West Chester Area School District



2024-2025 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

Spellman Education Center, 782 Springdale Drive, Exton, PA 19341 Phone: 484-266-1000 ~ Fax: 484-266-1175 ~ Website: www.wcasd.net

Dr. David Christopher, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Kalia Reynolds, Deputy Superintendent

Dr. James Conley, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education

Mr. John Scully, Director of Business Affairs

Dr. Sara Missett, Director of Elementary Education

Dr. Stephen Brown, Director of Teaching & Learning and Equity

Mr. Wayne Birster, *Director of Facilities & Operations*Dr. Jeffrey Ulmer, *Director of Human Resources*Mr. John McGowan, *Director of Information Technology*Mrs. Melissa Kleiman, *Director of Pupil Services*Mrs. Molly Schwemler, *Manager of District Communications*

Hillsdale Elementary School

SECONDARY SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION

West Chester East High School

Principal: Dr. Sarah Graham 450 Ellis Lane, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-3800 ~ Fax: 484-266-3899

West Chester B. Reed Henderson High School

Principal: Dr. Jason P. Sherlock 400 Montgomery Avenue, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-3300 ~ Fax: 484-266-3399

West Chester Bayard Rustin High School

Principal: Dr. Michael A. Marano 1100 Shiloh Road, West Chester, PA 19382 Phone: 484-266-4300 ~ Fax: 484-266-4399

J. R. Fugett Middle School

Principal: Dr. Steve Werner 500 Ellis Lane, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-2900 ~ Fax: 484-266-2999

E. N. Peirce Middle School

Principal: Dr. Joseph DiAntonio 1314 Burke Road, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-2500 ~ Fax: 484-266-2599

G. A. Stetson Middle School

Principal: Mrs. Mary Kay Puchella 1060 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA 19382 Phone: 484-266-2700 ~ Fax: 484-266-2799

East Bradford Elementary School

Principal: Dr. Christopher M. Alston 820 Frank Road, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-2100 ~ Fax: 484-266-2199

East Goshen Elementary School

Principal: Mr. TJ Seidenberger 800 North Chester Road, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-1500 ~ Fax: 484-266-1599

Exton Elementary School

Principal: Mrs. Kristin Bulgarelli 301 Hendricks Avenue, Exton, PA 19341 Phone: 484-266-1400 ~ Fax: 484-266-1499

Fern Hill Elementary School

Principal: Dr. Jennifer Southmayd 915 Lincoln Avenue, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-1600 ~ Fax: 484-266-1699

Glen Acres Elementary School

Principal: Ms. Donna Ryan 1150 Delancey Place, West Chester, PA 19382 Phone: 484-266-1700 ~ Fax: 484-266-1799

Greystone Elementary School

Principal: Dr. Kevin R. Fagan 1195 Aram Avenue, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-2300 ~ Fax: 484-266-2399

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION

Principal: Mrs. Paige Merten 725 West Market Street, West Chester, PA 19382 Phone: 484-266-2000 ~ Fax: 484-266-2099

Mary C. Howse Elementary School

Principal: Ms. Jackie Pavlo 641 West Boot Road, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 484-266-1300 ~ Fax: 484-266-1399

Penn Wood Elementary School

Principal: Dr. Michael Garvin 1470 Johnny's Way, West Chester, PA 19382 Phone: 484-266-1900 ~ Fax: 484-266-1999

Sarah Starkweather Elementary School

Principal: Mr. John F. Meanix 1050 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA 19382 Phone: 484-266-2200 ~ Fax: 484-266-2299

Westtown-Thornbury Elementary School

Principal: Dr. Shawn Cruice 750 Westbourne Road, West Chester, PA 19382 Phone: 484-266-1800 ~ Fax: 484-266-1899

On the cover: An example of Dr. Christopher's Ownership while Walking the WCASD Way

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

As the Superintendent of the West Chester Area School District, it is my pleasure to extend a heartfelt welcome to both our returning families and those who are joining our District for the first time.

Each year, our mission drives us forward and renews our commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience for every student. Our daily focus ensures that we, "educate and inspire our students to achieve their personal best."

Our District has a rich history of academic excellence that is rooted in ensuring our students are ready to succeed in life when they graduate from our schools. Our longstanding traditions are also an integral part of our local community and have helped to shape West Chester's well-deserved reputation as one of the best places to live in the country.

As a new resident, I am deeply thankful for the collaborative and supportive culture that defines our community. Here, being neighborly means more than just living next door to one another—it's about fostering a sense of belonging and support that permeates all 17 of our schools. This sense of community is one of the reasons West Chester such an amazing place.

In a district with such a rich history, it would be easy to not be forward focused but our goal is to continue to be an innovative place of learning. We live in a complex, rapidly-changing world, and we must adapt our practices to meet the evolving needs of our students. I am grateful that our teachers and administrators are some of the best anywhere, and that they are ready and eager to continue to improve our schools so that they can continue to be the pride of our community.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools, our staff, and our students. We look forward to seeing you as we walk the West Chester way together.

Sincerely,

David E. Christopher, EdD, Superintendent

SCHOOL BOARD



The West Chester Area School District's School Board (from left): Karen Fleming, Daryl Durnell, Dr. Karen Herrmann, Gary Bevilacqua, Dr. Laura Detre, Katy Frey, Stacey Whomsley, Alex Christy, Dr. David Christopher. Not pictured Jewell Parkinson.

As required by the Pennsylvania School Code, the West Chester Area School District is governed by a School Board comprised of nine directors who serve four-year terms. The directors are elected from three voter regions within the school district. Elections are held every odd-numbered year. Four to five directors are generally elected at any one time.

At an annual organization meeting held during the first week of December, the School Board chooses a President and Vice President for the upcoming calendar year. At that time, any newly elected members of the Board are also sworn into office. The annual monthly board meetings are scheduled at this time and can be viewed through the online calendar available on the District's website. Agendas may be obtained through the calendar links as they become available.

A primary responsibility of the Board is to set district policy, which is then implemented by the administration. Another major responsibility is to approve the annual budget and set tax rates. The fiscal year covered by the budget runs from July 1 to June 30.

The School Board operates under a committee structure. Each committee meets on an as needed basis to discuss agenda items for School Board meetings and to receive informational updates from the Administration on matters within the committee's area of concern. Committee chairs and members are appointed by the Board President after the President's election in December. The School Board President also appoints Board representatives and liaisons in various areas. These persons report back to the Board on matters of general concern at the regular monthly Board meetings. All public committee meetings are advertised as required by law.

The School Board has several additional non-voting members, including a secretary, an assistant secretary, and a treasurer. Secretaries are appointed by the Board for four-year terms that run concurrent with fiscal years. Treasurers and assistant secretaries are appointed by the Board for one-year terms that run concurrent with a single fiscal year.

In addition, the student body of each of the district's three high schools elect a student representative for a one-year term that runs concurrent with the fiscal year. These representatives serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity.

For School Board meeting dates, information on policies, and much more, please visit www. wcasd.net and click on School Board.

2024-25 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

WEST CHESTER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT serves a 75-square-mile suburban, urban and rural area in central Chester County known for its diversified industries and beautiful historic countryside. West Chester Borough, the county seat, is the hub of the district. The surrounding townships of East Bradford, East Goshen, West Goshen, West Whiteland, Westtown, and Thornbury (all in Chester County) are part of the district, as is Thornbury Township in adjacent Delaware County.

A \$322.5 MILLION BUDGET for the 2024-2025 school year supports instruction for close to 12,200 students in 11 elementary schools (kindergarten through grade 5), 3 middle schools (grades 6 through 8), and 3 high schools (grades 9 through 12). The district also provides services to nearly 4,000 non-public school students.

THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF, headed by Deputy Superintendent Dr. Kalia Reynolds numbers nearing 1,100. Seventy percent hold a master's degree or higher. Teachers, librarians, reading specialists, guidance counselors, nurses, psychologists, and specialists in art, music and physical education comprise the instructional staff. An administrative staff works in each school and at the District's Central Office.

OUR DIVERSE STUDENT BODY has an ethnic distribution of 71.4% White, 8.9% Asian, 9.6% Hispanic, 4.8% Black, 0.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 5.2% Multiracial. Class size averages 25 students.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT is evident by the College Board SAT scores our students receive which are consistently above state and national averages. In the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) and Pennsylvania Keystone tests administered annually in the areas of english language arts, literature, mathematics and science, our students consistently score above state averages with the majority of students scoring advanced. Approximately 93% of our graduates seek higher education.

CURRICULUM IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS is based on national, state, and local standards and reviewed on a regular basis. Curriculum development is coordinated from kindergarten through grade 12 to ensure continuity across schools and grades. District and state assessments measure how well the curriculum is mastered.

WC CYBER COURSES are taught by WCASD teachers using our curriculum and materials. In high school, students have the option of creating a more flexible schedule by enrolling in some classes.

TECHNOLOGY resources are used extensively throughout the district to enhance teaching and learning. Wireless technology mediates flexible connection to the internet in all schools and interactive smartboards, laptops, and iPads are used to create a dynamic learning environment. Students in grades 6 through 12 receive laptop computers to use at school and home as part of the district's 1:1 computing initiative.

FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN is a dynamic, hands-on program that allows children time to play – in both directed and non-directed ways – as a critical part of their school day. Our kindergarten curriculum was built with the knowledge that play is a central component of children's growth. We believe that play-based learning forms the foundation for future academic success by helping our youngest students develop language skills, social and emotional skills, problem solving skills, and the ability to work effectively in groups.

GIFTED PROGRAMS are provided for individuals who possess outstanding intellectual and creative abilities as defined by state mandates. Each year, individual programs are developed for students that provide enrichment and/or acceleration in specific areas when the student's needs are not met through the regular education environment.

SPECIAL EDUCATION programs are provided for all exceptionalities through district-run classes, private entities, and the Chester County Intermediate Unit.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS reflect the diversity of the student body. Students can take classes in business, technology, science, distributive education, music, and art courses, among many others, as well as enroll in advanced placement, accelerated honors, honors, and career & college prep-level courses. In addition, students can take college level courses through the dual enrollment program collaboration with West Chester University, where they can earn high school advanced placement credit and college credit at the same time. The District also offers blended learning courses, where students learn part of the time at school and part of the time through the online delivery of content and instruction. Other educational options are available at the Chester County Intermediate Unit's Technical College High School, which help prepare students for a variety of careers.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM links parents, private individuals, civic organizations and businesses with all grade levels. The district also enjoys a partnership with West Chester University, which makes its resources available in a variety of ways.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ATTENDANCE (**POLICY 204**) - The compulsory attendance and truancy laws of Pennsylvania require a written excuse from a parent/guardian within three (3) days of the absence. If no excuse is provided, the district follows the procedures outlined in the law and district policy.

SMOKING, TOBACCO AND VAPING PRODUCTS, STUDENTS (POLICY 222) - Prohibits student possession, use, purchase or sale of tobacco and vaping products, including e-cigarettes.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE (POLICY 218)/STUDENT CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY ACTION SCHEDULE (218AG1) - These policies define student expectations and detail consequences for violations of school rules. The Discipline and Records Policy is distributed to parents/guardians via the Back to School portal at the start of each school year. The Discipline and Records Handbook is installed on all district student devices.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL DELAYS & CLOSINGS - The District may have to close schools or delay opening schools due to inclement weather, emergencies, etc. To find the most up-to-date information in regard to closings, delays, early dismissals, etc, please use the following resources:

Website: www.wcasd.net Facebook: facebook.com/WestChesterAreaSchoolDistrict Instagram and Twitter: @WestChesterASD Main Phone Number: 484-266-1000

Local Television Stations: ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX

Radio: WCASD closing number is 851

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RECORDS PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

(POLICY 216AG1) - The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") protects the privacy of student records and assures that educational records are accessible to the school professionals working with that student. Detailed information on FERPA may be found in the district's Discipline and Records Policy distributed to parents via the Back to School portal at the start of each school year. Schools publish student directors and yearbooks, and staff and/or media representatives may take photos of students participating in school activities that could be used in publications or on websites where students may be identified by name and school. Permission for the release of directory information may be withheld by contacting your school principal in writing. Should you choose this option, your student's name, image, or directory information will not be published in yearbooks, directories, publications, newspapers, etc.principal in writing.

COUNSELING SERVICES & CRISIS INTERVENTION - School counselors provide academic and career planning support, individual counseling, and parent and teacher consultations. They serve on Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) teams with administrators, psychologists, and teachers and are liaisons to community agencies. Anyone can refer a student to a MTSS team if there is a concern. Middle and high school intervention specialists work with students, parents, and staff on substance abuse and mental health issues.

STUDENTACCEPTABLE USE OF INTERNET, COMPUTERS AND NETWORK RESOURCES (POLICY 252) - In order to prevent misuse or abuse of the internet in schools, the Student Acceptable Use Policy details what constitutes acceptable use of the internet including network etiquette, privacy, security, and vandalism. Parents/Guardians of students in Grades K-5 may choose to disallow access to the internet for their students by completing the Parent Opt-Out Form.

DISCRIMINATION/TITLE IX SEXUAL HARASSMENT

(POLICY 103) - Committed to maintaining an educational environment free of any type of harassment, there are separate policies for students and staff that prohibit harassment as well as retaliation against a person for filing a harassment charge.

STUDENT INTEGRITY (POLICY 218.3) - The district supports students' learning and academic achievement by encouraging them to produce academic work that is their own best effort, done with integrity, and displaying the best academic ethical behavior. Academic dishonesty and plagiarism are unacceptable and those engaged in such acts will face disciplinary consequences.

STUDENT RECORDS (POLICY 216) - An official record for each student is maintained at schools. Upon request for access, parents have the right to inspect and review the education record of the student.

WEAPONS (POLICY 218.1) - Students are prohibited from possessing and bringing weapons and replica weapons into any school district buildings onto school property, to any school-sponsored activity, and onto any public vehicle providing transportation to or from school or a school-sponsored activity or while the student is coming to or from school. A student who violates this policy shall be expelled for a period of not less than one (1) year.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

The West Chester Area School District provides special education and related services to appropriate resident children with disabilities who are aged three through 21.

Under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), school aged children qualify for special education and related services if they have one or more of the following disabilities and, as a result, need such services:

- (1) intellectual disabilities
- (2) hearing impairments
- (3) speech and/or language impairments
- (4) visual impairments
- (5) emotional disturbance
- (6) orthopedic impairments or physical disabilities
- (7) autism, including pervasive developmental disorders
- (8) traumatic brain injury
- (9) other health impairment
- (10) specific learning disabilities
- (11) deaf-blindness
- (12) deafness
- (13) multiple disability

If your child is of school age and you believe they are in need of special education and related services please call the Special Education Department at 484-266-1212.

Children ages three through the age of admission to kindergarten are eligible for early intervention programming if they have developmental delays and are in need of special education and related services. For more information, please call the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU).













Thank you to the countless of PTO/HSA volunteers who work so hard for the students and staff in the WCASD. Volunteer clearance needs to be updated every 5 years. Visit https://www.wcasd.net/volunteer for more information.

	Hours of	HALF-DAY
School	Instruction	DISMISSAL
FM, EH, HH, RH	7:30 am - 2:15 pm	11:05 am
PM, SM	8:05 am - 2:50 pm	11:35 am
EB, EG, EX, GA	8:40 am - 3:10 pm	11:40 am
FH, GS, HD, MC, PW, SS, WT	9:10 am - 3:40 pm	12:10 pm

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SEC = Spellman Education Center

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	GUS.		SEPTEMBER S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	RH Senior Portraits RH Band Camp	2 RH Band Camp	3
4	RH Band Camp thru 8/9 PIAA -Football & Golf Begin	EH/HH Band Camp thru 8/9 HH Senior Portraits thru 8/8	PM Transition Camp SM Transition Camp	8 FM Transition Camp	9	10
11	EH Senior Portraits EH/HH Band Camp thru 8/16 New Teacher Induction 8am-4pm @ PM PIAA -Fall Sports Begin	EH Senior Portraits RH Band Camp thru 8/15 New Teacher Induction 8am-4pm @ PM	PW Kdg Playground Meetup & New Family Tours 4-6pm EH Senior Portraits EH Freshman Orientation for Students 9:00 am, Parents 6:30 pm New Teacher Induction 8am-4pm @ PM	\$\frac{15}{15}\$ SM Falcon's First Flight Gr 6: 8-9am; Gr 7: 9-10 am; Gr 8: 10-11am	EH Senior Portraits New Teacher Induction 8am-noon @ PM	17
18	RH Senior Portraits Teacher Inservice	All Elementary Schools: Gr. 3-5 Parent Open House GS PTO Welcome Back Social Gr 3-5 RH Senior Portraits Teacher Inservice	SM Gr 6 Family Welcome 4-6 pm All Elementary Schools: Gr. K-2 Parent Open House GS PTO Welcome Back Social Gr K-2 RH Senior Portraits Teacher Inservice	FM Community Day Teacher Inservice	23 Teacher Inservice	24
25	26 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL School Board Mtg 7:00pm	27	28	29	30 Schools Closed	31













Clockwise from top left: Fist bumps to start the first day at EG!; capturing the first day of 2nd grade at EX with pictures; Handshakes and smiles was a great way to welcome everyone back to FM; Students and Principal Meanix get comfortable while discussing what they have to look forward to this school year; All smiles as students make their way into HHS for their first day back; Grizzlies greeted at the door to start the first day off with some school spirit at GS.

HALF DAY DISMISSAL TIMES

FM, EH, HH, RH 11:05 am EB, EG, EX, GA 11:40 am PM, SM 11:35 am FH, GS, HD, MC, PW, SS, WT 12:10 pm

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	Schools and District Closed Labor Day	10	FM Picture Day	MC Back to School Picnic Grade 6 Open House @ 6:30 pm	EG Welcome Back Bash FH PTO Back To School Social PW Ice Cream Social WT Ice Cream Social	EH US Bands Competition at EH
8	9	10 EG Homeroom Parent Orientation		EG PTO Meeting SM Picture Day	13	14
National Arts in Education Week	RH Picture Day		Patriots Day	Grade 7 & 8 Open House @ 6:30 pm		0.4
Hispanic Heritage Month - 10/15	16	EG HSA Mtg 7 pm GA PTO Mtg 7 pm	Half-Day Dismissal, PM Teacher Inservice	EG Picture Day High School Open Houses @ 6:30 pm GA PTO Back to School Social 5:30-7 pm	EG Family Fun Night HH Picture Day National IT Professional Day	21 RH US Bands Competition at RH
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	School Board Mtg 7:00pm	GA Picture Day	FH Picture Day		PM Picture Day HH Homecoming Football Game RH Homecoming Football Game	HH Homecoming Dance RH Homecoming Dance
29	EB Picture Day HS Senior String Audition EH Picture Day HH Senior Portraits thru 10/4	August S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	OCTOBER S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	SEP		













Clockwise from top left: EB celebrating Halloween in their costumes and having some sweet treats; Bubbles bubbles everywhere at EX! Taking off at the FH Bobcat bolt; Spreading love and kindness at WT; RH students show off their pumpkin carving skills; HH embracing culture and community during Hispanic Heritage Month.

WWW.WCASD.NET FOR INFO ON NEWS AND EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	NOVEMBER S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	HS Senior String Audition National Principal's Month National Bullying Prevention Month National Cyber Security Month	National Custodian Day	Schools Closed Rosh Hashana	GS Greystone Games EH Homecoming Football Game	GS Family Fun Run with Colors EH Homecoming Dance
6	7	EG Picture Day HS Select Strings Audition HS Kiddie Program begins	9 GS Picture Day	EG Picture Retake Day GA PTO Mtg 7 pm MC Picture Day PW H&S Mtg 6 pm Select Strings Audition	EG Fun Run MC Fun Run	12 Yom Kippur
13 National School Lunch Week	14 Columbus Day	HH Tri-M Induction PSAT Testing in High Schools	16	17	PW Fall FUNdraiser Dance Party FM Fright Night	RH Marching Band Friends & Family Day
National School Bus Safety Week Red Ribbon Week 10/23 - 10/31	RH Picture Retake Day	WT Picture Retake Day SM Picture Retake Day	FM Red Ribbon Week thru 10/31 West Chester Halloween Parade	24	FH Trunk or Treat (raindate 10/26) GA PTO Fallfest 5:30-7 pm GS Trunk or Treat PW Prized Pumpkin Social 5:30-7 pm	EG Trunk or Treat MC Trunk or Treat
27	28 School Board Mtg 7:00pm	29	BH Picture Make-Up Day End of the 1st Marking Period	EG Halloween Celebrations FH Halloween Parade WT Halloween Parade Halloween	W _C COCTO	fo BER













Clockwise from top left: EH students receive a generous grant from Believe and Achieve Foundation; Thank you to Giant Food Stores for the generous donation of school supplies; The Macy's Day parade has nothing on the MC balloon parade; WT lines the halls to show appreciation on Veterans Day; Keystone Volvo Coat Drive keeps the WCASD warm in the winter; Spreading gratitude with a Thanksgiving food drive at PW.

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Daylight Saving Time Ends: Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour	EB Picture Retake Day WCASD Choral Festival at EH	Teacher Inservice No School for Students Election Day		FH Picture Retake Day GA Picture Retake Day	HH Picture Retake Day National STEM/STEAM Day	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
West Chester Veteran's Day Parade	GA Veteran's Day Celebration WT Veteran's Day Celebration Veterans Day	EG Picture Retake Day	PW Picture Retake Day	GA PTO Mtg PW H&S Mtg 6 pm PM Picture Retake Day EH Fall Show RH Fall Show HS Fall Instrumental Concert at PM	EH Fall Show RH Fall Show RH Model UN to UVA thru 11/17 PIAA - Winter Sports Begin	EH Fall Show RH Fall Show
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
American Education Week National Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week	FH PTO Holiday Food Drive FH Book Fair thru 11/27	EG HSA Mtg 7 pm	GS Picture Retake Day RH Tri-M Indcution Support Professional's Day	EG PTO Meeting	End of 1st Trimester Substitute Educator's Day	PMEA Auditions at EH
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
HH Fall Choral Concert 4 pm at the Church of Good Samaritan	Half Day for Elementary Full Day for Middle & High School E K-5 Parent Conferences School Board Mtg 7:00pm	Half Day for Elementary & Middle Full Day for High School K-12 Parent Conferences	No School for Students Half Day for Teachers (am) K-12 Parent Conferences	Schools & Offices Closed Thanksgiving Day	Schools & Offices Closed	













Clockwise from top left: EG students enjoy reading to their friends from Bellingham when they visit; GA spreading cheer with homemade holiday cards; GS winter show was full of magic; Not even a snowy morning stops PM students from smiling; Festive music and joy shared at SM choral concert; Tis' the season with ornament making at HD.

Registration for Kindergarten is Open for the 2025-2026 School Year

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	-	FH Winter Concert	MC Picture Retake Day FM Gr 6 & Chorale Concert SM/RH Band Concert at RH Algebra Winter Keystone Testing	EG Winter Concert EX Instrumental Concert GA Winterfest 5:30-7 pm MC Winter Concert Literature Winter Keystone Testing		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
4.5		EX Winter Concert GA Winter Instrumental Concert GS Winter Concert HD Winter Concert SM Choir Concert at RH	EH/FM Winter Band Concert RH Choir Concert	GA PTO Winterfest 5:30 pm WT Band/Chorus/Orch Concert at RH FM Gr 7 & Chorale Concert	PM Musical	PM Musical
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
PM Musical National Athletic Director's Day	SSBand/Chorus/Orch Concert at RH EH/FM Winter Choral Concert School Board Mtg 7:00pm	SM/RH Orchestra Concert at RH	PW Band/Chorus/Orch Concert @ RH EH Winter Jazz Concert HH Winter Concert at Asplundh WCU	GA Winter Concert	EG Holiday Celebration RH Music Depart Elementary Tour	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
GA Kindness Week			Schools & Offices Closed Christmas	Schools Closed		
MCH Fall Book Fair this week	Schools Closed 30	Schools & Offices Closed 31	Hanukkah - 1/2/2025	Kwanzaa - 1/1/2025	Schools Closed	
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Clockwise from top left: Captivating moments from HD ballet show; FM Music Program performs for 5th graders; GA students shining bright at the talent show!; Students spreading kindness on MLK Day at RH; Principal Alston welcomes EB alumni to be honored; HH students and administrators teamed up with Special Olympics and participated in the Philly Polar Plunge.

CHECK OUT THE 2025-26 COURSE SELECTION GUIDE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JAN	TUAR 2	Y 2025	Schools & District Closed New Year's Day School Board Appreciation Month	Schools Re-open	3	4
EG Art Goes to School Week Christmas Day (Orthodox)	Senior Strings Rehearsal	7	8	GA PTO Mtg 7 pm PW H&S Mtg 6 pm PM Band Concert PMEA District Orchestra	10 PMEA District Orchestra	11 PMEA District Orchestra
GA Pennies 4 Patients thru 2/1 GA Art Goes to School Week	13	14	FM Gr 6 Band Concert RH Jazz Band Concert	EG PTO Meeting PM Orchestra Concert	17	18
19	Schools & Offices Closed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21 Senior Strings Rehearsal End of 2nd Marking Period	22 Beginning of 2nd Semester	PM Choir Concert RH Model UN to Phily thru 1/26 PMEA District Band	EG Bingo Night FM Music Dept Transition Activity PMEA District Band	25 PMEA District Band
26	Senior Strings Rehearsal School Board Mtg 7:00pm	28 EG HSA Mtg 7 pm	29 Lunar New Year	30	31 EG BINGO Night FH Family BINGO Night RH Schnitzelfest	FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29













Clockwise from top left: EH girls coded up a storm to win the Hackathon!; To celebrate Black History Month, MC students transformed their school into a museum and curated tours for the community; A very special Philadelphia Flyer makes a special appearance at PW; FH students gather to learn at their annual Black History Museum; First graders at SS show off their published book!; RH Model UN Team traveled to Virginia for a competition.

ALL EVENTS BEGIN AT 7PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HALF DAY DISMISSAL FM, EH, HH, RH PM, SM EB, EG, EX, GA FH, HD, MC, PW, SS, WT	11:05 am 11:35 am 11:40 am	ARY CK OUT THE 2 URSE SELECTIO	025-26 N GUIDE	JANUARY S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Black History Month Career & Technical Ed Month
MCH Art Goes to School Week Groundhog Day National School Counseling Week	Senior Strings Rehearsal	MC Beginners Strings Concert	5		EH NAHS Coffee House PMEA District Choir	8 PMEA District Choir
9	HD Beginners Strings Concert Senior Strings Rehearsal	11	12	GA PTO Mtg 7 pm PW H&S Mtg 6 pm PM/HH Orchestra Concert	FH Gr 5 Valentine Social GA PTO Glowtopia 6-7:30 pm Half-Day Dismissal, PM Teacher Inservice Valentine's Day	15 School Resource Officer Day
16		SS Beginners Instrumental Concert Senior Strings Rehearsal		EB Beginners Instrumental Concert PMEA Region Orchestra	EG Beginners Strings Concert PMEA Region Orchestra	22 EG Winter Carnival 2-5 pm PMEA Region Orchestra
23	24. Senior Strings Rehearsal School Board Mtg 7:00pm	GS Beginners Strings Concert	26	27 EH Musical RH Musical 7 pm	FH Book Fair thru 3/7 SM Gr 8 Group Photo EH Musical RH Musical 7 pm	













Musicals are front stage in the WCASD! Our secondary schools have plenty of parking and seating for all who wish to attend. Check school websites for show times and ticket information. Come see our students outshine the spot lights!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Music in Schools Month National School Social Worker Wee	k					Ramadan WT Spring Carnival EH Musical RH Musical 1 pm & 7 pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
EHS Musical	Senior Strings Rehearsal	PIAA - Spring Sports Begin	Half Day for Elementary Full Day for Middle & High School K-5 Parent Conferences End of 2nd Trimester	SM International Pot Luck Dinner PMEA Region Band Half Day for Elementary Full Day for Middle & High School K-8 Parent Conferences	PMEA Region Band No School for Elementary Full Day for Middle & High School K-8 Parent Conferences	PMEA Region Band
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Senior Strings Rehearsal	EG Spring Pictures	Elementary & Middle School Honors Band at RH	GA PTO Mtg 7 pm PW H&S Mtg 6 pm SM Musical PMEA Region Choir	Pi Day	SM Musical PMEA Region Choir
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
National School Lunch Week	Senior Strings Rehearsal St. Patrick's Day		Teacher Inservice No School for Students	EG PTO Meeting MC Spring Pictures RH Model UN to Washington DC thru 5/23		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
GA Kindness Week MCH Fall Book Fair this week	Senior Strings Rehearsal School Board Mtg 7:00pm			GA Spring Choral Concert HH Spring Musical End of 3rd Marking Period	FM Musical HH Spring Musical Harlem Wizards vs WCASD Basketball Games at EH 7pm	FM Musical HH Spring Musical
30	31		February	April		
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HH Spring Musical	Schools Closed Eid Al Fitr	VC F1	16 17 18 19 20 21 23 24 25 26 27 28		IVLA	RCH













Clockwise from top left: EH Bocce team shares their skills with EX students; Thumbs up for Stem Day at GA; HD hosted the check presentation from Giant. A HUGE thanks to the WC Community for rounding up at the register at our local Giant stores; Chemistry students at PM were learning the elements on the periodic table; Thinking caps were on at the WCASD Math Think Tank; MC students safely watch the 2024 Solar Eclipse.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APR		1	2	3	4	5
		PW Music Concert at RH Senior Strings Rehearsal April Fool's Day	PW Spring Goup Pictures Paraprofessional Appreciation Day World Autism Awareness Day	HH Music Dept Trip to Washington DC thru 4/06	FH Jump Rope for Heart EH House of Hope Concert School Librarian Day	
National Library Week National Assistant Principal Week	7 Senior Strings Rehearsal	HD Gr 5 Band & Orchestra Concert		EG Beginner Band & Gr 4/5 Chorus GA Spring Instrumental Concert HD Beginning Band/Chorus Concert PW H&S Mtg 6 pm	11	EH Junior Prom RH Junior Prom Passover
13	14	EG Gr 5 Band & Orchestra Concert GA Instrumental Concert	16	17	Schools & Offices Closed	19
Easter National Student Leadership Week National Volunteer Week	WCASD String Concert at FM 21 Schools Closed	WCASD MS Jazz Festival Senior Strings Rehearsal Earth Day	EG Beginners Band/Chorus GS Spring Choral Concert PSSA ELA Testing Administrative Professionals Day	MC Choral Concert SS Chorus and Jazz Band Concert NAfME All-Eastern Convention thru 4/26 PSSA ELA Testing	RH Spring Show 7 pm PSSA ELA Testing	26 RH Spring Show 7 pm
WT Blanket BINGO National Physical Education and Sports Week	SM Blood Drive Senior Strings Rehearsal School Board Mtg 7:00pm	FH Instrumental Concert HH Spring Instrumental Concert at PM RH Orchestra Concert PSSA Mathematics Testing	FH Instrumental Concert HH Spring Instrumental Concert at PM RH Orchestra Concert PSSA Mathematics Testing		MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MAY S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31













Clockwise from top left: And they're off! - The 2024 Elementary Track Meet!; EH on the way to begin their Senior Walk; Having fun competing in the Track and Field events at the Elementary Track Meet; SWS sending off our WCASD Special Olympians; RH senior stops to pose with his siblings during Senior Walk; Along with the amazing WCASD team, Dr. Christopher cheers from the bleachers at the Special Olympics.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MA		April	June	1	2	3
		S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	MC Instrumental Concert PW Spring Concert @ RH EH Spring Band & Orhestra Concert PSSA Science Testing National Principal's Day Mental Health Awareness Month Asian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Jewish American Heritage Month	GA PTO Springfest 5:30-7 pm HH Spring Choral Concert 7:30 pm at Church of Good Samaritan PSSA Science Testing National School Lunch Hero Day	HH Junior Prom
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
MS Orchestra Williamsburg Trip PSSA Make-up Window National Music Week Teacher Appreciation Week	FM Gr 6 Choral Concert Senior Strings Rehearsal Cinco de Mayo	WCASD String Festival	EG Beginners Strings Concert GS Instrumental Concert RH Concert Bands Concert WCASD Gr 5 Parent National School Nurse Day	GA PTO Mtg 7 pm PW H&S Mtg 6 pm WT Spring Concert at RH FM Orchestra Concert EH Art Show HH Chamber Concert	EG Early American Day EH/FM Jazz Concert RH Senior Prom National School Communicatiors Day	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Mother's Day	EB Spring Concert at HH HD Beginners String & Recorder Concert SM Gr 6 Band Concert		RH Choir Concert Literature Spring Keystone Testing WCASD Elem Track Meet @ WCU	EG PTO Meeting SS Spring Concert at RH PM Orchestra Concert EH Spring Choral Concert Biology Spring Keystone Testing WCASD Elem Track Meet Raindate	EG Ancient Civilizations Day EX Spring Instrumental Concert EH Senior Prom HH Senior Prom SM Music in the Park Trip WCASD Elem Track Meet Raindate	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	MC Beginners String Concert SM Gr 7/8 Band Concert HH Senior Art Show thru 5/23	HS String Banquet at EG Park Teacher Inservice No School for Students	FM Gr 8 & Chorale Concert PM Band Concert EH Spring Show RH & SM Jazz Cafe	EX Spring Choral Concert FH Beginners String Concert GA Instrumental Concert EH Spring Show RH Orchestra Concert	FM Music in the Park Trip HH Kiddie Warrior Graduation	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Schools & Offices Closed Memorial Day	GS Beginners String Concert FM Gr 7 & CHorale Concert	GA Field Day (raindate 5/29) FM Gr 6 Band Concert SM Orchestra Concert School Board Mtg 7:00pm	PW Field Day (raindate 5/30)	FH Fun Day (raindate 6/2) FH Volunteer Appreciation Day HH Senior Assembly	













Clockwise from top left: Students in 5th grade from all eleven elementary schools came together to celebrate moving up to middle school at Camp Arrowhead; EX goes back in time for Colonial Day; 5th graders at FH were in charge of Fun Day for the younger grades; SM Hoops 4 Heart raises money for the American Heart Association at the annual Hoops 4 Heart Tournament; high school students travel to local businesses to explore future career options; Three cheers for our Padres Latinos Family Group who celebrated 10 years in the WCASD.

Thank you for an Amazing Year!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		ES Gr 5 to Camp Arrowhead Henderson HS Graduation	Rustin HS Graduation	ES Gr 5 to Camp Arrowhead Raindate East HS Graduation		
8	9	10	11	12	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	14
		EG End of Year Celebrations FH Gr 5 Breakfast	FH Gr 5 Promotion Ceremony Half-Day Dismissal, PM Teacher Inservice	FH Gr 5 Kickball Game Half-Day Dismissal, PM Teacher Inservice	Half-Day Dismissal, PM Teacher Inservice	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day				Schools & Offices Closed Juneteenth		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	School Board Mtg 7:00pm					
29	30		MAY S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	JULY S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	W _C	f@ UNE













Thank you to the women and men of the West Chester Area School District's Facilities & Operations Department. We value your tireless dedication and hard work.

Thanks for making our district shine!

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Ju		1	2	3	Schools & Offices Closed Independence Day	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 School Board Mtg 7:00pm	29	30	31	JUNE S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	AUGUST S M T W R F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

THE West Chester Area School District offers a variety of sports to high school students at the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity levels. Freshman sports, open to ninth graders, encourage a high level of interscholastic competitive participation. Junior varsity sports, open to grades 9 through 11, give students the necessary experience to move to the varsity level, which is the highest level of competitive sports. All high school varsity teams compete with schools in the Ches-Mont League. Intramural sports are offered to sixth grade students in the district's middle schools. In grades 7 and 8, students play interscholastic sports against neighboring districts.

Middle and high school students must meet academic eligibility requirements to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities per district and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association policy. Physicals are required of student athletes. They may elect to obtain a comprehensive initial pre-participation physical once per calendar year (dated after June 1) or a minimal pre-participation physical evaluation prior to every season. Students must also meet school attendance requirements. The following sports are offered each season. Please note that individual sports are not necessarily offered on all levels. Tickets for high school games are only available online using HomeTown Ticketing. Scan the QR Code below to get the app.

Fall (starts August 5 for Football and Golf and August 12 for all other sports): Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis (Girls), Volleyball (Girls)

Winter (starts November 15):

Basketball, Indoor Track, Swimming, Wrestling

Spring (starts March 3):

Baseball (Boys), Lacrosse, Softball (Girls), Tennis (Boys), Track & Field

Contact the athletic director at each high school if you have questions:

East High School: Ryan Zehren - 484-266-3925 Henderson High School: Steve Fitch - 484-266-3431 Rustin High School: Devon Landgraff - 484-266-4339

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ACTIVITY FEES

THE West Chester Area School District has instituted an activity fee structure in an effort to offset the growing costs associated with extra-curricular programs.

Elementary School:

Band, Chorus, Orchestra, After School Intramurals

Middle School:

Activities: District Honors Band, District Honors Chorus, District Select Strings, School Jazz Band, Dramatics, Science Olympiad

6th Grade Athletics: Basketball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Track, Volleyball, Wrestling

7th/8th Grade Athletics: Baseball, Basketball, Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Girls Volleyball, Wrestling

High School:

Activities: Academic Team, Debate Club, DECA Club, District Senior Strings, Fall/Spring Drama, Literary Magazine, Marching Band & Color Guard, Musical, Newspaper, Robotics Competition, Science Competition Athletics: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Field Hockey, Football, Girls Volleyball, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track, Wrestling.

Tier	Tier One- Elementary	TIER TWO-MIDDLE SCHOOL	Tier Three-High School
Annual fee per student	\$28	\$84	\$112

FAMILIES will be assessed the following fees per student per year, which will allow that student to participate in one or more funded activities and/or sports: The maximum cost a family may incur in activity fees is \$250. Students who qualify for the national Free and Reduced Lunch Program will not be required to pay activity fees. Families experiencing financial hardships may apply for a waiver through the office of secondary education by calling 484-266-1016. More information on the Activity Fee Policy may be found on the District's website at www.wcasd.net under Families & Students.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024!



























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2024-25 **ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

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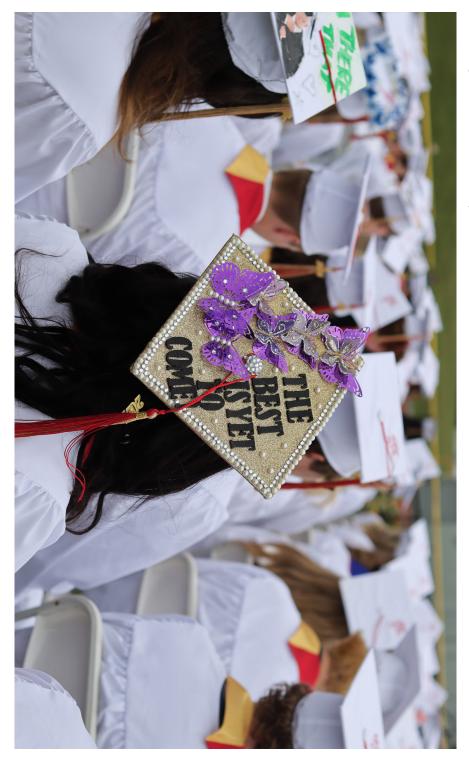
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