## West Chester Area School District



2023-24 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

## CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Spellman Education Center, 782 Springdale Drive, Exton, PA 19341 Phone: 484-266-1000 ~ Fax: 484-266-1175 ~ Website: www.wcasd.net

Dr. Kalia Reynolds, Substitute Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Cheryl Newton-Woods, Interim Assistant Superintendent Mr. John T. Scully, Director of Business Affairs Dr. Sara M. Missett, Director of Elementary Education Dr. Una Martin, Interim Director of Equity

Mr. Wayne Birster, *Director of Facilities & Operations*Dr. Jeffrey Ulmer, *Director of Human Resources*Mr. John McGowan, *Director of Information Technology*Mrs. Melissa Kleiman, *Director of Pupil Services* 

#### SECONDARY SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION

#### **West Chester East High School**

Principal: Dr. Stephen Brown 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

Acting Principal: Dr. Steven Werner 500 Ellis Lane, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-2900 ~ Fax: 484-266-2999

#### E. N. Peirce Middle School

Principal: Mr. Joseph DiAntonio 1314 Burke Road, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-2500 ~ Fax: 484-266-2599

#### G. A. Stetson Middle School

Principal: Mrs. Mary Kay Puchella 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. TJ Seidenberger 800 North Chester Road, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-1500 ~ Fax: 484-266-1599

#### **Exton Elementary School**

Principal: Mrs. Kristin Bulgarelli 301 Hendricks Avenue, Exton, PA 19341 Phone: 484-266-1400 ~ Fax: 484-266-1499

#### **Fern Hill Elementary School**

Principal: Dr. Jennifer Southmayd 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

#### **Greystone Elementary School**

Principal: Dr. Kevin R. Fagan 1195 Aram Avenue, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-2300 ~ Fax: 484-266-2399

#### Hillsdale Elementary School

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

#### Mary C. Howse Elementary School

Principal: Ms. Jackie Pavlo 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**

Principal: Dr. Shawn Cruice 750 Westbourne Road, West Chester, PA 19382 Phone: 484-266-1800 ~ Fax: 484-266-1899

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As the leader of the West Chester Area School District, it is my pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to both our returning families and those who are joining our District for the first time. As another exciting school year begins, we get to embark on a journey of growth, learning, and success together; I cannot wait to see where it takes us!

Each year, the District's mission drives us forward and renews our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience for every student. In addition to our mission, three principles of leadership and learning will guide us throughout the 2023-24 school year: See, Smile, and Succeed. These three principles encapsulate our dedication to fostering a supportive, inclusive, and positive learning environment for our students, staff, families, and community.

**See:** We encourage all members of our school community to truly see one another — our unique strengths, perspectives, and potential. By recognizing and valuing all members of our District, we foster a culture of inclusivity and understanding. Through this lens, we strive to create an environment where every individual feels seen and valued, enabling them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

**Smile:** A smile is a powerful gesture that can brighten someone's day and create a sense of belonging. As we navigate the joys and challenges of the new school year, let us remember the importance of kindness, compassion, and positivity. By fostering a welcoming atmosphere in our buildings, we can create spaces where students and staff feel supported and encouraged to reach their full potential.

**Succeed:** Our ultimate goal is to ensure the success of every student in our district. To achieve this, we remain committed to our 2022-25 Comprehensive Plan, which outlines our strategic objectives and initiatives. Through this comprehensive plan, we aim to enhance student achievement, promote educational equity, and provide rigorous and relevant learning opportunities that prepare our students for a dynamic future. We will continue collaborating with our dedicated educators, engaged families, and invested community partners to implement effective strategies and support systems that nurture student growth and achievement.

Together, let us cultivate an environment where every student can flourish, discover their passions, and develop the skills needed to become confident, lifelong learners.

Please take a moment to review our 2023-24 School Year Activities Calendar, which outlines important dates and events throughout the year. We encourage you to actively participate in the various opportunities for involvement, whether it be parent-teacher conferences, school performances, or community meetings. Your engagement and support play a vital role in fostering a strong partnership between home and school, ensuring the success of our students.

We look forward to seeing you soon, with a smile!

Sincerely, Dr. Kalia Reynolds, Substitute Superintendent

## SCHOOL BOARD



The West Chester Area School District's School Board (from left): Karen Fleming, Daryl Durnell, Dr. Kate Shaw\*, Joyce Chester, Dr. Karen Herrmann, President Sue Tiernan, Vice President Gary Bevilacqua, Dr. Laura Detre, Stacey Whomsley, and Substitute Superintendent Kalia Reynolds. \*Not in picture: Alex Christy completed Dr. Kate Shaw term.

As required by the Pennsylvania School Code, the West Chester Area School District is governed by a School Board comprised of nine directors who serve four-year terms. The directors are elected from three voter regions within the school district. Elections are held every odd-numbered year. Four to five directors are generally elected at any one time.

At an annual organization meeting held during the first week of December, the School Board chooses a President and Vice President for the upcoming calendar year. At that time, any newly elected members of the Board are also sworn into office. The annual monthly board meetings are scheduled at this time and can be viewed through the online calendar available on the District's website. Agendas may be obtained through the calendar links as they become available.

A primary responsibility of the Board is to set district policy, which is then implemented by the administration. Another major responsibility is to approve the annual budget and set tax rates. The fiscal year covered by the budget runs from July 1 to June 30.

The School Board operates under a committee structure. Each committee meets on an as needed basis to discuss agenda items for School Board meetings and to receive informational updates from the Administration on matters within the committee's area of concern. Committee chairs and members are appointed by the Board President after the President's election in December. The School Board President also appoints Board representatives and liaisons in various areas. These persons report back to the Board on matters of general concern at the regular monthly Board meetings. All public committee meetings are advertised as required by law.

The School Board has several additional nonvoting members, including a secretary, an assistant secretary, and a treasurer. Secretaries are appointed by the Board for four-year terms that run concurrent with fiscal years. Treasurers and assistant secretaries are appointed by the Board for one-year terms that run concurrent with a single fiscal year.

In addition, the student body of each of the district's three high schools elect a student representative for a one-year term that runs concurrent with the fiscal year. These representatives serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity.

For School Board meeting dates, information on policies, and much more, please visit www.wcasd. net and click on School Board.

## 2023-24 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 \$302.3 MILLION BUDGET** for the 2023-2024 school year supports instruction for close to 12,200 students in 11 elementary schools (kindergarten through grade 5), 3 middle schools (grades 6 through 8), and 3 high schools (grades 9 through 12). The district also provides services to nearly 4,000 non-public school students.

**THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF**, headed by Substitute Superintendent Dr. Kalia Reynolds numbers nearing 1,100. 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 72.1% Caucasian, 8.7% Asian, 9.3% Hispanic, 4.7% African-American, 0.1% American Indian/ Alaskan Native, and 5.1% 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 averages with the majority of students scoring advanced. Approximately 93% of our graduates seek higher education.

**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** is taught by WCASD teachers using our curriculum and materials. In high school, students have the option of creating a more flexible schedule by enrolling in some classes in-person and others through our WC Cyber Program.

**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 6 through 12 receive laptop computers to use at school and home as part of the district's 1:1 computing initiative.

**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

**ATTENDANCE (POLICY 204)** - The compulsory attendance and truancy laws in Pennsylvania requires a written excuse from a parent/guardian within three (3) days of an absence. If no excuse is provided, the district follows the procedures outlined in the law and district policy.

**STUDENT CONDUCT/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.

#### DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT

**(POLICY 103)** - 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.

**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:

Website: www.wcasd.net

Facebook: facebook.com/WestChesterAreaSchoolDistrict

Twitter: @WestChesterASD

Main Phone Number: 484-266-1000

Local Television Stations: ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX

Radio: WCASD closing number is 851

#### FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RECORDS PRIVACY ACT

(FERPA) (POLICY 216AG1)- The purpose of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") is to protect the privacy of student records. The law also assures that educational records which are vital to the appropriate education of a student are accessible to the school professionals working with that student. Detailed information on FERPA may be found in the Student Records portion of the district's Discipline & Records Policy distributed to parents via the Back to School portal at the start of each school year. 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** - School counselors provide academic and career planning support, individual counseling, and parent and teacher consultations. They serve on Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) 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. Middle and high school intervention specialists work with students, parents, and staff on substance abuse and mental health issues.

**STUDENTACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET, COMPUTERS AND NETWORK RESOURCES (POLICY 252)** - 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 of students in grades K-5 may choose to disallow access to the internet for their students by completing the Parent Opt-Out form.

**SMOKING, TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCTS, STUDENTS (POLICY 222)** - Prohibits student possession, use, purchase or sale of tobacco and vaping products, including, the product marked as Juul and other e-cigarettes.

**STUDENT INTEGRITY (POLICY 218.3)-** The district supports students' learning and academic achievement by encouraging them to produce work that is their own best effort, 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.

**STUDENT RECORDS (POLICY 216)-** 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.

**WEAPONS (POLICY 218.1)** - Students are prohibited from possessing and bringing weapons and replicas of weapons into any school district buildings, onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any public vehicle providing transportation to or from school or a school-sponsored activity or while the student is coming to or from school. A student who violates this policy shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) year.

# 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.









#### 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, GS, HD, MC, PW, SS, WT 9:10 am - 3:40 pm



Clockwise from top left: After facing off against steep competition from bus drivers throughout Chester County, WCASD's school bus team pulled into second place in the 42nd Annual School Bus Safety Competition; retiring WCASD staff members comprise a combined total of over 940 years of service to the WCASD - we are so grateful for them and all they accomplished in their time here!; WCASD staff love any opportunity to show off their Philly's spirit; thanks to the WCASD's Business Office's dedication, the WCASD received the Association of School Business Officials International's prestigious award for outstanding business office operations and the management of fiscal affairs; welcoming new staff to the WCASD is one of the best parts of starting a new school year, especially when those teachers are former Vikings, Warriors, and Knights.

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arah Starkweather Elementary EH = East High School
Vesttown-Thornbury Elementary HH = B. Reed Henderson High School
R. Fugett Middle School RH = Bayard Rustin High School
. N. Peirce Middle School SEC = Spellman Education Center
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6	7	EX Popsicles with Principal @ 3pm	WT Kindergarten Kick-Off	10	11	12
PIAA - Football Heat Week	Football & Golf Season Begins	HH Senior Portraits	PW Playground Social 4-6pm (raindate 8/10) SM Transition Camp: 8:45-11:15am or 12:15-2:45pm HH Senior Portraits  T 6 WT New Family Tours	EX Popsicles with Principal @ 3pm FM Transition Camp: 9-11am or 12-2 pm PM Transition Camp: 9-11am or 12-2 pm HH Senior Portraits  17 SM Falcons First Flight: Gr 6: 8-9 am,	18	19
200				Gr: 7 9-10 am, Gr 8: 10-11 am EH Band Camp HH Band Camp RH Band Camp RH New Student Orientation Last name A to K – 9 am – 11am Last name L to Z - 12 pm -2 pm RH parent Orientation @ 6:30 pm New Teacher Induction 8 am - 4 pm		26
20	EH Senior Portraits Teacher Inservice	HD New Family Reception @ 6:30 pm MC Popsicles with Principal EH Senior Portraits Teacher Inservice	Grade K & 1 Open House at 6:30PM SM Gr 6 Family Welcome 4-6pm EH Senior Portraits Teacher Inservice	EG New Student Social @ 3pm EH Senior Portraits Teacher Inservice	25  EH Senior Portraits	20
27	28 SCHOOLS OPEN  School Board Meeting 7PM	29	RH Senior Portraits 4 - 8 pm Grade 4 & 5 Open House @ 6:30pm	31	AUG	UST









Clockwise from top left: East HS Principal Stephen Brown and School Resource Officer Scott Meyers joke with students about making it to class on time on the first day!; two East Bradford Cougars stop for a first day hug and picture after getting off of the school bus; Hillsdale Elementary staff and students started the school year off with big smiles; what's better than getting to see and chat with your Peirce friends you missed all summer long; Westtown-Thornbury Elementary teachers and staff couldn't wait to welcome their students back into the classroom and hear all about summer vacation.



#### CALENDAR KEY

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= East Goshen Elementary

EX = Exton Elementary

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GA = Glen Acres Elementary

= Greystone Elementary

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= Penn Wood Elementary

= Sarah Starkweather Elementary

WT = Westtown-Thornbury Elementary

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= Bayard Rustin High School

**SEC** = **Spellman Education Center** 

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3	Schools & Offices Closed	5	FM Picture Day RH Senior Portraits 4 - 8 pm Padres Latinos Meeting at HH	EG Welcome Back Social @ 6:30pm	8  HD Welcome Back Bash @ 6:00 pm	9
10	Labor Day	12	@6:30pm 13	Grade 6 Open House @ 6:30PM	RH Senior Portraits 4 - 8 pm  15	16
Grandparents Day National Arts in Education Week	EX Welcome Back Social RH Picture Day Patriot Day	WT Picture Day	SM Picture Day	GA PTO Meeting @ 7 pm PW Home & School Meeting 6pm Grades 7 & 8 Open House @6:30PM	HH Gr 9-11 School Pictures Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset through 9/17	Rosh Hashanah
Hispanic Heritage Month is observed annually from September 15 to October 15	18	EB PTO Meeting EG HSA Meeting @ 6:30 pm IT Professionals Day	WT PTO Meeting RH Honor Societies Induction	EG Picture Day HD PTO Meeting @ 7 pm Grade 9-12 Open House @ 6:30pm First Day of Autumn	<b>22</b> WCASD German Field Trip to NYC	USBands Marching Competition @ RH 4-9 pm
Yom Kippur begins at sunset through 9/25	Schools Closed Yom Kippur	·		28	EB Gr 5 Band plays at HH Football EG Fun Run Fundraiser PM Picture Day EH Picture Day	30  EH Marching Band Calvacade









Clockwise from top left: East HS football players teamed up with the Melton Center for their annual Community Gardens Service Project; these Greystone Grizzles love some good Halloween fun and magic!; Hillsdale students couldn't stop at just decorating pumpkins for the fall festivities, they had to learn how to catapult them too; WCASD teachers dress up as characters in the staff internet safety training videos; no one has more pep or school spirit than a group of Rustin students about to dump buckets full of freezing cold water on their teachers.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
National Principals Month National Cyber Security Month National Bullying Prevention Month		EB Gr 4 to Stroud Preserve HS Preschool Program Orientation	EX Fun Run HS PSAT Testing Day Padres Latinos Meeting at HH @6:30 pm	SM Retake Picture Day Senior String Viola/Cello/Bass Auditions	GS Games (rain date 10/9) PW Fall FUNdraiser Event Day WT Walkathon EH Homecoming Football Game	EH Homecoming Dance
National School Lunch Week	PMEA Strings Prep at HH @6:30 pm Columbus Day Indigenous People Day	EX Picture Day HD Picture Day Select String Auditions for Violins	GS Picture Day PW Picture Day High School PSAT/NMSQT	EG Picture Retakes GA PTO Meeting @ 7 pm MC Picture Day PW Home & School Meeting 6pm Select String Auditions for Viola/ Cello/Bass	EG Family Fun Night @ 5:30 pm EX Outdoor Movie Night MC Fun Run HH Homecoming Football Game RH Homecoming Football Game	HH Homecoming Dance RH Homecoming Dance
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Boss's Day Teacher Inservice No School for Students	HHS Tri-M Inductions 7 pm PMEA String prep HH @ 6:30pm Chester County High School Music Festival @ IU	FM Retake Picture Day	HD PTO Meeting @ 7 pm	EX Trunk or Treat GS Trunk or Treat (evening) WT Walk-a-thon	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	PMEA Strings Prep at HH @6:30 pm School Board Meeting 7 pm	WT Retake Picture Day PMEA Strings Prep at HH United Nations Day	FM 7/8 & EH Bands performs at West Chester Halloween Parade		EB Trunk or Treat EH Retake Picture Day PW Prized Pumpkin Social 5:30-7pr	GA PTO Fallfest 12 pm - 3 pm HD Trunk or Treat
29	30	31	September	November		
	RH Retake Picture Day End of 1st Marking Period	EG Halloween Celebrations GS Halloween Parade FH Halloween Parade PW Halloween Parade WT Halloween Parade Halloween	S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W R F S  1 2 3 4  5 6 7 8 9 10 11  12 13 14 15 16 17 18  19 20 21 22 23 24 25  26 27 28 29 30	OCTO	BER









Clockwise from top left: Rustin HS students hold a holiday card drive and created over 300 handmade cards to deliver to Pocopson Home for the residents to enjoy; Mary C. Howse spreads gratitude throughout the school with gratitude grams and a fun-filled Thanksgiving storytime!; Glen Acres ES's staff and students honor veterans with beautiful music, historical discussion, certificates of appreciation, and special performances from East High School's Marching Band; students in Peirce MS's Family and Consumer Science course are prepped and ready to serve up some delicious cookies and treats!; East HS students gathered together to celebrate an awesome friendsgiving with food and friendship before enjoying time off with their families.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOT		BER	1	2	3	4
W <sub>C</sub> f		_	FH Holiday Food Drive through 11/14 Padres Latinos Meeting at HH @6:30 pm		HH Drama Show	HH Drama Show
5	6	PW Ice Skating Social 1-2:30pm at PNY Sports Arena Teacher Inserivce No School for Students	8	GA PTO Meeting @ 7 pm PW Home & School Meeting 6pm	EG Feed the Hungry GA Veteran's Day Celebration	<b>11</b> EH Cheer Invitational
12	WCASD Choral Fest @ East HS		National STEM/STEAM Day  15	HH Instrumental Concert @PM	HH Gr 9-11 Retake Picture Day	Veterans Day  18
HH Fall Instrumental Concert Diwali American Education Week National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week	EB Retake Picture Day PMEA Strings Prep at HH @6:30 pm	EG HSA Meeting @ 6:30 pm HD Retake Picture Day	FH Retake Picture Day WT PTO Meeting Support Professionals Day	HD PTO Meeting @ 7 pm EH Fall Drama WT Chorus Concert/Musical PM Retake Picture Day	PIAA - Winter Sports Begin EH Fall Drama RH Fall Drama Substitute Educator's Day	EH Fall Drama RH Fall Drama PMEA Auditions at RH
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
HH Fall Choral Concert RH Fall Drama	HD Book Fair through 12/1 Half Day for Elementary Full Day for Middle & High Schools K-5 Parent Conferences	EX Picture Retake Half Day for Elementary & Middle Full Day for High Schools K-12 Parent Conferences	Half Day for Teachers K-12 Parent Conferences	Schools & Offices Closed Thanksgiving Day National Day of Mourning	Schools & Offices Closed	
26	27 School Board Meeting 7PM	28 FH Winter Concert	EX Choral Concert GS Retake Picture Day PW Retake Picture Day SM & RHS Band Concert @ RH	RH Tri-M Honor Society Induction	OCTOBER  S M T W R F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7  8 9 10 11 12 13 14  15 16 17 18 19 20 21  22 23 24 25 26 27 28  29 30 31	DECEMBER         S       M       T       W       R       F       S         1       2         3       4       5       6       7       8       9         10       11       12       13       14       15       16         17       18       19       20       21       22       23         24       25       26       27       28       29       30         31









Clockwise from top left: Westtown-Thornbury students have on their coziest pajamas, tickets in hand, and are full of excitement to ride the Polar Express; Henderson brings the holiday spirit to West Chester with a fun and festive holiday gift card drive; to spread the joy and cheer, East Goshen Elementary students created special holiday cards for the residents at Bellingham Senior Living Community; music and excitement flooded the hallways of Mary C. Howse as students and staff prepared to enjoy the holidays with family and friends; WCASD staff sort through boxes of warm coats that Keystone Volvo donated to help students drive away the winter cold!



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Registration for Full-Day Kindergarten Opens!

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3	FM & EH Orchestra Concert @ EH School Annual Organizational Board Meeting 7PM	HD Winter Concert FM Gr 6 Chorus/Chorale Concert	FM 7/8 & EH Band Concert @ EH SM Gr 8 & RH Chorus Concert @RH Padres Latinos Meeting at HH @6:30 pm Algebra Keystone Testing -Winter	EG Winter Concert EX & GA Instrumental Concert @ EH MC Winter Concert MC Retake Picture Day WT Winter Concert at RH Algebra Keystone Testing -Winter Hanukkah begins at sunset through 12/15	PW Student Holiday Shop PM Musical	9 PM Musical
10	EB Band, Chorus & Orchestra Concert at HH FM & EH Choir Concert @ EH	EX Choral Concert FM 6 Band Concert SM Gr 6 & 7 Chorus Concert @RH	GS Choral & Instrumental Concert PW Band, Chorus & Orchestra Concert at RH	GA PTO Winterfest 6:30-8:30 pm MC Barnes & Noble Night PW Home & School Meeting 6pm SS Winter Concert FM Gr 7 Chorus/Choral Concert	15	16
17	18 School Board Meeting 7PM	19	GA Winter Concert HH Winter Concert at Asplundh, WCU	21	Half Day Dismissal for Students PM Teacher Inservice	23
Christmas Eve  31  New Year's Eve	District Closed Christmas	District Closed Kwanzaa through 1/1/23		28 Schools Closed	29 Schools Closed	30









Clockwise from top left: East HS's Black Student Union makes a positive impact on the local community by assisting the West Chester Food Cupboard in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.; Exton Elementary students and staff continue their tradition of serving other on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service; rather than waiting for the school bus, Fern Hill students surprise their bus drivers with cards and gifts to show how much they appreciate everything our wonderful bus drivers do!; while learning about Black History Month, Glen Acres students practice their reading and speaking skills on a very patient and cuddly classroom friend; even our furry friends in the West Chester community are thought of as our Penn Wood Elementary students help organize a donation drive for the animals at the Brandywine Valley SPCA.



#### HALF DAY DISMISSAL TIMES

EB, EG, EX, GA FH, GS, HD, MC, PW, SS, WT 11:40 am 12:10 pm FM, EH, HH, RH PM, SM

11:05 am 11:35 am

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	Schools & Offices Closed		Padres Latinos Meeting at HH @6:30 pm			
School Board Appreciation Month	New Year's Day	Schools Reopen	HS Literature Keystone Testing -Winter  10	HS Literature Keystone Testing -Winter	12	19
•	8	9	10		12	13
				PW Home & School Meeting 6pm PM Chorus Concert		
	Elementary Honors Orch Rehearsal Senior Strings Rehearsal	HS Biology Keystone Testing -Winter	WT PTO Meeting	MS Honors Band Rehearsal PMEA District Band	PMEA District Band	PMEA District Band
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
14		10	• •			20
	Schools & Offices Closed	PM Gr 6 Band Concert Senior Strings Rehearsal	FM Gr 6 Band Concert	HD PTO Meeting @ 7 pm PM Orchestra Concert		
21	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	End of 2nd Marking Period	First Day of 2nd Semester 24	MS Honors Band Rehearsal	EX Family BINGO Night	27
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	PM Band Concert Senior Strings Rehearsal School Board Meeting 7PM	EG HSA Meeting @ 6:30 pm		PMEA District Chorus HS Course Selection Parent Kick-Off for the 24-25 School Year		DMEA Dictrict Charus
28	29	RH Jazz Concert	31		PMEA District Chorus	PMEA District Chorus
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		Rising Gr 7 & 8 Course Selection Parent Kick-Off for the 24-25 School			4 1 1 1	AKYI
	Senior Strings Rehearsal	Year				









Clockwise from top left: There's no better music than the music of our talented Henderson HS band students working together with the Elementary student band; to celebrate and learn about Black History Month, Fern Hill Elementary students and staff transform their cafeteria into an interactive Black History Museum; Extra! Extra! The Fugett MS cast, crew, and WCASD staff of the Newsies, Jr. musical certainly have everyone reading all about their incredible musical performance; a 50's themed day for the 50th day of school a Greystone Elementary – what could be sweeter?; thanks to the West Chester Area Education Foundation, the WC Schoolers celebrate another year of schooling the Harlem Wizards on the court!



#### HALF DAY DISMISSAL TIMES

EB, EG, EX, GA FH, GS, HD, MC, PW, SS, WT 11:40 am 12:10 pm FM, EH, HH, RH PM, SM 11:05 am 11:35 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Снеск	OUT THE 202 SE SELECTION	24-25	S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	EG Family BINGO Night @6:30 pm	2	3
		0	-	MS Honors Band Rehearsal Ground Hog Day	0	40
MC Book Fair National School Counseling Week	5 Senior Strings Rehearsal	6  MCH Beginner String Concert	Padres Latinos Meeting at HH @6:30 pm	GA PTO Meeting @ 7 pm PW Home & School Meeting 6pm MS Honors Band Rehearsal PMEA District Orchestra	EX Someone Special Dance PW Sweetheart Dance 6-8 pm PMEA District Orchestra	PMEA District Orchestra Lunar New Year
11	HD Beginner Instrumental Concert Senior Strings Rehearsal	FH Beginner Strings Concert PM & HH Orchestra Concert @HH	14 Valentine's Day	MS Honors Band Rehearsal	Half Day Dismissal for Students PM Teacher Inservice	17
18	Schools & Offices Closed President's Day WT Skating Social	SS Beginner Instrumental Concert Senior Strings Rehearsal	21	EB Beginner Instrumental Concert HD PTO Meeting @ 7 pm MS Honors Band Rehearsal PMEA Region Band	EG Beginner Instrumental Concert @2pm EH NAHS Coffee House PMEA Region Band	24  PMEA Region Band
25	26 Senior Strings Rehearsal School Board Meeting 7PM	<b>27</b> GS Beginner Strings Concert	28 SM Gr 8 Group Photo	EH Musical RH Musical MS Honors Band Rehearsal Leap Day	MARCH  S M T W R F S  1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	W E









Clockwise from top left: Learning about Puerto Rico and cultural heritage is fun with hands-on learning activities at East Bradford ES; Fugett MS students test out keyboards and consider their musical futures; Penn Wood Elementary students make colorful artwork to brighten their day; students celebrate their coding victory during STEM Day at Glen Acres ES; Stetson MS's Spanish 2 students practice bargaining in the market for their store project.



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EH Musical National School Social Worker Week	Senior Strings Rehearsal PIAA - Spring Sports Begin	5	EB Gr 5 Musical Padres Latinos Meeting at HH @6:30 pm End of 2nd Trimester	EB Gr 5 Musical MS Honors Band Rehearsal PMEA Region Choir	EH Jazz Festival PMEA Region Choir	9  PMEA Region Choir
PASA Test window through May 3 Ramadan begins at sunset	WT Skating Social	EX Beginner Instrumental Concert HD Picture Day Senior Strings Rehearsal	WT PTO Meeting WCASD Honors Band Concert @RH	GA PTO Meeting @ 7 pm PW Home & School Meeting 6pm HH Spring Musical Pi Day	Harlem Wizards Basketball Game HH Spring Musical	<b>16</b> HH Spring Musical
HH Spring Musical St. Patrick's Day	Elem Honors Orchestra Concert @EH Senior Strings Rehearsal at HH	19	<b>20</b> RH Tri-M Coffee House	HD PTO Meeting @ 7 pm MC Spring Picture SM Musical PMEA Region Orchestra	FM Musical SM Musical PMEA Region Orchestra End of 3rd Marking Period	EX Spring Fair FM Musical SM Musical PMEA Region Orchestra
24 31	Senior Strings Rehearsal Half Day for Elementary K-5 Parent Conferences School Board Meeting 7PM	26  Half Day for Elementary K-5 Parent Conferences	No School for Elementary; Full Day for Middle and High School AM K-5 Parent Conferences	28 Schools Closed	29 Schools & Offices Closed Good Friday	30









Clockwise from top left: This young interviewer from East Goshen Elementary asks Substitute Superintendent Dr. Kalia Reynolds the tough questions for the school's podcast; East Bradford Elementary students grab their orange aprons and get to work assisting with Habitat for Humanity's Dream House Build; Exton Elementary students hop in the mobile lab for another egg-citing science experiment; Greystone Elementary knows that one of the best ways to build a school community is to be kind to others; Starkweather Elementary students get a hands-on look at the role of a firefighter and even get to take a look inside their firetruck!



Remember to Register your Kindergartener for the 2024-25 School Year!

Sunday	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				FH Jump Rope for Heart			
			EX Spring Pictures	PW Spring Group Pictures Padres Latinos Meeting at HH			
National Assistant Principal Week	April Fool's Day Schools Closed		Senior Strings Rehearsal Autism Awareness Day	@6:30 pm Paraprofessional Appreciation Day	National School Librarian Day	EH House of Hope Concert	
7		8	9	10	11	12	13
			EG Chorus & Beginners Band		GA Beginner Instrumental Concert		
National Library Week	Senior Strings Rehearsal		FH Chorus Concert Eid Al Fitr begins at sunset	Schools Closed Eid Al Fitr	GA PTO Meeting @ 7 pm PW Home & School Meeting 6pm		EH Junior Prom RH Junior Prom
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			EX Beginners Concert HD Gr. 4 & 5 Orchestra & Gr. 5 Band Concert	FH Gr 5 Group Photo	GA Choral Concert HD PTO Meeting @ 7 pm		
	Senior Strings Rehearsal		EG Orchestra & Gr 5 Band	PMEA State Conference	PMEA State Conference	PMEA State Conference	PMEA State Conference
21		<b>22</b>	23	24	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
				GS Spring Choral Concert			
	WCASD MS Jazz Festival Senior Strings Rehearsal		Teacher Inserivce	HD Beginner Band & Gr. 4 & 5 Chorus Concert PMEA State Conference		EG Spring Fair @5:30pm RH Spring Show	
WT Family BINGO ELA PSSA Testing Window	Earth Day Passover begins		No School for Students Passover	School Board Meeting 7PM Administrative Professionals Day	RH Spring Show PMEA State Conference	RH WL Honor Society Induction PMEA State Conference	RH Spring Show Earth Day
28	-	<b>29</b>	30		May	,	
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Math PSSA Testing Window	Senior Strings Rehearsal		FH Instrumental Concert HH Instrumental Concert	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	26 27 28 29 30 31		









Clockwise from top left: Henderson HS seniors smile big as they walk the hallways of their middle and elementary schools for the final time; Westtown-Thornbury Elementary students welcome Rustin HS seniors back to their old stomping grounds for senior walk; Stetson MS students have a lot of fun and a ton of heart when it comes to the annual Hoops for Heart event; the race is on for Elementary students as they compete to cross the finish line at the Elementary track meet; East HS's Academic Team brings home the trophy!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
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Cinco de Mayo National Music Week	FM Gr 6 Chorus Concert Senior Strings Rehearsal Holocaust Memorial Day	<b>7</b> WCASD String Festival	EX Choral Concert GS Instumental Concert RH Band Concert School Nurse Appreciation Day	EG Beginners Concert GA PTO Meeting @ 7 pm PW Home & School Meeting 6pm EH Senior Art Show	EG PA Day EH & FM Jazz Concert National School Communicators Day	11
12	EB Instrumental Concert at HH HD Beginner Strings & Gr. 3 Recorder Concert SM Gr 6 Band Concert	FM Gr 7 & 8 Band Spring Concert PM Spring Choral Concert SM Gr 6-8 Chorus & Chorale @RH Elementary Track Meet Algebra Keystone Testing -Spring	FH Heritage Day FM Gr 8 Chorus & Chorale Concert RH Choral Concert Elementary Track Meet	EG HSA Meeting @ 7PM HD PTO Meeting @ 7 pm SS Instrumental Concert @ RH PM Orchestra Concert EH Spring Choral Concert Elementary Track Meet Raindate HS Literature Koustone Testing - Spring	EB Spring Bash SM Music in the Parks HH Senior Prom RH Senior Prom Elementary Track Meet Raindate HS Literature Keystone Testing -Spring	18
19	<b>20</b> SM Gr 7 & 8 Band Concert	<b>21</b> EG HSA Meeting @ 6:30 pm MCH Beginner Strings & Band Concert PW Gr 4 PA Day FM Gr 7 Chorus & Chorale SM Orchestra Concert	22	FH Beginner Strings & Band Concert RH Orchestra Concert EH Little Viking Graduation Shavuot begins at sunset	Teacher Inserivce No School for Students	25
26	27 Schools & Offices Closed Memorial Day	GS Beginner String Concert Class of 2024 Senior Walk	FH Fun Day PM Gr 6 Band Concert School Board Meeting 7PM	<b>30</b> EX & GA Instrumental Concert @EH	FM Music in the Parks HH Senior Assembly	JUNE S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30









Clockwise from top left: It's always a great morning when students, staff, and families get to celebrate their eighth graders moving in to high school like these Stetson MS students; the BSU celebrates its Annual Kente Graduation Ceremony by bringing together students from East, Henderson, and Rustin High Schools for an evening at Rustin High School; the Fugett MS Cougars signed their yearbooks and are off to have a great summer; at East Goshen ES is officially out for summer – they have the sign to prove it; these Greystone Grizzlies love playing outside and enjoying the summer sunshine.



### VISIT WWW.WCASD.NET FOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	FRIDAY	Saturday
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2	EG End of Year Picnic @6:30 pm EX End of Year Picnic	5th Grade Camp Arrowhead District-Wide Field Trip HH Grad Practice	5th Grade Camp Arrowhead District-Wide Field Trip (rain date)	6	7	8
9		Rustin High School Graduation  1 1  FH Gr 5 Promotion Ceremony Half Day for Students PM Teacher Inservice	East High School Graduation  12  FH Gr 5 Kickball Game Half Day for Students PM Teacher Inservice	WT Gr 5 Send-Off Ceremony Last Day of School for Students and Teachers Half Day for Students PM Teacher Inservice	14	15
16		18	District Closed Juneteenth	20	21	22
23		25	26	27	28	29













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You make our community a welcoming and safe place to learn and celebrate!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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28	School Board Meeting 7PM	30	31	A		
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			Algebra, Literature & Biology Keystone Testing & on August 1	25 26 27 28 29 30 31		
			for Summer Session			

## ATHLETIC PROGRAM

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 7 for Football and Golf and August 14 for all other sports): Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis (Girls), Volleyball (Girls)

Winter (starts November 17):

Basketball, Indoor Track, Swimming, Wrestling

Spring (starts March 4):

Baseball (Boys), Lacrosse, Softball (Girls), Tennis (Boys), Track & Field

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

East High School: Ryan Zehren - 484-266-3925 Henderson High School: Steve Fitch - 484-266-3431 Rustin High School: Devon Landgraff - 484-266-4339





## **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.



**F**amilies 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:

TIER	Tier One-	TIER TWO-	TIER THREE-HIGH
	Elementary	MIDDLE SCHOOL	SCHOOL
Annual fee per student	\$27	\$82	\$109

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 484-266-1004. More information on the Activity Fee Policy may be found on the District's website at www.wcasd.net under "For Parents."

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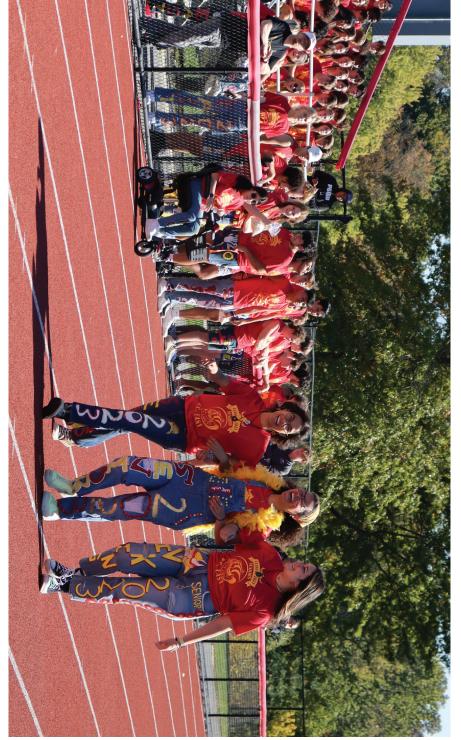
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