

BAYARD RUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL



THE GOLDEN KNIGHT

November 19, 2019

Dear parents and families,

Thanks for getting our Food Drive off to a great start! We filled all three large donation drop boxes on the first day. Please keep the donations coming! I attached the information again to this email.

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.

Please continue to let me know what we can do for those families impacted by the recent tornado, particularly if it is impacting their Thanksgiving. We want to help.

And, 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.

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...

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

ATTENTION SKIERS & SNOW BOARDERS! Bring completed paperwork to Rm. A226 (Mrs. Bastings' Room), or drop off at front office with Mrs. Bastings' name on it BY THIS FRI 11/22! If not enough forms are submitted by 11/22, there won't be a ski/snowboard club! NO PAYMENTS ARE NECESSARY YET! You, (the members of the club) will get to decide dates & locations! If you don't have a form, get one at room A226, get parent signatures & hand in by 11/22. This will be a great winter- ski resorts are open already!

The Rustin Theater Group thanks everyone who joined us for The Miracle Worker this past weekend! This 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.smores.com/x0my1>

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

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