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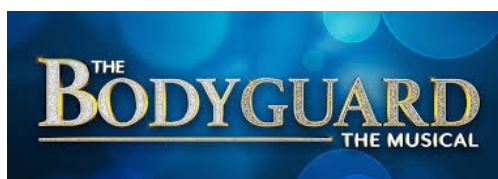
Instant Decision Day



**BLOOMFIELD
COLLEGE**

On March 8, 2019 Winslow Township HS hosted its 2nd annual Bloomfield College Instant Decision Day complete with its own Step and Repeat! An admissions representative from Bloomfield conducted onsite interviews and students were able to have their documents evaluated to determine admission status. Six students received an instant decision acceptance to Bloomfield. The moment was captured during the Step and Repeat when students took pictures with Bloomfield acceptance cards in front of a Bloomfield inspired backdrop. The event was a success not only for the six students with Instant Acceptances but for several other students who are pursuing potential admission to Bloomfield.

Winslow Alumni



Congratulations to Winslow Township HS Alumni, Meghan Deeley, who starred in the ensemble cast of the hit musical "The Bodyguard" from April 26th to May 12th in Westchester County, outside NYC. Deeley, a Sicklerville native, was chosen for this role specifically due to the scope of her vocal talent and her adaptability to hip-hop choreography. She also was given the role of the backup singer for the lead role. Her previous stint was the role of a swing in the international tour production of "Sister Act." As a swing, she had to learn multiple roles and "swing" into place if someone on the cast became unable to perform. Deeley is living her dream of being an actress and living in New York. The WTHS family is proud of Meghan's accomplishments and wish her continued success.

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Soaring with Winslow

Transitional Needs

WTHS Child Study team is proud to announce the success of their Transitional Needs trips. These trips are organized to assist students with special needs and abilities in their transitioning from high school to adulthood. All of the facilities chosen cater and validate the fact that IEPs are not limiting and students can attend a post secondary school placement. Following is a list of participating organizations: Moore College, RCGC, CCC, Abilities Solutions, Berkeley College, Atlantic Cape Community College/ Culinary Arts, GCIT Bankbridge Center, Rizzieri School of Healing and Lincoln Technical Institute.



Teaching Tots



Congratulations to Malayasia Hasty, Naja Langford, Kiamill Abreu, Destinee Alexander, DeAngel Hutchinson, Kanira El-Mean, Tianna Sahou, Nina Grillo, and Laniesha Scott for completing their 2018-19 Teaching Tots Internship. Once a month, these nine students went to school #3 with lesson plans, activities and treats. They separated into pairs and taught lessons in reading comprehension, story writing and science to students in kindergarten and pre-school. Their favorite was a science project titled "How to Catch a Rainbow in a Jar." The high school students learned more about young minds and what works in engaging them while their students found role models and participated in hands-on fun activities. Mrs. Gary and her Early Childhood students are grateful for this opportunity to learn and give back to the school community.

WTHS Boys Tennis

Congratulations to Jaison Prajapati, the First Singles Captain of the WTHS Tennis Team, 1st Team All-Conference and 13-5 record for the season, who will be playing in the State Singles Tournament in June. Congratulations also to Second Singles Captain Ahmed Contreras, First Doubles Captain Matt Nguyen and Amir Greene who are all 2nd Team All-Conference. Third Singles Cole Hannah's six wins and even newcomers Eric Gibson and Rafael Sanchez has helped the team win matches. According to Coach John Totoro, "It's been an exciting year since most of the matches have gone down to the wire and the players have been winning under intense pressure almost forcing me to retire before the year is over. Coach Gyurics and I recognize the hard work put in and are so proud of the entire team."

Soaring Eagles Battalion

Congratulations to the WTHS Soaring Eagles Battalion who have achieved a first in Winslow High School's history by earning the title of Honor Unit with Distinction- the highest level of distinction any JROTC unit can hold. Every three years, the JROTC Program for Accreditation (JPA) conducts a graded inspection of the current status of the battalion and determines its livelihood and the overall future of the program. After long, strenuous, stress-filled hours of practice, the members of the Battalion Staff (led by Battalion Commander, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Mackenzie Martinovitch and Battalion Executive Officer, Cadet Major Eva Thai) and the Service Learning team (led by Company Commander, Cadet Captain Melanie Mercer and Cadet First Sergeant Honesty Wiggins) were able to pull through and earn an almost-perfect score on the JPA. This drill season has been the most successful Winslow has ever seen. As the months passed, cadets' determination and motivation increased and thus, the achievements only continued to multiply. By the end of the season, the Soaring Eagles Drill Team had earned a grand total of 26 trophies over the span of 4 competitions, the most Winslow has ever won in a single drill season. Highlights include, winning 1st Place Overall for Unarmed events at 2nd Brigades, and 3rd Place Overall in the South Jersey League.

Annual Poetry Contest

Congratulations to the winners of Leo Club's Annual Poetry Contest: 1st -Jasmine Hill ("Untitled"), 2nd- Sam Heister ("Porcelain Doll") and 3rd- Milan Nichols ("The Heart Wants What It Wants") As in the past, this event was magical with students, alumni, parents and staff sharing their love of the written word mixed in with light refreshments and special guests. Special thanks go to the judges for the night, Ms. Mack, Mrs. Zoccola and Mr. Pino, who had very tough decisions to make as the top ten poets wrangled for the top three spots. A special thanks also goes out to all those who contributed in various ways to bring this night to fruition. Also congratulations to the winners of the prom-ticket essay contest: Andrew Needham and Zamyra Gaines.

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A Day at Winslow High School

Nurse's Corner

"Ah-choo!" The school nurses would like to draw attention to the most common ailment during this time of the year: allergies! As the trees bloom and pollen becomes airborne, allergy sufferers begin their ritual of sniffing and sneezing. Signs and symptoms of seasonal allergies include sneezing, itchy nose and or/throat, nasal congestion, clear runny nose, coughing and itchy red and watery eyes. There is no real cure for seasonal allergies but it is possible to relieve symptoms by reducing or eliminating exposure to allergens. Some strategies are keeping windows closed, using air conditioning, if possible, and staying indoors when pollen counts are high. Please encourage washing hands, changing clothes and even showering to ensure the reduction of contact with pollen. If reducing exposure isn't possible or doesn't work, visit the family doctor who will recommend medications that may help alleviate the symptoms. The doctor may also recommend a visit to an allergist in severe cases. Teenagers are advised to create a personal allergy-relief plan with parents. This may include carrying tissues, eye drops and lozenges to soothe the throat. Also, mosquitos and bugs are now more prevalent. Since bug bites are itchy, annoying and can cause diseases, it is best to prevent than cure. The following simple measures will help prevent bug bites:

- *Use insect repellent and follow directions on package.
- *Empty out and don't hang around near standing water. Baby pools, bird baths and buckets filled with water attract mosquitoes.
- *Limit time outdoors between dawn and dusk when mosquitos are the most active.
- *Wear long sleeves and long pants when outside and tuck shirt in pants and pants into socks.
- *Ensure that screens are intact and do not have holes in them and keep doors closed.

