

Mar. 6, 2020

High School South Weekly Update

PTSA News

Our HSS PTSA is in dire need of funds. Did you know that donating the cost of one morning coffee can make a difference in our school community? If each family pledges to donate the price of a Starbucks coffee, we will be able to manage the annual funding of the programs at South that have been running for years! HSS PTSA requests your support via donations to our [JWAC program](#). Our PTSA depends solely on the generosity of our parents, and your donations will help fund:

- The mini grants for teachers, which helps our students
- Staff appreciation events
- Monthly parent programs, such as the Mykee presentation and Attitude In Reverse (AIR) held last month
- Scholarships for graduating seniors

Please show your support to HSS PTSA by donating to our [JWAC program](#), PTSA memberships and Scholarship fund. (For more information: [PTSA membership online](#) or [by mail, JWAC program](#)). You can also pay by credit card when you are in the school for any of the events.

Upcoming Events:

- **Mar. 7 & 8: SAT Bootcamp:** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at **High School North** - Students attend both days. Learn THE PLAYBOOK for beating the SAT at its own game. THE PLAYBOOK 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. It includes eight hours of expert instruction 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, click Upcoming Courses & Events on the menu bar, and pick the SAT Boot Camp at North.
- **Mar. 17: Coffee with the Counselor** at 8:45 a.m. in the Commons 3. This month will feature an open topic. It's a great opportunity for parents

to get their questions or concerns addressed. Please [sign up](#) in advance. (Open for PTSA members and non members can take membership online or print the membership form and pay by cash, check or credit card in the school)

- **Mar. 25: HSS PTSA General Meeting and Parent Program** at 7 p.m. - You are warmly invited to meet a selection of recent PTSA Mini Grant recipients. They will showcase how the grants support the continued excellence in our district by enhancing curriculum and instruction. Valuable experiences that motivate our students are made possible by your commitment to our students' welfare.

WHAT DOES THE PTSA DO? AND WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

- The PTSA supports a wide variety of programs that benefit students, parents, and teachers and staff. [Click here to find out what the HSS PTSA does and why you should join.](#)
- Membership in the PTSA is always open and you can [sign up online](#) or at any of our meetings or simply return your membership form to the school front office.
- If you have questions about information in the PTSA section please [email](#) us.

Useful links: [PTSA Website](#) | [Membership & Scholarship Donations](#)

Post Prom

- Stop by the Post Prom table at the **Disney Meeting**. We will have luggage tags for Disney and Grad signs!! Also, we will be collecting PWAC checks!
- Join us on the evening of **Apr. 3** to see and shop the spring **PEACH** Athleisurewear line. Stay tuned for details.
- We are behind on our fundraising goals! Please consider donating to our Please Write A Check (PWAC) Campaign. If you wish to VENMO a donation, text Theza Friedman at 646-245-6964 for information. Or write a check and mail it in. [Details HERE.](#)
- We are collecting McCaffrey's receipts all year long. Please bring them into the front office marked for "PTSA Post Prom."

Thank you to our current Post Prom Sponsors:

- **Gold** - Theza Friedman Realtor and David Shapiro, DMD

- **Green** - Princeton Hypertension-Nephrology Assoc, Allstate Paper Box Corp., Princeton Financial Group and Princeton Nassau Pediatrics
- **Pirate** - Garvey Pest, Tanya Dorfman Realtor and Mercedes-Benz of Princeton

Useful links: [Post Prom Website](#)

SEPTSA Events & Notices

- Contact Kathleen (Kkz4@verizon.net) for questions. Visit our website www.WWP-SEPTSA.org to become a member and find out more about SEPTSA.
- **Accepting Volunteers for Next Year** – Further to our announcement at the last SEPTSA meeting, we welcome offers to help in any capacity throughout the year. For officer nominations, contact Sophie Hanstveit (mjwannabe829@yahoo.com) and for other volunteer inquiries contact Kathleen (Kkz4@verizon.net).

Links: [WW-P SEPTSA Facebook](#) | [WW-P SEPTSA Website](#) | [Membership Form](#)

School News

[HSS Musical](#): **Guys and Dolls** will be held Mar. 6, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. and a matinee at 1 p.m. March 7 in the New Theater. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

Check out HSS's school newspaper, [The Pirate's Eye](#).

Washington Seminar:

- Departure: Tuesday, Mar. 10
- Return: Saturday, Mar. 14

Senior News - Important Dates:

- Monday, Mar. 9 - Senior Trip Parent Meeting - New Theater 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Mar. 11 - Senior Trip Luggage Check from 5 - 7 p.m. in the New Theater
- Thursday, Mar. 12 - Monday, Mar. 16 - Senior Trip to Disney
- Week of Mar. 23-27 - Class of 2020 Smiley Gram Fundraiser
- Friday, Jun. 12 - Senior Prom at the Westin

Yearbook:

- The yearbook is now on sale! Go to YEARBOOKFOREVER.COM to order. All orders must be received by Mar. 27. There will be NO EXTRA YEARBOOKS ordered. Payment plans and options are available. Please see Mrs. Sobolewski for more details.
- Parent ads for seniors are now available. There are four size options available ($\frac{1}{8}$ page - \$80, $\frac{1}{4}$ page - \$130, $\frac{1}{2}$ page - \$230, and full page - \$380). Parent ad information will be provided by you, but the design of the ad will be created by the yearbook staff. Ads may be purchased at www.yearbookforever.com. Payment may be made with PayPal or credit card. All parent ads must be submitted by **TODAY, Mar. 6, 2020. Due to publishing deadlines, no late submissions will be accepted.**

Around the District:

- **WW-P presents... spring theater!** [Click here for additional details](#) and ticket information regarding High School South's *Guys and Dolls* (Mar. 5-7), Grover Middle School's *Freaky Friday* (Mar. 13-14) and Community Middle School's *Dorothy in Wonderland* (Mar. 19-21).
- Check out the district [academic calendar](#) for important upcoming dates. The 2020-2021 School Year Calendar is posted on the [district website](#) as is the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar that was approved by the WW-P Board of Education at the Feb. 25, 2020 meeting.
- **GMS's Hands Across the Water Club** is holding a clothing drive through the month of March to benefit the Community Charter School, a school for orphans in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Clothing donations may be dropped off at the Grover Middle School.

District Updates

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

Athletics

- Check out the [WW-P Athletics monthly newsletter](#) with information on spring sports registration, exciting upcoming competitions, and honors achieved by our student athletes.
- Take a look at the [Athletic Department's flyer](#) with contact information and details on our local spring sports programs.

Counseling and Wellness

- **Parent University:** The next Parent University event will be held Thursday, Mar. 26, 7 p.m. at CMS. The topic is "Understanding Child and Adolescent Anxiety." Click [here](#) to review this year's previous Parent University presentations.
- With rising concern over the new coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak that is currently centered in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, WW-P continues to carefully monitor the situation and heed guidance that has been provided by state and national health organizations. For more information, please click [here](#).

Community Education

- Registration for **Spring After-School Enrichment** is now open. [Spring after-school programs](#) are here and spaces fill fast. Do not delay registration! Registration closes Tuesday, Mar. 24, 2020.
- **Extended Day Program** registration is ongoing throughout the school year. [Sign up by clicking here.](#)
- Space is available in the morning and afternoon **Kindergarten Extension!** [Register by clicking here.](#)
- **Upcoming SAT Programs** - Community Education sponsored classes through [Kaplan](#), [Princeton Review](#), and [Lentz & Lentz](#) are offered throughout the school year at High School North and South.

Community Events

- The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office presents "[A Parent's Guide to Your Child's Cellphone.](#)" A free and informative presentation that aims to educate parents about internet safety and the dangers of certain phone applications. The presentation will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy (1001 Fire Academy Dr., Sayreville, NJ 08872), **Wednesday, Mar. 11 at 6 p.m.**
- In mid-March, homes will begin receiving invitations to complete the [US Census](#). Responses may be submitted online, by phone, or via mail. Results will impact the federal funds our communities and our schools receive. For more information on why this census is so important for WW-P children, check out the Advocates for Children of New Jersey's [Census 2020 NJ website](#).
- Are you looking for programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community events section](#) on the district's website!

Food Services

- Download the [Sodexo's So Happy app](#) to view nutritional information, allergens, [menus](#) and more.

WW-P Education Foundation

- [Innovation Fair 2020](#): The Foundation's Youth Committee will hold auditions for **WW-P's Got Talent** at the HS South Playhouse, from Mar. 5 - 7. The district-wide talent show will be held May 16, 2020, and is a fabulous forum for kids to show off their talents. Acts may include individuals, groups and bands and is open to students in grades K-12! [Click here](#) to register to audition.
- [Sign up to participate](#) in the May 16 [Innovation Fair 2020](#). The deadline to register is Apr. 10, 2020. Participation is open to all after-school clubs, groups and teachers with STEAM activities. Registration is also open for the [Fair's Chess Tournament](#).

WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meeting](#) dates. Agenda and materials for Board meetings are published after 3:30 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting.

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

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