



2023-24 YEAR IN REVIEW



SUPERINTENDENT'S GREETING



Dear Colonial Families,

The 2023-24 school year concluded with a flurry of events and celebrations that highlighted our students' many accomplishments. Among the biggest of these celebrations is Commencement, where we celebrate the educational journey of our senior class and wish them well as they prepare to enter the "real world."

During my speech to graduates this year, I encouraged them to think about the people who have had positive influences on their lives. While awards, accolades, and applause may fade away in time, it is the relationships we develop with people that remain constant and that can be exceedingly valuable.

It is my hope that every student here at Colonial develops strong bonds with the faculty and staff members who support them in their educational journey. These relationships are critical to our mission of helping students to learn, grow, and serve in a school community that is welcoming for all.

As you read through this report, I hope you will note the many ways in which we are working to fulfill this mission. I look forward to another year of learning, growing, and serving in 2024-25. Thank you for all you do to support our students and to maintain your relationship with Colonial School District.

Sincerely,
Michael L. Christian, Ed.D.
Superintendent

OUR SCHOOL BOARD



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The nine members of the Colonial School District Board of Directors are elected at-large to serve the citizens of Conshohocken Borough and Whitmarsh and Plymouth Townships. The Board holds several committee meetings and one general meeting each month. General Board meetings occur on the third Thursday of every month (unless adjusted for holidays). Meetings will be held in the auditorium at Colonial Middle School for the 2024-25 school year. Board meeting minutes and agendas can be found online via BoardDocs (go to colonialsd.org/boarddocs).

MISSION STATEMENT



For students to learn, grow, and serve in a school community that is welcoming for all.

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CLASS OF 2024'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS CELEBRATED AT COMMENCEMENT

Colonial School District bid farewell to the Class of 2024 at the annual Commencement ceremony held June 12 at Colonial Field.

Three-hundred thirty-eight seniors accepted diplomas following speeches from Class of 2024's Maya Hockfield, Dr. Jason Bacani, Principal; and Dr. Michael Christian, Superintendent. Poet Laureate Grace Lendacky also recited her poem, clarinetist Tilly McLaughlin performed the Alma Mater and Carmelena Smith performed the National Anthem. Class President Shane Felgoise addressed his classmates and also presented the class gift, which will be a new electronic sign for the high school.

Here are some interesting facts about this year's graduating class:

- 88 percent are going to four- or two-year colleges/universities
- 12 percent are going into the military, entering the job market, or are considering options through a gap year
- The Class of 2024 has received a one-year total of \$2,867,206 in scholarship and award money, and a four-year total of \$11,851,608
- 38 percent of the class will graduate with a weighted cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher
- The Class of 2024 includes two National Merit Scholarship Finalists and five National Merit Scholarship Commended students

Graduating seniors are invited to become members of the PW Alumni Association, a volunteer organization that is run by high school alums for the purpose of connecting graduates to each other and helping graduates to maintain their ties to the school district community. See page 19 for information about joining the PW Alumni Association.



SENIOR AWARDS PRESENTED AT PW IN MAY

Plymouth Whitemarsh High School honored members of the Class of 2024 at the annual Senior Awards ceremony held in May. Please read on to learn about the students who received recognitions this year.

Daniel Ajuz

United States Marine Corps
Distinguished Athlete Award

Mylayjah Allen

BCA Club Award of Merit

Leen Alobaidi

The Publications Award

Adyanta Anand

National Merit Finalist
President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Hannah Ashbridge

President's Award for Academic
Achievement

Alexander Babka

AP Calculus Award
National Merit Finalist
President's Award for Academic
Excellence

United States Marine Corps
Scholastic Excellence Award

Nicholas Bak-Boychuk

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Elise Barbay

National Art Honor Society Award,
Third Place

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Riley Bass

President's Award for Academic
Achievement

Savi Bell

Colonial Chorus Award

Grace Biddy

President's Award for Academic
Achievement

Abigail Boegner

DECA Scholarship
Denise Cotteta Memorial Scholarship

Herbert C. Mayson Memorial
Award

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Whitemarsh Lions Club English
Award

Ty Borkowski

Clark Doeblar Memorial Scholarship
Nick Salamone Memorial Award

Sophia Carlisle

Whitemarsh Lions Club Fine Arts
Award

Olivia Caruso

Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson Founda-
tion College Scholarship
National Art Honor Society Award,
Second Place

Brian Cassidy

Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson Founda-
tion College Scholarship

Darren Chen

John H. Loughridge Memorial
Award in Technical Drawing

Kyra Chin

National Art Honor Society Award,
Honorable Mention

Devyn Cohen

George Purvis Memorial Soccer
Award

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Samantha Coke

Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson Founda-
tion College Scholarship

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Roger J. Allan & Lee T. Allan
Scholarship

Jennifer Cruz-Delos Santos

Junior Women's Club of Consho-
hocken Award in World Language

Nicholas Custer

Financial Literacy Award

Andrew DelGrego

Colonial Chorus Award

Kebra Demoz

Cheltenham Area Branch
NAACP Award

State Senator Maria Collett Good
Citizen Award

Sean Derfler

President's Award for Academic
Achievement

Caitlyn Dinh

AP Statistics Award

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Sal's Barbershop Underdog
Scholarship

Ethan Drossner

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Olivia Eaton

Colonial Chorus Award
Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson
Foundation College Scholarship
Herbert C. Mayson Memorial
Award

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Robert Reilley Spirit Award

Walterian Theoretical Gummed
Star Award

Annalise Ebel

John R. Kilpatrick Award

Mallory Ebel

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Shane Felgoise

Congresswoman Madeleine Dean
Good Citizen Award

Chase Fisher

Denise Cotteta Memorial Scholarship
President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Whitemarsh Baseball Association
Scholarship

Sadie Flocco

PW Service Award

Ciara Frederic

BCA Club Award of Merit
Robert F. Kline Jr. Memorial
Athletic Award

Justin Gaffney

President's Award for Academic
Achievement

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Mokeira Gekonge

Freedom Valley Award for
Community Service

Najah Gilbert

Colonial Chorus Award

Kaiden Gonzalez

PTSO Richard Coletta Sr. Science
Award

Haiden Haley

John H. Loughridge Memorial
Award in Design and Innovation

Younguk Han

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Robert Harrington

Beanie Bounce Entrepreneurial
Scholarship

Rose Harrington

Joe Murray Memorial Art Award

Joshua Harris

Plymouth Jr ABA League Victor
Negron Scholarship
President's Award for Academic
Achievement

Inyah Hewitt

PWHS Leadership Award

Tye Hines

GenVest Strategy Group Scholarship

Maya Hockfield

CSDEF Scottiworks Future Leaders
Scholarship
President's Award for Academic
Achievement
PW Business Department Award

Vanessa Khatchadourian

Conshohocken Plymouth
Whitemarsh Rotary Club John
Ondik Service Above Self Award

Dylan Kim

AP Computer Science Award
President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Amber Kinsey

PW Orchestra Service &
Dedication Award

Abigail Krawiec

Colonial Chorus Award
PW Orchestra Achievement Award

Leena Krayyem

Colonial Chorus Award
Daughters of the American
Revolution History Award
Language Arts Department Award
for Excellence in English
President's Award for Academic
Excellence

PW Orchestra Service &
Dedication Award

Sebastian Krolak

Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson
Foundation College Scholarship
President's Award for Academic
Achievement

Kam Leiby

PW Orchestra Service &
Dedication Award

Vivian Low

Society of Women Engineers
Award, Honor

Chloe Markus

Award for Excellence in Chemistry
Braun Littman Theater Award for
Theater Excellence

National Council of Supervisors of
Mathematics Award

National Merit Commended

President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Society of Women Engineers
Award, Highest Honor

Benjamin Marsico

Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson
Memorial Business Award
Robert F. Kline Jr. Memorial
Athletic Award

Elizabeth Mayer

President's Award for Academic
Achievement

Tiernan McGuckien

George Purvis Memorial Soccer
Award

Matilda McLoughlin

Adam M. Wilson Memorial
Scholarship
Colonial Chorus Award
Tri-M National Music Honor
Society Chapter #6779 Senior
Service Award

United States Marine Corps
Semper Fidelis Award

Sherlin Mendoza Vazquez

Junior Women's Club of
Conshohocken Scholarship

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Part of the senior year experience is the Senior Walk, where students return to the elementary schools one last time to say thank you and/or goodbye to teachers and staff who have had an impact. Younger students enjoy the Senior Walk as much as the graduates, and are eager to send off their older peers with high-fives and encouraging words on posters that they make.

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Kendall Mitchell

BCA Club Award of Leadership & Merit

Maura Monaghan

Director's Choice Award

Chloe Moon

Excellence in Photography Award
President's Award for Academic Achievement

Emily Moore

PTSO Richard Coletta Sr. Science Award

The Mark Canale AVID Scholarship

Sameer Moudgal

AP Macroeconomics Award
National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Award
National Merit Commended
President's Award for Academic Excellence

Tyler Murphy

Bright Futures Award
Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson
Foundation College Scholarship
Sons of the American Revolution
Outstanding Student of American History Award

Jenna Murray

President's Award for Academic Achievement

Alexandria N'Diaye

PW Orchestra Service & Dedication Award
Tri-M National Music Honor
Society Chapter #6779 Senior Service Award

Hope Nasatir

Maurice Anthony Doroba Memorial Award
President's Award for Academic Excellence

Dakota Nelson

Colonial Chorus Award

Haley O'Hara

Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson
Foundation College Scholarship

Efrain Ortiz

National Merit Commended
President's Award for Academic

Excellence

Audrey Paluszka

Keith M. Stimson Memorial
Scholarship

Zakhar Paulousky

Colonial Chorus Award
Daughters of the American
Revolution History Award
La Grande Médaille Molière Award
National Merit Commended
Phi Beta Kappa Book Award
President's Award for Academic Excellence

Sarah Peduzzi

Conshohocken Plymouth
Whitemarsh Rotary Club John
Ondik Service Above Self Award

Kemith Perera

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Marissa Perez

Donna Ray Zuck Scholar-Athlete Award
Plymouth Township Police
Association Scholarship Award

Brianna Pludo

Society of Women Engineers
Award, High Honor

Annalise Polsky

Junior Women's Club of Conshohocken Award in Business

Sanaa Power

BCA Club Award of Leadership & Merit
CSDEF Mike Brenner Memorial
Scholarship
DIVE Consulting-Plant Family
Senior Award
Ed Swetkowski Social Studies
Award

Kimberly Lee WOC Empowerment
Scholarship

PW Orchestra Achievement Award

United States Marine Corps

Distinguished Athlete Award

Zoya Pryszlak

Whitemarsh Lions Club Band Award

Anna Quirus

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Kate Quirus

Keith M. Stimson Memorial Award
in Technical Theater Craft
President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Emily Reilly

Conshohocken Plymouth
Whitemarsh Rotary Club John
Ondik Service Above Self Award

Brad Rhodes

AP Microeconomics Award
President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Malcolm Roach

Thomas Manuel Golf Award

Kayla Robinson

President's Award for Academic
Achievement

Ava Rodenbaugh

PWHS Leadership Award

Nina Ruggiero

AP Statistics Award
Class of 1962 Award to
Outstanding Senior
Conshohocken Plymouth White-
marsh Rotary Club John Ondik
Service Above Self Award
President's Award for Academic
Excellence

Joshua Salkin

Colonial Band Award
Language Arts Department Award
for Excellence in English
Miriam & Milton Prince Memorial
Scholarship
Robert Reilley Spirit Award

Sam Santiago

President's Award for Academic
Achievement

Paige Sarro

Joe Francisco Choreographer's Award

Isabella Scarola

Congresswoman Madeleine Dean
Good Citizen Award

Juliana Scheirman-Weller

PWCC Coaches Award

Brooke Schoenleber

Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson
Foundation College Scholarship

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Sarah Seidman

Most Valuable Player Award

Ethan Simeral

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Samantha Skivo

CSDEF Boys of '92 Scholarship
Greater Conshohocken Business & Professional Women Award
Plymouth Township Police Association Scholarship Award

Carmelena Smith

Colonial Chorus Award
Fall Drama Dedication Award
PW Orchestra Achievement Award

Olivia Smith

The Publications Award

Esther Sol

PW Orchestra Achievement Award

Sophia Somers

Colonial Orchestra Award
National Merit Commended
President's Award for Academic Excellence

Dylan Stein

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Charles Steward

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Emma Sugalski

Colonial Chorus Award
Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson

Foundation College Scholarship in Honor of Susan Castle

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Robert F. Kline Jr. Memorial Social Studies Award

Sonia Taglianetti

Art Teachers Award
President's Award for Academic Excellence

Dilan Taneja

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Vincent Turpin

Colonial Chorus Award
Paulina Villafana-Palmas

Excellence in Photography Award, Honorable Mention

Colin Wagner

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Jared Wagner

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Ava Walker

National Art Honor Society Award, First Place

Andrew Walters

Dr. Kenneth L. Wilkinson
Foundation College Scholarship
James J. Doyle Memorial Award
John Philip Sousa Award
Kathy Tavani Social Studies Award
President's Award for Academic

Excellence

United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award

Meghan Wendler

Mark Combs Memorial Scholarship
Nick Salamone Memorial Award

David Winchester

BCA Club Award of Merit
PW Jazz Band Award

Luke Winterbottom

Cardin D. Brown Most Courageous Athlete Award

Mark Anthony LaPera Scholarship Award

Plymouth Jr ABA League Victor Negron Scholarship

President's Award for Academic Achievement

Ainsley Wood

President's Award for Academic Achievement

Avery Wrobel

Colonial Player of the Year

Zoey Zalzman

Conshohocken Plymouth
Whitemarsh Rotary Club John Ondik Service Above Self Award
President's Award for Academic Excellence

Armin Zarbaft

President's Award for Academic Excellence

Jade Zhang-Wong

Latin Language Award



Here are more pictures from the 2024 Senior Walk. For an explanation of this tradition, see page 5.

CSDEF AWARDS \$43,000 TO GRADUATING SENIORS

Congratulations to members of the Plymouth White-marsh High School Class of 2024, who benefited from the Senior Awards and scholarships courtesy of the Colonial School District Education Foundation.

The following donors of named awards are thanked for their contributions. Please read on for the list of scholarship/award winners:

- Boys of '92: Samantha Skivo
- Mike Brenner Memorial Scholarship: Sanaa Power
- Mark Canale AVID Scholarship: Emily Moore
- Covanta: Younguk Han and Chloe Markus
- Dive Consulting-Plant Family Senior Award: Sanaa Power
- Sal's Barbershop Underdog Scholarship: Caitlyn Dinh
- Kimberly Minor WOC Empowerment Scholarship: Sanaa Power

- Lafayette Foundation CPW Rotary Club in memory of Joe Robinson: Matilda McLaughlin
- Scottiworks Future Leaders Award: Maya Hockfield

The CSDEF also manages the PW Scholarship Fund, which is supported by an annual \$25,000 gift from the Ottinger Fund, donations, interest, and proceeds from LifeTouch's school picture program.

This year \$33,000 was distributed to the following 25 students: Alexander Babka, Julia Berlin, Max Budwell, Jazmine Cooper, Caitlyn Dinh, Olivia Eaton, Kaiden Gonzalez, Younguk Han, Zach Herman, Vivian Low, Chloe Markus, Ella McCarthy, Kandell Mitchell, Jack Moffat, Tyler Murphy, Zakhar Paulousky, Kemith Perera, Marissa Perez, Kate Quirus, Josh Salkin, Ethan Simeral, Emma Sugalski, Dilan Taneja, Luke Winterbottom, and John Zamichielli.



Seen on the left is Maya Hockfield, recipient of the Scottiworks Future Leaders Award.



Samantha Skivo, middle, was the recipient of the Boys of '92 Scholarship. With her are the scholarship donors.



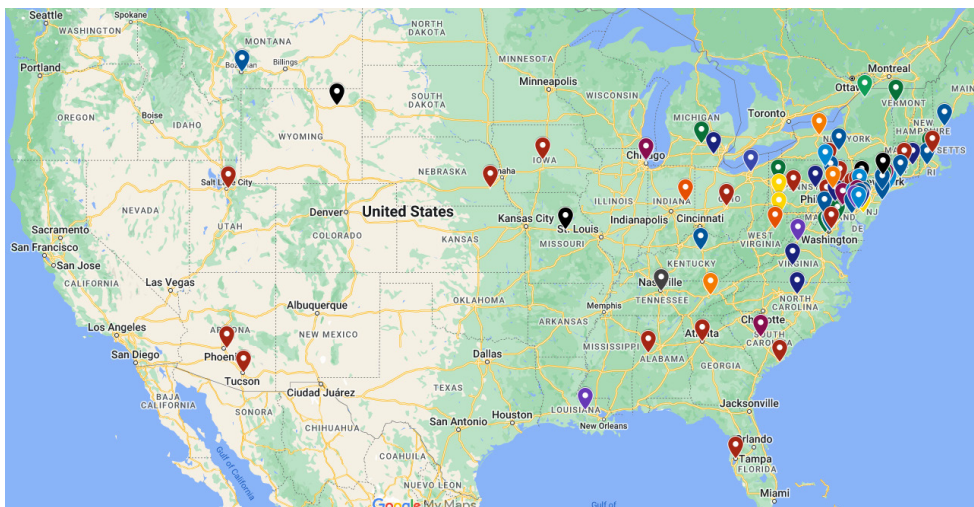
Sanaa Power, middle, was the recipient of the Dive Consulting-Plant Family Senior Award, the Kimberly Minor WOC Empowerment Scholarship, and the Mike Brenner Memorial Scholarship. With her are CSDEF Co-Presidents Jori Broad, right, and Annette Swartz.



Caitlyn Dinh, middle, was the recipient of the Sal's Barbershop Underdog Scholarship. With her are CSDEF Co-Presidents Jori Broad, left, and Annette Swartz.

PW GRADS PREPARE FOR COLLEGES NEAR AND FAR

Over 88 percent of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's graduating class is going on to pursue post-secondary education. The map at right shows where our students will be headed in the fall. Read on for the entire list:



Albright College
American University
Arcadia University
Arizona State University-Tempe
Babson College
Ball State University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Chestnut Hill College
Clarkson University
College of Charleston
Bloomsburg University
Mansfield University
Delaware Valley University
DePaul University
DeSales University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Duke University
East Stroudsburg University
Eastern University
Elizabethtown College
Fashion Institute of Technology
Franklin and Marshall College
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Gwynedd Mercy University
Harcum College
Hofstra University
Howard Community College
Howard University
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Iona University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johnson & Wales University
Kutztown University
Lehigh University

Liberty University
LIM College
Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Lycoming College
Manhattan College
Michigan State University
Millersville University
Monmouth University
Montana State University
Montgomery County Community College
Moore College of Art and Design
Morehouse College
Mount St. Mary's University
Muhlenberg College
Northampton County Area Community College
Northeastern University
The Ohio State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania College of Technology
Pennsylvania State University (Abington, Harrisburg, Main Campus)
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rowan University
Slippery Rock University
Stephens College
Susquehanna University
Swarthmore College
Temple University

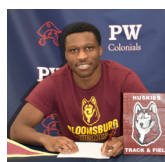
Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
George Washington University
University of Alabama
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
Thomas Jefferson University
United States Military Academy
Universal Technical Institute
University of Arizona
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Hartford
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
University of Nebraska
University of New England
University of New Haven
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina
University of Utah
University of Vermont
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
West Chester University
Western Welding Academy
West Virginia University
West Virginia Wesleyan College
Widener University

MORE THAN 20 SIGN TO PLAY IN COLLEGE

Twenty-six Plymouth White-marsh High School graduates will continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level this fall. Eight students will go on to play at NCAA Division I institutions (denoted by asterisk below). Congratulations to these hard-working student-athletes!

- Daniel Ajuz, Bloomsburg University, Track and Field
- Ben Backenstose, Elizabethtown College, Lacrosse
- Nazye Boggs, West Chester University, Football
- Charles Borkowski, Drexel University*, Wrestling
- Brooke Busk, University of Tennessee*, Rowing
- Jaden Colzie, Thomas Jefferson University, Basketball
- Brennan Coyle, Loyola University (Maryland)*, Swimming
- Caitlyn Dinh, Rochester Institute of Technology, Soccer
- Olivia Eaton, Swarthmore College, Lacrosse
- Chase Fisher, Clarkson University, Baseball
- Isabella Godin, Temple University*, Rowing
- Tye Hines, Eastern University, Football
- Jaeshaun Johnson, Eastern University, Football
- Taeshaun Johnson, Arcadia University, Track/Field
- Caelin Kosvitch, Iona University*, Softball
- Haylie Lindley, DeSales University, Softball
- Frankie Lynch, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Lacrosse

- Liz Mayer, Lycoming College, Volleyball
- Bryant McKay, Mount St. Mary's University*, Track/Field
- Marissa Perez, East Stroudsburg University, Softball
- Brianna Reynolds, Iona University*, Lacrosse
- Juliana Scheirman-Weller, Widener University, Cheerleading
- Samantha Skivo, Babson College, Softball
- Natalie Small, East Stroudsburg University, Volleyball
- Aaron Taylor, West Virginia Wesleyan, Swimming
- Meghan Wendler, Manhattan College*, Lacrosse



Daniel Ajuz



Ben Backenstose



Nazye Boggs



Charles Borkowski



Brooke Busk



Jaden Colzie



Brennan Coyle



Caitlyn Dinh



Olivia Eaton



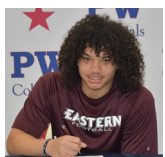
Chase Fisher



Isabella Godin



Tye Hines



Jaeshaun Johnson



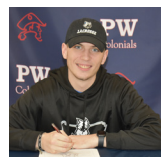
Taeshaun Johnson



Caelin Kosvitch



Haylie Lindley



Frankie Lynch



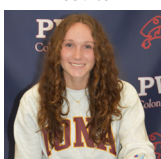
Liz Mayer



Bryant McKay



Marissa Perez



Brianna Reynolds



Juliana Scheirman-Weller



Samantha Skivo



Natalie Small



Aaron Taylor



Meghan Wendler



Plymouth Whitemarsh High School graduates will be pursuing many unique paths after graduation. Some will attend HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), while others will serve the military, enter the work force, or pursue majors in musical theater.

2022-23 ACADEMIC REPORT

This section of our Year in Review is devoted to the 2022-23 school year, since that is the most recent year for which we have comprehensive student academic performance data available to share with the community.

Historically, we have shared this information through a printed publication that is mailed in the winter, but to save on printing and postage costs, academic progress reporting will now be included in this publication.

Throughout the next several pages, you will find information about how students performed on the PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment), the Keystone Exams, the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Testing (ACT), and the Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

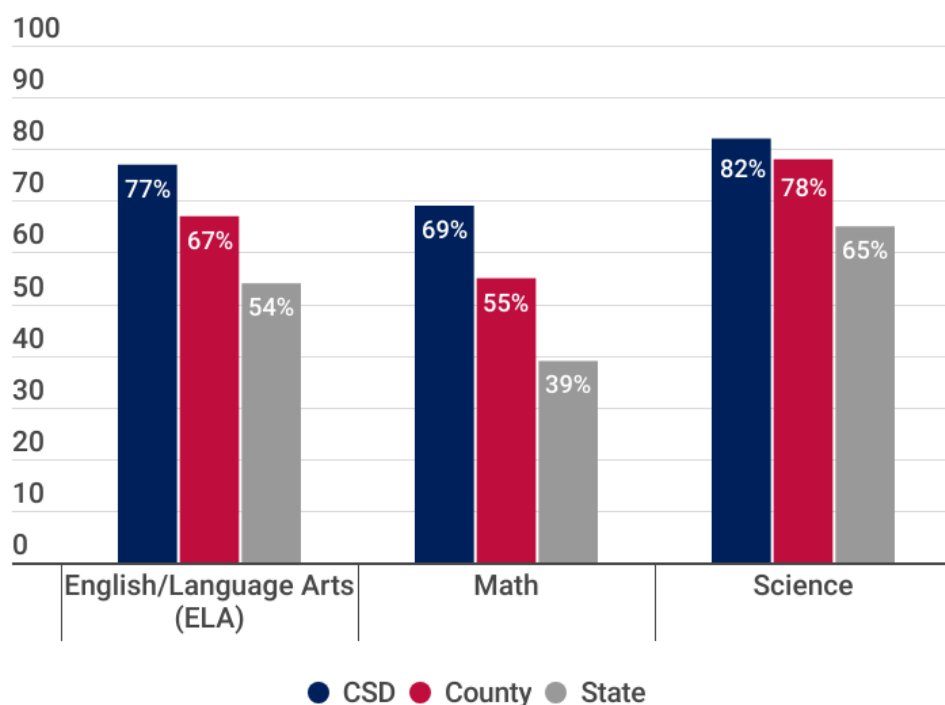
PSSA data (in addition to other measures) are used by the state to evaluate school district performance via the Future Ready PA Index. PSSA results are also one of the components for calculating building scores, which are part of the Educator Effectiveness model.

Colonial has demonstrated impressive gains on the Future Ready PA Index and achieved competitive building scores.

Here are some highlights:

- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School attained the 6th highest building score in the state (out of approximately 2,500 high schools)

Pennsylvania System of Assessment (Gr. 3-8)



- Conshohocken Elementary School and Plymouth Elementary School were in the top 20 elementary schools out of thousands across Pennsylvania
- Most schools were in the top quintile of building scores for their respective grade spans
- Colonial Elementary School exceeded the standard for growth in math, and English/Language Arts (ELA), math and science achievement scores increased over last year
- Colonial Middle School exceeded the standards for academic growth in ELA, math, and science, and science and math achievement scores increased over last year
- Ridge Park Elementary School met or exceeded the goal for math achievement
- Whitemarsh Elementary School met the interim improvement

goal/target for ELA, and increased math scores over last year

When looked at from the district level, Colonial School District's proficient and advanced combined scores were higher on average than both the county and state in all three categories of ELA, math and science (see chart above).

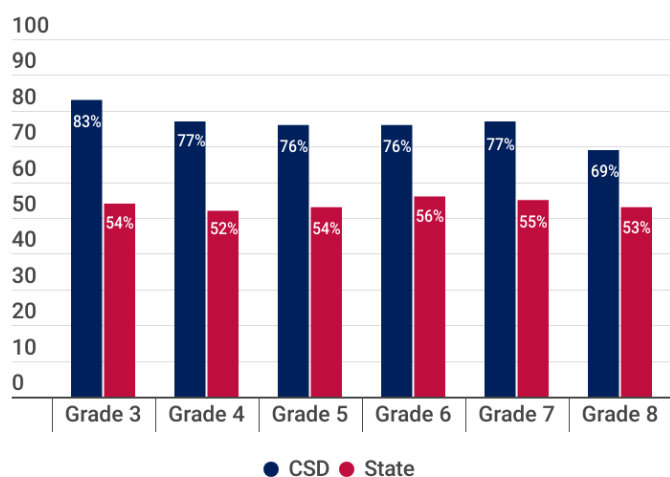
Building Level Scores

Conshohocken Elementary: 93.5
 Ridge Park Elementary: 84
 Plymouth Elementary: 92
 Whitemarsh Elementary: 88.8
 Colonial Elementary: 79.4
 Colonial Middle School: 83.5
 Plymouth Whitemarsh HS: 91.5

Building scores are based on school performance and growth on state assessments, as well as attendance rates and graduation rates.

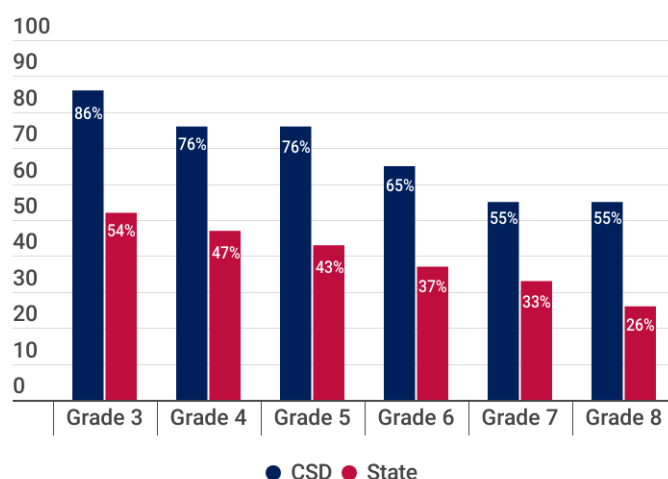
English/Language Arts PSSA

Percent proficient/advanced



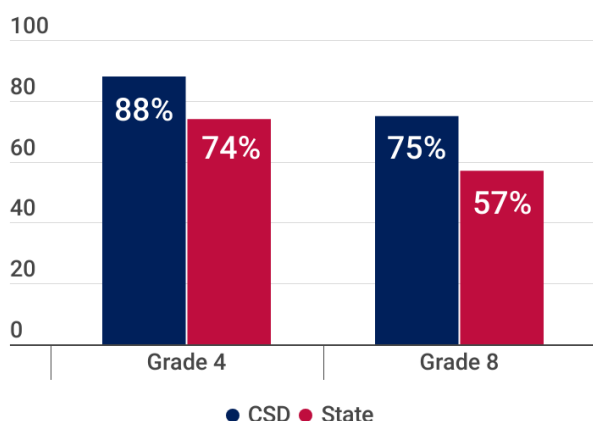
Math PSSA

Percent proficient/advanced

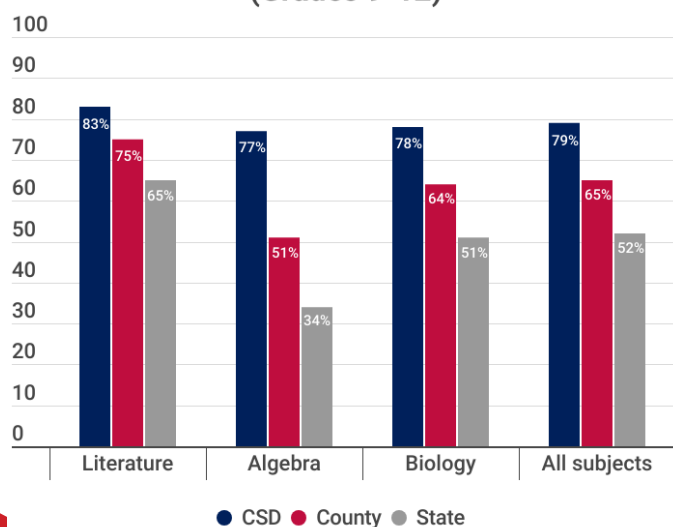


Science PSSA

Percent proficient/advanced



Keystone Exams - Percent Proficient/Advanced (Grades 9-12)



HOW WE USE THE DATA

Colonial School District uses data collected annually through standardized tests, benchmark and curriculum-based assessments, formal/informal observations, and other records to identify points of pride while also noting areas that need improvement.

During the Curriculum Committee meetings held each year, data is shared with School Board members and the community. Administrative team members then discuss the ways in which the data is analyzed and used to determine how instruction might be modified in order to meet the needs of all students. Data is broken down and examined across grade levels and subgroups (socioeconomic, race, special needs), as well as cohorts (same group of students from year to year). Data can also be broken down to examine how students perform related to specific areas of the core subjects (for example, earth and space science versus biology or statistics versus geometry).

This page shows student performance on state assessments including the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA), which is administered to students in grades 3-8 in the subjects of English/Language Arts and math, and science for grades 4 and 8. The Keystone Exam measures student performance in Literature, Algebra, and Biology for students in grades 9-12.

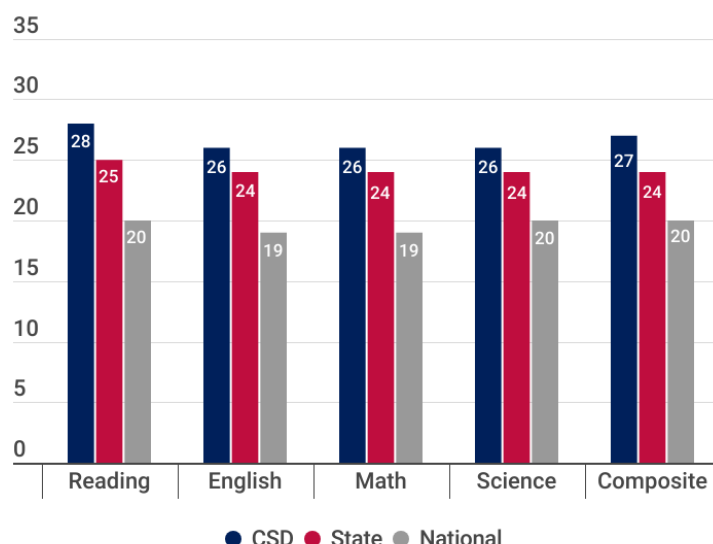
PW STUDENTS EARN HIGH SCORES ON THE AP, ACT & SAT

At the high school level, students may take a variety of assessments if they are preparing to attend a college or university after graduation.

Assessments include the ACT and the SAT (which are college entrance exams used in the admissions process), and AP tests (which are taken for potential college credit and are course-specific). On the right, you can see the results for the ACT. It is broken down into English, Math, Reading, and Science. The highest possible score is a 36. SAT scores are listed on the following page.

Below is the list of students who were named as AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honor, and AP Scholars with Distinction. In order to receive these designations, students must take one or more of the high school's 36 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. AP courses allow students to experience college-level courses and to gain college credits. Some colleges and universities will award

2022-23 ACT



students college credits based on a score of 3 or higher. Colonial School District strives to increase the number of students taking AP courses and tests each year. In the 2022-23 school year, 333 Plymouth Whitmarsh High School students took an AP exam. Ninety-one percent of them earned a 3 or better on their exam.

<p>AP Scholar AP Scholars achieve a score of 3 or better on three or more exams. AP Scholars from the Class of 2023* included:</p> <p>Zane Al-Saleem Kailey Brenner Avery Broggi Connor Capizzi Devyn Cohen Amanda Conti Maya Drossner David Epstein Alexandra Fergus Nicole Graham Michael Gubler Salena Le Victoria Lee Natalie Lieberman Emily Lupo Anahita Mandal Thomas Montemayor Yassine Rafih</p>	<p>Dylan Robinson Nicholas Sherlock Ashton Wittenberg</p> <p>AP Scholars with Honor AP Scholars with Honor receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. AP Scholars with Honor from the Class of 2023 included:</p> <p>Cayce Becker Adam Balasko Christopher Bernard Stephanie Brach Karlie Cutler Olivia Ekbatani Rayna Fandozzi Emma Freedman Sameer Moudgal Liam Myerow</p>	<p>Lilian Phan Juliette Toneatto</p> <p>AP Scholars with Distinction AP Scholars with Distinction achieve a score of 3.5 or better on all exams taken and achieve scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams. AP Scholars with Distinction from the Class of 2023 included:</p> <p>Skyler Alten Justin Barrer Sevita Beer Olivia Bell Ethan Broad Sarah Carr Adam Conti Benson Davis Sophie Davis Caitlin Dougherty Dalya Dunoff</p>	<p>Abigail Edwards Katherine Edwards Samantha Fernley Evan Friedman Luke Gartland Jinuk Han Anna Harrington Luke Hildebrand Brian Jeong Timothy Kennedy Carly King Ferra Liu Hannah Loewenstern Zane Mannings Ethan Markow Benjamin Moldovsky Norah Myerow Ashleigh O'Brien Tara Patel Jaclyn Porter Olivia Prusky Jordan Slutsky Jordan Son Eleanor Teeters Madeline VanBuren</p>
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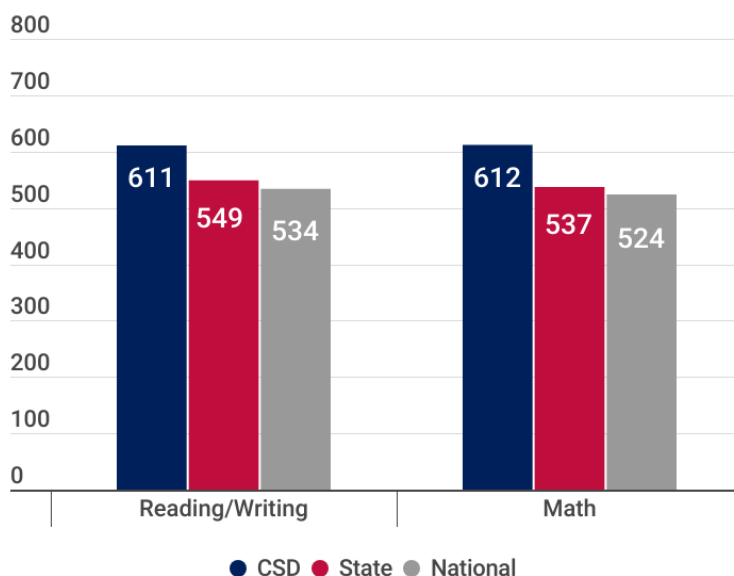
* Information about AP Scholars from the Class of 2024 will be shared in next year's report.

2022-23 ACADEMIC REPORT



Plymouth Whitemarsh High School graduates seen in this photo were named National Merit Scholarship Program Commended students in the 2022-23 school year. From left to right, in the back row, are Dr. Jason Bacani, Principal; Abby Edwards, Caitlin Dougherty, Carly King, Kyle Goodman, and Adam Conti. In the front row, from left to right, are Made-line VanBuren, Eleanor Teeters, Sevita Beer, Brian Jeong, and Thomas Montemayor. They were among the top 50,000 scorers on the Preliminary SAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)).

2022-23 SAT



The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is a standardized test used to gauge students' knowledge of reading, writing, and math skills. SAT scores are often requested by colleges and universities as part of the admissions process. The test consists of Math and Reading/Writing sections that are worth 800 points each. The highest possible score is a 1600.



Five Plymouth Whitemarsh High School graduates were named National Merit Scholarship Program Commended students in the 2023-24 school year. From left to right in the front row are Efrain Ortiz, Chloe Markus, and Sophia Somers. In the back, from left to right, are Sameer Moudgal, Zakhar Paulousky, and Dr. Jason Bacani, principal. The students were among the top 50,000 scorers on the Preliminary SAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT)).



Three Plymouth Whitemarsh High School graduates were named National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-Finalists this year. These students are among the highest scorers in Pennsylvania on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Program Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). From left to right are Alexander Babka, Parker Powley, and Adyanta Anand. Alexander and Adyanta were also named Finalists after submitting detailed applications. They join an elite group of approximately 15,000 seniors nationally who achieve this designation.

CES RENOVATION PROJECT WORK CONTINUES

Now that the 2023-24 school year has ended, construction is ramping up at Colonial Elementary School (CES).

The school, which serves fourth- and fifth-graders, is being renovated to accommodate an anticipated 100 to 125 additional students. The renovation project includes converting first-floor office space into classrooms, reconfiguring the main school entrance to enhance safety and security, and constructing a two-story office space in the front of the building.

The construction project began in March of this year with the demolition of a portion of the gym that will become the district's administrative offices. District office staff members have been relocated to other buildings temporarily for the 2024-25 school year as their former offices are made into new classrooms.

In addition to converting offices to classroom space, construction has begun to reconfigure the main entrance to CES. When this work is complete, visitors to the school will enter a vestibule where they will sign in with the receptionist (instead of walking past the auditorium and gym to get to the main reception area). Colonial Elementary School administrative offices will also be relocated to the first floor.

The main entrance phase of the project is scheduled to be done before students return in the fall. The relocating of the Colonial Elementary School administrative offices are scheduled to be completed before the start of school in the fall of 2025. The entire project is anticipated to be complete by the start of 2025-26 school year.

As the project continues, various events that occur at Colonial Elementary School may be relocated. For example, all meetings for the Colonial School District Board of Directors will be moved to the auditorium in Colonial Middle School for the 2024-25 school year.

Those looking to register their children for the coming school year may still report to Colonial Elementary School for registration appointments, which must be made in advance. Visitors may enter the school by going around to the entrance on the Flourtown Road side of the building (which is on the right if you are looking



The photograph above shows what the exterior of Colonial Elementary School looked like at the beginning of July. The rendering below shows what this section of the building will look like once construction is complete. This will be the new district office section of the building. Work on the inside to construct classrooms out of the old district office is ongoing this summer.



at the front of the school).

Anyone who needs to pick up or drop off forms or other resources at Colonial Elementary School or the former district office should call ahead to find out where they should go. All district office/department numbers remain operational. Please do not arrive without an appointment at Colonial Elementary this summer and be respectful of signs that have been posted so as to keep the area safe.

Community members are encouraged to stay up-to-date on the project's progress by visiting our website: www.colonialsd.org/cesproject.

CSDEF SUPPORTS CLASSROOM INITIATIVES IN 2023-24

The Colonial School District Education Foundation (CSDEF) has supported more than \$25,000 of educational initiatives and projects during the 2023-24 school year.

Principal and Library Donations

At the beginning of the year, the CSDEF gave each school \$2,200 — \$1,200 for the principal and \$1,000 for the librarian — to use how they see fit. For example, Denise Marks, Conshohocken Elementary School Principal, brought in the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's Environmental Mobile Unit. The students explored living and non-living things, habitats, and biomes.

Teacher Grants

The CSDEF also supported innovative projects through Teacher Grants proposed by Colonial educators.

- The Book Chat initiative at Colonial Elementary School was proposed by Manuela Herbas and Kerry Douglas and involved more than 40 students coming early to school to share a love of literacy. Using a book club model, they spent a month reading the same book and met to talk about it — while also finding informal opportunities to discuss the



The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's Environmental Mobile Unit visited Conshohocken Elementary School earlier this year, thanks to CSDEF funds provided to the school.

text in between meetings. The CSDEF funded three sets of books for this program.

- School counselors at the kindergarten through third grade buildings used Teacher Grants to create Grief and Divorce libraries in their offices and introduce Hugimals (weighted stuffed animals aimed at helping students learn self-regulation and coping strategies).

Annual College Visit for AVID Students

The CSDEF covered the approximately \$7,000 cost of the annual college visit for sophomores and

juniors enrolled in the AVID elective program. AVID, or Advancement Via Individual Determination, aims to empower students in the academic middle with skills for success in the classroom and to help prepare them for college. The AVID students visited the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Salisbury University, Goucher College, and Towson University.

These contributions highlight the CSDEF's commitment to enhancing educational experiences and supporting innovative teaching in the district.



Seen here are fourth- and fifth-graders who are part of Colonial Elementary School's Book Chat. The books students are holding were provided by the CSDEF.



CSDEF Co-President Annette Swartz tries out the Hugimals provided for counselors' Grief and Divorce libraries.

FOUNDATION DAY RETURNS TO PW ON OCT. 13

Enjoy a family-friendly afternoon celebrating the Colonial School District through the Colonial School District Education Foundation's Foundation Day. Activities will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13.

- **Children's activities:** Beanie Bounce inflatables, game truck, fun field, face painting, princesses and superheroes, and more!
- **Performances:** Plymouth Whitmarsh High School

Be a Foundation Day Sponsor

Sponsorships are available at \$100, \$250, and \$500+ levels. Have your company name displayed on Foundation Day signage, on the website, and through social media. Add company giveaways to the Foundation Day swag bags. The Foundation Day sponsorships will also apply to the Foundation 5-K in the spring. You'll get two sponsorship opportunities for the price of one! Visit www.colonialsd.org/foundationday for more information.

cheerleaders, the Marching Colonials, community groups, and more!

- **Food trucks:** Savory and sweet vendors will be attending. Do you have a food truck and want to join us for the day? Visit www.colonialsd.org/foundationday!
- **All Alumni Picnic:** Purchase lunch from the food trucks and meet classmates in the alumni area.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT RAISES \$30,000+ FOR FAMILIES

The Colonial School District Education Foundation (CSDEF) is grateful for the many donors who supported the "Food For Thought" campaign to support families struggling with food insecurity.

The Foundation focused the 2023-24 campaign on "Food For Thought: Weekend Edition" to help families feed their children through the weekend. Since the program began in November, the CSDEF has provided 640 \$25 food store gift cards to families.

While the Annual Campaign regularly pulls in more than \$10,000 from individual donors, Food For Thought has been successful in large part due to the continued generosity of John Kennedy Subaru and Firstrust Bank. For several years, John Kennedy Subaru has included the CSDEF as its local hometown charity during the annual Share The Love campaign. Customers who buy or lease a car during the campaign can choose the Foundation to receive a donation from John Kennedy Subaru and Subaru of America. This year, the CSDEF received \$21,618. Firstrust Bank again offered a \$10,000 matching challenge grant during the campaign. The Conshohocken Senior Prom committee also donated \$1,300 to the cause.

Food For Thought started in 2022 to cover lunches for students who miss the cutoff for free and reduced lunches. Since then, the CSDEF has purchased more than 4,800 lunches and has allocated funds to continue the program in 2024-2025.



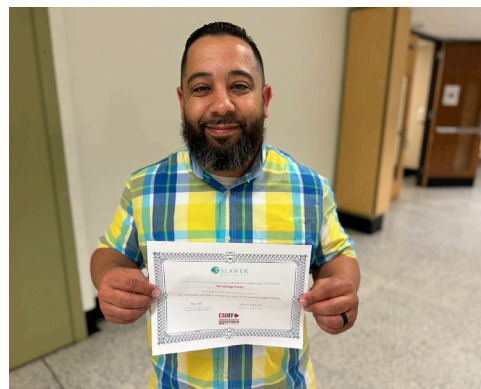
Colonial Elementary School welcomed Tim Brooke (left), Vice President of Laboratory Services and Certification and President of the Safety Equipment Institute at ASTM International, to see a lesson in the school library's Innovation Lab. The company helped support the lab through a \$3,500 donation to the Colonial School District Education Foundation. The funds went toward an activity tower full of "manipulatives," a new chalkboard, and extending the Lego wall.



Three students are standing in a classroom, each holding a 3D model of a planet. The student on the left is a girl with long brown hair, wearing a grey hoodie and plaid pants, holding a model of Earth. The student in the middle is a girl with long brown hair and glasses, wearing a white cardigan and black pants, holding a model of Saturn. The student on the right is a boy with short dark hair, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt and black pants, holding a model of Jupiter. They are all smiling and looking at the camera. The background shows a classroom setting with a window, a desk, and a trash can.

Some of the books will support classroom instruction and others will circulate through libraries. For the past six years, Colonial School District volunteer and Colonial School District Education Foundation Board Member Linda Doll has served as a judge for the American Association for the Advancement of Science/Subaru Prize for Excellence in Science Books. After judging the books, she has donated them to the District. Colonial has received more than 1,000 science books through the program.

Congratulations to Tomas Santiago and the Santiago family! Mr. Santiago is saving more than \$2,000 on orthodontic services from Slawek Orthodontics with his winning bid of \$3,900 in the Colonial School District Education Foundation (CSDEF) online auction. The CSDEF thanks those who participated as well as Slawek Orthodontics for supporting Colonial schools through this fundraiser.



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RECONNECT WITH PW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Discover a new way to stay connected with the PW Alumni Association! Enjoy free membership offering networking opportunities, reunion updates, and a quarterly email newsletter featuring alumni stories, PW news, and upcoming events. Join the PW Alumni Association today! Visit www.colonialsd.org/alumni, and follow the association on Facebook and Instagram.

Save the Date: All Alumni Picnic at Foundation Day

Mark your calendar for the PW Alumni Association's All Alumni Picnic during Foundation Day on Sunday, October 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at PWHS. Purchase lunch from one of the food trucks and reconnect with old friends in the alumni area.

COLONIAL'S TAX RATE 3RD LOWEST IN COUNTY

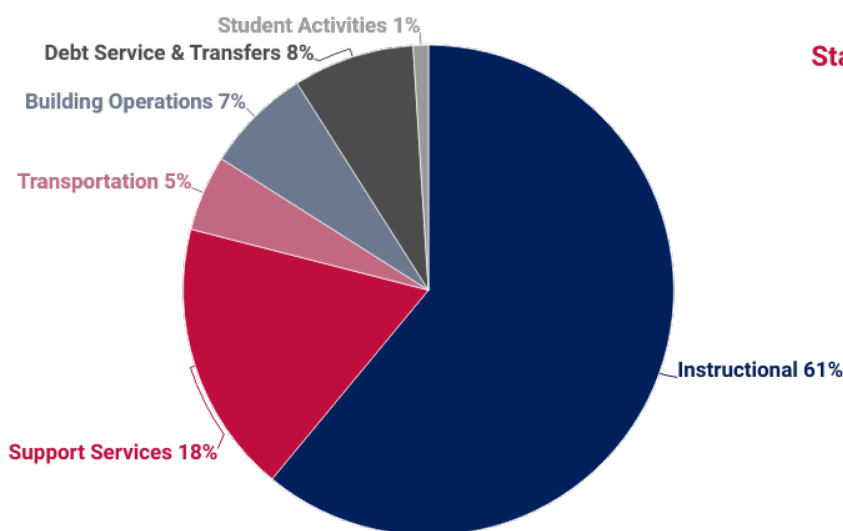
The Colonial School District Board of Directors approved the 2024-25 budget at the June 10th meeting, establishing a spending plan that will enable the District to maintain its rigorous instructional program while also limiting the impact to taxpayers.

The \$158,174,696 budget will result in a 2.63-percent tax increase, which is well below the Act 1 index (tax cap set by the state) of 5.3 percent. For a homeowner with the median assessed value of \$154,555, this would result in an additional \$65.78 in taxes. Colonial maintains one of the lowest tax rates in Montgomery County, higher only than two other school districts out of 22.

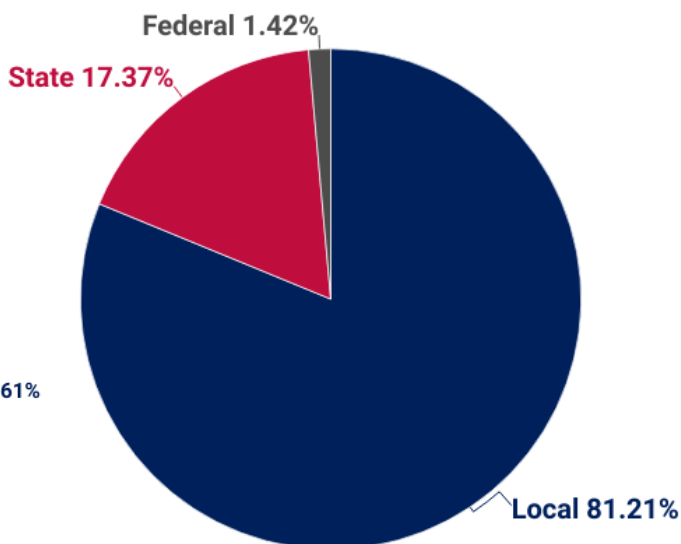
The budget includes additional professional certified staff to address increasing enrollment. Expenditures for the 2024-25 school year are 4.65 percent higher than last year, with inflation and rising student enrollment driving some of that increase. Other factors affecting the rise in costs include collective bargaining agreement obligations, healthcare contributions, special education mandates, and charter school tuition.

For budget documentation, please visit the Finance Department page on the website at colonialsd.org.

Expenditures



Revenues



PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS

Some Colonial School District residents may be eligible for tax relief through state and school district Property Tax/Rent Rebate programs.

The state program has been in effect since 1971 and is funded by state lottery and slot machine proceeds. The income limit is \$45,000 a year for homeowners and renters. Half of Social Security income is excluded. The maximum standard rebate is \$1,000.

Colonial offers an additional discount of up to 75 percent of the state rebate base amount.

To qualify for the discount, applicants must be:

- homeowners and renters with a household income of no more than \$45,000 annually (half of Social Security income is excluded); AND
 - be age 65 or older
- OR
- be a widow/widower aged 50 or older
- OR
- be permanently disabled and age 18 or older

To apply, prepare form PA-1000 (Property Tax or Rent Rebate Claim). Go to the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue site to learn more about online and paper applications: www.revenue.pa.org

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FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM CONTINUES

As a new school year approaches, the Food & Nutrition Services Department would like to remind families about universal free breakfast and free and reduced price meal programs.

Every student is eligible to receive a free breakfast at school. Please keep in mind that students must select enough items to make a meal to receive breakfast free (rather than be charged a la carte). All meal offerings include five components: protein, grain, fruit, vegetable, and milk. Federal regulations require that students choose a combination of at least three components (one of which must be a fruit or vegetable) to qualify for a free meal.

Every school cafeteria offers a variety of free, tasty breakfast options daily. Breakfast is served from 8:50 to 9:05 a.m. in elementary school cafeterias, where students may come first after being dropped off. The middle school serves breakfast via kiosks from 7:40 to 8 a.m. and the high school serves breakfast from 7 to 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria, coffee shop, and via kiosks. Find out what's for breakfast by visiting the menu links on our website.

Families who would like to receive free and reduced-price lunches starting this fall are reminded to



complete an application online. Visit schoolcafe.com or contact the Food & Nutrition Services office for a paper application: 610-834-1670, ext. 8207.

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Send a duplicate copy of your PA-1000 and a copy of your paid tax bill to the Colonial School District: c/o Business Office, 230 Flourtown Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462.

When you receive the state rebate (most likely after July 1), submit proof of deposit by providing a copy of the check or an official bank statement to the address above.

Once all the required information is received, Colonial School District will produce a rebate check and mail it to the address on your PA-1000 form.

Any questions can be directed to Mark Digian, Business Administrator, 610-834-1670, ext. 2121, or mdigian@colonialsd.org.



CSD Adult Evening School

Fall 2024 Adult Evening School Classes to Begin Week of Sept. 9

Watch your email, our website, social media, and your mailbox for information about the Fall 2024 Adult Evening School session.

Classes will begin the week of Sept. 9, and registration will open the week of Aug. 19. The webstore (online registration portal) can be accessed at coloniasd.org/aes

HOW WE STAY IN TOUCH WITH FAMILIES

Over the past year, we've updated some of the ways in which we share information with our families. We know how important it is to provide timely and informative messages to our families so we can strengthen connections between home and school. Here's a look at the various tools we use, and how you can make the most of them when the new school year begins!



Group Emails/Calls/Texts

Important messages from the District and schools are sent to all parents and guardians using our mass notification system, which can send emails, calls, and texts. Parents/guardians must make sure their contact information is correct in PowerSchool (our student information system) in order to receive messages. We have also begun translating messages for parents/guardians who request it. When you fill out your returning student registration form this fall, be sure to indicate any language preferences you may have.



E-Friday Folders

Each school sends out a weekly email newsletter on Fridays called the E-Friday Folder. Distribution lists are based on information that parents/guardians submit via PowerSchool at the start of each school year, so you do not have to sign up to receive them unless you change



Social Media

Colonial School District maintains accounts on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), and YouTube. This year, we also added a presence on LinkedIn that is focused on highlighting our employees and job openings. Follow us on these platforms for the latest updates and information.



App

Colonial School District's free app is available for download in the App Store (Apple devices) and Google Play (Android devices). The app can be customized so you see the news and calendars you want, and you may enable push notifications to get reminders and important updates from our schools and the District. See information on the next page for how you can maximize use of the app.



Website

Our website, www.colonialsd.org, received a facelift last year and is the place to find school menus, links, absence note forms, calendars, athletics schedules, and so much more. We also update it daily with news and information. Be sure to check out the News and Announcement feeds on the District and school homepages regularly.

BUS DRIVERS, SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Colonial School District is seeking bus drivers, substitute playground/cafeteria aides and custodians, as well as various other full- and part-time positions. For our job listings, please visit colonialsd.org/jobs

RESIDENTS 65+ ELIGIBLE FOR GOLD CARDS

Are you 65+ and a resident of Colonial School District? If so, we invite you to join our Gold Card program. Gold Cards allow senior citizens to take free or reduced-price classes with the Adult Evening School program, as well as gain free admission to regular season home athletic events, concerts, musicals, and other District activities. If you're on our list, we'll also send you invitations to a winter concert and spring matinee performance of the high school musical. Complimentary meals are offered at both events.

Gold Card members must be 65 or older and reside in the district. Apply to be a Gold Card member online by going to colonialsd.org/goldcard or call 610.834.1670, ext. 2115.

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO MAXIMIZING THE DISTRICT APP

Great! You've downloaded the Colonial School District app - another source for information in the palm of your hand, right when you need it! So now what?

We recommend you take a few moments to customize your experience so that you can find what you want when you need it fast. After downloading, here are a few things you can do:

Customize your news feed

Step 1: Open the app and click on the "News" icon at the bottom.
Step 2: Once you're on the "News" page, click the "Filter" link at the top right corner.
Step 3: On the "Filter Posts" page, toggle the switch on or off for the news/announcements you want to follow.

This will adjust your news settings so you see only the news from the schools/departments you would like to follow. (Please note the opening page for the app will always show what appears in District News & Announcements.)

Opt in and customize your push notifications

Go to the "More" section. Tap "Notifications" and select "Turn on Notifications". The App will ask you for permission to send notifications, tap "allow." On the Notifications Settings page, toggle the switch for any of the lists you would like to receive push notifications from and note that this is opt-in only, so you must select to receive push notifications from us.

You might see "School Closure Notification List" as an option. If

Sign up to receive push notifications through our app by following the steps above.

you are not a parent/guardian or employee of Colonial School District, but you want to receive notifications, toggle the switch to green to receive push notifications. Please note joining this list does not mean you will receive an email/text/phone call when there is a school closure announcement - only a push notification. Calls/texts/emails are sent only to parents/guardians and employees.

Customize your calendars

While a week's worth of calendar events for the district and all schools appear on the home page, you can customize your calendar view by clicking on "More" and then going to "School Calendars."

Once on the School Calendars page, tap on "Filter" at the top. Select the calendars you would like to see in your calendar feed.

Share a news story/subscribe to news updates

It's easier than ever to share the great news and important information coming out of our school district. Click into any article (you can tap the picture in the slider at the

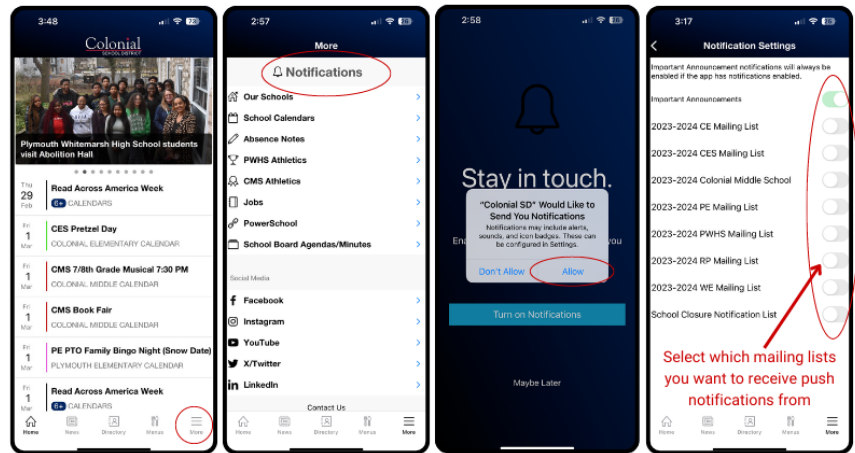
top of the home page, or you can go to your news feed and tap into an item). Look for the share icon in the top right corner. Tap it, and now you have the option to send it any way you want (text, email, AirDrop, etc.).

You can also easily subscribe to receive a push notification when something is updated in the news. Simply tap on the "Subscribe" button, and you'll be notified when something new is posted.

PW students should use the app

High school students are encouraged to use the app as well. There is a whole section for them under the "more" tab that provides direct access to menus, lunch order forms, the bell schedule, calendar, and athletics information. They may also want to sign up for push notifications related to inclement weather closures.

If you want to see more information and screenshots of these instructions, feel free to visit our website: www.colonialsd.org/app/customizing-your-app-experience



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POINTS OF PRIDE FROM THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2023-24 school year was rich with student accomplishments of all types. Here are a few highlights:

- Five Plymouth Whitemarsh High School students received College Board National Recognition
- Five Plymouth Whitemarsh High School students attained Commended Status on the National Merit Scholarship Program, three students were named Semi-Finalists, and from that group, two were named Finalists (see page 14)
- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's Rhianna Gooneratne won the PIAA AAA Girls Golf State Championship
- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's Tilly McLaughlin placed second chair bass clarinet in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association All-State Concert Band
- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's Clarinet Choir was selected to perform at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association State Convention
- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's Swimming and Diving team won the Suburban One League Championship
- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's Indoor Guard went undefeated and won the 2024 Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network Scholastic Regional A Championship
- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's softball team claimed a share of the Suburban One League Championship
- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's Odyssey of the Mind team placed third at the World Finals
- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School Boys Tennis won the Suburban One League Doubles Tournament
- Plymouth Whitemarsh high School received the PIAA Sportsmanship Award
- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's Colonial Players won four Philadelphia Independence Awards
- Plymouth Whitemarsh High School student Adyanta Anand earned a perfect AP score



Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's Tilly McLaughlin was selected for All-State Concert Band.



Seen here are the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School students who received College Board National Recognition. From left to right are Sanaa Power, Luce Allen, Ronald Keene, Amber Kinsey, and Olivia Eaton.



Plymouth Whitemarsh High School's Indoor guard pose with their trophy from the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network Regional A Championship.



Rhianna Gooneratne brought home a state championship in golf.



The Colonial Players (left top photo), the Odyssey of the Mind team (right top photo), and the softball team all competed well this past year (see list on left for details).

