
3. Speech and/or language impairments
4. Visual impairments
5. Emotional disturbance
6. Orthopedic impairments or physical disabilities
7. Autism, including pervasive developmental disorders
8. Traumatic brain injury
9. Other health impairment
10. Specific learning disabilities
11. Deaf-blindness
12. Deafness
13. Multiple disability

Children aged three through the age of admission to kindergarten are eligible for early intervention programming if they have developmental delays and are in need of special education and related services. For more information, please call the Special Education Department at 484-266-1212.
Thank you to the women and men of the West Chester Area School District’s Facilities & Operations Department. We value your tireless dedication and hard work. Thanks for making our district safe and shine!

Hours of Instruction

FM, EH, HH, RH  7:30 am - 2:15 pm
PM, SM  8:05 am - 2:50 pm
EB, EG, EX, GA  8:40 am - 3:10 pm
FH, HD, MC, PW, SS, WT  9:10 am - 3:40 pm

Calendar Key

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**August 2023 Calendar**

- **First Day of School:** August 1
- **Monday, August 1:**
  - FH New Family Orientation
  - Teacher Inservice
  - WCASD Cyber Family Picnic @ East Goshen Park 3-5pm
- **Tuesday, August 2:**
  - Teacher Inservice
  - School Board Mtg 7pm
  - WCASD Cyber Family Picnic @ East Goshen Park 3-5:30pm
  - Elementary Schools: Kindergarten Parent Open House 7pm
- **Wednesday, August 3:**
  - EG New Family Social @ East Goshen Park 3-5pm
  - Teacher Inservice
- **Thursday, August 4:**
  - EH PIAA HS Football Heat Week through 8/14
  - HH Senior Portraits through 8/13
- **Friday, August 5:**
  - EH Senior Portraits through 8/5
  - FM 5-6 Transition Camp 9-11am & 12-2pm
- **Saturday, August 6:**
  - EH PIAA HS Football Heat Week through 8/14
  - HH Senior Portraits through 8/13
  - New Teacher Induction 8am-4pm @ EH
- **Sunday, August 7:**
  - HH Senior Portraits through 8/13
  - New Teacher Induction 8am-4pm @ EH
- **Monday, August 8:**
  - EH Senior Portraits through 8/5
  - FM 5-6 Transition Camp 9-11am & 12-2pm
Clockwise from top left: Incoming 6th-graders at Fugett Middle School practice opening lockers during Middle School Transition Camp; Incoming freshmen learn their way around Henderson High School during new student orientation; Students new to Stetson Middle School get to know each other during 6th Grade Transition Camp; The WCASD School Board of Directors attended the ground breaking ceremony for the new Greystone Elementary School; Construction on Greystone Elementary is on schedule for the opening of the 2021-2022 school year.

All Events begin at 7 PM unless otherwise noted.
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Clockwise from top left: Students try out the different crafts and activities during East Bradford Elementary School's Family Fun night; Time for some Halloween fun at Exton Elementary School; Students at Fugett Middle School raise money for epilepsy awareness during the school's annual DOMinate Epilepsy fundraiser; Second-grade students at Penn Wood Elementary School get up close and personal with Christi, the only current Seeing Eye Ambassador Dog in the state of Pennsylvania, and learned how much of an impact service animals can make on the lives of those who need them; Trunk or Treat has become an annual tradition at Hillsdale Elementary School; Students from East, Henderson, & Rustin High participate in the Historically Black Colleges & Universities workshop held at Henderson High School. The focus of the workshop was college preparedness. The event was sponsored by The Black Student Unions (BSU) from each school and the Iota Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

www.WCASD.net for info on news and events
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**October Calendar Events**

- **October 1**: WT Picture Day, FM 8th Grade Renaissance Faire
- **October 2**: EG Fun Run Fundraiser, PW Fall Fundraiser, EH Homecoming, GWCC First Friday Gallery Walk
- **October 3**: EH Homecoming Dance, SAT Testing at East High School
- **October 4**: EX Ag Lab, MS Select Strings Rehearsal, ES Honors Chorus Rehearsal, FH/EH Flu Clinic @ 2:30-5:30pm
- **October 5**: FH FIT, HS Senior Strings Violin Auditions @ EHS 6:30pm, Padres Latinos Meeting 6pm
- **October 6**: FH Picture Retakes, PW H&S Assoc Mtg, HH Senior Portraits Final Session, HS Senior Strings Viola, Cello, & Bass Auditions @ EHS 6:30pm
- **October 7**: FH FIT (Rain Date), PW H&S Assoc Mtg, HH Senior Portraits Final Session, HH Homecoming
- **October 8**: FH Picture Retakes, HS Senior Strings Violin Auditions @ EHS 6:30pm, HH Homecoming
- **October 9**: HH Homecoming Dance
- **October 10**: RH Homecoming, HH Homecoming Dance
- **October 11**: Teacher Inservice, Schools Closed, Indigenous Peoples Day, Columbus Day
- **October 12**: National School Lunch Week
- **October 13**: National School Bus Safety Week
- **October 14**: Teacher Inservice
- **October 15**: Schools Closed
- **October 16**: National School Lunch Week
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**Event Details**

- **EG Picture Retakes/Staff Pictures**
- **FM 7th Grade Outdoor Ed Program**
- **PSAT Testing**
- **EH Homecoming Dance**
- **SAT Testing at East High School**
- **EG Halloween Parade & Parties**
- **PW Halloween Parade & Parties**
- **WT Halloween Parade**
- **FM Trunk or Treat 6pm**
- **FM Fright Night**
- **HD Picture Retakes**
- **PW Prized Pumpkins**
- **MC Haunted House Ball**
- **EG Family Fun Night 7pm**
- **EX Trunk or Treat**
- **RH Marching Band Competition**
- **United Nations Day**
- **Día de los Muertos Halloween**
Clockwise from top left: East Bradford Elementary School proudly salutes our nation's veterans; Students at Exton Elementary School enjoyed a special visit with Army Lieutenant Colonel Gambacorta on Veterans Day; Henderson High School students show their school spirit before the big game; Students at Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School proudly stand with their family members who have so bravely served our nation during the school's annual Veterans Day ceremony; Stetson Middle School hosts their annual luncheon on Veterans Day; Mary C. Howse students review appropriate bus behavior during a school-wide behavioral lesson.
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#### Half Day Dismissal Times

- **October**
  - PM, SM: 11:35 am
- **November**
  - PM, SM: 11:40 am

- **December**
  - PM, SM: 12:10 pm
Clockwise from top left: Students at East Bradford Elementary School solved their breakout session and saved Dr. Alston!; East High School musicians perform holiday favorites for the staff at the Spellman Administration Building; Students at Exton Elementary School learn about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights; Members of the Peirce Middle School Best Buddies Club join forces with Life Skills students to spread holiday cheer at the school’s holiday shop; The Diversity & Equity team at Henderson High School hosts an Equity Student Union Voice workshop giving students the opportunity to discuss ways to make sure all students feel accepted, valued, and included; Fern Hill Band students perform for their classmates during the school’s holiday concert.

Registration for Kindergarten begins for the 2021-2022 school year
Clockwise from top left: Black Student Union members district-wide participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service; High school students work together with WCASD music teachers to perform for staff members at the beginning of the 2019–20 school year; Members of the East High School boys & girls basketball teams host a basketball clinic for elementary students in the district as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service; Students at Fugett Middle Schools put together activities for the charity Science for Sick Dayz during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service; WCASD Superintendent Dr. Scanlon tries his best to stop Peirce Middle School students from scoring during their annual staff vs. student basketball game; 5th Grade students at Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School perform for classmates and teachers at the Career Concert.

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|      | Winter Keystone Window 2 through 1/15  
|      | Schools Re-open |
| 4    | MS Select Strings Rehearsal  
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|      | PM 6 Chorus & Band Concert  
| 5    | PM 7/8 Chorus Concert  
|      | Padres Latinos Meeting 6pm  
| 6    | AM HSA Mtg 7pm  
|      | MS Honors Band Rehearsal  
|      | Christmas Day (Orthodox)  
| 7    | EG Bingo Night  
|      | Schools & Offices Closed  
|      | New Year's Day  
| 8    | FM Ski Club to Bear Creek  
|      | EX Bingo Night |
| 9    | MS Select Strings Rehearsal  
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|      | PM 7/8 & Jazz Band Concert  
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|      | School Board Mtg 7pm |
| 10   | SM MLK Day of Service  
|      | Schools & Offices Closed  
|      | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| 11   | PM 7/8 & Jazz Band Concert  
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| 12   | MS Honors Band Rehearsal  
|      | WT PTO Meeting  
|      | HS 2-Hour Delayed Opening  
| 13   | EG Bingo Night  
|      | WT Family Bingo Night  
|      | FM Ski Club to Bear Creek |
| 14   | PM 6 Chorus & Band Concert  
|      | Padres Latinos Meeting 6pm  
| 15   | PM 7/8 Chorus Concert  
|      | PMEA District Band @ EH  
| 16   | PW HSA Assoc Mtg  
|      | MS Honors Band Rehearsal  
|      | PMEA District Band @ EH  
| 17   | FM Ski Club to Bear Creek  
| 18   | PM 7/8 & Jazz Band Concert  
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**ES Honors Orchestra Rehearsal**

**MS Select Strings Rehearsal**

**HS Senior Strings Rehearsal**

**End of 2nd Marking Period School Board Mtg 7pm**

**RH Jazz Band Concert Beginning of 2nd Semester**

**MS Honors Band Rehearsal PMEA District Chorus**

**FM Ski Club to Bear Creek**

**EX Bingo Night**

**PMEA District Chorus**
Clockwise from top left: WCASD School Board Members Sue Tiernan and Joyce Chester mingle with students at the American Education Week Breakfast at East High School; Students at Fugett Middle School lead youngsters through various activities in Child Care class; Henderson High School art students work with members of the Best Buddies Club to create original art work which they painted on a snowplow for PennDot’s “Paint the Plow” community outreach program; Starkweather Elementary School Principal, John Meanix joins kindergarten students for a lesson on shapes; Rustin High School Choir Director Ann Ellis leads her students through a rehearsal; Penn Wood Elementary School Art teacher Annie Seagraves helps her students with their Memory Project assignment. They created original works of art that were sent to students in Nigeria. The Nigerian students sent back art in return.

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Clockwise from top left: Students at East Goshen Elementary School pose in front of art work they created to decorate the walls of the Bellingham Retirement Community; Exton Elementary School students learn about watersheds, forest and habitat restoration, and macro invertebrates at Stroud Water Research Center; 6th grade students at Fugett Middle School create a rainbow of colors by using graduated cylinders and measuring out the correct amount of liquids; Students at Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School spell out U-S-A in celebration of Constitution Day; Students from all three high schools in the West Chester Area School district paid a visit to SAP American in Newtown Square to learn more about the company and its Autism at Work program; ESPN’s Joe Lunardi (uncle of Rustin Assistant Principal Chris Lunardi) paid a visit to all three WCASD high schools to talk to students about sports analytics.

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**Events**
- **February**
  - ES Honors Orchestra Rehearsal
  - MS Select Strings Rehearsal
  - HS Senior Strings Rehearsal
- **March**
  - Spring Sports Season begins
  - Daylight Saving Time Begins: Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
  - National School Breakfast Week
  - Passover begins at sunset through 4/4
- **April**
  - School Board Mtg 7pm
  - PTSA Meeting
  - HH Musical
  - SM International Day
  - PMEA Orchestra
  - Passover begins at sunset through 4/4

**Calendar Highlights**
- **February 7**: ES Honors Orchestra Rehearsal, MS Select Strings Rehearsal, HS Senior Strings Rehearsal, Spring Sports Season begins, Daylight Saving Time Begins: Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
- **February 8**: EG Book Fair, Half Day for Elementary, Full Day for Middle & High School, K-5 Parent Conferences
- **February 14**: ES Honors Orchestra Rehearsal, MS Select Strings Rehearsal, HS Senior Strings Rehearsal, Spring Sports Season begins, Daylight Saving Time Begins: Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour
- **February 21**: ES Honors Orchestra Rehearsal, MS Select Strings Rehearsal, HS Senior Strings Rehearsal, School Board Mtg 7pm
- **February 28**: ES Honors Orchestra Concert @ EH, MS Select Strings Rehearsal, HS Senior Strings Rehearsal
- **March 29**: EX/GA Instrumental Concert @ EH, End of 3rd Marking Period
- **March 31**: National School Breakfast Week, March Calendar Highlight

**Notes**
- **March 24**: EX Beginner Strings Concert, @ EH
- **April 1**: EX Beginner Strings Concert, @ EH
- **April 2**: ES Honors Orchestra Concert @ EH, MS Select Strings Rehearsal, HS Senior Strings Rehearsal, School Board Mtg 7pm

Clockwise from top left: WC Cyber Program administrator Dr. Kristen Barnello meets with students taking graphic design at East High School to discuss their ideas for a logo for the WC Cyber Program; Jairo Avalos (EHS Class of 2020) created the final design; WCASD Career Education program took students from all three high schools to visit Vanguard in Malvern for Techies Day; Celebrating the 100th Day of School at Glen Acres Elementary School; Staff, students, and parents celebrate the makeover of the Hillsdale Elementary School library; NBC 10 Meteorologist Bill Henley pays a visit to Mary C. House Elementary School to talk to the students about the power of Mother Nature; Members of Stetson Middle School’s boys and girls basketball teams joined forces to raise money in the fight against pancreatic cancer.
Clockwise from top left: Students Mary C. Howse Elementary School learn about the predecessors to modern-day appliances and toys with the Chester County Historical Society’s “Then & Now” presentation; East High School students renew their Sandy Hook Pledge to look out for one another and “Say Something if they See Something”; A student gets a good morning hug before the start of school at Exton Elementary; The Harlem Wizards came to town challenging the ‘WC Schoolers’ and putting on a great show for the WCASD community; Hillsdale Elementary hosts a celebration on Grand Parents Day; Fern Hill Elementary students take a field trip to the West Goshen Police Department.

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**Teacher Appreciation Week**

**Monday, May 1**
- **Schools Closed**
- **HH Warrior Classic**
- **Armed Forces Day**

**Tuesday, May 2**
- **Schools Closed**

**Wednesday, May 3**
- **Schools Closed**

**Thursday, May 4**

**Schools Closed**

**Friday, May 5**
- **Schools Closed**

**Saturday, May 6**
- **Schools Closed**

**Sunday, May 7**
- **Memorial Day**
- **Shavuot begins at sunset through 5/18**

**Monday, May 8**
- **Schools Closed**
- **HH Warrior Classic**
- ** Armed Forces Day**

**Tuesday, May 9**
- **Schools Closed**

**Wednesday, May 10**

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**Saturday, May 13**

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**Sunday, May 28**

**Monday, May 29**

**Tuesday, May 30**

**Schools Closed**

**Wednesday, May 31**

**Schools Closed**
Clockwise from top left: A Henderson High School graduate is all smiles during the Senior Car Parade celebration; Teachers had to get creative during remote learning. Miss Trofa at Exton Elementary School celebrated the end of the year with a fun Bitmoji photo of her 4th grade class; Starkweather Elementary School celebrates their 5th grade class with a graduate car parade at the end of remote learning; The athletic directors at East, Henderson, and Rustin High Schools light up the scoreboards in honor of the Class of 2020; Orchestra students at Rustin High School participate in a master class with members of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

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**Events**

- **May 20th**: EG K-2 Field Day 9:30-11:1am, Half Day Dismissal for Students, PM Teacher Inservice
- **May 21st**: HH Graduation Practice
- **May 22nd**: HH Graduation 6pm
- **May 23rd**: EH Graduation 6pm
- **May 24th**: RH Graduation 6pm
- **May 25th**: EG End of School Year Parties
- **May 26th**: School Board Mtg 7pm
- **June 1st**: EX Field Day (Rain Date)
- **June 2nd**: FM 8th Grade Dance
- **June 3rd**: EH Senior Assembly
- **June 4th**: RH Senior Assembly
- **June 5th**: HH Graduation Practice
- **June 6th**: EG K-2 Field Day 9:30-11am, Half Day Dismissal for Students, PM Teacher Inservice
- **June 7th**: HH Graduation 6pm
- **June 8th**: EH Graduation 6pm
- **June 9th**: RH Graduation 6pm
- **June 10th**: EG End of School Year Parties
- **June 11th**: School Board Mtg 7pm
- **June 12th**: EX Field Day (Rain Date)
- **June 13th**: FM 8th Grade Dance
- **June 14th**: EH Senior Assembly
- **June 15th**: RH Senior Assembly
- **June 16th**: EG 5th Gr Breakfast 9-10am, FM 8th Grade Awards Ceremony & 6th/7th Grade Field Day
- **June 17th**: Last Day for Students, Half Day Dismissal for Students, PM Teacher Inservice
- **June 18th**: Teacher Inservice, Last Day for Teachers, Juneteenth
- **June 19th**: Last Day for Teachers
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For nearly 30 years, Dr. Chas Cognato was dedicated to his career in education. The last 15 years was with the WCASD where he became the beloved principal, “Dr. C” at Stetson Middle School. The following sentiments were shared to the Dr. C tribute page on Stetson’s website.

“Dr. Cognato had a good soul, and he genuinely wanted the best for Stetson students. His heart lived at 1060 Wilmington Pike.”

“He started a conversation whenever he could and only thought of ways to make others happy.”

“The love he had for his students and the true concern for his staff showed through daily.”

“Dr. C. was my daughter’s biggest advocate and best friend. His concern for her health, safety, and happiness at Stetson, and in the wider community means more than anyone can understand.”

“He was their cheerleader believing that they had unlimited talents to share. He helped young adolescents grow into successful citizens.”

“I remember him as a kind and caring teacher who truly wanted the best for his students. His energetic personality was always present in whatever he did.”
Schools & Offices Closed

School Board Mtg 7pm
Summer Keystone Window through 7/30

Independence Day
The West Chester Area School District offers a variety of sports to high school students at the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity levels. Freshman sports, open to ninth graders, encourage a high level of interscholastic competitive participation. Junior varsity sports, open to grades 9 through 11, give students the necessary experience to move to the varsity level, which is the highest level of competitive sports. All high school varsity teams compete with schools in the Ches-Mont League. Intramural sports are offered to sixth grade students in the district’s middle schools. In grades 7 and 8, students play interscholastic sports against neighboring districts.

Middle and high school students must meet academic eligibility requirements to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities per district and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association policy. Physicals are required of student athletes. They may elect to obtain a comprehensive initial pre-participation physical once per calendar year (dated after June 1) or a minimal pre-participation physical evaluation prior to every season. Students must also meet school attendance requirements.

The following sports are offered each season. Please note that individual sports are not necessarily offered on all levels.

**Fall (starts August 10):**
- Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis (Girls), Volleyball (Girls)

**Winter (starts November 20):**
- Basketball, Indoor Track, Swimming, Wrestling

**Spring (starts March 8):**
- Baseball (Boys), Lacrosse, Softball (Girls), Tennis (Boys), Track & Field

Contact the athletic director at each high school if you have questions:

- **East High School:** Susan Cornelius - 484-266-3925
- **Henderson High School:** Ken McCormick - 484-266-3431
- **Rustin High School:** Devon Landgraff - 484-266-4339

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**Activity Fees**

The West Chester Area School District has instituted an activity fee structure in an effort to offset the growing costs associated with extra-curricular programs.

**Elementary School:**
- Band, Chorus, Orchestra, After School Intramurals

**Middle School:**
- **Activities:** District Honors Band, District Honors Chorus, District Select Strings, School Jazz Band, Dramatics, Science Olympiad
- **6th Grade Athletics:** Basketball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Track, Volleyball, Wrestling
- **7th/8th Grade Athletics:** Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Girls Volleyball, Wrestling

**High School:**
- **Activities:** Academic Team, Debate Club, DECA Club, District Senior Strings, Fall/Spring Drama, Literary Magazine, Marching Band & Color Guard, Musical, Newspaper, Robotics Competition, Science Competition
- **Athletics:** Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Football, Girls Volleyball, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Wrestling.

Families will be assessed the following fees per student per year, which will allow that student to participate in one or more funded activities and/or sports:

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The maximum cost a family may incur in activity fees is $250. Students who qualify for the national Free and Reduced Lunch Program will not be required to pay activity fees. Families experiencing financial hardships may apply for a waiver through the office of secondary education by calling 484-266-1016. More information on the Activity Fee Policy may be found on the District’s website at www.wcasd.net/activityfee.
CLASS OF 2020

COVID-19 may have prevented traditional celebrations for our seniors, but we enjoyed honoring them on social media with our Senior Spotlights!
Board reorganizes in December

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2020-2021 Activities Calendar

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