



Students Be Aware!

November, 2023 Newsletter

Cap & Gown Orders

Seniors, if you have not ordered your cap and gown yet please do so immediately. Orders are now being taken online at www.jostens.com or at 1-800-567-8367. Cap and gown prices will increase monthly. Right now the price is \$30.74 (including taxes). Order forms are also available in the guidance office.

The Common Application

Discover the Common App advantage at commonapp.org. It is never too early for students to prepare for college. The Common App website is an excellent resource hub. There is content to support students and parents during all phases of the college admission process. Look for tools, tips, and information about college planning, paying for college and the application process. If you need help with your college essay, look for the essay prompts within the common app site.

New Castle School of Trades

New Castle School of Trades is offering scheduled visits. Students and their parents will be able to tour the school and learn about the programs they offer, including: Automotive Technology, Welding, Heavy Equipment Operator, Machinist Technology, Refrigeration & A/C Technology, Diesel & Heavy Equipment Repair. Please see their website for more information. <https://www.ncstrades.edu/new-castle-programs/>

Elks National Foundations Most Valuable Student Scholarship

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest rated senior applicants in the 2023 competition. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Applications must be done online no later than November 13, 2023. <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvs.cfm>

Penn State Fee Waiver

Penn State is happy to waive the \$65 application fee waiver for students who visit Penn State Beaver. See their website to schedule a visit: <https://beaver.psu.edu/admissions/feewaiver>

Pennsylvania American Legion 89th Annual Essay Contest

This essay contest is for students in grades 9-12. All essays must be no less than 500 words and no more than 1000 words. Subject is "Why is the 1st Amendment Important in America?" Students must submit their Essays to a local American Legion Post BEFORE January 9, 2024. Application is available in the guidance office & online at: <https://pa-legion.com/documents-and-forms/>

Waynesburg University Mock Crime Scene Workshop

This workshop will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 9am to 1:00pm. Students will learn from crime scene professionals and field experts how to investigate a crime scene, properly collect and document evidence, and interview witnesses. No experience is needed to attend this event. However, you'll need to be a high school junior or senior to attend. The day is of no cost to the student, and lunch is provided. For more information contact their Admissions Office at 800-225-7393 or admissions@waynesburg.edu. Direct registration can be made through their website at <http://www.waynesburg.edu/admissions/schedule-visit/group-visit> under "Mock Crime Scene" option.

Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University

PGSS is an intensive, five-week summer residential program that emphasizes cooperative learning and hands-on laboratory research for high school juniors pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The deadline to apply is January 31, 2024. See their website for more information: <https://sciences.pa-gov-schools.org/>

IMPORTANT DATES!!!

November 2—Report Cards Sent Home

November 10—Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL

November 22—Early Dismissal

November 23-27—Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL

December 5—MS/HS Band Concert- Auditorium

December 7—MS/HS Choral Concert—Auditorium

December 8—HS Winter Formal Dance—The Fez