

WPSD PARENT NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT WPSD?

In a time honored tradition, the students took on the staff in Academic Bowl competition in which the staff emerged victorious! However, the students did put up a good fight. It was a great way to get the team ready for the Ohio School for the Deaf East Regional Competition. Our team did make it to the playoffs, but were defeated by the Delaware School for the Deaf! However, all members of our team are first year players and are ready to make a comeback next year! The team did bring home the Sportsmanship Award and Paityn G. was recognized as one of two Rising Stars of the competition.

Our Track & Field season has begun! The team is getting ready for a competitive season with several different meets across several different states! Check back for more details and results in later editions.

The Aviary visited WPSD on Tuesday. Their presentation for the entire school even included live birds! A big thanks to our very own bird loving Tom Walton, who always heads up our annual Bird Count event and is an beloved member of the Aviary.

A group of Middle School students from our sister school, the Scranton School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, came for a visit and tour of WPSD. It's always a pleasure hosting our friends from the Eastern part of the state!

Family Learning Weekend was a smashing success. Parents and families came from all parts of the state for the event. Our very own Dr. Kent Schafer and Heather Stiff were the presenters for the weekend. They spoke about behavior strategies for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. The families also enjoyed a fun game night on Friday.

Middle School hosted a Merit Party on Thursday morning to recognize all the hard work that the students have accomplished this quarter. This was a fantastic way to kick off Spring Break!

The Transition Department held a Career Day on Thursday for all Middle School and High School students. It was wonderful to see all the possibilities that are open to our students!

We've completed the THIRD QUARTER! One left to go :)

We hope you all have a restful Spring Break!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Spring Break
MARCH 29-APRIL 5

Senior Trip to Washington, D.C.
APRIL 9-11

Mighty Mites Intramural Sports
APRIL 9-MAY 16

Track & Field at Austin, Texas
APRIL 12-13

PSSA Testing
ELA: APRIL 23-26
MATH: APRIL 29-30
SCIENCE: MAY 1-2

Prom
APRIL 25

Senior Trip to Put-in-Bay, Ohio
APRIL 26-29

PSSA Testing - ELA
APRIL 26

Life Skills Camping Trip
APRIL 29-MAY 1

PSSA Testing - Math
APRIL 29-30

PSSA Testing - Science
MAY 1-2

St. Mary's School for the Deaf Track Meet
MAY 4

ESDAA Track & Field -
Maryland School for the Deaf
MAY 10-11





WESTERN PA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

ECLIPSE

APRIL 8, 2024

**WE WILL FOLLOW A FRIDAY
BELL SCHEDULE AND DAY
STUDENTS WILL HAVE EARLY
DISMISSAL AT 12:30PM.**

**ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED
FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS.**

**SCHOOL WILL RESUME ON A
REGULAR SCHEDULE TUESDAY,
APRIL 9, 2024.**



Western PA School for the Deaf

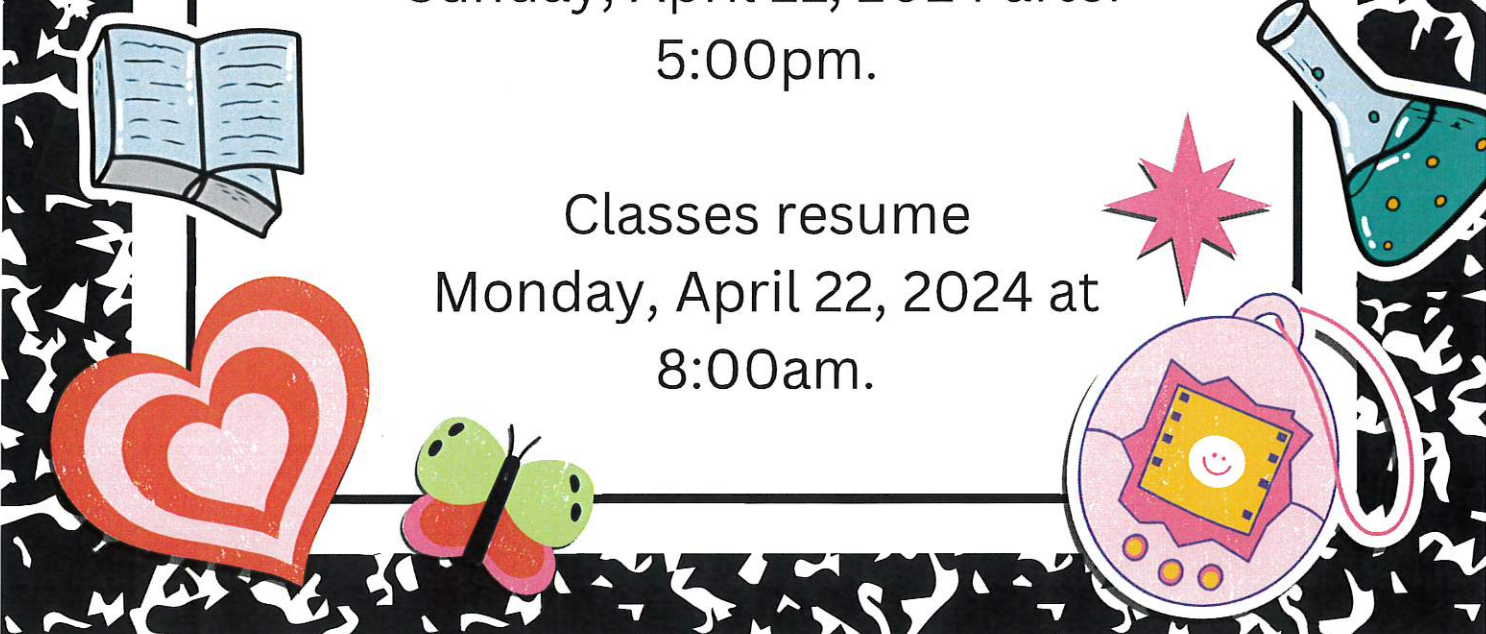
Make-Up Day

Monday, April 22, 2024

This is to make-up for the
emergency closure on March 13,
2024.

Residential students may return
Sunday, April 21, 2024 after
5:00pm.

Classes resume
Monday, April 22, 2024 at
8:00am.





WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Parent Staff Organization

President: Angel Maher

Vice President: Zach Michael

Secretary: Tara Nikou

Treasurer: Steve Quagliani

The meetings start at 7:00 pm

~~Oct 3~~

~~Dec 5~~

~~Feb 6~~

April 9

June-no meeting, just picnic/fun day

To join the meeting:

1. Go to <https://zoom.us>
2. Click on Join
3. Type in the Meeting ID

Meeting ID: 847 7569 3939

Passcode: 781603

The screenshot shows the Zoom web interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with links: Search, Support, 1.888.799.9666, Request a Demo, Join, Host, and Sign In. Below this, there are two buttons: 'Contact Sales' and 'Sign Up Free'. A large yellow arrow points from the 'Join' button in the top bar to the 'Join' button on the main page. The main page has a dotted border and contains the following text: 'Join Meeting', 'Meeting ID or Personal Link Name', a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter Meeting ID or Personal Link Name', a line of text stating 'By clicking "Join", you agree to our Terms of Services and Privacy Statement', and a 'Join' button. At the bottom, there is a link: 'Join a meeting from an H.323/SIP room system'.

Please email the PSO Secretary to join the PSO mailing list

tnikou@wpsd.org

The zoom link will be emailed to the list the day of the meeting!



Due MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024



(This is the day we return to school after Spring Break)

We are excited to announce that yearbooks are now on sale!

We will offer TWO yearbooks again this year.

WPSD Middle/High School Lions Yearbook

- This yearbook will be similar to yearbooks in the past.
- It will focus mainly on Middle/High school - including portraits, clubs, activities, events, etc.
- Some pictures from the Children's Center and Elementary School Departments will be included - portraits, class pictures and a few candid.
- Full-color, hard-covered book
- Available for \$35.00

The Children's Center and Elementary School Yearbook

- This yearbook includes all students in the Children's Center and Elementary School.
- It also includes activities and events that happened throughout the year for our younger students.
- Full color, soft-covered book
- Available for \$15.00

We are also pleased to include easy, online ordering for both yearbooks. You will find a QR code and a link to order a yearbook online on the order forms attached.

*** IMPORTANT!! PLEASE make sure you choose either the WPSD Middle/High School yearbook OR the WPSD Children's Center/Elementary yearbook when you order online. We will not be able to refund if you choose the wrong yearbook. We will continue to accept paper order forms as well.

Only a few extra will be ordered! Order NOW!





WPSD Middle School/High School Lions Yearbook Order Form



YEARBOOKS ARE NOW ON SALE!

Full-Color Yearbook\$35.00

Purchase Deadline: April 8, 2024

OPTION 1:

Purchase Online:

1. Go to buytheyearbook.pictavo.com OR scan the QR Code above
2. Search for your school: *Western PA School for the Deaf MS/HS* or enter the code *717571* (Be sure NOT to choose the Elementary Book)
3. Click "Purchase Yearbooks" and follow the directions

Regular price = \$35.00 (Plus service fee)

OPTION 2:

Return Paper Form below with Cash or Check.

1. Checks payable to: WPSD yearbook
2. Put form and \$35.00 Cash or Check (payable to WPSD yearbook) in envelope labeled "Yearbook - Dana Dailey"
3. Turn in order form and money to your teacher, office staff or Dana Dailey

Middle School and High School Yearbook Order Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian email address: _____

Number of Yearbooks _____ x \$35 = _____ total cost

Payment Method ☐ Cash ☐ Check # _____ (payable to WPSD Yearbook)

DEADLINE Monday, April 8, 2024





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or enter the code 718598 (Be sure to choose the [Elementary Book](#))
3. Follow the directions to purchase a yearbook

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OPTION 2:

Return Paper Form:

1. Complete and turn in the bottom part of this form to your child's teacher
2. Put form and \$15.00 Cash or Check (payable to WPSD Yearbook) in envelope
3. Label Envelope - CC/ES Yearbook

Children's Center and Elementary School Yearbook Order Form

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Return all forms and payment to Margi Jo Patton (room 166)