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January 2024

Happy New Year!!

At DAHS, we ended 2023 on a high note. I'm very proud of our student body and their response to our higher expectations regarding behavior. There is a very different vibe around the building than we were experiencing in October and we're all thankful for that.

Our Welcome to Winter Day was a highlight of our student performers! The singing and instrumental playing showcased so many of our students and provided an interactive assembly to remember.

As we enter 2024, I look forward to continuing right where we left off!

Dr. Misty Wilson

HAPPINESS
IS A MOOD.
POSITIVITY
IS A MINDSET.

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, January 11 @ 9 pm
Close scheduling for conferences

Monday & Tuesday, January 15 & 16
No school

January 16th from 1:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, January 31 @ 5 pm
Financial Aid Night

2024 DAEF Scholarship Application

Seniors - consider applying for the Dallastown Area Education Foundation Scholarship. The deadline is January 24.

[2024 Scholarship Details](#)

[Scholarship Guidelines](#)

[Scholarship Application](#)

DALLASTOWN C.A.R.E.S. SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, January 8th

Compassionate

Wear warm and comfy clothes.

for your warm and compassionate heart.



Comfy
Cozy Day

Tuesday, January 9th

Accountable

Hold yourself accountable by representing your future pathway after high school.



College, military,
workforce wear

Wednesday, January 10th

Respectful

Be respectful and a team player by celebrating what you're connected to.



Sports, club,
activity, or
school apparel

Thursday, January 11th

Ethical

Be ethical and wear clothing with a positive message or your favorite outfit.



Wear apparel with a
positive message or
your favorite outfit

Friday, January 12th

Service-minded

Wear Dallastown spirit wear as we work together to make our Dallastown community a better place.



Dallastown
Spirit Wear



TRIMESTER 2

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

TUESDAY, JAN. 16TH

1:00 PM - 8:30 PM

- Conference scheduling will open Wednesday, Jan. 3rd and will close on Thursday, Jan. 11th at 9 PM.
- Conferences will be scheduled using Skyward. There will be a tile labeled “Trimester 2 Conferences 23-24” that you will select. You will be able to choose from a drop-down menu for in-person or zoom/virtual conference.
- If you choose the virtual/zoom option, a link will be viewable in Skyward from the teacher on the day of your conference.
- More detailed instructions on how to schedule your conference are below.
- Once scheduling is closed, you will need to contact your child’s teacher directly via email to setup a meeting.
- Additional directions via YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyNWL_aQDmM

Counseling Scoop

Scheduling

Scheduling is just around the corner! On January 30th, the school counselors will hold grade level assemblies for grades 9, 10, and 11. Procedures, the scheduling timeline, and course selection will be reviewed. Course selection sheets will be distributed.

Special Scheduling Presentations

As we prepare for scheduling season, the counseling office will hold special scheduling presentations for students interested in our college and career readiness programs on January 25th. Students can sign up to attend these presentations on Naviance.

- -Pre-Apprenticeship (10th & 11th) - 8:00 am
- -Dual Enrollment & College in the Classroom (10th & 11th) - 8:30 am
- -Work Transitions (11th) – 9:30 am
- -YCST Part Time Flex & HACC Academy (10th & 11th) - 10:30 am
- -Early Graduation (11th) – 1:30 pm
- -Career Internships (10th & 11th) – Wildcat Period

Pre-Apprenticeship Opportunities

Does your student have an interest in a trade or apprenticeship after high school? Dallastown Area High School partners with York County Alliance for Learning (YCAL) to offer three amazing experiential learning opportunities for students interested in building trades, electrical, and manufacturing careers. YCAL Pre-Apprenticeship programs provide students with hands-on, practical learning in a career of interest at absolutely no cost. This opportunity allows students the ability to explore pathways prior to entering the workforce. Rising junior and senior students have the option of fall, spring, or even year-long cohorts where students are paired with established York County trade organizations for next school year. Applications for 2024-2025 will be available beginning February 26th. These programs are in high demand and fill up quickly. To start the process or continue the conversation, please email kellin.mccullough@dallastown.net or call 717-244-4021 ext. 3545.

AP Exams

Students wanting to access accommodations for AP Exams must be approved by College Board.

The application deadline is January 18, 2024.

- Students with an IEP should contact their case manager to apply for their accommodations.
- Students with a 504 Plan should contact their school counselor

Counseling Scoop *Continued*

Financial Aid Night

On Wednesday, January 31st from 5-8 pm, we will hold a FAFSA completion night at Red Lion Area Senior High School. During this time, you can bring all necessary documents (see attachment for details) to complete the FAFSA and there will be Financial Aid Counselors from local colleges available to assist you and answer questions as you work through the application. There are a limited number of spots available for this event, so registration is required. Please call the Red Lion Senior High School Counseling Office at 717-246-1611, ext. 6 to register and reserve a timeslot. Note that you must also create an FSA ID (both student and parent/guardian will need one) in order to login to complete your FAFSA. This must be done at least 4 days prior to completing the FAFSA to allow for processing time. A link to create your FAFSA ID can be found [HERE](#).

YCAL Career Exploration

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 should have received an email with information on all programs and how to register. Applications will open on January 22. For a complete listing of programming and the link to apply, click [HERE](#). 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.

Gold Collar College and Career Fair

On February 8th, Dallastown will host their annual Gold Collar College and Career Fair that focuses on helping to connect students to pathways in the skilled trades and technical sectors. Various colleges and trade schools will be in attendance.

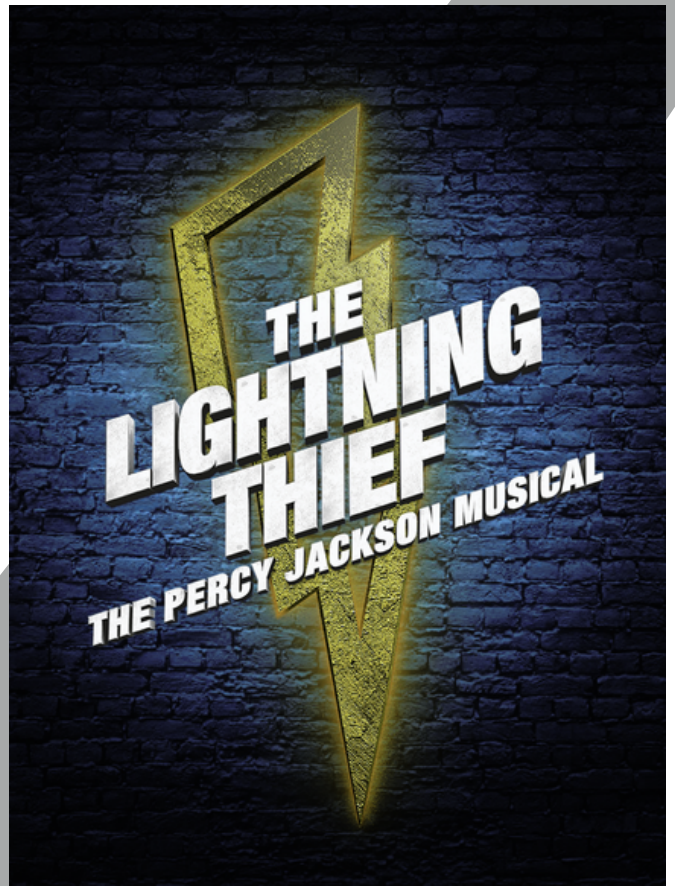
Caring and Sharing

Thank you for all your generosity with our Caring and Sharing initiative! Your kindness impacted many students and families this holiday season! Between the high school and the middle school, we raised a total of \$6,622.17!

The high school initiative assisted 75 high school students and a total of 61 families. Each student received a Walmart gift card, and each family received a Jerry's gift card. In addition to the gift cards, the families who picked up at the high school were given a basket full of goods from our donation drive and could choose to take a winter jacket if needed.

Performances
April 4 - 7, 2024

more details to come



VEX Robotics Competition

Please join DAHS in congratulating some members of the Robotics II class for their success in the VEX Regional competition held in Philly! They placed 7th out of 36 teams in the qualifying round and made it to the quarterfinals of the elimination round. I'm sure if you ask them about it, they'd love to talk about their experience (especially the last match)!



Members include:
Gabe Keller
Zach Erickson
Hunter Ward
Christian Rodkey
Nate Erickson (not pictured)



Below is a clip from one of the matches if you are curious about the VEX robotics competition. Each year there is a new game/challenge, with this year being called Over/Under. In the [video](#), their robot is in the upper right corner at the start of the match.

Claw Cards

Citizenship - Leadership - Achievement - Work Ethic

Eligibility

DAHS students can obtain a Claw Card for a trimester by meeting either of the following criteria:

1. Achieving Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 on the weighted scale) or Distinguished Honor Roll (4.0 or higher on the weighted scale) at Dallastown Area High School in the previous marking period/trimester.
 2. Achieving Advanced or Proficient status on all three Keystone Exams (limited to juniors and seniors) or having met the Act 158 Career Pathway graduation requirement.
- Freshmen are not eligible for a Claw Card until the second trimester of their freshman year.
 - A student cannot receive a card if he/she received a trimester grade of D, E, I, P, or U in the previous marking period/trimester.
 - Failure to complete your assigned Naviance tasks will prevent you from earning a Claw Card. Students must complete all grade-level Naviance tasks to earn a Claw Card.
 - All obligations must be satisfied to earn a Claw Card.

General Guidelines

- Students must always report at the start of any assigned study hall for attendance purposes. Students wearing a Claw Card will be released from the study hall only after attendance is taken.
- Only students displaying their Claw Card can access the following areas "CLAW ZONES" during study halls and assigned lunch period - Courtyards (Library and Science) – fair weather only, front lobby, and Wildcat Café
- Off-limit areas for students - Benches outside the attendance office, hallways, spaces inside exterior doorways, pool lobby, and Middle School
- Students will receive a warning for their first offense if found outside of a CLAW ZONE, a loss of the Claw Card privilege for a week for the second offense, and the loss of the Claw Card for the remainder of the trimester for the third offense.
- In case of a fire drill, students wearing a Claw Card should report to the nearest teacher/room for attendance. Students are to remain with that teacher until the drill is concluded.
- The Claw Card can be withdrawn without warning as a result of administrative disciplinary consequences or card misuse.
- Students who misplace their Claw Card can obtain a replacement card in the HS main office for a \$10.00 fee.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF
PENNSYLVANIA**

**2024 AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST
ESSAY TITLE:**

“What does Freedom mean to me?”

- **Contest begins January 4, 2024**
- **Open to ALL STUDENTS in GRADES 3-12**
- **CASH PRIZES**
- **DUE date FEBRUARY 12, 2024**
 - **Please see YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARIAN for details and a Cover Sheet for the Essay**

Direct questions to Karen Taylor or Lesa Romig,

Paraprofessionals-DASD High School

Members of ALA Dallastown Unit#605

Karen.Taylor@dallastown.net Lesa.Romig@dallastown.net



American Legion Auxiliary Dallastown

Unit #605 Awards;

winners in each "Class" (Gr. 3-4, 5-6, etc.)

\$150 to 1st place

\$100 to 2nd place

\$50 to 3rd place

Yearbook Information

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 \$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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SCHOOL**

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SCHEDULE

COACHES SESSION: 2 - 3 PM

STUDENT SESSION : 3-4 PM

PARENT SESSION : 3-4 PM

WELLNESS FAIR : 2-4 PM

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Register for one or both events:

<https://www.york.psu.edu/admission/events>

FAFSA Information Session

What?

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been updated for students entering summer or fall 2024. Join us to get an overview of the changes to the financial aid application process, hosted by Kristen Fowler, financial aid coordinator at Penn State York.

When?

Saturday, January 27, 2024

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Where?

Polli Hall, Graham Center for Innovation and Collaboration
Penn State York, 1031 Edgecomb Ave. York, Pennsylvania 17403

FAFSA Completion Workshop

What?

Complete your FAFSA at this workshop and get all your questions answered in real time. Please register in advance and come prepared with the information listed in the event details.

When?

Thursday, February 8, 2024

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Where?

Admissions Office, Main Classroom Building
Penn State York
1031 Edgecomb Ave. York, Pennsylvania 17403

Questions? Contact us: ykadmission@psu.edu or 717-771-4040

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*inspiring and creating
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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.

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QUESTIONS?

 717-244-4021 X 3005

 [HTTPS://BIT.LY/DASDWILDCATACADEMY](https://bit.ly/dasdwildcatacademy)

 DAHS INNOVATION CENTER (LIBRARY)
700 NEW SCHOOL LANE, DALLASTOWN



**STUDENT
REFERRAL**

Build a Breakfast

Choose at least 3 food items including at least ½ cup of fruits or vegetables to build a breakfast. Choose 4 items for best nutrition!

1. Select at least ½ cup of fruits or vegetables (½ cup of fruit or vegetable is 1 item).
2. Pick a second serving of fruit, or some other foods like grains, protein, or milk.
3. Take a minimum of 3 food items.

Meal Examples:



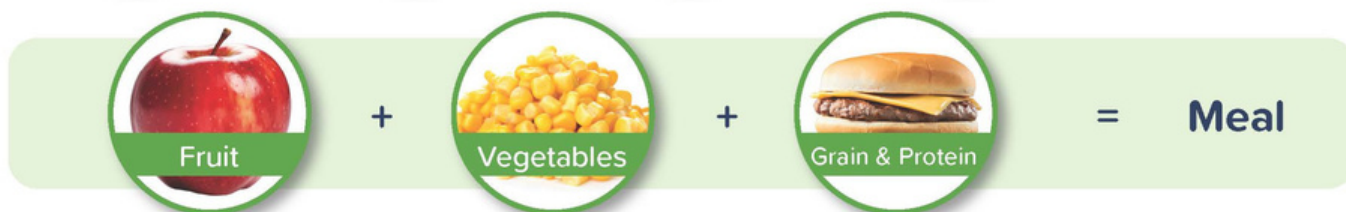
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Create a Lunch

Choose at least 3 food groups with at least ½ cup of fruits or vegetables to create a lunch. Take all 5 food groups for best nutrition!

1. Select at least ½ cup of fruits or vegetables.
2. Pick at least two other food groups, such as fruits, vegetables, grains, protein, or milk.
3. Take a minimum of 3 food groups and a maximum of 5.

Meal Examples:



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