

# High School Guidance News

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Guidance Parent Newsletter Archive: [HERE](#)

## SENIOR PARENTS—> FAFSA IS NOW OPEN!!

**START HERE →GREAT RESOURCE→Follow [THESE](#) 8 Steps for Parents Completing the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form**

1. Create an account and gather documents.
2. Start the FAFSA form at Studentaid.gov
3. Complete the “Student Personal Circumstances” section.
4. Provide Consent and Approval.
5. Complete the “Parent Demographics” section.
6. Complete the “Parent Fiscals” section.
7. Sign the FAFSA Form
8. Have your child provide their information, consent and approval, and a signature

[How Do I know which parent/guardian information to include on the FAFSA?](#)

[Create your FSA ID \(both Parent and Student need an account\)](#)

[FAFSA 2025-2026 Form](#)

[Already completed the FAFSA → Learn about what the Student Aid Index \(SAI\)](#)

## GUIDANCE WORKSHOPS

### ★ JUNIOR WORKSHOPS (*workshops are for students only and are during the school day*)

- **1st Workshop (DEC) (COMPLETED):** Intro to Workshops & College Admissions Testing, Review of PSAT Scores
- **2nd Workshop (JAN):** Career Interest Inventory - Majors - Careers
- **3rd Workshop(FEB) :** Post-High School Planning, SCOIR, College/Career Searches
- **4th Workshop (MARCH):** Resume/Common Application Activities Worksheet
- **5th Workshop (APRIL):** The College Essay
- **6th Workshop (APRIL):** The Junior/Senior Checklist/NCAA/Social Media
- May Junior Sessions: May 29 & 30 - Topics TBD

### ★ FRESHMEN WORKSHOPS (*workshops are for students only and are during the school day*)

- **1st Workshop (DEC):** High School 101/GPA/Resume/School Activities/Goal Setting
- **2nd Workshop (FEB):** Learning Style Quiz
- **3rd Workshop (FEB):** Career Scope Results/Survey

### ★ SOPHOMORE WORKSHOPS are TBD

**INDIVIDUAL GROWTH PLAN (IGP) MEETINGS SCHEDULE:** If you are a planner - schedule your meeting today!

- ★ December/January: **JUNIORS** - Class of 2026 —> **Don't forget to schedule your Meeting!!**
- ★ February/March: SOPHOMORES - Class of 2027
- ★ March/April: FRESHMEN - Class of 2028

- The purpose of the IGP is to maintain an ongoing record of a student's progress from 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Some of the main component areas include: Course selection, Transition activities and career development, Standardized testing, Transcript Review and Post High School Planning, and Post-Secondary Educational Planning**
- Annual meetings are held with individual student *and* parents to review and plan for individual progress. Since course selection is right around the corner (February 2025), this is a perfect time to meet with your child's counselor.
- The IGP meeting is conducted with **at least one parent and the student** and is done during the school day. Meetings start as early as 7:15am and the last meeting of the day is 2:30pm. **To schedule a conference with Ms. Kafkalas, please email her at [kafkalac@jtowndrakes.org](mailto:kafkalac@jtowndrakes.org).** Conferences will be scheduled in 45-minute intervals. I look forward to working together with you on behalf of your child.  
***\*\*Please note that early morning meetings are very limited.***

# CAREERS IN ART

**Do you love art but wonder if a career in art will make you happy — or able to support yourself?**

Hear from a panel of creative professionals who will share what they are doing now and how they got there. High school students and their parents/guardians will then have the opportunity to talk in small groups with the professionals.

**Wednesday, December 11  
7-8:30pm**

**Plymouth Whitemarsh High School  
Cafeteria**

**201 E Germantown Pike  
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462**

The program is free but registration is required to reserve a spot. High school students are encouraged to attend with their parent/guardian(s).

Hosted by Iris Creative Group, Inc, a marketing and graphic design firm based in Fort Washington.

**Questions? Contact [info@iriscreative.com](mailto:info@iriscreative.com).**

**Come out and meet professionals in:**

- Graphic Design
- Web Design
- Architecture
- Video Game Design
- Film & Video
- Photojournalism
- Interior Design
- Art Preservation
- Book Design
- Art Therapy
- ...and more!

**Register Here**



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## 12/02/24 EASTERN NEWSLETTER

EASTERN staff would like to thank our entire school community for supporting our amazing students during 2024 and we look forward to a happy and healthy 2025 to all. A sampling of upcoming items is listed below:

- **Haircuttery.** On December 3, 2024, representatives from Hair Cuttery will discuss career options with seniors in the Cosmetology program.
- **Luther Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.** On December 3 and 10, 2024, student council members will provide holiday greetings, cards and caroling with a visit to the residents of Luther Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. This is part of the statewide SkillsUSA initiative “Smiles for Seniors”.
- **Automotive Technology Center and Conicelli and Kennedy Collision Tour.** On December 5, 2024, students in the Collision Technology program have been invited to tour the Automotive Technology Center (ATC) in Warminster and Conicelli and Kennedy Collision centers.
- **Holiday Craft Fair.** EASTERN’s Educators Association is hosting a Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, December 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will have craft vendors, raffle baskets, fun kids’ activities, a Wags Meet and Greet, and a Forgotten Cats Adoption Event. All proceeds will benefit EASTERN’s SkillsUSA student leadership activities.
- **Holiday Breakfast.** The Kiwanis Club of Old York Road is hosting a Holiday breakfast at EASTERN on Sunday, December 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The breakfast will be made by EASTERN’s Culinary Arts program and served in our Restaurant. Tickets are \$12 at the door.
- **10<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Expo.** On December 12, 2024, 10<sup>th</sup> grade students from Upper Moreland, Upper Dublin, Jenkintown, Hatboro-Horsham, and Lower Moreland will tour EASTERN programs and learn about future career opportunities.
- **Ohio Technical College.** On December 17, 2024, Jeff Renwick from Ohio Technical College will present post-secondary information to students in Automotive Technology.
- **EASTERN Closed.** From December 23, 2024, to January 1, 2025, EASTERN will be closed for students for winter break. Offices will be open regular hours on December 23, 26, 27 and 30, 2024.
- **EASTERN Logo Blanket Sale.** These 60X70 soft plush blankets are the perfect way to bundle up as the colder weather approaches. The blanket will be sent home with your student the day after item is purchased. Blankets can be purchased for just \$35 through: <https://skillsusa-blanket-sale.cheddarup.com>. Thank you for your ongoing support of SkillsUSA!



Two fun events wrapped up in one bow! December 8 from 8:30 - 11 a.m., the Old York Road Kiwanis Club will host a holiday breakfast buffet in EASTERN's Restaurant. Tickets are \$12 at the door!

At 9 a.m., EASTERN Educators Assoc. in partnership with SkillsUSA, will host a Holiday Craft Fair until 1 p.m.

12TH ANNUAL  
BUCKS AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

# MLK Teen Peace & Social Justice Summit



Artwork courtesy of The King Center Atlanta, GA

#### What to expect:

- Open to 7th - 12th grade students
- Inspirational Speakers
- Student-led stories of their own experiences
- Meaningful & courageous conversations for students, educators and parents
- Resources available to support students and communities
- Refreshments and chill for a few minutes after the program

New this year  
Artistic Expression  
Contest

Details on back

## Registration is required

Scan the QR Code to register or click [here](#).

For more information call 215-750-7220

Sunday, January 19, 2025  
4pm to 7pm

William Tennent High School  
333 Centennial Road  
Warminster, PA 18974



**Harry Jones III**

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author, and international  
keynote speaker  
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## MLK Teen Peace and Social Justice Summit

### Art and Creative Expression Showcase

All creative and passionate **high school students in grades 9-12** are invited to participate in the MLK Art and Creative Expression Showcase.

The **deadline for submission of entries is Dec 31, 2024** (details below).

The event will take place at **William Tennent High School, January 19, 2025 from 4-7PM.**

**Original and unpublished** works of poetry and prose, dance, music, and art are welcome for submission. All entries should align with this year's theme from the King Center in Atlanta, GA (<https://thekingcenter.org/>)

**Mission Possible: Protecting Freedom, Justice, and Democracy in the Spirit of Nonviolence365.**

All entries must be submitted via google form: <https://forms.gle/7WgFLJxPHSG7D33A>



**\*Please note that works with profanity or sexual content will not be accepted.**

**\*\*Words or images specifically hurtful to a person or group will not be tolerated.**

#### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**The deadline for submission of entries is Dec 31, 2024.**

**Spoken Word/Poetry** – All work must be original, unpublished and no more than 750 words.

- Written works must be double spaced. Poetry may be single-spaced
- Contestants' name should be typed in the top right corner of each page
- Each page must be numbered.
- All submissions must be in English or easily translated into English by commonly used editorial tools.

**Dance, Music, and Drama** – Performances must be original and unpublished.

- Submissions must be transmitted via video upload; mp4; resolution to 720p
- Time limited to a maximum of **three (3) minutes**
- Entries may be submitted by an individual or by a group

**Artwork** – Pieces must be original and unpublished.

Minimum Image Requirements:

- Dimensions: At least 1200 pixels on the longest side
- File size: Under 5MB
- File Format: JPG or JPEG



**\*Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place (as determined by our competition judges).**

**\*\*Winners will be offered the opportunity to perform or exhibit their artistic expression at the event.**

*By submitting your entry, you give the MLK Planning Committee permission to publicly use or display your work*