

WTHS NEWS



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Winslow Township High School Newsletter

November 2023

Student Government

Updates for Spirit Week- hosted by WTHS Student Government - are in!!! The Senior class won Spirit Week by only 45 points. The dance which followed the pep rally was an immense success with 540 tickets sold and 500 attendees. The 2023 Homecoming Court was crowned during the Homecoming game on Friday October 13th as follows: **Mr. Freshman-Da'Ron Robinson, Miss Freshman-Kissa Dodge; Mr. Sophomore-Nahmir Tucker, Miss Sophomore-Jordyn Kennedy; Mr. Junior-Cameron Miller, Miss Junior-Sana'a Bradley; King-Kanye Reynolds and Queen-Aailyah Holmes.** Also, the annual Powder Puff game was held on November 6, 2023, immediately after school on the football field. Late buses were provided, and parents were invited to attend and cheer on from the visitors' side of the stadium. Currently, SGA is inviting non-perishable food donations from the school community for Winslow families that are experiencing food-insecurity. **Please see the list and help us help our community:**

- Individually packaged snacks
- Peanut butter crackers
- Granola bars
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Rice
- Beans
- Hamburger Helper
- Macaroni and cheese
- Apple sauce
- Baked beans
- Canned vegetables
- Soups
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly

Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment for Juniors and Seniors was open at Rowan College of Burlington County. The deadline to enroll (including registration and payment) was **October 31, 2023**. Eligible classes are as follows: AP Biology, AP Calculus AB and BC, AP English 11 (Language and Composition), AP English 12 (Literature and Composition), AP Physics I and II, AP Psychology, AP Spanish, AP Statistics, AP US History, and AP World History. Please see Mr. Norlin in Guidance if you would like more information.

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Soaring with Winslow

Spanish Honor Society

The WTHS Spanish Honor Society visited School 1 in October and commenced their Spanish lessons to the third graders. With the proximity of Halloween in mind, the lesson consisted of drawing a monster and labeling all the body parts in Spanish. It was a most enjoyable experience for all involved with great interest-building pedagogy in demonstration. Next up is the preparation for the annual induction on November 30th. The students are planning and preparing for the event with great enthusiasm as it will usher in the greatest number of future members since the society's inaugural induction. New and current members will also engage in a meet and greet at the bowling alley during the next field trip to DiDonato's Family Fun Center. Additionally, SHS members celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by wearing their Hispanic Heritage Month t-shirts and introducing fun facts during school-wide announcements. The overall student-favorite was when a

sound clip was played, and students had to guess the movie featuring the piece. During the lunch periods, students submitted their answers, and a winner was selected at the end of the day: **Dominic Bassey** won the Wawa gift card for correctly identifying *West Side Story*!



Welcome New Members

WTHS FBLA started the year with an interest meeting on September 18, 2023, with 80 students in attendance! At this meeting, they were given the challenge of completing a Faculty Scavenger Hunt. The objective was for the FBLA members to introduce themselves to the key members of the high school staff. Once they completed the task, the faculty member signed off on the form. The first member to complete the challenge, Freshman-**Angeli Caga**, was awarded a JBL mini-speaker. Fantastic job Angeli and welcome to FBLA. Returning members were tasked with recruiting and **Caitlyn Lam (FBLA Historian-11th grade)** won that challenge by bringing in four new members. Way to go Caitlyn! FBLA begins this year with 58 members! At the first members-only meeting on October 2nd, the officers led the meeting with discussions about the school store business and how the new members would be trained. The members then played a "getting to know each other" bingo game. The first two members to get bingo were **Nick Parlow (FBLA President-12th grade)** and **Rebekah -Ann Cox (new member-12th grade)**. From Oct 25th- Nov 4th, the school store hosted a contest for the customers. With any purchase made, customers earned a chance to "Guess how many marshmallows the monster has." The winner will be decided by who guessed correctly or who has the closest guess to the actual amount and receive a gift certificate to the school store.



Congratulations

WTHS Marching Band



The Winslow Township Marching Band is wrapping up a successful first season in Tournament of Bands' Open Class. Through their hard work and dedication, they earned a most recent score of 86.90 at Region 1 Championships on Sunday, October 22nd. This year's show is titled "**Sharing the Emotions**", and features the songs "Put on a Happy Face", "Send in the Clowns", and "Can't Stop the Feeling". Student leaders are Drum Majors **Giovanni Vera** and **Amber Humphreys**, Wind Captain **Terry Harris III**, Pit Captain **Isabel Reinert**, Battery Captain **Ezequiel Tirado Jr.**, Color Guard Captain **Gabriela Cruz**, and Quartermaster **Greyson Albert**. We would also like to congratulate and thank our wonderful Seniors: **Giovanni Vera**, **Amber Humphreys**, **Gabriela Cruz**, **Ezequiel Tirado Jr.**, **Terry Harris III**, **Monica Thai**, **Khyle Vidallon**, **Leah Cooper**, **Elaine Flowers**, and **Kaliyah Goldsboro**. The Marching Band completed this season with performances at NJ State Championships on October 28th @ Barnegat HS and Atlantic Coast Championships on November 5th @ Hershey Park Stadium. Thank you for all your support!

WTHS Football Team



Congratulations to the WTHS Football Team for running undefeated in our conference under West Jersey Football League and becoming the **Independence Olympic Conference Champions!!** The last time WTHS won the conference was in 2004. A special congratulations and note of gratitude to Coach Bill Belton and his staff!!!

Girls Cross-Country

Congratulations to the Girls XC team for their close 8th place finish at the South Group III XC Sectionals. Junior-**Ava Millner** placed 8th earning her second trip to the Group III State Championship at Holmdel Park. Ava's 8th place finish is the highest finish of any female XC runner in school history. The ladies competed extremely well against a talented SJ field. Freshmen-**Cinniya Robinson** and **Tristan Hughes** placed 41st and 42nd, Freshman-**Skhye Seamon** placed 58th, Sophomores-**Olivia Okaro** and **Aliyah Daniel** rolled in at 60th and 61st and Junior-**Sana'a Bradley** rounded out the team. Excellent job ladies and thank you for a WONDERFUL season. CONGRATULATIONS also to Freshman-**Cinniya Robinson** for breaking the Winslow Twp. Freshmen Girls XC record set by **Victoria Campbell** in 2018. Great Job CiCi!



A Day at Winslow High School

WTHS Book Club

October Book Club Selection: *If You Could See the Sun* by Ann Liang

Review by Sky Pinkett

Invisible superpowers, academic rivals to lovers, and a shady side hustle that goes from mild to illegal - *If You Could See the Sun* by Ann Liang bends many genres to craft an engaging YA story that keeps readers constantly guessing.

17-year-old Alice Sun has always been in the top percent of her class when it comes to academics. But all the straight A's in the world cannot make up for the wide wealth gap between her and her classmates - all of whom are the children of some of the most wealthy and prestigious families in China. So, when her private school's tuition increases to an amount Alice's parents cannot pay, the risk of losing everything she has strived for leaves her feeling more invisible than ever, until she is. No, she literally turns invisible!

Of course, this plot point led all of us bookworms in the club to discussions about what we would do if we turned invisible. Nefarious crimes like robbing banks or more noble deeds like engaging in acts of kindness came into the conversation. But what Alice does with her newfound ability is a fitting reflection of her intelligence and resourcefulness. She, along with her academic mortal enemy whom she *totally* does not find attractive in the slightest, use Alice's invisibility to discover secrets her classmates want to know, all for a price that could possibly pay for Alice's tuition.

But what happens when this plan requires Alice to break the law, or risk the lives of others and her own?

This novel tackles questions on social disparities, privilege, societal pressure on elite students, and our ambitions to be seen. What happens when someone has the talent to go far, but not the means? Or when our preconceived ideas on those with or without money do not necessarily match up to who they are? Such notions are explored in Alice's interactions with her parents, her classmates, and her love interest.

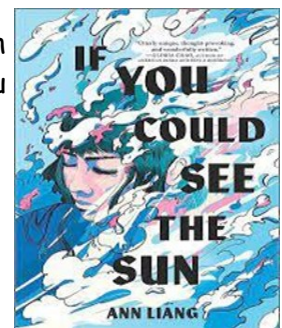
While there was some dissent within the club on whether the portrayal of certain relationships helped or hurt the novel's overall message, a few disagreements on our opinion of Alice's character, and various views on our preferred plot outcomes, most of us really enjoyed reading *If You Could See the Sun*.

A 3.7 out of 5 stars for this fun YA novel. Would you agree or disagree? Oh wait! You can't say because you have not read the book yet. Well, what are you still doing here? Go read! ***Available to borrow in the school library today***

Interested in joining Book Club?

Stop by the school library today and see Ms. Reilly.

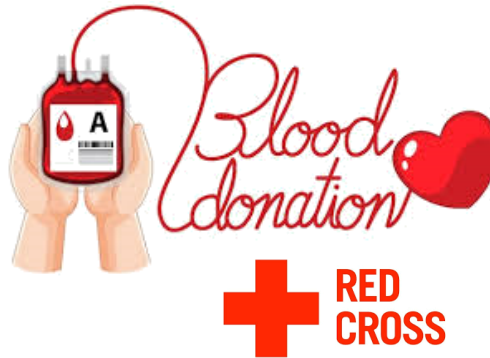
Copies of our next book, *These Deadly Games* by Diana Urban, are available.



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A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came out to donate blood to the Red Cross and support Winslow Township High School students. Almost fifty units of blood were donated and \$250 in scholarship money earned!!! Stay tuned for our next drive in March 2024!



Health Sciences Symposium

On Tuesday, October 24th, Junior and Senior students attended the first annual High School Health Sciences Symposium sponsored by Virtua Hospital. This symposium allowed the students to engage and network with healthcare professionals, as well as participate in small group discussions. The purpose of the symposium was to stimulate high school students' interest in pursuing careers in biomedical/allied health sciences and medicine by allowing them to meet and learn first-hand about the work of doctors, scientists, and allied health professionals. The day was filled with interactive activities, workshops, demonstrations and vendor displays. At the conclusion of the symposium, the biggest takeaway from attending the event for students was "We all need each other in order to become our best selves." We are very thankful that Virtua Hospital extended the invitation for our students to attend such an enriching event.

