

BAYARD RUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL



THE GOLDEN KNIGHT

November 11, 2019

Dear parents and families,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am once again reminded of how thankful I am to be part of this community. I am grateful for your support and for the opportunity to work with your wonderful students every day. I am also blessed to work with such remarkable and compassionate teachers and staff members.

I truly believe that we are blessed to have what we have here at Rustin and in this great community, and especially at this time of year, I am committed to giving back to the community and helping those in need. I am going to promote this message to our students and ask for their (and your) help in a number of ways.

We are doing a school-wide food drive to support the West Chester Food Cupboard! I attached the information to this email. We need help promoting the drive and getting donations, and we will need help transporting the donations to the Cupboard.

The drive is being co-sponsored by the World Language Department, The Cross Country Team, our UKNIGHTED club, the National Honor Society, and our American Latino Program.

We want to continue to help and support our families and neighbors who were impacted by the recent tornado. Please continue to let me know what we can do for those families.

As we do each year, we want to help our families in need have a nice holiday season. We will need your help purchasing gifts and food, and sponsoring families. I will be in touch soon with how you can help.

I know you will help us, because you always do. I am very thankful for this and for all you do to help and support Rustin and this community.

Have a great week, and thank you again, sincerely.

Mike Marano

“The proof that one truly believes is in action.” ...Bayard Rustin

KNIGHTS In The News...

Knights With Character Award

We have many wonderful things taking place at Rustin that are only possible because our students and staff go above and beyond to have an impact on people’s lives. Please take a moment and nominate a student or staff member who exemplifies any of the six characteristics below by completing our [electronic nomination form](#). Nominations will be accepted through Wednesday, November 13th, 2019.

The qualities of “Knights With Character” are:

- Integrity
- Courage
- Compassion
- Giving of self
- Responsibility
- Excellence

10th Grade Holocaust Trip December 5th, 2019

Join the 10th grade class and Holocaust Studies elective as they take in the sights of Washington D.C. Visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum, eat lunch at the American History Museum, and visit your choice of museum in the National Mall.

Cost: \$45.00 – cash and checks made payable to WCASD-Rustin

All paperwork and payment must be submitted no later than homeroom, December, 3th 2019.

Submit all paperwork and payment to your English teacher.

When all paperwork and payment is submitted, sign-ups will be held. Twelve students per group. Spaces are limited.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. McFadden or Mrs. Turley.

ALP Update...

In October and November the American Latino Program (ALP) at Rustin has been busy. First, the ALP students held a month-long book drive in order to collect books for the Chesco Library Laundromat League, the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County and the Montgomery County Courthouse daycare. The ALP students collected over 25 boxes of books donated by faculty, parents, and students. The group would like to remind the public about the importance of early literacy skills and getting books into the hands of every child, no matter what their age may be. Many families in our community utilize laundry facilities and the agencies we delivered the book baskets to, so these baskets will definitely make a difference in our region. Next service project: Rustin Food Drive for the WC Food Cupboard.

Delco Veteran's Memorial and Courthouse Tour

On November 7, 2019 the American Latino Program attended a Veteran's Memorial and Delaware County Courthouse tour. Students were provided with

an explanation of the services available at the courthouse along with a simulation of a court case. Students participated in a pretend trial where they assumed the roles of the defendant, the prosecutor, the judge, the jury, the court reporter/stenographer, and the court bailiff. Students learned how the proceedings of a typical criminal trial unfold and the implied factors in how the criminal legal system works. Additionally, students were provided a chance to ask questions about how the legal system at the county level functions.

After the simulation and tour of the courthouse, the group traveled to the Delco Veteran’s Memorial located off of Route 3. The memorial was dedicated in 2014, but they are still adding to the grounds with a new addition of a chapel. Students were divided into groups where they had a short history lesson on the history of war veterans in the United States, led by veterans of the Vietnam War and the Desert Storm campaign. The monument is particularly symbolic with a fountain that represents cleansing and innocence from conflict, and students were able to take a “rubbing” off of the wall which provided an avenue for honoring the veteran’s service and their memory. Overall, students absorbed the weight of how war and conflict affects all humans. Some cultural nuances surfaced regarding the concept of placing dedication tiles on the ground. In our culture, we understand that when a tile is placed on the ground, it is a commemoration; however, in other cultures students perceive this as an act of disrespect. Another nuance recognized emerged with the word “immigrant.” Who is considered an immigrant in our nation? At what point does this word carry a negative connotation? These conversations with our students serve as cultural reminders that experiential learning is a key to our student population.

Ski Club

Students interested in joining the Ski Club must submit their paperwork to Mrs. Bastings by November 22nd!

The Rustin Theater Group invites everyone to join us for our upcoming theatrical productions. This week we present *The Miracle Worker*, written by William Gibson on Friday 11/15 and Saturday 11/16 at 7 pm. Come and enjoy the classic story about Annie Sullivan, the teacher of Helen Keller. This dramatic show illustrates the relationship Helen had with her family before and after Annie Sullivan came to work with her. Living nearly like a family pet, Helen's true spirit eventually shines through and she is able to live a life of dignity. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The following week, on Friday 11/22 at 7 pm, the Rustin Theater group will be presenting a special performance. Join us for a student written and student directed original show *Lost in the Night*. Junior Dilan Kuders wrote this one act as a sophomore and won third place in the 2019 Annual Philadelphia Young Playwrights Festival. There is no charge for this performance.



From the Rustin PTO...

Welcome Back from Rustin PTO!

On behalf of Rustin High School PTO, welcome back to the 2019-20 school year! While PTO does its best to advertise the many fundraising efforts of student/athletic clubs and various causes throughout the year, we do not actively fundraise. We benefit from the Giant A+ Rewards program and

respectfully request a yearly \$20/family donation. To find out more about the programs/events funded though PTO, volunteer opportunities and/or to submit your family donation online, please visit our website at:

www.rustinhspto.weebly.com/

November Calendar

Monday November 18: RHS Food Drive for West Chester Food Cupboard begins

Thursday November 21: Two-hour delay for students

Monday November 25: Delivery of donations to the West Chester Food Cupboard

Tuesday November 26-Wednesday November 27: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday November 28-Friday November 29: Thanksgiving break

Winter Sports Newsletter: <https://www.smore.com/x0my1>

Check our website: <https://www.wcasd.net/Domain/799>

Follow us on Twitter @rustinhs and @WCRustinKnights!



HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY!
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR
VETERANS