



WELCOME TO WEST



DWHS Administration

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9th Grade Principals

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9th Grade School Counselors

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Sos-Z Mr. Borkowski

UPCOMING DATES

Aug. 18 - Bus Information available

Aug. 25 - First Student Day

Aug. 26 - Picture Day for All Students

Aug. 29 – First Home Football Game

Sept. 1 – Closed for Labor Day

Sept. 4 - Back to School Night

Sept. 23 – Closed for Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 26 – Homecoming Game

Sept. 27 – Homecoming Dance

Dear 9th Grade Students:

On behalf of the entire Administrative Team, we welcome you to Downingtown West High School! We are hopeful that you have enjoyed a restful summer and look forward to helping you make a smooth transition to high school.

We will host our annual 9th-grade picnic this year on Monday, August 18th. To help our 9th-grade students learn the building, we have attached a copy of the school map where you can locate each of your classes to help make your first day of school as smooth as possible. Additionally, we plan to open the building to students and parents for **Self-Guided Tours on Thursday (8/21) and Friday (8/22) from 9 am - 3 pm.**

The DASD Technology Department provided information about your 1:1 Laptop Distribution that is scheduled for August 5 - 7. We have designated the **Library at Downingtown West High School** as the location for students to enter and exit, as they will need to log in to their laptop while they are onsite during distribution and confirm they can navigate successfully to a few specific sites. **The entire process should take no longer than 20 minutes.** Please be sure to enter **ONLY** through the Library's side entrance at DW to go directly into the library. To select a date and time for pick up, please **click here: [West Class of 2029 Laptop Pick up](#)**. If your child is unable to attend any of the available dates and times listed, new communication regarding a make-up date and time will be sent out in early August.

Your class schedule will go live on 8/13 in Infinite Campus. Please make sure you download a copy of your schedule before arriving for the picnic and then double check it one last time before the first day of school.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We look forward to working with you and your family during this critical time in your students' lives. We know that transitioning to high school can be stressful, so we would like to address any questions or concerns that you may have about West. If you have questions, please send them via our [Google form link](#) or visit the website: <https://forms.gle/DaHjwMHhN9mue8CK9>. Upon receipt of your questions, we will do our best to address them in an upcoming newsletter. Also, if you have specific questions about your child, please get in touch with the appropriate counselor or assigned grade-level administrator.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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