

# Wildcat Newsletter

## October 2023

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Hello, DAHS Parents and Students,

Welcome to October! I hope the trimester's first half has gone well for everyone. As we go into our first set of parent-teacher conferences and long weekends, it's a perfect time to reflect and make any needed adjustments for the remainder of the trimester.

In some ways, the first days of school feel like they were so long ago. Now, we're excited for Homecoming Week, sports playoffs, and our fall play. These events allow our students to commit to a special part of high school. I've loved watching the school spirit shine around the building. The buzz of 1900+ students is energizing.

It has been wonderful to utilize our newly renovated Wildcat Stadium. My heart was warmed as our student-athletes attended the Stadium dedication, and teams were back on the turf. I may have even had tears of joy as I watched our band, cheerleaders, football players, and student section celebrate the first home win. This is truly what high school is all about, the memories that will last long after the final tests.

Finally, I wanted to share an [article](#) regarding teenage cellphone use. The implementation of our cellphone restrictions has gone well. This article affirms some of our rationale for limiting cellphone usage around the building.

*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	Dr. Senft	Dr. Wabnik
Ch -Gh	Dr. Senft	Mrs. Nobile
Gi - Ka	Dr. Senft	Ms. Glowaski
Gr - Ka	Dr. Ward	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 Corner



Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31st)  
The Red Ribbon Campaign® is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week®, October 23rd - October 31st each year. Be Kind to Your Mind, Live Drug-Free: This year's theme is a reminder that everyday Americans across the country make significant daily contributions to their communities by being the best they can be because they live Drug-Free!

## **Bullying Prevention Month Wednesday, October 18th is Unity Day.**

Students are encouraged to wear orange to promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion for all. Learn more [here!](#)



### **Student Assistance Program**

If you know a student who needs support with drug or alcohol use, please consider referring them to the Student Assistance Program (SAP). This confidential, free service can connect the student with a trained mental health or drug and alcohol counselor who will conduct an assessment to determine the appropriate services for the student. The goal of the SAP team is to help students remain in school and achieve academic success by creating a system of early identification, intervention, and coordination with community-based agencies. [Click here](#) to make a referral or contact your school counselor.

# Counseling Corner

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### Upcoming Programs, Testing, and Important Dates

**October 5:** Registration deadline for November 4th SAT; Testing sites for 11/4/23 are Dallastown and Spring Grove

**October 7:** SAT at Central York, South Western, Susquehannock, William Penn, York Suburban, and Northeastern

**October 18:** Military Lunch Meeting (11:15 am - 1:00 pm) (Front Lobby)

**October 25:** PSAT at Dallastown during school hours

**October 28:** ACT Testing at Dallastown

**November 1:** YBA Construction Trades Career Fair - Register with Mrs. McCullough

**November 2:** Manufacturing Fair

**November 2:** Registration deadline for December 2nd SAT. Testing sites for 12/2/23 are Central York, Cumberland Valley, and Hershey

**November 3:** Registration deadline for December 9th ACT at Lower Dauphin

**November 4:** SAT Testing at Dallastown, Lower Dauphin and Spring Grove

**November 7:** ASVAB - Register on Naviance

**November 9:** Carlisle Area HBCU and HSI College Fair and Learning Event

**November 15:** Military Lunch Meeting (11:15 am - 1:00 pm) (Front Lobby)

**November 16, 17, & 20:** Trimester 1 Final Exams

### Instant Decision Days:

Instant Decision Days (IDD) are opportunities for students to apply to colleges and universities for free. Students will be interviewed and receive an acceptance determination on the same day. Learn more about IDD [here](#).

**October 12:** Kutztown University

**October 16:** Shippensburg University

**October 18:** York College

### Application Days:

Colleges will help you fill out your application.

**October 2:** Harrisburg Area Community College

**October 18:** Penn State York Campus

# Counseling Corner

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### **Schedule Change Deadline Approaching**

Course changes for the remainder of the year (trimesters 2 and 3) must be made by the 30th day of the first trimester (October 4th). This includes study halls as well.

No course change requests will be permitted based on teacher preference. All requests are considered on a need and space-available basis, so there are no guarantees that a request will be granted.

If a situation requires a course change after the appropriate course change window closes, the student will lose the course's credit value and receive a failing grade of a Withdrawal Fail (WF) on his or her transcript. A failing grade will be used in calculating the student's grade point average.

The Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program is a terrific opportunity for junior females interested in earning scholarship money for college. DYW offers an opportunity to develop self-confidence, build relationships, and impact the lives of others. This program plays a crucial role in supporting the academic pursuits of young ladies. If you are interested in learning more about this program, there will be an informational meeting on October 23rd during the Wildcat Period. Tune in to the announcements for more details!



# Yearbook Information

**Celebrate Yearbook Week – October 2-6, 2023  
by ordering your 2024 edition of  
THE BEST BOOK AT DALLASTOWN  
HIGH SCHOOL – The Spectator!**

Dallastown Families should be on the lookout for a U.S. Postal Service mailing from the official publishing house – Balfour Publishing – of how to purchase your 2024 copy of the Dallastown High School Yearbook. This mailing will arrive at your home address this month.

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.

# Skyward Information

## **Absence Reporting**

Please visit your child's building-level webpage and click on the 'Attendance' tab to access information on reporting attendance. [ENTERING STUDENT ATTENDANCE IN SKYWARD \(VIDEO\)](#).

## **Administrator Approved Absences (AAA)**

The school administration has established a process by which persons in parental relations may make pre-arrangements to have their child released from school for Administrator Approved Absences during the school year. In order to have these absences considered "excused," persons in parental relations submit an Administrator Approved Absence request in Skyward. Telephone requests will not be considered. Persons in parental relations who do not submit an Administrator Approved Absence request prior to the requested absence will have their child's absence considered illegal. Administrator Approved Absences are limited to ten (10) days in a school year.

The building principal shall determine if an absence is excused or illegal by applying the following guidelines:

- If the person in parental relation does not seek prior permission, the absence is unexcused unless emergency causes are given and verified
- If a student's frequency of absences from school prior to the request jeopardizes his educational progress, the absence may be denied
- If a student is failing two (2) or more core subjects, the absence may be denied
- If a student has a medical letter, the absence may be denied

No administrator approved absences for students testing on testing dates. Please reference individual building testing schedules. Testing dates may vary.

## **Completing online forms in Skyward, click [this link](#) for details.**

Parents\Guardians, please verify that you have completed the Agreements section in Skyward for each of your enrolled students. These are annual forms and notices that require your attention and should be acknowledged. Please review your Emergency contact information as well. Some of these forms are: Student & Guardian Handbook (Please note that this handbook is a required Skyward sign-off when completing back-to-school updates), Annual Device Agreement (If opting for coverage, please make payment via MySchoolbucks for the Device Agreement. Lunch and other activity monies are separate accounts.), Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), Athletic COC, and others.

**Having trouble with your parent login for Skyward? Check [this link](#) for some help.**

**To update or change your contact information in Skyward, click [here](#).**

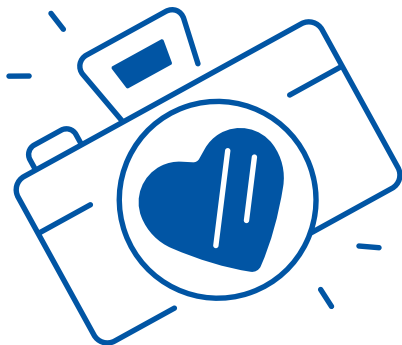
# Student Picture Retake Day

**Friday**

**October 27th**

Make sure to go  
if you need a  
student ID!

You do not have  
to purchase  
anything to get  
a student ID.



Welcome to our new  
Assistant Principal  
Dr. Ward

Dr. Ward comes to us with 20 years of educational experience, previously serving as a math teacher and interim assistant middle school principal. As a math teacher at NEHS, she served as math department chair, worked to create an integrated math curriculum, was responsible for Keystone testing, tracking student Act 158 completion, analyzing CDT and PVAAS data, and teaching. As a middle school assistant principal, she worked to execute discipline, create a plan for leveled class/student placement based on data, and redesign the building schedule for the upcoming school year.

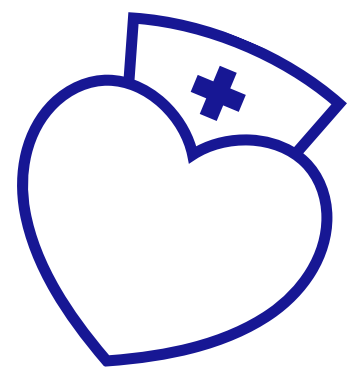
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## School Safety

Please take time to  
review school safety  
information [here](#).



# 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.

Attached is the PA school physical form.pdf that was mailed home on April 1, 2023

# Student Recognition



The NAHS participated in face and hand painting along with hand tattoos at the Music Never Fades Event at the Revs Stadium on September 16, 2023 in York, PA to support Alzheimer's.



National Merit Scholarship Commended Student

- Charles Allen
- Dominique Baker
- Owen Craig
- Namya Jindal
- Olivia Lowry
- Campbell Sands
- Keller Spera
- Elizabeth Thuemmler



National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

- Benjamin Usow
- Victor Vaida



National Hispanic Recognition Award  
Amanda Develly Reinbrecht

National Indigenous Award  
Jackson Kirby

National African American Recognition Award  
Chimamanda Nebedum

# Musical

April 4 - 7, 2024

Auditions will happen  
in November.



# Enchanted Forest. Homecoming 2023

Students will receive an email the week of Homecoming for the dates and times to pick up their tickets.

Anyone who is dual enrollment, work release, cyber, or senior release will be able to see Ms. Godwin in the main office to get their tickets the morning after this first distribution of tickets during the wildcat period.

Does your child need to leave school early  
for an appointment?  
Here is what you should do:

When your child needs to leave school early, it is best to put the early dismissal into Skyward using your parent login.

Having this information entered into Skyward or ahead of time by a phone call, your child will receive a "green slip," which they show to their teacher when they are to leave. At this point, they would exit the school out the front door and meet you in the front circle. If the dismissal is 2 PM or later, the student would have to leave the school by the gym out back, and you would have to pick them up.



# 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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TUTORING:  
LEARN MORE**



## QUESTIONS?

 717-244-4021 X 3005

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

## **Lunch Prices:**

**Elementary School- \$3.10**

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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 purchases these.

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