

Oct. 18, 2019

## High School North Weekly Update

### PTSA News

We would like to thank the families that sent in their membership dues and JWAC donations. The Membership Committee is in the process of entering the information into the PTSA database. You will receive your membership card via email. Please be patient with us. Thank you! We encourage all families to [join HSN PTSA](#) and support our [JWAC program](#). Hope to see you in big numbers at our upcoming events.

### Important Upcoming Events

- **Oct. 19-20:** [Special, ONE-TIME only ACT Prep event ONLINE](#) from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Join PLAYBOOK Founder, and WWPHS South Alum, Jared Friedland for an ACT Boot Camp at South. Jared was a National Merit Scholar in high school, an Ivy League grad, and has earned over 30 perfect scores on the SAT and ACT. The PLAYBOOK's ACT Boot Camp is the definitive course for students who want to march into the test with confidence, momentum, and every key strategy fresh in their mind. Tuition is \$195 for the entire weekend, which includes 8 hours of expert in-person instruction and tips and strategies from an instructor who has helped thousands of students to maximize their score. For more information on this special prep opportunity or to enroll, visit [LEARNTHEPLAYBOOK.COM](#) and click Upcoming SAT & ACT Boot Camps on the menu bar. You can also email [info@learntheplaybook.com](mailto:info@learntheplaybook.com) or call 888.602.9072. **\*\*This event is SPONSORED by the PTSA\*\***
- **SAT/ACT Fair:** The HSS PTSA invites students and parents to join us for an informational evening at HSS Commons 1 and the Playhouse Theater. The evening will begin with the SAT/ACT Fair from 6-7:30 p.m. Oct. 23. An array of vendors will be available.

- **[HSN PTSA October Food Drive to benefit Plainsboro Food Pantry](#)**: Families may send donations with their student throughout the month of October. A drop off box labeled "HSN PTSA Food Drive" will remain outside the main office. Thank you to everyone who brought donations to Back to School Night.
- **[National PTA Reflections Program](#)**: Please join this year's Reflection program and submit your entry to North PTSA by Nov. 15, 2019. This year's theme is ***LOOK WITHIN***, please visit the [National PTA website](#) or click the [link](#) to download Reflections packet with the detailed information. Use this link to download the [student entry form](#). Students may drop off their entry in the box outside the main office.
- **HSN PTSA Meeting "Paying for College"** Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Join us in the HSN Media Center to learn what the FAFSA is all about! Representative, Heather Hillman, from HESAA (Higher Education Student Assistance Authority) Financial Aid Office will be there to give practical tips for college financing and answer application questions.

**Useful links:** [PTSA Website](#) | [Membership & Scholarship Donations](#) | If you have questions about information in the PTSA section please [email](#) us.

## **SEPTSA**

- SEPTSA is a districtwide PTSA supporting parents, guardians and students who receive special education, related services and accommodations for physical, emotional and or learning challenges.
- If you have a student with an IEP or a 504 plan and you missed our table at Back To School Night, click [here](#) for the membership form. **SEPTSA's First Parent Workshop** is Nov. 14, 7 p.m. at Community Middle School. Dr. Teresa Herrero Taylor, PhD BCBA-D, will present on the evaluation referral process and assessments (educational, psychological, speech-language) conducted by the

child study team. Learn more about how testing determines special education eligibility and shapes IEP development.

**Useful Links:** [WW-P SEPTSA Facebook](#) | [WW-P SEPTSA Website](#)

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## School News

- Check out the High School North [Calendar of Activities](#), [The Knights' Armory](#) and High School North's [Lost and Found](#).
- High School North **underclassmen photo make-ups** will be held Monday, Oct. 28 in the Upper Dining Hall from 7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **AP Exam Registration:** [High School students planning to take AP exams must register online between Oct. 4 and Nov. 8](#). Cost is \$105 per exam. Questions can be directed to the appropriate high school counseling department.

## Athletics

- [Winter Sports Registration for high school students](#) is open on Genesis until 11 p.m. Oct. 25.

## Around the District News

- Save the date for the **High School North National Honor Society's Trunk or Treat** 4-6 p.m. Oct. 26 in the HSN Stadium Parking Lot. Click [here](#) for more information on this event.
- Gorgeous designer handbags plus tricky tray raffle prizes at the [HSS Post Prom Pocketbook Bingo](#) THIS **Sunday, Oct. 20** at Millstone River School to benefit Post Prom 2020. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m. Tickets include 12 games of bingo and are \$30 at the door.
- Parents and students (ages 11 and up) are invited to join HSN and Community Middle School student organizations **HEAL and NuYu Friday, Oct. 25** at 6 p.m. at High School North for a one-of-a-kind seminar on mental wellbeing with

renowned speakers and mental health advocates. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

- Village and Millstone River Schools are holding a **coat drive for a local charity**. The schools will be accepting clean, gently worn winter jackets and coats as well as NEW hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. Donations can be dropped off **Saturday, Oct. 26** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Millstone River School.
- Join us at the 11th induction ceremony of the **WWPHS South Hall of Honor** on Nov. 2! The hall of honor was founded to connect the past to the present and the future; in recognizing those who have brought honor to our school we keep alive the spirit of South. These honorees are an integral part of our history. Check out the [website for this year's inductees and to purchase tickets](#) or send a check (for \$25 made out to WWPHSS Hall of Honor) to Cathy Tantum at HSS.

### **Post Prom Committee**

- Please like the Post Prom [Facebook](#) page and invite your friends, too!
- Thank you to everyone that donated to the [Clothing Drive](#). It was a big success and we couldn't have done it without the support of our fabulous community.
- The Post Prom committee is collecting McCaffrey's receipts and Box Tops for Education. Feel free to bring any receipts or Box Tops you have on hand to our meetings, or mail them to Amy Vogel at 9 Revere Court, West Windsor, NJ 08550.
- Join us for a [Holiday Shopping Extravaganza](#) Friday, Nov. 1! This will be a fun evening of shopping and socializing; a portion of the proceeds will go to Post Prom. The event will be held at Amy Vogel's home at 9 Revere Court in West Windsor. The hours are 10:00 am until 1:00 pm and then again from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Vendors include Peach athleisure wear, J'belle jewelry and accessories, and handmade jewelry by Missi Rubenstein Designs. Check back as we add more vendors, or contact Amy at [amybethvogel@gmail.com](mailto:amybethvogel@gmail.com) if you would like to be a vendor at this event.

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## District Updates

- [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Event Calendar](#)

## Counseling and Wellness

- A special Parent University event will be held **Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.** at High School South. The Road to Resilience: Developing a Growth Mindset offers parents practical strategies in supporting child and adolescent resiliency, grit and perseverance. The importance of healthy coping mechanisms, emotional intelligence and supportive relationships to overcome adversity will be discussed. Please visit the district website for more information on this and other upcoming [Parent University Events](#).

## Community Education

- **Cultivating Joy After Loss** - Monday, Oct. 28. Presented by Blindspot Training. Adults will learn strategies to work through loss and begin to bring more joy into their life. Sign up through [Community Education](#) under 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs. Please note: There is a cost associated with this program. \*This is not a substitute for grief counseling.\*
- Tennis Anyone? **Family Fun Friday** is Nov. 15. Presented by TGA of Mercer County - Children and parents, come out for a night of family fun, with tennis and snacks! Learn basic skills of the game in a non-competitive environment. All equipment is provided. Sign up through Community Education under 2019-20 Adult & Youth Programs. Please note: There is a cost associated with this program.
- **Extended Day Program** registration is ongoing throughout the school year! [Sign up when you need it.](#)
- Space is still available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension**. Register through [Community Education](#) under 2019-20 Extended Day, KE, Pre-K.

## Community Events

- Are you looking for programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!

### **Food Services**

- Make sure to download [Sodexo's So Happy app](#)! Download the app to view nutritional information, allergens and more. Check out the [menus](#) for October!

### **WW-P Board of Education**

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meetings](#) and materials.

### **WW-P Education Foundation**

- Mark your calendars for the [WW-P Education Foundation's Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival](#) Oct. 19, 2019, at Grover Middle School. This event is broken up by grade level: grades K-3 will meet from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and grades 4-8 will meet from 2-4 p.m.

**Make sure to follow the district on WW-P's official social media pages.**

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Youtube](#)