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Wildcat Academy

October was a month of many emotions. We began the month capturing the Class of 2024 together for the first time in their high school careers. Recognizing that this class had gone their entire high school careers without a moment together caused a great pause for me. Their class started high school with over 25% remote learners and has come a long way in these four years. However, it's something for us to recognize. We celebrated Homecoming in such a fun way all week, and nearly 1400 students had an amazing night dancing the evening away. We also experienced a very emotional situation with our bomb threat, and that has impacted us in many different ways.

As we move into November and forward, we're striving to focus on and offer more of the fun events and emotional support our students need and want. We have many great things in place and will continue working to make an emphasis on these opportunities and supports. Our students deserve the best place to be, both academically and behaviorally. We continue to work to achieve that for our students.

Finally, I'd be remiss if I didn't give a HUGE thank you to Dr. Wayne Senft, as he has spent the first trimester with us. He has been an asset to our students and teachers, and we'll miss him in Trimester 2.

*Dr. Misty Wilson*

# Who is here to help your child?

Determined by your child's last name



Alphabetical breakdown of your child's last name	Assistant Principal	Counselor
A-Ce	Ms. Mekosh	Dr. Wabnik
Ch -Gh	Ms. Mekosh	Mrs. Nobile
Gi - Ka	Ms. Mekosh	Ms. Glowaski
Gr - Ka	Dr. Ward	Ms. Glowaski
Ke - Me	Dr. Ward	Mr. Boop
Mi - O	Dr. Ward	Mrs. Dixon
P - Rh	Dr. Bumsted	Mrs. Dixon
Ri - Sto	Dr. Bumsted	Mrs. Cooper
Str - Z	Dr. Bumsted	Mrs. Bouchillon



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# Counseling Scoop

## **York County Alliance for Learning (YCAL) Opportunities**

This spring, YCAL will be having some amazing programs available to our high school students! Some topics might include cosmetology, nursing, psychology/human services, electrical/HVAC, and many more! Students will be receiving an email in January with information regarding all of the programs and how to register. Please remember that space is limited, so signing up early is recommended! Please see your counselor or Mrs. Kellin McCullough if you have any questions about the YCAL opportunities.

## **UPMC Student and Parent Health Care Career Night**

Health care is one of the fastest growing industries in the U.S., and UPMC is holding a special event to help you and your parents/guardians learn about the many exciting and rewarding careers in the field.

Health care is not just for nurses and doctors (though they are very important). Careers can range from direct patient care, like nursing, to behind-the-scene work in a laboratory or pharmacy. There are a wide range of positions available – including some that just require a high school diploma.

UPMC staff from a wide range of areas will be there to share their firsthand experience and answer your questions. Also, various schools and universities will be there to discuss their healthcare programs.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about a rewarding career in health care.

To register, visit <https://forms.microsoft.com/r/wHkGrnzrL9>.  
For general questions, please email [thompsonss2@upmc.edu](mailto:thompsonss2@upmc.edu)

## **Senior Website**

We have developed a website devoted to our seniors and their post-secondary planning. Students and their families can access information, including videos and screencasts designed to assist with planning for life after high school. Please click [here](#) to be taken directly to the senior website.

## **Counseling Calendar**

Please click [here](#) to access our latest Counseling Calendar. Trimester 1 Finals are quickly approaching; find the dates here.

# Counseling Scoop Continued

## **November is Career Development Month**

At Dallastown, we are certainly proud of our partnerships with the York Builders Association, York County Alliance for Learning, the York County School of Technology, Harrisburg Area Community College, and the dozens of community businesses and companies who continue to partner with us to promote trades as well as provide our students with a multitude of opportunities. As we celebrate National Career Development Month, please take a few moments to explore the York Builders Association's website and some of the stories of their partners. Please click [here](#) to access their website.

We encourage current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors to stay tuned for our course selection process that will highlight opportunities to take courses related to the trades or their college pursuits. Whether students are headed to college or directly into the workforce after high school, taking a course in the trades can be rewarding, as it introduces students to the many career pathways available within the field.

## **9th Grade Students: Are you interested in applying to the York County School of Technology?**

York Tech encourages students who are current freshmen to apply for the next school year. The application is open until December 6th. Students who apply after this deadline will not be considered first priority when reviewing applications. Click [here](#) to apply. All prospective students and parents are invited to explore York Tech at their Annual Open House on November 2nd from 6:00-8:00. If you would like additional information or to discuss the programs that York Tech offers, please reach out to your school counselor.

## **Manufacturing Fair**

On November 2, 2023, students will get a glimpse of York County manufacturing through the eyes of local manufacturers and businesses. During this event, students will be given a brief overview of the companies in attendance. Then, students will have the opportunity to network with these representatives at their tables and learn about internship, shadowing, apprenticeship, and employment opportunities.

## **School Counseling Website**

We have developed a school counseling website that is updated on a regular basis. Please click [here](#) to access our comprehensive website.

# Counseling Scoop

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**As the holiday season quickly approaches, Dallastown Area School District is once again helping families in need with their annual Caring and Sharing Holiday Projects.**



The Dallastown Area School District (DASD) Caring and Sharing Holiday Project is for Dallastown students whose families are experiencing financial hardship, are not receiving holiday assistance from any other organizations/agencies, and are not able to provide food or gifts during the holidays for their child(ren).

If you meet the criteria above and wish to receive assistance this holiday season, please submit [this form](#) no later than Friday, November 3, 2023. Please note, that this form is being utilized in an effort to streamline the process for DASD families with multiple children within the District. Regardless of the school your child attends, this is the form you should submit for assistance this holiday season. This form should be submitted for each child enrolled in DASD. If you have any questions or concerns or need assistance signing up, please contact your child's School Counselor.

Interested in donating to your child's school to help others in need this holiday season? The Caring and Sharing Holiday Project would not be possible without the amazing community members and families who provide donations. If you would like to donate to help your child's school, please submit [this form](#) by November 3, 2023, if possible. We thank you in advance for your willingness to make this program a success for our families in need.

Wishing all of our families a happy and healthy holiday season.



# PA YOUTH ADDICTION PREVENTION SUMMIT

**SATURDAY**  
**November 4**  
10 AM to 4 PM

**York College**  
441 Country Club Rd.  
York, PA 17403

## **THIS IS A FREE EVENT**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

The 1st Annual Pennsylvania Youth Addiction Prevention Summit (PA YAPS) addresses critical issues related to addiction and substance use among young people in today's society. By focusing on various aspects, such as drug addiction, social media, gaming, and gambling addiction, the event provides a comprehensive understanding of the challenges faced by young individuals.

Including workshops for building a life with meaning and purpose is particularly important, as it offers practical strategies and guidance for attendees to navigate their lives in a positive direction. Empowering young people with knowledge, support, and resources is essential in preventing addiction and promoting mental and physical well-being.

Events like PA YAPS create a safe space for open discussions, enabling young attendees to share their experiences and learn from one another. By fostering this kind of environment, the summit not only educates but also encourages empathy, understanding, and community support.

Initiatives like PA YAPS play a significant role in raising awareness, educating youth, and ultimately working towards a society where addiction prevention and mental health support are paramount.

Registration is free!

The workshops will be facilitated by Prevention Specialists, Youth Empowerment and Youth Advocacy Professionals, and experts in communications between children and parents.

Color & Culture, a public health and social determinants of health community engagement and marketing company, York College of PA, and our partners at WellSpan host the event.

# Homecoming 2023

## 2023 Homecoming Court

Ja'Kai Brown



Kiersten Kessler



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**Congratulations to the King & Queen**



## Powder Puff Game

Senior/Juniors managed to win over the Sophomore/Freshman.

Friday, October 13th, the National Art Honor Society assisted in preparing for the Homecoming Dance. The students painted lily pads with the homecoming court members' names on them and a stone path around the wildcat. We even had an Alumni student come in to help, Crystal (Poe) Yunginger.

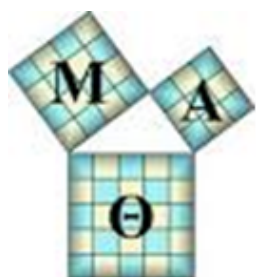




# Welcome to our new Assistant Principal Ms. Mekosh

Ms. Mekosh joins us on November 13, 2023, from Pine Grove Middle School, where she has served as building principal for the past 7 years. We're excited to have her join our team!

# Mu Alpha Theta Inductions



Proudly, Mu Alpha Theta inducted 53 new members into its honorary mathematics society on Monday, October 23rd. These new inductees join 19 returning members to inspire interest in and promote the enjoyment of high school mathematics. Mr. Stein and Mr. Chilcoat are the co-advisors and work with the members to provide volunteering and local tutoring opportunities to students in need of help with mathematics.



**A Breakfast Meal is Free for ALL Students**

**Lunch Prices:**  
Elementary School- \$3.10  
Intermediate, Middle & High School- \$3.30

To put money on your student's account you can use the My School Bucks App. Ice cream and other snacks will be sold and they must have money in their account to purchase these.

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# Nurses News



## **Emergency Action Plans For the 23/24 school year**

**Allergy Action Plan - [Allergy Emergency Action Plan DAHS.docx](#)**

**Asthma Action Plan-[Asthma Emergency Action Plan DAHS.docx](#)**

**Seizure Action Plan -[Seizure Emergency Action Plan DAHS.docx](#)**

**All forms must be completed after July 1, 2023, and  
can be returned to the nurse's office via**

**Email: [hsnurse@dallastown.net](mailto:hsnurse@dallastown.net)**

**Fax: 717- 244-8813 attn: school nurse**

**Mail: 700 New School Lane**

**Dallastown, PA 17313**

### **Physical Exams for 11th-grade students:**

The Department of Health, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, has directed that children attending schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania receive a MEDICAL examination on original entry into school (Kindergarten/ First Grade) and in grades 6 and 11.

We are further directed to urge parents to have these physical examinations done by their family physician. It is felt that they will have a better knowledge of the past health history of the child and be in the best position to recommend immediate steps for any needed remedial care.

Medical exams are accepted up to one year (July 1, 2022), prior to the opening of school for the required exam that year. Completed forms should be returned to the School Nurse.

Please note that students in grade 11 who participate in school sports may use one exam for both the sport physical and the state-mandated physical. In this case, the sport physical exam form should be used, and it must be dated no earlier than June 1st of the school year in which the sport will be played.

Here is the PA school [physical form.pdf](#) that was mailed home on April 1, 2023



### **Reporting to the School Nurse/ Excusal home from School:**

It is important to understand that it is at the nurse's discretion to excuse a student to go home. If a parent/guardian decides their student should go home, and they are not excused by the nurse, a written note/excuse blank must be filled out by the parent. This includes a student texting or calling their parents to come to pick their student up.

### **DASD Health Services**

**[https://www.dallastown.net/departments/health\\_services](https://www.dallastown.net/departments/health_services)**

### **Medication:**

All medication shall be brought to the nurse's office or the main office if the nurse is in another building, by the parent/guardian, or by another adult designated by the parent/guardian. All medication shall be stored in the original pharmacy-labeled container and kept in a locked cabinet designated for storage of medication.

### **Student Self-Administration of Asthma Inhalers and Epinephrine Auto-Injectors:**

Before a student may possess or use an asthma inhaler or epinephrine auto-injector in the school setting, a written request from the parent/guardian that the school complies with the order of the licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. A written statement from the licensed physician, certified registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant that states:

- Name of the drug.
- Prescribed dosage.
- Times medication is to be taken.
- Length of time medication is prescribed.
- Diagnosis or reason medication is needed unless confidential.
- Potential serious reaction or side-effects of medication.
- Emergency response.
- If the child is qualified and able to self-administer the medication.

A written acknowledgment from the school nurse that the student has demonstrated that they are capable of self-administration of the asthma inhaler and/or epinephrine auto-injector in the school setting. Determination of competency for self-administration shall be based on the student's age, cognitive function, maturity, and demonstration of responsible behavior

### **Board Policy on Medications**

**<https://go.boarddocs.com/pa/dalt/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B62J684ACE91>**

Dallastown Performing Arts Club Proudly Presents

# Merry Men

by Kemuel  
DeMoville



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Maid Marian?*

## November 17-19

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auditorium!*



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today!*

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x3120)*

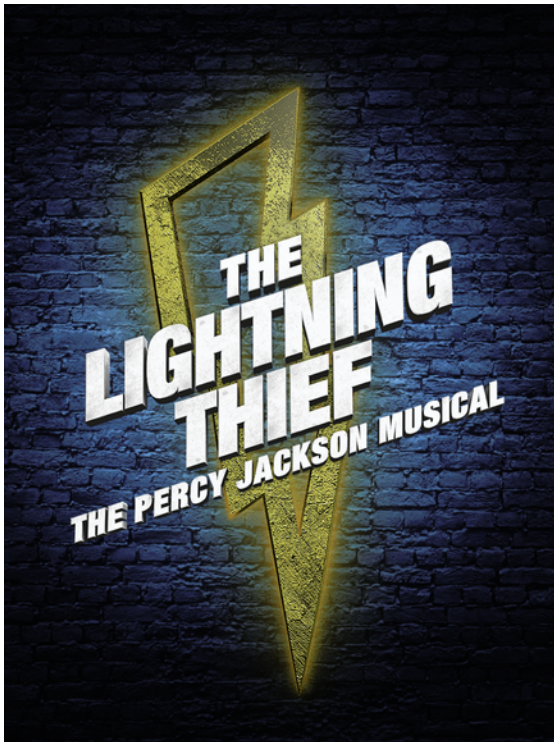
# Musical

April 4 - 7, 2024

## Audition Dates

- December 4
- December 5
- December 6

For more details about auditioning see Mrs. McCleary Room 278



# Claw Cards

With the end of the Trimester One approaching, remember that new Claw Cards will take time to process. Please be patient while we prepare them for you at the beginning of trimester two, and watch the morning announcements for updates.

# FBLA Trip



On October 5th, members of the Future Business Leaders of America club visited the Central Market to learn from various entrepreneurs about what it's like to run their own business.



# Yearbook Information

## **Order your 2024 edition of THE BEST BOOK AT DALLASTOWN HIGH SCHOOL – The Spectator!**

Dallastown Families should have received a mailing from the official publishing house – Balfour Publishing – about how to purchase your 2024 copy of the Dallastown High School Yearbook. This mailing should have arrived at home during the month of October.

The 2024 edition can be purchased online at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) for \$75.00 until December 31, 2023. Starting January 1, 2024, the price will increase to \$80.00. We anticipate selling out of this book, so please order early! Distribution will occur when the books are delivered in May. There are no guarantees that there will be extra copies to sell when our 2024 edition arrives, so secure your copy early!

If you are the parent of a senior in the Class of 2024, you might also be interested in designing and purchasing an ad celebrating your student's achievements. These ads can be acquired on the Balfour site when securing your copy of the 2024 yearbook.

**Don't delay – Buy your copy today!**

For any questions, financial concerns, or inquiries, please contact our advisors at [yearbook@dallastown.net](mailto:yearbook@dallastown.net) or (717) 244-4021 x.3103.



We are excited to be hosting our 10th annual Mini-THON event on March 1st. This twelve-hour event will bring together students and staff to fundraise for the common cause of conquering childhood cancer. To help us reach our fundraising goal, we are looking to partner with local businesses! Do you own a business or know someone who does? We would love to partner with you in support of this awesome event! Please see page 15 to learn more about Mini-THON. Please contact Jill Nobile at 717-244-4021, extension 3538, or through email at [jill.nobile@dallastown.net](mailto:jill.nobile@dallastown.net) to find out how to get a business involved!

## Can you HELP Mini-THON® ?

Dallastown students organize a Four Diamonds Mini-THON® each year to raise money to fight childhood cancers. Dallastown Mini-THON is looking to partner with local businesses to help raise money for our Mini-THON event in March 2024. **We will gladly accept monetary donations, gift cards, or even business merchandise.**

We are very appreciative of any "donation" you are able to make; we will recognize your business in the following ways based on the value of your donation!

**THANK YOU** for your support!

<b>Friend of Mini-THON</b>	<p>Allow us to place a container at your register for your patrons to drop a donation in. We will stop back to collect the money periodically. The money raised in your "container" would qualify you for the opportunities below at <b>NO COST TO YOU!</b></p>
<b>BRONZE Sponsor</b> MINIMUM \$50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Media Recognition on Instagram, Twitter, &amp; Facebook</li> <li>Name on Recognition Banner the night of the event</li> </ul>
<b>SILVER Sponsor</b> MINIMUM \$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bronze Sponsor Recognition <b>PLUS</b> ↓</li> <li>Name/Company Logo on a participant giveaway item (i.e. water bottle, winner t-shirts, incentive items)</li> </ul>
<b>GOLD Sponsor</b> MINIMUM \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Media Recognition on Instagram, Twitter, &amp; Facebook</li> <li><u>Individual</u> Recognition Banner the night of the event</li> <li><b>Company Name/Logo on the T-shirt of every HS participant</b> (Donation commitment needed by 1/10/24)</li> <li>Opportunity to visit Mini-THON on March 1st &amp; present your check on stage</li> </ul>
<b>GOLD PLUS Spenser</b> MINIMUM \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gold Sponsor Recognition <b>PLUS</b> ↓</li> <li><b>Company Name/Logo on the T-shirt of every participant at the Middle School Mini Mini-THON</b> (Donation commitment needed by 1/10/24)</li> </ul>





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*Inspiring and creating pathways for student success*

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September 10, 2023

Dear Local Business Owner,

Dallastown Area High School will host its tenth annual Mini-THON® on March 1, 2024. This twelve-hour event will bring together students and staff to fundraise for the common cause of **conquering childhood cancer**. Last year, we far exceeded our fundraising goal of \$100,000. This year we can't wait to yet again exceed our fundraising goal of \$130,000. With the help from our community and businesses like you, we know we can once again far exceed this amount! If you feel financially comfortable to give a donation either monetary or in-kind, we would be thrilled!

Every year more than 16,000 families hear the words, "your child has cancer". These words can carry so much weight. Childhood cancer treatments are expensive and families often struggle to afford it. ***If you decide to donate to Dallastown Area High School's Mini-THON®, you will support the Four Diamond Fund in their mission to conquer childhood cancer.*** Every year the Four Diamonds Fund supports approximately 600 children who are battling cancer. Four Diamonds was started in 1972 and has since helped 1,000's of families by supporting them both financially and emotionally. At Penn State Children's Hospital, the hospital the Four Diamonds Fund is associated with, they are constantly performing research in hopes of finding new treatments to end childhood cancer. These families and kids need all the help they can get right now! We can help these families and kids by raising awareness and money for the Four Diamonds Fund.

Dallastown Mini-THON® will be appreciative of **ANY** donation (*monetary, gift card, or business merchandise*) you are able to give during these trying times! We hope you consider donating to help us fight childhood cancer! If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact us. The email address to reach us at is listed below and the school's phone number is: 717-244-4021, extension 3538.

For the kids,

Emma Duncan  
Student Co-Chair  
Business & Community Relations

Kiersten Kessler  
Student Co-Chair  
Business & Community Relations

Anya Leboutitz  
Student Co-Chair  
Business & Community Relations

Jill Nobile  
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[jill.nobile@dallastown.net](mailto:jill.nobile@dallastown.net)

# I Can HELP Mini-THON<sup>®</sup> !

## Company Information

Company Name

Contact Name

Address

Email

Phone

**We will gladly make a donation to support DAHS's mission to fight Childhood Cancer! Our Donation to Mini-THON will be:**

*To have logo included on t-shirts, donation must be received by 1/10/24*

### **We will gladly pick up any donation!**

Please contact Jill Nobile with any questions or to arrange pick-up at 717-244-4021, ext. 3538 or through email at [jill.nobile@dallastown.net](mailto:jill.nobile@dallastown.net)

Checks can be made payable to Dallastown Area HS  
Memo Line: Mini-THON

★ **THANK YOU** for your generous contribution to Dallastown Area High School's Mini-THON! Your generosity is much appreciated! ★





# WILDCAT ACADEMY

*inspiring and creating  
pathways for student success*

## ABOUT US

Wildcat Academy is an intervention program afforded to all Grade 7 through Grade 12 students to assist in providing a structured environment where they can individually attend to their scholastic assignments and tasks while receiving teacher/tutor assistance and guidance with executive skills (organization, study skills) and content knowledge support. While this is an **OPTIONAL** program for all students, students identified by their teachers and respective Child Study Teams are encouraged to participate as a more formalized intervention.

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## QUESTIONS?

 717-244-4021 X 3005

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