



# Trojan

Newsletter from  
Wissahickon High School

# Talk



February 2019

## Students Enjoy La La Land

Our students enjoyed a great evening at our annual Semi-Formal on February 9th with 670 students attending the "La La Land" themed event. Thank you to the Junior Class Committee, custodial staff, chaperones, and our HSA for all of their hard work. The students did a great job making awesome decorations to transform our gym! A shout-out to Mrs. Founds and Mrs. Hawe for another wonderful event!



## Join Us! WHS FabLab Open House Thursday, March 28, 2019

Check out the Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) - the new WHS learning space that opened in October 2018 - where students collaborate, design, test, and build innovative solutions using leading technologies and manufacturing tools, materials, and equipment.

Staff & students (our future inventors, fabricators, artists, scientists and engineers) will share the problem-based learning, activities and projects that take place in the dedicated **Computer, Engineering, and Manufacturing labs.**



**Open House Format**  
**March 28, 2019**  
**5 to 7 pm**  
**Wissahickon High School**

Come and experience our awesome FabLab and learn more about our new directions in technology education!

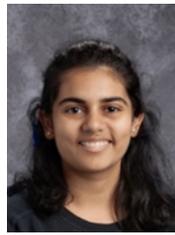
Families, businesses and community members welcome!  
No RSVP Necessary

# Congratulations to our Students of the Month



**JORDAN LUCAS - Science**

Jordyn's teacher is really proud of her work ethic and positive attitude. Jordyn has been giving it "her all" and raised her grade significantly, through hard-work and focus. She is a valued member of the class, is always willing to ask questions, and often provides help to her classmates.



**URMI CHOUDHARY - NMTCC**

Urmi is a student in the Biotech program at NMTCC. She has demonstrated perseverance, grace, poise, and an incredible love of learning. She hopes to work in a research lab and has been able to explore extensive and intricate lab techniques through this program. Her academic and practical work are providing her with a strong foundation to support her goal of attending medical school in the future.



**CLAIRE GRUEN - World Language**

Claire is an incredibly enthusiastic and motivated French student. Her love of the French language and learning are commendable. She makes strong contributions to the class discussions and she came up with an excellent idea to help students keep their unique sentences through an open journal called

The Spice Catalogue. Claire motivates and encourages her peers through her own work and commitment. Felicitations, Claire!



**RILEY PEARSE - Bus/Tech/FCS**

Riley has demonstrated her positive attitude and unselfish spirit in all of our FCS courses and our Child Development classes. She is a hard worker and has strong leadership skills. She demonstrates empathy and patience when working with the students in the WELL program. She is a great asset to her classes!



**VERONICA MOYER - Math**

Nika's teacher appreciates her consistent commitment to the class. She demonstrates a strong love of learning and makes strong contributions to the class discussions. Her personality always brightens the day and her smile and energy are infectious. She is a great asset to the class!



**KEVIN JOO - Art and Music**

Kevin is a very talented and hard working art student who has consistently demonstrated a love for art and digital design. Kevin has a strong passion for the arts and his teachers are confident that his natural ability and his commitment will result in continued success.



**REBECCA CHU - Health/PE**

This year, Rebecca has maintained a perfect average in her Wellness class. She is very studious and conscientious. Rebecca is always prepared and gives her best effort in her swimming and PE classes. She is an asset and leader in her class.



**KELLY DICKSON - Student-Athlete**

At practice, in the game, and off the court, Kelly consistently puts the needs of her teammates ahead of her own. She consistently demonstrates high character and strong standards for herself. She motivates and encourages her teammates – and makes them laugh! She has committed to play Division I Lacrosse and we are all so confident that Kelly will continue to shine!



**BAYANNE KAKHIA - Social Studies**

Bayanne is inquisitive and consistently raises questions about historical events to find deeper meaning and to make connections to current events. She has a genuine love of learning. She truly cares about world issues and wants to make the world a better place through acceptance, tolerance, and understanding.



**SOPHIA PIGEON - Good Citizen**

Sophia comes to school each day excited, with a positive attitude, and ready to learn. She is helpful to her peers and her teachers and works very well in groups. Sophia is a great self-advocate as well. She shows a strong commitment to her work in our Central Office and in the WMS Library. We are so proud of Sophia!



**SHELBY FOX - Language Arts**

Shelby's teacher is impressed by and grateful for Shelby's maturity, diligent effort, and on-task work ethic. Shelby's sense of humor is a real asset to the class. Shelby's teacher wants everyone to know that she reads Blanche like a professional actress! Way to go, Shelby! We hope to see your name in lights!



**DIEGO RODRIGUEZ - Kindness**

Diego models our priority at WHS to promote inclusion and acceptance. He observed a student sitting alone and Diego consistently invites him to join his friends at his table. He wants everyone to feel valued and included.

# Graduation 2019 Information

Commencement for the class of 2019 will be on Thursday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m. Caps and gowns have been ordered for all of our graduates. Caps and gowns will be distributed to the students on June 5th. Many families have been asking about tickets for the commencement ceremony. If our ceremony is outdoors in the stadium, each graduate will receive ten tickets. If our ceremony is moved indoors, due to inclement weather, each graduate will receive two tickets for the Circle Gym and an additional two tickets for family and friends to watch the ceremony via live feed in our auditorium. Handicapped accessible seating tickets will be available at the student or parent request. Please note that our tickets will be distributed to students on June 5th, at rehearsal, with the students' caps and gowns. A decision to move the ceremony indoors, due to inclement weather, will be made on June 6th. Information about our Victory Laps has been distributed through Homeroom to each graduating senior – don't miss this awesome celebration! 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. This year, as in past years, we are offering families the opportunity to order flowers for their graduates in advance of or on the day of graduation. Please see the details below. 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.thecommentmentgroup.com/wissahickon/> (PRE-ORDER WEBSITE CLOSES 8:00 PM ON JUNE 5, 2019)

Commencement Flowers

## Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Grossman

Each month, we feature a teacher interview. This month, let's get to know Ms. Grossman, WHS Special Education teacher.

Q: What is one thing about you that would surprise most people?

A: I used to take banjo lessons!

Q: What is your favorite thing about being a teacher?

A: Watching kids grow into young adults and walk across the stage at graduation.

Q: If you weren't a teacher, what job would you want to do?

A: Heavy equipment operator. I love diggers!!

Q: Who was your favorite teacher and why?

A: Mrs. Bower (8th grade English) because she introduced me to journal-writing.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do on a snow-day?

A: Watch the ID (Investigation Discovery) channel (real-life murder mysteries)!



# Learning Highlights

**SUMMER ACADEMY:** This summer, WHS will again be running our **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! Our registration window will run through April 5th. You can register for the pre-teaching sessions online at <https://goo.gl/forms/CrL4PDgmOMjeYOd83> or for the test prep/essay writing session online at <https://goo.gl/forms/kMYXM4Ez5uz2Rg5B3>. If you prefer to register with our paper application, please complete the [Summer Academy Registration form](#) and submit to your school counselor. Thank you!

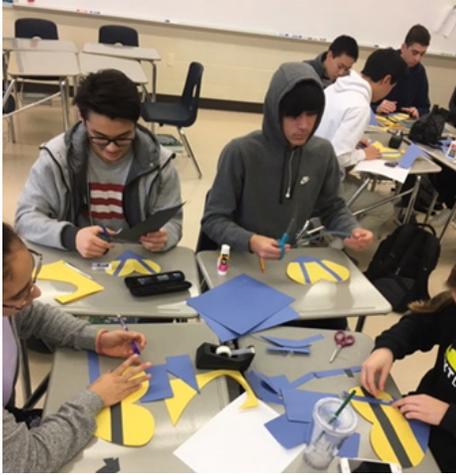
**STAFF INSERVICE:** On Friday, February 15th, the teachers at WHS participated in a day of professional development. In the morning, teachers and administrators across the district attended workshops facilitated by colleagues. The topics focused on student engagement, relationship building, best instructional practices, and character development. In the afternoon, the teachers at WHS put on their “student shoes” and attended different “IE-type sessions” facilitated by other WHS teachers to highlight hobbies and talents across our school community. Teachers were able to learn yoga, climb the rock wall, make Mozzarella, learn to paint and draw, learn how to play the guitar, play Minute to Win it games, play volleyball, swim, and engage in many other team-building activities! Check out some of the pictures!

**9TH GRADE ORIENTATION:** We are gearing up for our new 9th grade orientation program and leadership opportunities for our upperclassmen. WissLink is coming soon! This program is designed to ease the transition into WHS, as well as increase school spirit and build a strong sense of community. Our advisors for this new initiative are Mr. Mogg, Mrs. Lehman, Ms. Butt, and Mr. Yost. They have been working closely with leaders from our sophomore and junior classes to prepare for the program’s kick-off; these leaders are being trained to facilitate a new freshmen orientation and various homeroom activities throughout the 2019-2020 school year. WissLink is looking for more enthusiastic, driven, compassionate, and diverse students to join the Link Crew. If you want to be part of the change at WHS, please see one of the advisors as soon as possible to learn how you can get involved!



## Extra-curricular Highlights

**SPREAD THE LOVE:** Our Student Council facilitated our annual Spread the Love campaign at WHS for Valentine's Day. Students created valentine cards in their homerooms for students in another homeroom so that all students could feel loved and valued. Thank you to our Student Council and Mr. Crofton and Mrs. Moore for promoting kindness! WHS pays it forward!



**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Teammates from our Football Team recently volunteered on January 19th and January 26th at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore located in Horsham. Our students restocked displays in the store, unloaded delivery trucks, helped customers load their purchases into their vehicles, and helped organize different departments in the store. The players had a wonderful time paying it forward and giving back to their greater community (and getting in a good workout of heavy lifting!). We are really proud of their outreach effort and compassion. They look forward to giving back in the future.

**WELLNESS:** Our Wellness teachers want to share a shout-out to their students! The students recently learned about the importance of good nutrition and how to make healthy food choices to maintain a well-balanced diet.





## Trojan Triumphs

from Jim Cairnes, Athletic and Activities Director

**WHS Cheerleaders:** Congratulations to the competition cheer squad for their 1st place win in the CBW Cheer Competition. Great job ladies!



**Wrestling Team:** The Trojans finished the regular season strong by winning the Suburban One League American Conference wrestling championship and placing 1st at the Upper Dublin Invitational! The team placed 7 in the finals and came away with 6 champions!! Placing 1st; DJ Adriaanse, Alex Prieston, Matthew Fritz, Kevin Salmon, Brian Fennell and Mark Thompson. Dan Keller placed 2nd. The team finished up their dual meet season 17-5 (7-0 in the league). Good luck Trojans in the District One individual wrestling championships!



**Girls/Boys Swim Teams:** The regular swim season has come to a close with both teams competing in the Suburban One American Conference Championships at Upper Dublin. The girls 200 Medley relay broke the team record and got the District One automatic time standard. Carly won the 50 and 100 yard freestyle. Katie was 2nd in the 200 IM and 3rd in 100 fly. The 400 free relay placed 2nd. The boys 500 yard freestylers Bobby, Connor & Anthony swept the event. Wissahickon boys were the only team to sweep an event.

Carly Zlotnikoff, Katie Sapozhnikov, Karis Kim, Julia Weiss, Jaelyn Staub, Bobby Boehme, Zach Jobin, Connor Laux, Anthony Schoppe, & Griffin Bowers will be advancing to District Championships at LaSalle University. Swim Fast!



**Diving Team:** Divers Tess Klugherz, Haley Culp, and Quinn Klessel competed in the Suburban One League Championships. Tess finished 1st place, Haley in 3rd and Quinn 15th. Haley and Tess will be moving forward to compete in the District One Championships at LaSalle University.



**In other pools news...** Spring Water Polo begins the first week in March. If you'd like more information, stop by the pool to speak with Mr. Beyer.

**Girls Basketball:** The Wissahickon Girls' Basketball team faced off against the No. 1 seed Springfield Delco Cougars in the opening round of the District Playoffs. This is the first time the Trojans have been to the post-season in five years. The Lady Trojans battled through adversity and injuries all season long to earn a trip to the District playoffs to face the highly favored Cougars. Congratulations to our Lady Trojans!!!!



**Girl's Indoor Track:** Congratulations to Senior Lieke Black for her performance at the Meet of Champions last Friday night at Lehigh University. Lieke's performance in the 60 meter hurdles qualified her to run at the PTFCA Indoor Track State Championships at Penn State University. Lieke ran a personal best time of 9.49 which is also the 21st fastest time in the state this year. This will be Lieke's second trip to states. Two years ago, she was part of the Wissahickon Girls Indoor Track 4x400 meter relay team who placed 8th in the state.

The Wissahickon Girls Indoor Track Team had a successful evening for other team members as well. Medals were earned by Sophomore Lindsey Frenia who placed 5th in the 3000 meter run, running a personal best time of 11 minutes 3.08 seconds, and Sophomore Kasi Brown who placed 6th in the high jump, clearing 4 feet 11 inches. Other highlights of the evening included Kasi Brown's 8th place finish in the Long Jump, with a jump of 17 feet, 2 and a quarter inches, and Maddy Hippensteal's 9th place finish in the 800 meter run, in a personal best time of 2:22.36. Finally, the 4x800 meter relay team consisting of Jenna Saunders, Ainsley Olsewski, Naomi Bram and Tara Jog placed 11th running 10:49 flat.

## Support New State-of-the Art Round Gym Scoreboards!

WHS is raising money to replace outdated scoreboards in the Round Gym (installed circa 1990) with two new full-color LED scoreboards including one with caption and graphics capabilities or "message centers". The 10' x 5' x 8' Nevco Scoreboard with Video Message Center and second 8' x 5'11" x 8' would be used for WHS Volleyball, Wrestling, and Basketball games, school assemblies/events, health and physical education classes and community usage. The Intelligent Caption features on the 21st century scoreboard provide the flexibility to electronically change the captions to match the sport with the simple press of a button. Additionally, the moving messages, ads and exciting animations on the LED message center captures the attention of the crowds and builds excitement and team spirit.

The benefits to the school community are both curricular and extracurricular. Students enrolled in courses, including Introduction to Television/Video Production; Television I:

The Creative Producers; Television Production I and II; Advanced Video Editing; Sports and Entertainment Marketing; Graphic Design I, II, III, would learn about and support programming the scoreboard and message center, creating content, graphics and advertisements.

Extracurricular benefits include timing/scorekeeping for Varsity and JV volleyball, basketball, wrestling, PIAA Playoffs, as well as special events and activities held in Round Gym, such as robotics and cheerleading competitions, fundraisers and much more.

Additionally, the high school plans to offer different levels of advertising on the message board to local businesses interested in promoting their business to the thousands of fans, students, families and community members who attend sporting events and other events at WHS. Contact Kristen Rawlings at [krawlings@wsdweb.org](mailto:krawlings@wsdweb.org) or 215-619-8022 for more information.

# Student Highlights

**NMTCC:** Our NMTCC students recently participated in the SKILLS Competition. We are very proud of their efforts and they all did a wonderful job showcasing their talents and learning. Three of our students earned winning recognition status: Lauren Moser earned 1st Place Action Skills in the Health Sciences competition, Asher Fiori earned 1st Place Quiz Bowl in the Mechatronics Competition, and Kara Harland earned 2nd Place Medical Terminology in the Health Sciences Competition. Lauren and Asher will move on to the State Competition. WHS is so proud of you and we wish you luck and continued success!

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:** Congratulations to our newest members of our National Honor Society! On January 16th, 127 juniors and seniors were inducted into the WHS NHS Chapter. These students have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to academics, community service, leadership, and character. We are so proud of you! During the ceremony, the students honored four teachers because of their influence and modeling of the four NHS pillars – Mrs. Perlman was honored for scholarship, Senor Slanina was honored for service, Mrs. Dietsch was honored for leadership, and Ms. Pronko was honored for character. NHS Advisor Mrs. Bianchi again facilitated a wonderful evening of celebration!

**LAW CLUB:** Congratulations to our Law Club students! They recently competed against students from Upper Dublin in a tense and fiery trial as part of the preliminary round of Montgomery County's Mock Trial Competition. Members of our defense team ultimately won their case and took home a victory, scoring 90.6 points out of a possible 100! This is the highest score in Wissahickon Law Club history! We have a real group of winning defense attorneys in the making! Charles Hertz, Ali Meltzer, and Christina O'Farrell served as lawyers in the trial; Ainsley Fox, Sophie Styles, and Victoria Staub played the role of witnesses. Congratulations to all of our Law Club students!



## 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.

# 2019 SENIOR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
September 25	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
October - TBD	Payment and permission form due for Senior Banquet (approx. \$80)	2:35 p.m.	Mr. Stokes/Mr. Dorner Square Gym Office
October 10	Josten's Cap and Gown Assembly	IE	Homeroom/Audion
October 15 & October 17	Stationery/Graduation announcement orders and money due. \$28 due for caps and gowns due.	All Lunches	Upper Cafeteria lobby
November 5	Senior Banquet	4:30 - 11:00 p.m.	Spirit of Philadelphia
January 22	Midterms – English & Math	7:37 – 11:05 a.m.	Assigned rooms
January 23	Midterms – Science & Social Studies	7:37 – 11:05 a.m.	Assigned rooms
February 9	Semi-Formal (\$20)	7:30-11:00 p.m.	Square Gym Lobby
March 29	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
May - TBD	Senior Class Assembly	IE	Audion
May 17	Prom (approximately \$90)	7:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Sheraton Hotel, Valley Forge
May 28, 29, 30	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
May 30	Last day of Classes for Seniors		
May 30	WHS Scholarship Night	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
May 31	Senior Exams –Math & Social Studies	7:37 – 11:05 a.m.	Assigned rooms
June 3	Senior Exams – English & Science	7:37 – 11:05 a.m.	Assigned rooms
	Senior Awards Night	7:00 p.m.	Audion
June 4	Class Trip (approximately \$80)	7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	TBD
	Senior Make-up Exams	7:37 a.m.	TBD
June 5	Graduation Rehearsal & Senior Check-out		
	Distribution of Graduation Tickets	7:45 a.m.	Auditorium
	Victory Laps	Following graduation practice	Elementary Schools
June 6	All 12 <sup>th</sup> grade obligations must be cleared	No later than 3:00 p.m.	Administrative Suite
	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

# Grad Projects 2020/2021

The Graduation Project for the Class of 2020 and Class of 2021 was introduced to the students this month. The current 11th graders are the last class that will complete the prior Graduation Project model requiring a forty-hour service culminating project. Students are encouraged to sign up for Graduation Project IEs to help brainstorm possible projects or to receive support completing the contract forms due this spring. The Class of 2021 will complete our new Graduation Project model which will focus on career exploration aligned to the Pennsylvania Career Standards for grades K-12. Instead of completing one forty-hour project, students will complete three ten-hour project experiences to support their future career decision-making. Students will complete their hours through community service work, internships, job-shadowing, a school-based enterprise, industry-based career programs, and/or part-time employment. Students can access all of the relevant documents through Schoology. Contact information for the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021 is listed on the right.

## CLASS OF 2020 GRAD PROJECT

Mrs. Inderbitzin Last Names: A-Dov Room: K11/K13 <a href="mailto:sinderbitzin@wsdweb.org">sinderbitzin@wsdweb.org</a>	Dr. McGonigle Last Names: Du-Klu Room: M03 <a href="mailto:kmcgonigle@wsdweb.org">kmcgonigle@wsdweb.org</a>	Mr. Burrell Last Names: Kn-Z Room G08 <a href="mailto:sburrell@wsdweb.org">sburrell@wsdweb.org</a>
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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 Sumnertown 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 Ambler Branch	209 Race St, Ambler, PA 19002	M-Th- 10am-9pm, Fri-Sat- 10am-5pm, Sun- Closed

## Safe2Say Something Update

On February 25th, students in grades 6-12 were trained to use the Safe2Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. The reporting system 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!

# 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) or via Schoology message.

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## 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.](#)

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## 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.

## Wissahickon High School Visits

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) to schedule your visit. Our upcoming tour dates and times for the 2018-2019 school year:

- March 14 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- May 1 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- May 29 at 1:00 p.m.

## Community Swim Times

Wissahickon High School is hosting community swim opportunities on Wednesday nights from 8:00-9:00 PM beginning Wednesday, January 9th through Wednesday, May 22nd. (Please note that the pool will be closed on Wednesday, April 17th.) Adults, 21 and older, who are residents of the district, are encouraged to participate. Please note that noodles or recreational flotation devices are not permitted.