



# Trojan Talk

Newsletter from  
Wissahickon High School



April 2019

## Spirit Week Brings out the Student/Staff Twins

Our students enjoyed a second semester Spirit Week! One of the highlights of the week was Twin Day. Students and teachers dressed in coordinating outfits. Check out some of the pictures!



## 9th Grade Orientation Save the Date!

9th Grade Orientation will be here before we know it!

August 23, 2019  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Be ready for fun, team-building, and a great start to the 2019-20 school year!

## Save the Date: Junior & Senior Prom

**When:** Friday, May 17, 2019, - 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM

**Where:** Sheraton Hotel Valley Forge, 480 North Gulph Road, King of Prussia

**Cost:** \$75.00 for Wissahickon students, \$80.00 for non-Wissahickon guests

**Ticket Sales:** Wednesday, May 1 through Wednesday, May

*Note:* Please clear all obligations by Tuesday, April 30. The ticket sale forms are available online and outside of the Administration Suite in D-Hall. Guest forms must be completed prior to purchasing a ticket.

# Congratulations to our Students of the Month



## SYDNEY GOODMAN - Science

Sydney has a positive attitude and a strong work-ethic. She is always prepared for class and she helps her peers understand the curriculum. She asks great questions and goes above and beyond consistently. She is a great asset to her Chemistry class!



## JILLIAN BECK - NMTCC

Jillian is completing her first year in the culinary program at NMTCC. Her teachers report that she is a very conscientious and strong student. Her interest in the culinary field has been identified and we can expect great things from Jillian's kitchen in the future!



## ELIAS KILSHAW - World Language

Elias is a dedicated and strong Spanish student. His work ethic and willingness to assist others are commendable. He is considering studying Spanish in the future and will make an excellent educator, if he decides to pursue this potential career choice. He will excel and stand-out in everything he does.



## ANNA SKILLOM - Business/ Technology/FCS

Anna is a talented student. Her work in the creative fields is phenomenal – she has submitted several films to local film festivals and is the WHS three time Poetry Slam Champion! Her sense of humor is unique, as is her approach to leadership. Anna's teachers believe that her future is limitless!



## ALEX KROSKY - Math

Alex is hardworking and models a genuine love of learning. He is eager to help his classmates and he consistently makes valuable contributions to the class discussions. Alex excels at making connections and asks very thoughtful and insightful questions.



## NATE FORDE - Art and Music

Nate has the curiosity and creative thinking required to become a successful designer. His work in Graphic Design is exceptional. Nate asks excellent questions in class and he is able to provide helpful and sound advice to his peers.



## JAMIE HETZEL - Health and PE

Jamie is a leader in her PE Pals class. Her peers and teacher appreciate her upbeat and positive attitude. She is very inclusive to all of her classmates and she provides encouragement and support to her peers.



## CARMEN OSTROSKI - Student Athlete

Carmen is an athlete involved on our track and field team, as well as our basketball team. He demonstrates good sportsmanship at all times, consistently putting the team above himself. We congratulate Carmen on his recent qualification for districts in the triple jump event.



## ELLIE KROZNUSKI - Social Studies

Ellie routinely demonstrates a positive attitude, a tremendous work ethic, and a genuine willingness to learn. She has demonstrated her strong ability through her work which consistently demonstrates thorough application of historical concepts and events.



## VICTORIA LODEN - Good Citizen

Victoria is being recognized because she stands out among her peers due to her kind nature and strong work ethic. She represents what we value at WHS; she is compassionate, empathetic, and genuine. She gives her very best effort to all of her academic coursework as well.



## KAYLA BEAN - Language Arts

Kayla is an enthusiastic and reflective student. She is willing to accept and incorporate feedback and she is consistently open to new ideas and perspectives. Additionally, she is a positive role model in her class; she is positive and encouraging to all of her peers.



## LILY DLIN - Kindness

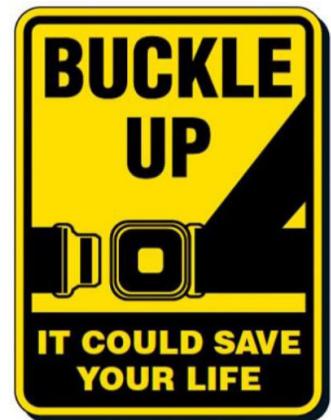
Lily prioritizes the interest and well-being of others. She is a leader and a strong advocate for mental health awareness and believes that inclusion and connectedness are very important aspects of our culture at WHS. She is extremely kind and caring.

## Learning Highlights

### 11th Graders Learn from Impact Teen Drivers Program

During the 2018-2019 school year, WHS partnered with Montgomery County Department of Health & Human Services to deliver the Impact Teen Drivers program to all eleventh grade students. Impact is an evidence-based program developed by the California Association of Highway Patrolmen designed to improve teen driver safety. The program focuses on the dangers of distracted driving and the importance of both seatbelt usage and following the guidelines of the Graduated Driver's License Program.

Our eleventh grade students will be participating in the program in May, as part of their health class curriculum. This initiative was funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Preventive Health & Health Services Block grants and will be delivered by certified health educators from Montgomery County's Office of Community Information & Education. In addition to the Impact program, Montgomery County health educators facilitated a seatbelt observation in the beginning of the school year and are planning one at the end of the school year to observe seatbelt use among the student body. At the pre-observation earlier this year, 73.6% of drivers were observed leaving school using seatbelts.



We hope that by the end of the year, we will see 100% of Wissahickon students using seatbelts. We rely on the support of our parent community to help support our teen driver safety efforts. Please talk to your student(s) about the importance of seatbelt usage and the dangers of distracted driving and lead by example by using your seatbelt consistently and putting down your phone when you drive. Automobile crashes are the leading cause of death among high school students. Let's all work together to make sure Wissahickon students do not become part of this statistic and help keep our students safe on the road. Thank you for your support!

### Relay For Life is back at Wissahickon High School

Relay For Life Update: Join with your family and friends on June 1st and become part of this fun-filled event that supports the fight against cancer! Relay for Life is a community event with activities and entertainment, as well as opportunities to celebrate cancer survivors and to remember loved ones lost to cancer. To find out how you can get involved with fundraising, entertainment, or as a team, please reach out to one of our Relay for Life Wissahickon student liaisons: Ali Meltzer, Ryan Cleary, Sophie Hertz and Donovan Leary. You can also contact our American Cancer Society staff partner, Kelley Dickinson, at [kelley.dickinson@cancer.org](mailto:kelley.dickinson@cancer.org) or 215-985-5304.



# Staff Achievements

## Mr. Ostrow Shares Global STEM Project on Capitol Hill

Congratulations to WHS Science and Math teacher, Mr. Ostrow! On March 28th, Mr. Ostrow was invited to a reception on Capitol Hill in Washington to announce the upcoming 2019 FIRST Global Robotics Challenge held this year in Dubai. Participants at the reception included US Senator Mitt Romney, US House Leader Steny Hoyer, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, Assistant Secretary of State Marie Royce, FIRST Robotics Founder Dean Kamen, members from Team USA, and cabinet ministers from the UAE. Mr. Ostrow shared the story of how Wissahickon High School students have mentored a team of students from an impoverished village in Honduras, turning their team into an international powerhouse. WHS students will continue to work with Team Honduras and we are now also working with a team from Western Africa. If you would like to help with the Global STEM Project designed to inspire all students to pursue STEM careers, please contact Mr. Ostrow. Thank you, Mr. Ostrow, for your expertise and service to helping others!



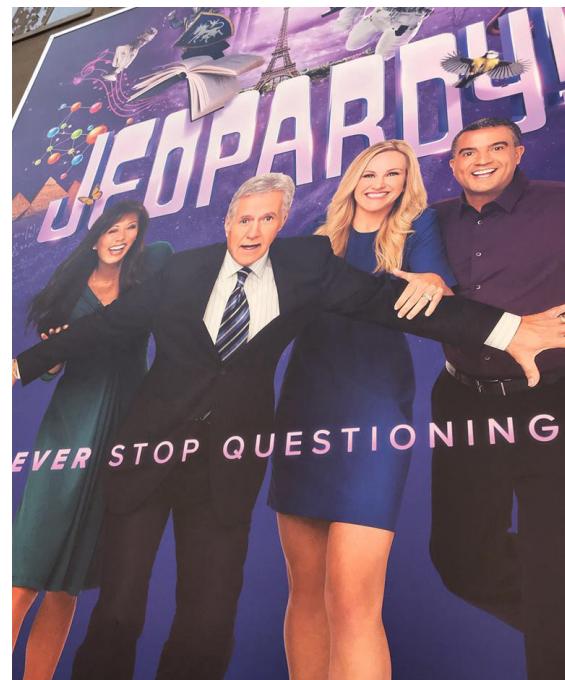
**Tune in!**

## Mrs. Minges-Klusman Competes on Jeopardy!

Congratulations to WHS Language Arts teacher, Mrs. Minges-Klusman! She recently participated on Jeopardy! Teachers Tournament (and she is keeping the outcome a secret!).

Only about 400 people make it through to the contestant pool every year, and from that group, fifteen K-12 teachers were specially selected.

Check out the show on 6ABC at 7:00 PM on May 6th!



## Learning Highlights

### Speech and Debate Team Recognized for Outstanding Performance

On April 8th, twelve WHS Debate and Speech Team members were recognized at a banquet in Peddler's Village for their outstanding performance. Our award winners included:

- Extemporaneous Speaking - Ari Sasson, first place; John Ansu, finalist; Tucker Cocodrilli, Matt Daly, Arnav Gupta, Alejandro Toro, semi-finalists
- Student Congress - Peter Labick, second place; Tess Kelly, semi-finalist
- Public Forum Debate - Sophia Hertz/Ali Meltzer and Evan Qiang/James Thomas, quarter-finalists

The team wants to thank all of the soon-to-be graduates and wish them well as they begin their next chapter : Ian Abrahams, Natalie Brady, Kyla Frenia, Dilip George, Charlie Hertz, Kalle Kuffner, Peter Labick, Davis Rhea, and Alex Oskanian.

### Wiss Pals, CASA & GSA Work Together to Spread the Word

Our Wiss Pals continue to do great things! Wiss Pals, along with friends from CASA and GSA, facilitated the Spread the Word to End Hate Speech campaign. On April 24th, in homeroom, club members will be sharing the importance of using compassionate and inclusive language. During lunches on April 24th, students are encouraged to promote positivity by pledging to end the use of hurtful language. Thank you to all of our students for standing up for what is right! Check out the sign that the students made for the knuckle!



### Poetry Club Shares their Work with Lower Gwynedd Students

Our Trojans Poetry Club members took a field trip down the road to Lower Gwynedd Elementary School to celebrate National Poetry Month (April) with the students. Ms. Prendergast and her poetry enthusiasts taught a lesson to the third grade students; the students then created their own "I Am" poem and created a "We Are" poem as a class. Thank you for spreading the love of reading and writing throughout the WSD community!



# Trojan Triumphs

## Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Undefeated

Both the Girls (8-1) and Boys (7-3) Lacrosse teams are off to strong starts to the season, both teams being undefeated in their Conference.

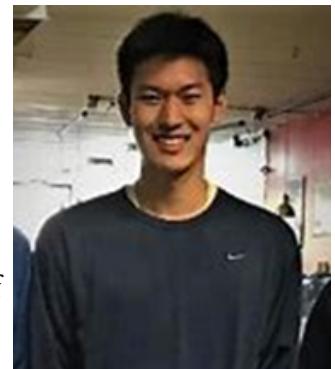


## Girls' Track: Kasi Brown Breaks WHS Long Jump Record!

Congratulations to sophomore Kasi Brown on breaking a 34 year old WHS record with an 18'10" long jump!!! She is also now #6 in Triple jump and tying for #2 in High Jump of All Time at Wissahickon.

## Tennis: Boys' Team Posts 11-0 Record

Congratulations to the Boys Tennis team on their big win against a tough Upper Dublin claiming the 2019 Suburban I American Conference Championship. 4th Doubles players Caleb Zhang & Srikar Sunil picked up a clutch come from behind win 0-6, 6-2, 6-4 to give the Trojans the 4th point. Other victories for the squad were Andrew Tran who breezed through a 6-1, 6-1 win at #1 singles, The #1 doubles team of Vudit Makwana & Anthony Lee who won 6-2, 2-6, 6-1, and the 3rd doubles team of Alex Yum & Mike O'Farrell who won easily in straight sets 6-1, 6-2. The Trojans now post an 11-0 record advancing to District Playoffs.



Andrew Tran from Wissahickon claimed the 2019 SOL American Conference Boys Tennis Singles Championships and set history by doing this 4 years in a row! #TROJANPRIDE

## Football: Brian Tague Recognized as Scholar Athlete

Congratulations to Brian Tague for being recognized at the National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Banquet for maintaining high academics along with playing football.



## Figure Skating: Jacqueline Glazer Awarded Platinum Level Award

Congratulations to Jacqueline Glazer for being awarded the Platinum Level Graduating Seniors Award for Figure Skating. The U.S. Figure Skating Graduating Seniors Award recognizes the hard work of student athletes who have participated in figure skating throughout high school; awards are given at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze level based off a skater's level of competitive achievement in high school. Selection for this award speaks to a skater's continued commitment to succeeding in their athletic and academic

## WSD Sports Physical Registration

The Wissahickon School District consulting physician will be conducting PIAA physicals on Monday, June 3, 2019 to those students in need of an annual sports pre-participation physical. WHS will only be able to accommodate a limited number of students (40) for the June 3rd physical exams on a first come, first served basis. Pre-registration is required. Please see Mrs. D'Amore or Mrs. Ammendola in the Athletic office for more information.

# Learning Highlights

## WHS Partners to Raise Awareness for Child Abuse Awareness Month

WHS was invited to partner with Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center for their annual pinwheel planting. WHS students, from some of our service clubs, planted 600 pinwheels, each one representing one of the 600 forensic interviews conducted by Mission Kids in 2018. The garden was designed to raise awareness for Child Abuse Awareness Month (April). Mission Kids strives to achieve healing and justice for victims of child abuse and WHS was honored to be selected as the 2019 pinwheel partner school. Thank you to all of our student volunteers for making a difference!



## CASA & Ambassadors Support Manna on Main Street

On Wednesday, March 20th, students from our CASA and Ambassadors Club, along with WHS faculty and community members, came together to prepare food for the non-profit organization Manna on Main Street. The volunteers created a menu including salad, meatball subs, chips, water, and homemade cookies. The team prepared and packaged the food to support the important cause. It was another successful year for WHS to support the annual Manna on Main Street service project. Thank you WHS!



## FBLA Sends 40 Members to State Leadership Conference

Congratulations to our FBLA students! WHS is sending over forty club members to the annual State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA. To prepare, over the past few months, students who were successful at the regional competition practiced their presentations and studied for the examinations. At the competition, members will participate in workshops and competitions, helping to inspire them to become our future business leaders! WHS is so proud of our FBLA students! Congratulations! We are hoping to send some of our members to the National Competition, based on the results of the State Competition. Thank you to Mrs. Kern and Mrs. Mulroy for their strong leadership!

Congratulations to our Academic Quiz Bowl Team! Jack Quinn, Michael O'Farrell, Ari Sasson, and Evan Mustin earned 3rd place at the MCIU academic competition, which secured them an invitation for the upcoming national competition! This is the first time that we have qualified for nationals. Our powerhouse team will fly to Atlanta to compete at the end of May. Congratulations! WHS is so proud of you!

## Blue Bell Rotary Awards WHS Students

WHS is proud to congratulate three of our Interact students on their success at the Blue Bell Rotary Club 4-Way Test Essay Contest! The 4-Way Test asks students to write on any topic they select using four questions to frame their thinking: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Jamie Hetzel earned 1st place, John Ansu earned second place, and Chidera Obi-Eyisi earned third place! Jamie then advanced to the Rotary's regional competition and will soon be representing WHS in the Finals in Allentown! Thank you for making WHS so proud!

Ali Meltzer was recognized as the Student of the Quarter by the Blue Bell Rotary.

Ali talked to the Rotary about her work on the Veterans Memorial initiative at WHS. She researched alumni veterans who died in service as well as current staff veterans to create bios which will be featured on the Audion Wall of Honor digital display.



## Cascarones Bring Good Luck!

In Ms. Lynch's Spanish classes, the students learned about the tradition of celebrating with "Cascarones" or hollow eggs filled with confetti. During Easter, weddings, or birthday celebrations in Mexico, people break cascarones on the heads of their friends and family as a sign of good luck. The students had a great celebration – and spread a lot of luck!



## BTE Hosts College Information Night

The Bridge to Employment Program (BTE) hosted its annual College Information night for our WHS BTE students and parents on Thursday, March 14th. The students participated in an activity analyzing different career paths and salaries, based on various educational levels. Our College and Career Counselor, Ms. Anderson, presented to the students about the college application timeline. WHS continues to be grateful for the community partnerships that allow us to participate in the BTE program!



## Jazz Band Members Recognized for Outstanding Performance

Our Jazz Bands had a busy and honorable year with multiple Outstanding Ratings, Best Section Awards, Honorable Mentions AND several Best Soloist Awards. Our One O'clock Jazz Band earned a Superior rating at Cavalcade of Bands Jazz Championships on April 13th and our Two O'clock Band won Best Band and highest rating in their Division at the same Championship concert.

One O'clock Jazz Band Guitarist, Ethan Zales not only won a best Soloist award at all 5 CBA Jazz festivals we attended but he was also selected at the Guitarist for the 2019 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Jazz Band.

The Festival was in Pittsburgh in early April and Ethan played beautifully! Ethan is the third musician from Wissahickon only to have earned a spot in All State Jazz Band. We are very proud of all our Jazz players and look forward to hearing them in action!



## Staff Spotlight: Mrs. Brandt, WHS Science

Each month, we feature a teacher interview. This month, let's get to know Mrs. Brandt, WHS Science teacher. Mrs. Brandt is retiring at the end of this school year. We thank her for all of her years of service at WHS and wish her well as she begins her next chapter!

### Q: What are you most looking forward to, as you kick-off your retirement?

A: Nothing! Doing absolutely nothing at all!! I am looking forward to reading for pleasure, quilting, traveling and scuba diving around the world, to NOT having a schedule, and NOT grading papers!

### Q: What is one thing about you that most people probably don't know?

A: I LOVE to bake cookies! During the Christmas season, I have been known to bake 24 different types of cookies for my family and friends. I also made a Periodic Table of Cookies key, so everyone can identify the cookies!

### Q: Looking back at your career, what are you most proud of?

A: I am most proud of making chemistry fun and sharing my passion for science with my students. I am proud of developing the AP Chemistry curriculum, and take pride in hearing about the success of my students after the exam and after high school. I am proud of developing a rigorous science curriculum with the dedicated science department that provides a high level of science standards for all our students.

### Q: What will you miss most about WHS?

A: I will miss the members of the science department, faculty members, and their collegiality!

### Q: What is one of your funniest memories from teaching?

A: At the beginning of every year in Honors Chemistry, I complete several demonstrations on physical and chemical changes. While I'm completing the demonstration, I ask the students to predict the results of the change and explain the science. One demonstration, in particular, is a "tricky" demonstration. I secretly put diaper material in the bottom of an opaque cup, pour about 300 mL of water in the cup, turn it up-side down over my head.... (The diaper material absorbs the water, so NOTHING pours out of the cup. It's a magician's trick!) ...No water SHOULD pour out. I ask HOW could this happen? What was special about that deionized water, etc.? Well, this ONE particular time- I did NOT wait long enough for the diaper material to solidify in the cup, and I turned it upside down over my head .... AND it plopped on my FACE in front of the class! We all laughed... and I reinforced SAFETY- we ALWAYS wear our goggles during lab! Thankfully, I had my goggles on!

# Class of 2019 Calendar

Our Senior Class Advisors, Mr. Dorner and Mr. Stokes, created a Senior Class Calendar to help families with their planning for the 2018-2019 school year. If you have any questions about the events throughout the year, please contact Mr. Dorner and Mr. Stokes for more information. Graduation and class information is also available on the district website: <https://www.wsdweb.org/schools/wissahickon-high-school/class-information>.  
**(Please note change:** The English Final exam for seniors is May 31 and the Social Studies final exam is June 3)

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
<b>September 25</b>	Senior Class Picture	IE	Circle Gym
	Order deadline for Senior T-shirt (\$15)/Hoodie (\$25)	2:35 p.m.	Mr. Stokes/Mr. Dorner Square Gym Office
<b>October</b>	Payment and permission form due for Senior Banquet (approx. \$80)	2:35 p.m.	Mr. Stokes/Mr. Dorner Square Gym Office
<b>October 10</b>	Josten's Cap and Gown Assembly	IE	Homeroom/Audion
<b>October 15 &amp; October 17</b>	Stationery/Graduation announcement orders and money due. \$28 due for caps and gowns due.	All Lunches	Upper Cafeteria lobby
<b>November 5</b>	Senior Banquet	4:30 - 11:00 p.m.	Spirit of Philadelphia
<b>January 22</b>	Midterms – English & Math	7:37 – 11:05 a.m.	Assigned rooms
<b>January 23</b>	Midterms – Science & Social Studies	7:37 – 11:05 a.m.	Assigned rooms
<b>February 9</b>	Semi-Formal (\$20)	7:30-11:00 p.m.	Square Gym Lobby
<b>March 29</b>	Students interested in being the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Commencement Speaker must submit speeches by today	Due no later than 3:00 p.m.	Administrative Suite
<b>May 1</b>	Senior Class Assembly	IE	Auditorium
<b>May 17</b>	Prom (approximately \$90)	7:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Sheraton Hotel, Valley Forge
<b>May 28, 29, 30</b>	Modified Class Schedule	7:37 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Assigned rooms
	Graduation Project Presentations	11:00 a.m. –2:30 p.m.	Assigned rooms
<b>May 30</b>	Last day of Classes for Seniors		
<b>May 30</b>	WHS Scholarship Night	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
<b>May 31</b>	Senior Exams – English & Math	7:37 – 11:05 a.m.	Assigned rooms
<b>June 3</b>	Senior Exams – Social Studies & Science	7:37 – 11:05 a.m.	Assigned rooms
	Senior Awards Night	7:00 p.m.	Audion
<b>June 4</b>	Class Trip (\$85)	7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Hershey Park
	Senior Make-up Exams	7:37 a.m.	TBD
<b>June 5</b>	Graduation Rehearsal & Senior Check-out Distribution of Graduation Tickets	7:45 a.m.	Auditorium
	Victory Laps	Following graduation practice	Elementary Schools
	All 12 <sup>th</sup> grade obligations must be cleared	No later than 3:00 p.m.	Administrative Suite
<b>June 6</b>	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Rehearsal	7:45 a.m.	Lower Café & Auditorium
	Prepare for Commencement	5:00 p.m. SHARP!	Auditorium
	Commencement (Graduates return to Natatorium lobby for diploma pick-up following graduation)	6:00 p.m.	WHS Memorial Stadium

# Graduation 2019 Information

**Caps, Gowns and Rehearsals:** Commencement for the class of 2019 will be on Thursday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m. Our seniors will have a class assembly on May 1st to learn about some details about graduation; information from the assembly will be posted on our website. Our first graduation practice will be on June 5th at 7:45 AM. Caps, gowns, and tickets will be distributed to the students on June 5th. All students must attend the June 5th rehearsal. Our second graduation practice will be on June 6th at 7:45 AM. Attendance is required. Our graduates will enjoy a time to celebrate with friends at the senior breakfast, followed by a walk-through of the ceremony. As reminder, all obligations need to be cleared by June 5th; outstanding obligations will result in a student not receiving his/her diploma.

**Victory Lap:** The Victory Laps will be held following graduation practice on June 5th. This is a great opportunity for our graduating seniors to dress in their cap and gown and walk the halls of the middle school and their former elementary school while teachers and current students line the halls to cheer on and congratulate our seniors. We encourage all of our graduating seniors to join us. Please see Ms. Gebhardt if you are interested in participating but did not yet sign-up.

**Graduation Flowers:** Families may order flowers for their graduates in advance or on the day of graduation.

Graduation and class information is also available on the district website: <https://www.wsdweb.org/schools/wissahickon-high-school/class-information>. Stay tuned for additional graduation updates throughout the year. Congratulations, Class of 2019!



BEAUTIFUL BOUQUETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PRE-ORDER  
OR PURCHASE ON-SITE AT THE  
WISSAHICKON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY  
IN THE STADIUM ON JUNE 6, 2019 AT 6:00 PM.  
PRE-ORDERS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE KIOSK AT THE  
STADIUM ANYTIME AFTER 3:00 PM ON GRADUATION DAY.  
--- PRICES RANGE FROM \$20-\$30 (\$30 for premium bouquet) ---  
CASH AND CREDIT ACCEPTED  
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FLOWER CHOICES OR TO PRE-ORDER,  
PLEASE VISIT:  
<https://www.thecomencementgroup.com/wissahickon/>

Commencement Flowers

## Spring Break in Italy!

Twelve Wissahickon students went to Italy over Spring Break and had a great time! The students toured northern Italy including Venice, Florence, Cinque Terre, and Lake Como and explored interesting towns along the way such as Ravenna, Verona, and Montecatini. The students did a lot of research and planned what they wanted to see and even studied some Italian during their IE periods. Our next trips include a trip to Greece as well as an Ecuador and Galapagos Islands trip (with a joint effort between the Biology and Spanish teachers). Email Mrs. Bianchi at [lbianchi@wsdweb.org](mailto:lbianchi@wsdweb.org) for more information!



## Using Safe2Say Something

This winter, our students were trained to use the Safe2Say Something Anonymous Reporting System which allows individuals to submit secure and anonymous safety concerns to help identify and intervene when unsafe and/or harmful behaviors take place. The tips can be submitted via an app, online, or a dedicated hotline, and each tip is reviewed by the Safe2Say Something call center housed in the Office of the Attorney General. The call center will process and refer each tip to the appropriate school teams and law enforcement, according to the level of threat. At WHS, students can and should still report concerning behaviors to school staff, including our School Resource Officer, Lower Gwynedd Officer Beth Sanborn. The Safe2Say tip line is not replacing our current methods of student reporting; it is adding another layer of communication and safety. Students are still encouraged to speak with parents or adults at school if they have concerns. We appreciate the ongoing support of our student and parent community! [Click here for more information and resources.](#)

## Student Achievements!

Congratulations to Asher Fiori and Lauren Moser on their success at the NMTCC SKILLS competition held in Hershey! We are so proud of you! Asher placed second in the Quiz Bowl competition for the Mechatronics program and Lauren placed third in the Action Skills competition for the Health Sciences program. Great work!

Congratulations to Elizabeth Kooman and Alex Yum, two students from our Key Club! Elizabeth and Alex attended the Key Club District Convention in Pittsburgh from March 29th through March 31st. Elizabeth and Alex represented WHS and were selected because of their hard work and strong commitment to service. We are so proud of you!

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## Free, Fast and Reliable Internet in Our Community

Wissahickon High School continues to support the districtwide Achievement Gap initiative for our school community. Across our country, nearly five million households with school-aged children lack high-quality broadband access at home, which presents a challenge for students to complete their homework. This homework gap creates imbalances in performance and confidence for students. We have a number of local resources in our community that can support a need for fast, reliable internet service. Thank you to WHS Special Education teacher, Mr. Jay VanCassele, for taking the charge on collecting this information to support each and every student at WHS.

Business	Address	Business Hours
Abyss Coffee	30 S Bethlehem Pike, Ambler, PA 19002	M-Fri- 6am-8pm, Sat- 7am-8pm, Sun- 7am-6pm
Alice Bakery and Confectionary	95 E Butler Ave, Ambler, PA 19002	M-Closed, Tue-Wed- 6am-6pm, Thu-Fri- 6am-10pm, Sat-7am-10pm, Sun-7am-6pm
Central Library @ Montgomery County Community College	340 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422	M-Th- 7:30am-9:30pm, Fri- 7:30am-5pm, Sat- 10am-4pm, Sun- 1pm-5pm
GIANT Food Stores- Café	1121 N Bethlehem Pike, Spring House, PA 19477	M-Sun- 6am-12pm
GIANT Food Stores- Café	1760 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422	M-Sun- 6am-12pm
Starbucks	1111 N Bethlehem Pike, Spring House, PA 19477	M-Th- 5:30am-9pm, Fri- 5:30am-10pm, Sat- 6am-10pm, Sun- 6:30am-9pm
Starbucks	936 Dekalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422	M-Fri- 5am-10pm, Sat- 5:30am-10pm, Sun- 5:30am-9pm
The Keiss Library at Gwynedd Mercy University	1325 Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd Valley, PA 19437	M-Th- 8:30am-10pm, Fri- 8:30am-4:30pm, Sat- 10am-5pm, Sun- 1pm-8pm
Whole Foods Market- Coffee Bar	1111 N Bethlehem Pike, Spring House, PA 19477	M-Sun- 7am-10pm
Wissahickon Valley Public Library	650 W Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422	M-Th- 10am-9pm, Fri-Sat- 10am-5pm, Sun- 1pm-4pm
Wissahickon Valley Public Library	209 Race St, Ambler, PA 19002	M-Th- 10am-9pm, Fri-Sat- 10am-5pm,

## **STARS Tutoring**

STARS is a peer-to-peer tutoring program that students may utilize during Study Hall, Lunch, I/E, or after school on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday beginning at 2:40 pm. Students can sign up to provide help as a tutor or to receive help in the different subject areas. Applications are available in the library or counseling office. Please return completed applications with parent/guardian signature to the library or to Mr. McCabe in room G-02. Meetings are arranged through Schoology. If you have any questions, please email Mr. McCabe ([bmccabe@wsdweb.org](mailto:bmccabe@wsdweb.org)) or via Schoology message.

## **Student Assistance Program (SAP)**

The Student Assistant Program (SAP) offers support services to students experiencing concerns of mental health, issues involving substance use, behavior, and/or emotional difficulties that may pose barriers to school success. Students can be referred to the SAP team by parents/guardians, school personnel, peers or self-referrals. The SAP team is comprised of specially trained teachers, administrators, school counselors and mental health and/or drug and alcohol consultants. The goal of the team is to work with students and families to provide supportive interventions and recommendations for success. Where barriers are sometimes beyond the scope of the school, the team can provide information and help families gain access to community resources. [View brochure for more information about SAP.](#)

## **Wissahickon Summer Academy**

Registration for our pre-teaching classes in Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, and Science and our SAT/ACT/College Essay Writing sessions is now open. All courses are free. We encourage our students to take advantage of these opportunities! Registration is open through Friday, April 5.



[Click here to register online for pre-teaching sessions](#)

[Click here to register online for the test prep/essay writing session.](#)

If you prefer to register with our paper application, please complete the [Summer Academy Registration form](#) and submit to your school counselor.

## **Academic Support Resources**

We would like to remind our students of the two academic support initiatives at WHS: Extended Learning Time Program (ELT) and Math and Writing Labs. ELT is an after-school program designed to provide academic support in our core subject areas. ELT is open in the Library until 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and until 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. Students may utilize our late buses. This is a valuable resource for our students to benefit from re-teaching and/or pre-teaching opportunities. Additionally, our Math Lab and Writing Lab are available to students during lunch or study hall all sessions of the day in the Library. Both Labs can provide academic support in content-specific areas. Please encourage your student to take full advantage of these programs to better support their goals and academic success. These resources help support our #NotYet theme. Please contact your student's teachers or school counselor for more information on this support.

## **Visit Wissahickon High School**

Prospective students and families who are interested in learning about our programs to visit and tour the school. Please contact School Counselor Mrs. Marissa Samit ([msamit@wsdweb.org](mailto:msamit@wsdweb.org)) to schedule your visit.

Our upcoming tour dates and times for the 2018-2019 school year:

- Wednesday, May 1 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 29 at 1:00 p.m.



**“Failure is a bruise, not a tattoo.”**  
~ Jon Sinclair

Quote selected NHS inductee Jessica Blackney