**ADMINISTRATION & COUNSELING**

Dr. Michael Christian, Superintendent of Schools  
Rosemarie Gregitis, Director of Curriculum  
Dr. Jason Bacani, Principal  
Maico Azcona, Assistant Principal  
RJ Bretz, Activities and Athletics Director  
Heather King, Assistant Principal  
Stephen Price, Assistant Principal

The Colonial School District serves the diverse communities of Conshohocken, Plymouth and Whitemarsh Townships with approximately 5,400 students and 700 employees. Plymouth Whitemarsh High School is the sole high school for the district: a four-year, suburban, public high school located just outside of Philadelphia with a reputation for academic excellence and rigorous course offerings focused on college and career readiness for all students.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Class of 2024: 346  
Enrollment: 1601  
Total PWHS Faculty: 157  
% Teachers w/ Masters: 95  
% Black: 13  
% Asian/Pacific: 6  
% Hispanic: 7  
% Multi-Racial: 5  
Schedule: Block-64 Min Periods  
Length of Semester: 91 days

**RIGOR, RECOGNITION and EXCELLENCE**

Plymouth Whitemarsh High School (PWHS) is considered to be among the top high schools in Pennsylvania; The Washington Post and US News & World Report ranks PWHS in top four percent of high schools in PA and top 10 percent in the nation.

PWHS is recognized as a Top STEM high school by Newsweek. PWHS’ STEAM RIGOR, RECOGNITION and EXCELLENCE and EXCELLENCE is aligned with the community and school. The process begins annually with anti-bias training for peer leaders, facilitated by ADL in alignment with the No Place for Hate campaign, challenging students to be effective leaders who focus on social justice issues, specific to the community and school. The process begins annually with anti-bias training for peer leaders, facilitated by ADL training specialists, before student leader outreach and activity block seminars to the student body begin.

PWHS is a certified school for the Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) program which is a rigorous core preparatory program designed for students in the “academic middle”. AVID students are accelerated into Honors and AP courses while receiving support through an intensive supportive curriculum focused on organization, soft skills and leadership. Students gain admission to the program through a rigorous recommendation and screening process.

PW students consistently earn first place accomplishments in state and national competitions such as TSA and DECA, and is a TEDxYouth event site.

PWHS recently excelling in the ARTS includes: Colonial Players 34 Independence Award nominations and 14 wins in theater, “Best Community for Music” by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation and students being recognized for achievement in art and design in local and state competitions with over 132 National Art Honor Society inductees since 2007.

**CLASS RANK**

Class rank is based on weighted GPA and includes all students in the class, includes all PW courses, approved dual enrollment courses, and transfer credits accumulated at qualifying high schools. Decile rank is recorded on a student’s transcript. Higher Ed institutions requiring specific class rank for admission or scholarship consideration should forward the request to the College Counseling Department.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES**

PWHS offers 34 Advanced Placement (AP) / Pre-AP Courses, has earned the College Board’s Female Diversity Award in AP Computer Science, and is one of 15 high schools piloting an Pre-AP Engineering curriculum accredited by E4USA. College Board weighted courses are designated as “AP” or “Pre-AP” on the student’s transcript.

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CAREER PROGRAMME**

The IB Career-related Programme (IBCP) at PWHS offers academic study and practical hands-on experience through an integrated curriculum, consisting of one or more related pathways: Business & Finance, Design Technology or Visual Arts. The IBCP prepares students for transition to higher education in a specific career pathway.

IBCP courses are designated as “IB” on the student transcript. Courses include Math Analysis and Approaches SL, Personal and Professional Skills, and Social and Cultural Anthropology SL. Career-related capstone courses are listed “CP” on the student transcript and also hold IB weight.

**HONORS COURSES**

CMTHS: Allied Health, Teacher Academy  
Music: Band, Chorus, Orchestra  
Science: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental, Microbiology, Physics, Social Studies: Economics, Human Geography, Social Studies Seminar, US Government, US History, Western Civilization  
World Language: French 3-4-5, Latin 3-4-5, Spanish 3-4-5-6  
*Dual Enrollment courses are designated as “DE” and are Honors weight.*
MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All Plymouth Whitemarsh High School students are required to schedule a full course load of 10 credits each year. With the exception of AP classes, most courses follow a semester schedule and are granted 1 credit. Students must also document 10 pieces of evidence toward career exploration and preparation (artifacts, work-based learning, field trips, etc.) between grades 9-12.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class of 2024</th>
<th>Weighted Decile Ranges</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Top 10%</td>
<td>5.083-4.689</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20%</td>
<td>4.688-4.433</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30%</td>
<td>4.40-4.149</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>40%</td>
<td>4.137-3.91</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>50%</td>
<td>3.889-3.623</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60%</td>
<td>3.627-3.377</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>70%</td>
<td>3.366-2.889</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>80%</td>
<td>2.877-2.534</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>90%</td>
<td>2.526-2.047</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>100%</td>
<td>2.02-0</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

CONTINUING EDUCATION

More than 92.1 percent of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School’s Class of 2023 are continuing in a program of higher education. 74.4 percent enrolled in four-year schools while 17.6 percent enrolled in two-year schools. The remaining 7.8 percent of students enrolled in the military, are employed full-time or are considering options through a gap year.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS & CURRICULUM

AVID Tutorial - AVID Tutorial is designed for motivated 11th and 12th grade students interested in working with AVID students to achieve their full potential by facilitating collaborative tutorial group. Tutors are thoroughly grounded in AVID strategies (WICOR: writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading) and become a master of each stage of the AVID tutorial and inquiry learning process implementing Socratic questioning and collaborative learning techniques through the tutoring process.

Bonus Block (Embedded Activities Period) – In addition to the five academic periods per semester, students are required to participate in an activities period throughout the year that is included within the instructional day. Scheduled by the students themselves on a bi-weekly basis, Bonus Block affords students the ability to seek academic support and/or enrichment while also providing them the opportunity to participate in over 100 clubs and activities exploring (but not limited to) diversity, leadership, philanthropy, interest, and academic competition.

Dual Enrollment – Students can earn college credit for dual enrollment courses taken on-campus and at the college/university. On-campus offerings are Honors level classes unless already designated AP by the College Board and include; Accounting 2, AVID 12, Computer Science 1, Computer Science 2, AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, Computational Math, CP Entrepreneurship, H Career & Financial Mgmt., AP Physics C - Mechanics, AP Psychology, Theories of Leadership, and Pre-AP Engineering.

Integrated Math - PWHS offers an Integrated Math Curriculum where courses encompass vital content in algebra, statistics, geometry, trigonometry and discrete mathematics and are presented consecutively with increasing levels of difficulty. At the completion of their coursework, students will have knowledge equivalent to that of a traditional pre-calculus course.

Writing Fellows - The Writing Fellows Program is designed for highly motivated, independent 12th grade students interested in writing and communication. A Writing Fellow recognizes the importance of voice, expression, and style associated with writing and other forms of communication in all disciplines. This student leadership opportunity prepares candidates to serve as collaborative peer tutors in the PW Writing Center while autonomously developing their own skills in research, composition, speaking, and listening.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class of 2023</th>
<th>Commended</th>
<th>Finalists</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2023</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2022</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2021</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2020</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars = 3

SAT/ACT MEAN SCORES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SAT</th>
<th>ACT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>EBRW</td>
<td>MATH</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class of 2023</td>
<td>595</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class of 2022</td>
<td>585</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class of 2021</td>
<td>580</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

PROGRAMS OF ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

Focused on academic excellence, Plymouth Whitemarsh High School offers programs and chapters of recognition for high achievement including National Honor Society (NHS), National Business Honor Society (NBHS), National Art Honor Society (NAHS), Global Scholars Program (GSP), AP Capstone Diploma, and IB Career Programme Designation.

ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

Student involvement is key to the success of a Plymouth Whitemarsh High School student’s well-rounded development. Approximately ninety percent of students participate in one or more extracurricular activity. PWHS offers over one hundred clubs for students, many of which are initiated and proposed by the students themselves. Students have access to activities in the following areas;

- Academic and Scholaristic
- Art and Music
- Cultural Awareness and Service
- Interest – Student Initiated
- Physical Endeavors
- Student Government and Leadership
- Student Publication

PWHS’ competitive athletic program encourages physical activity as well as the opportunity to experience leadership roles, cooperation, and team play. Each year student athletes participate in 26 varsity, 24 junior varsity, and 5 freshman teams. Plymouth Whitemarsh has earned State Championships in Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball and Baseball.