

WTHS NEWS



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Winslow Township High School Newsletter

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Spanish Honor Society Induction



Amidst over two hundred family and friends, WTHS Spanish Honor Society welcomed its new inductees into the fold on December 18, 2024. After the induction, all in attendance were treated to delicious and authentic Puerto Rican cuisine which included arroz con gandules, pernil, pollo, empanadas, maduros y ensalada de papas and a student generated video presentation showcasing their love for the Spanish language and culture. This year's theme was Peru and unity. While dining, guests enjoyed live piano music played by **Greyson Albert**, Peruvian backdrops with fresh floral decorations and beautiful artwork created by **Kehinde Olabode, Taiwo Olabode and Liliana Santanello**, all of which also served as the perfect atmosphere for family pictures. Two beautiful, delicious cakes and other desserts marked the sweetness of the event and also the conclusion of the night's festivities. Thank you to Spanish Honor Society Presenters **Camryn, Emmanuela, Cassidy, Alanna, Savannah, Adrian, Brody, Laila, Alyvia, Ava, Marcus, Kehinde, Taiwo, Sandra, Rain and Brook-lyn**. Also, **Ms. Darchelle Brooks** from Eagles Landing and **Ms. Mullin**, the amazing photographer/science teacher, deserve a vote of thanks for their continued support and dedication to WTHS students.

Real Care Parenting Program



Mrs. Gary, Early Childhood Program Director, is proud to announce that the Real Care Parenting Program is underway! The goal of this venture is to increase participants' awareness about issues related to the responsibilities of caring for an infant. Additionally, students have the opportunity to explore the physical, emotional, social and financial consequences of parenthood. Students in the program are charged with the responsibility of taking care of an infant simulator which mimics all the needs of a real-life baby. As such, it cries, needs to be burped, rocked, diaper changed and fed. The simulation babies are also programmed to cry vigorously if handled roughly or held incorrectly. The entire student body and staff stay involved by providing feedback to the program director. Unattended, improperly held or constantly crying babies generate negative feedback while the thriving ones earn plaudits and grades for their caretakers. Happy parenting to the students in the program!

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Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on April 2nd and 3rd. Please note that parents must access their students' On-course accounts and schedule conferences using the web desk. On both conference days, the instructional schedule will follow the half day protocol. Further details are forthcoming.

Soaring with Winslow

Rowan Honors Orchestra



On December 5th, eleven students from the High School participated in the Rowan Honors Orchestra at Rowan University. These students spent Thursday in rehearsal and had the opportunity to perform Gershwin's "An American in Paris" with the Rowan Symphonic Orchestra conducted by Dr. Jiannan Cheng. Students included **Seniors-Camryn Aikens, Jasmine Williams, Katie Gallagher, Sophia Laureano, and Sarah Fountain-Juniors-Shaneese Johnson, Jayden Shin, Madyson Conquest-Morales, and Zatori Green- and Freshmen -William Perry and Zorianna Rosado.** Congratulations to these students on their accomplishments! This invitation is a testament to the talent found and nurtured at Winslow Township High School.

Annual Giving Tree

WTHS SGA's Annual Giving Tree, in partnership with Winslow PRIDE, successfully brought gifts and smiles to Winslow Township families this year. The SGA would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to every faculty member and student who took a tag and bought a gift for a child! With the generous donations from Winslow PRIDE, SGA was also able to provide each family with essential household items, food, and gift cards.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Kudos to the Spanish Honor Society Students who prepared and performed their first ever Hispanic Heritage Month Assembly at School 2 on October 10th. The students met in the summer and in the months of September and October to practice and perfect a 45-minute show which consisted of a theatrical showcasing of Hispanic Heritage Month through depictions of famous Hispanics such as Lynol Messi, Jenny Ortega, Frida Kahlo and Alex Rodriguez. The students also performed three dance routines to the music of bachata, salsa and cumbia. The program ended with a skit from *Juan Bobo and the Pig*, which was enhanced with a reading of the book in the background. The intersection of Spanish and English words used in the book ensured student engagement and understanding. The favorite part of the day for both the young ones and high schoolers was the finale song: "It's Raining Tacos!" All attendees and presenters joined in the dance and sing-along. A resounding thank you to WTHS's talented students: **Camryn Aikens (Dancer) Emmanuela Baidoo (Presenter) Cassidy Conyer (Narrator) Alanna Costa (dancer/Jenny Ortega) Savannah Dutton (dancer/Frida Kahlo) Adrian Gonzalez (dancer/Coco) Brody Harris (Messi/Juan's Pig)) Laila Henderson (dancer) Alyvia Janicki Juan Bobo) D'Angelo King (Alex Rodriguez) Marcus Nicholson (dancer/ Jose Adres) Kehinde Olabode (Dora) Taiwo Olabode (presenter) Sandra Orjih (Presenter/dancer) Imran Ramos (PowerPoint) and Brook-lyn Roberts (Juan Bobo's mom).** Also, WTHS Spanish Club is truly grateful to Ms. McBride who always includes the high school students in her school 2 activities and supports our program. The most recent of such generosity in inclusion was the opportunity for Spanish Honor society students to volunteer at School 2 Family Fun Night and Holiday Shop.



Renaissance Club

Congratulations to the over 100 Winslow Township High School students who earned Renaissance Gold, Silver and Green Cards for their efforts during the 1st marking period. On January 3, 2025, to celebrate the "Best of the Best!" these card holders were treated to a Hot Chocolate Bar, which included marshmallows, chocolate syrup, sprinkles, and a movie day. *Polar Express* was chosen as the perfect complement for the chocolate bar. The Winslow Township High School Renaissance program is designed to recognize, reward and motivate students who excel in three specific areas of achievement: academics, attendance and behavior. In addition, students are expected to participate in school or community activities. The attainment of these levels of excellence is rewarded with singular privileges deemed at the end of every marking period. Renaissance is a partnership between the students, teachers, parents, administration, business community and the community at large and thus is a commitment to make Winslow Township High School a center of academic excellence.



Congratulations to Acoria Harvey for being the November FBLA School Store Employee of the Month! She is recognized for her positive engagement and energy. WTHS FBLA also gave back to those in need in December by donating 47 children's books to CHOP's Reach Out & Read program. Thank you to all who donated and shared the gifts of reading and happiness with ailing children during the holidays! On January 3, 2025, eighteen members attended the FBLA Southern Regional Summit at Rowan University. Students were introduced to the tools necessary to thrive in their community, future careers, and education. Throughout the day, FBLA representatives from throughout South Jersey gathered together for workshops and interactive sessions designed to encourage teamwork and networking. Attendees contributed to discussions, projects, and activities enhancing positivity and collaboration. Students had the opportunity to lay the foundation to lasting connections with business leaders from various walks of life.



Spanish Honor Society

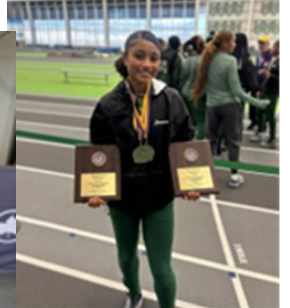
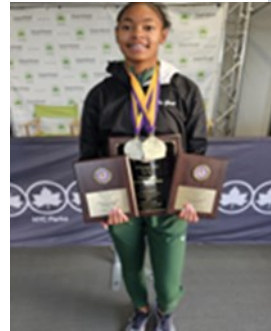
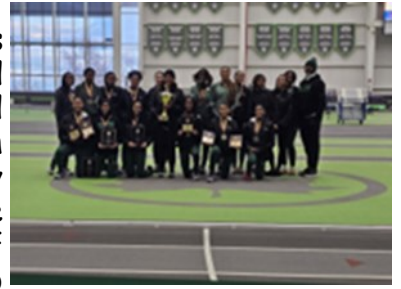
Congratulations to the New Spanish Honor Society Members: Ajala, Nancy, Anderson-Knox Makayla, Arroyo Herlie, Azo Gordon, Bueno Sauriel, Davis Caleb, Drebit Jayden, Harding Isabella, Hernandez Amber, McCarty Ginger, Ricks Dezhoni, Rivera Maya, Sawi Erin, Thomas Samara, Gumii Lindsay, Hardy Steven, Hazelton Cherish, Lam Caitlyn, Parekh Neel, Perez-Martinez Francisco, Reinert Isabel, Santanello Liliana, Thomas Isabella, Williams Jaya, Ade Ivana, Bradley Samiya, Bradley Sana'a, Devine Ryanna, Fairfax Theodore, Kennedy Jordyn, Loeza-Garcia Taylany, Mohamed Jean-Pierre Saniya, Quann, Jeremiah Rivera Isabella, Ali Kyra, Brawner Ma'syiah, Carter Aniyah, Doan Jada, Dreddey Jamyra, Martin Savannah, Murphy Debi, Pickens Cheyenne, Swindle Anaya, Thurman Devan, Hernandez Amber, Arellano Pablo, Okaro Olivia, Phillips Gracie, Young Zion, Akangbe Esther, Juarez Genesis, Macias Yesenia, Mejia-Suarez Alvaro, Parris Andre and Fountan Sara.

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WTHS Girl's Track

Congratulations to the 4x800 team consisting of, Adaiah Arango, Amariah Arango, Tristan Hughes and Ava Millner for breaking the school record of 9:53 by running a very fast 9:32.92 and achieving the ranks of NJ#2 and US #5. With their win, they punched their ticket to the very prestigious Millrose Games held at the Nike Armory. Congratulations also to the 4x400 team of Jasmine Jackson, Skhye Seamon, Amariah Arango and Cinniya Robinson who conquered the field by 5 seconds and ran a speedy 3:50, earning a spot in the Invitational 4x400 at the Millrose Games. The ladies will soon be competing against 6 of the top teams in the country! Previously, on December 21st the ladies won the team title at the Bishop Laughlin Games amassing an impressive 51 points. Jasmine Jackson won the 55 hurdles, as well as the 300-meter dash. Ma'Syiah Brawner was named field MVP for winning both the long jump and triple jump. Then, on Dec. 27th, the Shuttle Hurdle team of Jasmine Jackson, Ma'Syiah Brawner, Sanaa Bradley and Chantina Walker broke the shuttle hurdle meet record at the Ocean Breeze Holiday Festival making them #1 in NJ and US. At the same meet, the Freshman 4x800 team of Amariah and Adaiah Arango, Kayah Scurry and Annabella Cassidy broke the record running 10:18. Next, at the Armory Hispanic Games, the ladies again put on an impressive show. The 4x200 team of Jasmine Jackson, Olivia Okaro, Skhye Seamon and Cinniya Robinson placed 1st running 1:39.95 ranking them NJ#1 and US #5. Ma'Syiah Brawner won the Triple jump with a leap of 39'4".



All Eastern Honors Chorus

Winslow Township High School is thrilled to announce that two of our outstanding students - Shilo Garnett and Cassandra Juarez (both class of 2025) - have been accepted into the 2025 All Eastern Honors Choruses! Their selection was based on their New Jersey All State Chorus audition scores, and they were chosen to represent New Jersey in this prestigious ensemble featuring students from Maine to Virginia. As members of the All Eastern Choruses, they will be preparing music in advance, then traveling to Hartford CT on Thursday, April 24th where they will rehearse with the chorus throughout the weekend. The experience will culminate with a performance on Sunday, April 27th at 11 AM in Hartford. Congratulations ladies!!



A Day at Winslow High School

Nurse's Corner

Nurses Smith and Whitby recommend that all students and staff wear hats, gloves and scarves to protect the delicate parts of the bodies from the upcoming winter chill. Sleep, a healthy diet and fluids must be on the must-do list to stay healthy during winter. Two of the most common complaints among teenagers in the winter include cold sores and dry/ashy skin. 50-80% of Americans have herpes simplex virus type 1 which remains in the body and can cause an outbreak of blisters at any time. Cold sores can pop up when the body is tired, stressed or when you are not taking good care of yourself. It is not harmful, but they do sting and look funny. At the first sign of the "tingle," purchase a topical cream that helps healing. Apply frequently until the cold sore disappears. Dry or ashy skin results from dry indoor heat, cold outdoor temperatures and low humidity, all of which can strip your skin of moisture. Limit showers to 10 minutes and use warm water instead of hot, which makes the skin dry. While skin is damp, slather on body cream. Also try to use PH balanced soap, hand cream every time you wash your hands and a humidifier in the room. Keep your skin protected from the cold air as much as possible by using scarves and gloves. If there are any questions or concerns, please visit the nurse's office.



WHALE WATCHERS

On December 9th, WTHS High School's Marine Biology and AP Environmental classes journeyed to Cape May, New Jersey, and boarded The Cape May Whale Watcher, a whale watching vessel! It set sail in the early afternoon in search of various marine species and birds that can be found all along the New Jersey coastline and Winslow Township students were privy to this magical experience. The first and most rare sighting was a bald eagle spotted perched upon a buoy bobbing in the wind. Most on the boat had never seen a bald eagle and were completely mesmerized. Soon the seas became a bit rough, but the students braved the choppiness to spend time on deck to watch the gulls feeding on the various small fish at the surface. The return trip to the marina was equally as exciting when a minke whale was spotted briefly surfacing for air or greeting the students, before returning to the depths of the oceans. The grandeur and majestic power of the ocean, its inhabitants and mysteries definitely enraptured the students as they are already discussing a return trip!

Leo Club

Leo Club members gifted the School #2 Kindergarten to 3rd grade classrooms with a visit on December 18, 2024! They read winter themed books and engaged in winter theme activities with the younger students. Club members had a great time interacting with the different grade levels, while swapping family holiday and winter traditions. Together, they created holiday works of art which could be taken home and shared with family. Also, Leo Club members roped in some holiday spirit and cheer with a door decorating contest. Students and staff conspired and created doors which brightened the hallways and united the entire school in the excitement. This year's well-earned winner was M109, Mr. Pino's Room, designed by Lilianna Santanello, with the theme "Our Tree is Pretty LIT". The winning door and a few other noteworthy ones are pictured below!

