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Wildcat Academy

Wildcat Newsletter

December 2023

Greetings!

I hope you're doing well. Trimester Two has been a great refreshment around the building. New classes following the Thanksgiving holiday began with a sense of excitement. This year, we did our best to have students start part "B" of a class with the same teacher if possible. This allowed for less transition and start-up time in the classes. While we couldn't do this for all students and classes, we're hopeful for the added ability to strengthen relationships across the building.

As we continue to define what it means to be fiercely committed, we're working to draw attention to the many positive things happening around the building daily. This month, we're working on the aesthetics in the hallway. Last evening, our staff created posters with phrases, words, and images that are now around the building. We're also hosting a snowflake-making opportunity to decorate our halls and ceilings throughout the winter season.

We will also begin an endeavor to organize staff, students, and parents to focus on culture and climate. Did you know we have a parent roundtable group that meets three times a year? Would you like to join us? Please reply to this message to learn more information.

Dr. Misty Wilson



Calendar of Events

December 4 - 15 , 2023

Keystone Testing

December 22, 2023

Welcome to Winter Day

December 22, 2023

Half day for students dismiss at 10:55 am

December 23 - Jan 1, 2024

Winter Break - no school

January 2

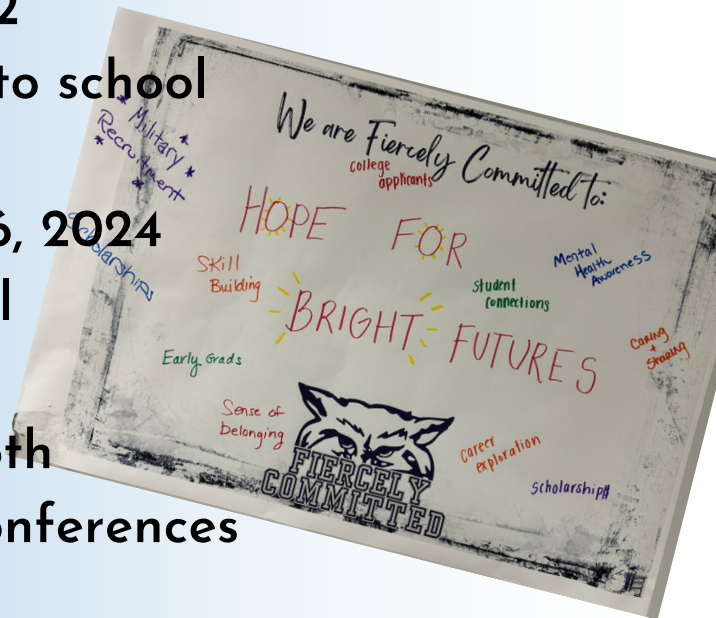
Students return to school

January 15 & 16, 2024

No school

January 16th

Parent Teacher Conferences



Counseling Scoop

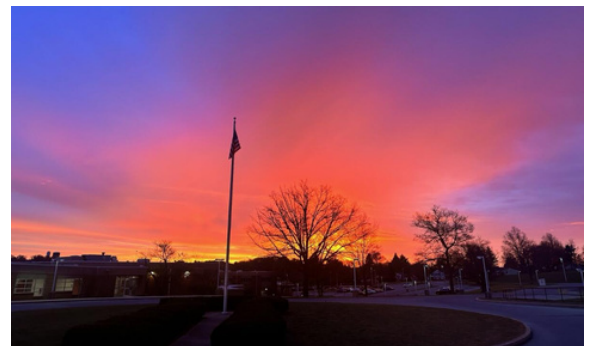
5 Tips For a Successful Trimester 2

1. Get organized - Getting organized now will help you keep up with your course materials. Daily planners can be helpful to keep track of due dates and are available in the counseling office.
2. Engage in your classes - Attend, take notes, ask questions, and seek out your teachers during Wildcat Period.
3. Study - Preparing for tests includes developing a study schedule, using study tools, knowing what material will be on the exam and what types of questions will be asked, & request help when needed!
4. Utilize school resources - Attend Wildcat Period with teachers, work with a peer tutor or study group, seek assistance from your school counselor, attend Wildcat Academy after school Monday - Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
5. Take care of yourself - Eat 3 healthy meals a day, sleep at least 8 hours a night, and engage in physical activity.

Self-Care

As we enter the winter months it is important to remind our students about caring for themselves. Here are some self-care tips:

- Write in a journal
- Read a book
- Play with a pet
- Write a letter to a friend/family member
- Make a new playlist
- Ride a bike
- Color/Draw
- Go for a walk/run/hike
- Clean your room
- Try a new recipe
- Take a nap
- Call/Facetime a friend/family member
- Do a puzzle/word search
- Draw with chalk outside



Counseling Scoop Continued

York County Alliance for Learning (YCAL) Opportunities

This spring YCAL will be having some amazing programs available to our high school students! We will be having 28 programs running from February through May. Some topics include cosmetology, nursing, psychology/human services, electrical/HVAC and so many more! Students will be receiving an email in mid-December with information on all programs and how to register. Applications will open on January 22. Please remember that space is limited so signing up early will be in your benefit! Any questions please reach out to Mrs. McCullough at Kellin.McCullough@dallastown.net.

How to access scholarships:

1. Please access Naviance.
2. Click on Colleges and select Scholarship Search for a list of local scholarships.
3. Click on Colleges and select National Scholarship Search to search for National Scholarships. Be sure to set up your Naviance profile.
4. The scholarship lists are updated daily, so please check back often!

PSAT Scores

PSAT/NMSQT Scores are now available! Here's how to access your scores:

- Create a [College Board](#) account so you can easily access your scores online and unlock a robust set of personalized resources to help you understand your scores. Please use a personal email address to set up your College Board account.
- Scores will be available the first week of December.
- Students have the opportunity to connect with 1,500 colleges and over \$300 million in scholarships through Student Search Services® with their College Board account.
- Students can access free, personalized on-line tutoring and SAT prep by linking their College Board account with [Khan Academy](#).

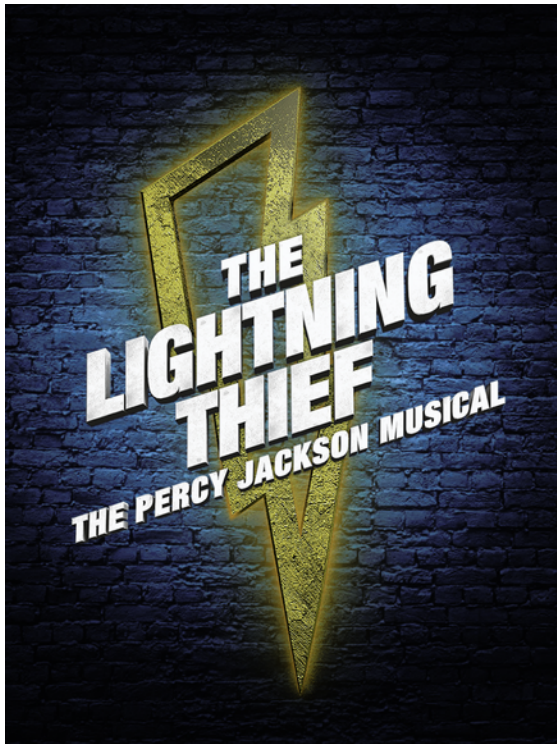
VPC PRESENTS HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT



Wear Holiday Pajamas!

Musical

April 4 - 7, 2024



Claw Cards

With the end of the Trimester One, remember that new Claw Cards will take time to process. Please be patient while we prepare them for you at the beginning of trimester two, and watch the morning announcements for updates.



York County Libraries are seeking entries for their 35th Annual A Celebration of Poetry Contest! Open to all York and Adams County students in 1st through 12th grade, they are asking entrants to write an original poem in their own style of choice. They encourage, but do not require, you to submit your own art work along with your original piece. All the information you need is on their website: www.yorklibraries.org/poetry. Submissions will be accepted up until January 19, 2024. Age groups are by grade, for example: grades 1-2, grades 3-4, grades 5-6, grades 7-8, grades 9-10, and grades 11-12. Winning poems will be published in a commemorative booklet in addition to being invited to read their works during the "A Celebration of Poetry" event on April 17, 2024.

If you have any questions, please email: ysdepartment@yorklibraries.org

Yearbook Information

Price Increases January 1, 2024

Order your 2024 edition of **THE BEST BOOK AT DALLASTOWN HIGH SCHOOL – The Spectator!**

The 2024 edition can be purchased online at www.balfour.com for \$75.00 until December 31, 2023. **Starting January 1, 2024, the price will increase to \$80.00.** We anticipate selling out of this book, so please order early! Distribution will occur when the books are delivered in May. There are no guarantees that there will be extra copies to sell when our 2024 edition arrives, so secure your copy early!

If you are the parent of a senior in the Class of 2024, you might also be interested in designing and purchasing an ad celebrating your student's achievements. These ads can be acquired on the Balfour site when securing your copy of the 2024 yearbook.

Don't delay – Buy your copy today!

For any questions, financial concerns, or inquiries, please contact our advisors at yearbook@dallastown.net or (717) 244-4021 x.3103.

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MENTAL HEALTH

FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

DATE : SUNDAY JAN 7

**LOCATION : SUSQUEHANNOCK HIGH
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UPMC

SCHEDULE

COACHES SESSION: 2 - 3 PM

STUDENT SESSION : 3-4 PM

PARENT SESSION : 3-4 PM

WELLNESS FAIR : 2-4 PM

**High School or middle
school with most
participation receives
cash prize!**



We are excited to be hosting our 10th annual Mini-THON event on March 1st. This twelve-hour event will bring together students and staff to fundraise for the common cause of conquering childhood cancer. To help us reach our fundraising goal, we are looking to partner with local businesses! Do you own a business or know someone who does? We would love to partner with you in support of this awesome event! Please see page 15 to learn more about Mini-THON. Please contact Jill Nobile at 717-244-4021, extension 3538, or through email at jill.nobile@dallastown.net to find out how to get a business involved!

Can you HELP Mini-THON® ?

Dallastown students organize a Four Diamonds Mini-THON® each year to raise money to fight childhood cancers. Dallastown Mini-THON is looking to partner with local businesses to help raise money for our Mini-THON event in March 2024. **We will gladly accept monetary donations, gift cards, or even business merchandise.**

We are very appreciative of any "donation" you are able to make; we will recognize your business in the following ways based on the value of your donation!

THANK YOU for your support!

Friend of Mini-THON	<p>Allow us to place a container at your register for your patrons to drop a donation in. We will stop back to collect the money periodically. The money raised in your "container" would qualify you for the opportunities below at NO COST TO YOU!</p>
BRONZE Sponsor MINIMUM \$50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media Recognition on Instagram, Twitter, & Facebook • Name on Recognition Banner the night of the event
SILVER Sponsor MINIMUM \$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Sponsor Recognition PLUS ↓ • Name/Company Logo on a participant giveaway item (i.e. water bottle, winner t-shirts, incentive items)
GOLD Sponsor MINIMUM \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media Recognition on Instagram, Twitter, & Facebook • <u>Individual</u> Recognition Banner the night of the event • Company Name/Logo on the T-shirt of every HS participant (Donation commitment needed by 1/10/24) • Opportunity to visit Mini-THON on March 1st & present your check on stage
GOLD PLUS Spenser MINIMUM \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Sponsor Recognition PLUS ↓ • Company Name/Logo on the T-shirt of every participant at the Middle School Mini Mini-THON (Donation commitment needed by 1/10/24)





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Inspiring and creating pathways for student success

September 10, 2023

Dear Local Business Owner,

Dallastown Area High School will host its tenth annual Mini-THON® on March 1, 2024. This twelve-hour event will bring together students and staff to fundraise for the common cause of **conquering childhood cancer**. Last year, we far exceeded our fundraising goal of \$100,000. This year we can't wait to yet again exceed our fundraising goal of \$130,000. With the help from our community and businesses like you, we know we can once again far exceed this amount! If you feel financially comfortable to give a donation either monetary or in-kind, we would be thrilled!

Every year more than 16,000 families hear the words, "your child has cancer". These words can carry so much weight. Childhood cancer treatments are expensive and families often struggle to afford it. ***If you decide to donate to Dallastown Area High School's Mini-THON®, you will support the Four Diamond Fund in their mission to conquer childhood cancer.*** Every year the Four Diamonds Fund supports approximately 600 children who are battling cancer. Four Diamonds was started in 1972 and has since helped 1,000's of families by supporting them both financially and emotionally. At Penn State Children's Hospital, the hospital the Four Diamonds Fund is associated with, they are constantly performing research in hopes of finding new treatments to end childhood cancer. These families and kids need all the help they can get right now! We can help these families and kids by raising awareness and money for the Four Diamonds Fund.

Dallastown Mini-THON® will be appreciative of **ANY** donation (*monetary, gift card, or business merchandise*) you are able to give during these trying times! We hope you consider donating to help us fight childhood cancer! If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact us. The email address to reach us at is listed below and the school's phone number is: 717-244-4021, extension 3538.

For the kids,

Emma Duncan
Student Co-Chair
Business & Community Relations

Kiersten Kessler
Student Co-Chair
Business & Community Relations

Anya Leboutitz
Student Co-Chair
Business & Community Relations

Jill Nobile
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I Can HELP Mini-THON® !

Company Information

Company Name

Contact Name

Address

Email

Phone

We will gladly make a donation to support DAHS's mission to fight Childhood Cancer! Our Donation to Mini-THON will be:

To have logo included on t-shirts, donation must be received by 1/10/24

We will gladly pick up any donation!

Please contact Jill Nobile with any questions or to arrange pick-up at 717-244-4021, ext. 3538 or through email at jill.nobile@dallastown.net

Checks can be made payable to Dallastown Area HS
Memo Line: Mini-THON

★ **THANK YOU** for your generous contribution to Dallastown Area High School's Mini-THON! Your generosity is much appreciated! ★



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WILDCAT ACADEMY

ABOUT US

Wildcat Academy is an intervention program afforded to all Grade 7 through Grade 12 students to assist in providing a structured environment where they can individually attend to their scholastic assignments and tasks while receiving teacher/tutor assistance and guidance with executive skills (organization, study skills) and content knowledge support. While this is an **OPTIONAL** program for all students, students identified by their teachers and respective Child Study Teams are encouraged to participate as a more formalized intervention.

**FREE TUTORING:
LEARN MORE**



QUESTIONS?

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-  DAHS INNOVATION CENTER (LIBRARY)
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