

WTHS NEWS



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Winslow Township High School Newsletter

September/October 2024

First Day of School

WTHS has had a successful start to the 2024- 25' school year. Preparations over the summer resulted in a smooth first day and month of school. Students were introduced to new teachers, clubs, student leaders, advisors and hall monitors on the very first day of school. Additionally, the new electronic device policy was reiterated and parents are encouraged to visit the link for any clarifications or resources to ensure student success:



<https://winslow-schools.entest.org/2024-2025%20High%20School%20-%20Handbook.pdf>

Suicide Prevention Month

September was Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month. However, here are some vital life-saving tips which may be used throughout the year:

Key Messages of SOS (Signs of Suicide):

ACT

- **Acknowledge** that you are seeing signs of depression or suicide in yourself or a friend and that it is serious.
- Let your friend know how much you **Care** about them and that you are concerned that they need help.
- **Tell** a trusted adult that you are worried about yourself or a friend.

If you think you know someone who is suicidal, follow your instincts and reach out for help.

Important Hotlines and Helplines

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

988 - is the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

NJ Hopeline

1-855-654-6735

2nd Floor Youth Helpline

1-888-222-2228 - This is a youth helpline serving all youth and young adults in New Jersey. Youth who call are assisted with their daily life challenges by professional staff and trained volunteers. Anonymity and confidentiality are assured except in life-threatening situations.

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Soaring with Winslow

COLLEGE READINESS NIGHT

WTHS Guidance department presents **College Readiness Night** in the **Sarah Gordy Auditorum** from **6-8:00 pm** on **October 29th**. The counselors would also like to invite all students and parents to access its google classroom and avail all the resources and opportunities. Age and grade-level appropriate announcements, including college visits and scholarship information are updated regularly. Please note that the AP exam registration deadline is November 8th! Please contact your AP teacher or **Mrs. Norlin** (norlinca@winslow-schools.com, **AP Coordinator**, for questions or assistance. This information has also been shared with AP students via AP exam Google Classroom and through the document following:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S3yMkjLYT31HOkI3_ARAqZrnaY_DMwwM/edit?usp=sharing&oid=104892246387007363022&rtpof=true&sd=true

Learning Express

Attention all parents and students: The Camden County Library System offers free access to Learning Express via the NJ State Library.

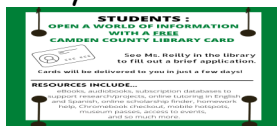
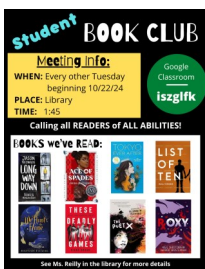
Learning Express offers the following and more:

- Career Preparation
- Job & Career Accelerator - provides powerful tools and guidance to achieve career goals
- College Admissions Test Prep - Offers tutorials and practice tests for exams like the ACT, PSAT, SAT, AP, and more. In addition, students can take advantage of eBooks related to improving their college admission essay writing skills.
- High School Students' Skill-Building Resources - Skill-building resources for classroom and homework success.
- Computer Skills Center - Video courses to learn popular software and computer basics.
- Resources for Spanish Speakers - Tools for learning, careers, and citizenship

For assistance, please reach out to Emily Reilly at reillyem@winslow-schools.com

Library Card

Ms. Emily Reilly, WTHS's School Library Media Specialist, would like to invite all Winslow Township High School students to apply for a Camden County Library Card by filling out a quick application in the high school library. Within a day or two, students will receive their cards and have access to all of Camden County Library's content: books, eBooks, audiobooks, subscription databases to support research/projects, online tutoring in English and Spanish, homework help, museum passes, online book clubs, and so much more. Regardless of residence, faculty and staff are also eligible for the same. Also, the WTHS Book Club is now in session.



Graphic Design

Once again, The Graphic Design & Photo CTSO (Career & Technology Student Organization) is open for business. As part of the CTE requirements, this group has been created as an opportunity for students to discover, learn and participate in "career like" activities. The team meets once a week after school. The key goal is to have the students support other groups in the building and in the community. Students in these programs are available to design any type of Graphic Design (poster, t-shirt, brochure, flyer, etc.) or provide photography services as needed for any school/community related organizations on campus. For details or requests for services, please contact Mrs. Gwen Del Buono, Computer Arts/Technology Teacher, at delbuonogw@winslow-schools.com



Congratulations



Track Coach of the Year

Congratulations to WTHS's beloved track coach, Shawnnika Brown, who was named South Jersey Track Coaches Association's Girls' Coach of the Year on June 24, 2024. Her team of ladies- Winslow Township High School Girls' Track and Field Team- had a stellar season, including winning the Woodbury Relays, the Penn Relays 4x400 Philadelphia Area Championship, Olympic Conference Patriot Division Championship, Camden County Championship, Group III South Sectional Championship, and the elite Group III State

Title. Please join the WTHS family in celebrating Coach Shawnnika Brown's talent, dedication and wins.



All State Choir

Congratulations to the five students who were accepted into the prestigious All State Choir: Shilo Garnett, Cass Juarez, Izzy Melendez, Madison Anderson, and Jordyn Storck. The Winslow Township High School Choir is starting off the school year on a high note indeed! Members are conscientiously arranging and practicing a new repertoire for the annual winter concert to be held on December 16th, 2024. Of course, there will be many exciting events in between. The WTHS Choir is posed to make the 2024-2025 school year nothing short of marvelously musical!



HOMEcomings COURT

Congratulations to the winners of the homecoming court, including king and queen, who were chosen by school-wide voting:

12th Grade King -Andre Parris, 12th Grade Queen-Morgan Crawley, 11th Grade Prince-Angel Berrios, 11th Grade Princess- Imani Harris, 10th Grade Prince- Cooper Kenish, 10th Grade Princess- Fajr Taylor, 9th Grade Prince- Anivea Allen and 9th Grade Princess- Jenelle Harrison.

A Day at Winslow High School

SPIRIT WEEK

The Winslow Township High School Spirit Week was held from Sept. 30th through Oct. 3rd. The student senate has been meeting since August to plan this year's Spirit Week. The Pep Rally took place on Thursday, October 3rd, during the school day and the homecoming dance held that very night-all in anticipation of the homecoming game Friday. Pep Rally events included the classic musical chairs, dance competition, drag-your-partner and Winslow township's favorite- Tug of War. Here are the highlights :

- **Monday** is Men in Black/ Pretty in Pink - Wear black or pink!
- **Tuesday** is Bikers vs Surfers - Wear black/ leather for bikers or Hawaiian shirts/ t-shirts for Surfers.
- **Wednesday** is Movie Theme Day - Dress as a character related to what you teach or your job in school or support one of the student movie themes.
- **Homecoming Court Voting** will take place on Wednesday, 10/2 during the English classes. The link to the voting form will be sent to the English teachers on Wednesday.
- **Thursday** is Color Wars Day - Support a class by wearing their class color or shirt.
 - * Seniors - Black
 - * Juniors - White
 - * Sophomores - Blue
 - * Freshman - Purple

SGA has also included goodwill and charity into this year's Spirit Week by instituting a points system for donated canned and non-perishable goods from the student body. Spirit Week points were awarded to the class that brought in the most goods and the items then donated.

FBLA

The WTHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club held its annual interest meeting for one hundred new and returning members during the first week of October. New officers for the 2024-2025 school year, Elizabeth Motluck- President, Mickayla Villanueva- Vice President, Caelyn Black- Fundraising Manager, Caitlyn Lam - Social Media Manager, Taiwo Olabode- Recording Secretary and Solianni Cabrera- Historian, were introduced and given the opportunity to set the tone and lead the meeting. All new members will begin training in the school store in October. FBLA officers are tasked with selling chocolate-covered pretzels this fall, the first fundraiser initiative for the year.

Also, check out our FBLA bulletin board at the corner of E & B halls.

