



WELCOME TO WEST



DWHS Administration	UPCOMING DATES
Dr. A. Kurt Barker, Principal	
9th Grade Principals	
(A-G): Mrs. Lauren Raines, Assistant Principal	Aug. 17 Bus Information available
(H-O): Dr. Jason Falconio, Assistant Principal	Aug. 25 First Student Day
(P-Z): Mrs. Caitlin Leonard, Assistant Principal	Aug. 26 Picture Day for All Students
	Aug. 28 First Home Football Game
	Sept. 3 Back to School Night
	Sept. 7 Closed for Labor Day
	Sept. 21 Closed for Yom Kippur
9th Grade School Counselors	Oct. 2 Homecoming Game
A-Ch: Mrs. Farnesi	Oct. 3 Homecoming Dance
Ci-Fre: Mrs. Curran	
Fri-Joh: Mrs. Feeley	
Joi-McG: Mr. Findora	
McH-P: Mrs. Ernest	
Q-Sor: Ms. Dawson	
Sos-Z: Mr. Borkowski	

Dear “New to West” Students, 9th Grade Students, Parents, and Guardians:

For the students who will be new to Downingtown High School West and incoming 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 we 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 17th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm**. This will help our 9th-grade students and students new to West learn about the building. We will have copies of the school map available in the Main Office to help you locate each of your classes and make your first day of school as smooth as possible. Additionally, we plan to open the building to students, parents, and guardians for **Self-Guided Tours on Friday (8/21) and Monday (8/24) from 9 am - 3 pm**.

The DASD Technology Department has already shared information about the laptop distribution process scheduled for August 4 - 6. **Students will pick up their laptops at the Downingtown West Library**. Students must enter the Library through the side entrance, accessible from Campbell Drive. Students must log on to their laptop while they are in the Library to confirm that the laptop is working properly. Students will also need to select a password. If your child is unable to attend any of the listed dates and times, new communication regarding a make-up date and time will be sent out in early August.

Your class schedule will go live on 8/12 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.

This section is specifically for the Parents and Guardians of our “New to West” and 9th-grade students. 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 Downingtown High School West. If you have questions, please share them with us using the [Google Form link](#) provided. 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 feel free to contact your assigned counselor or grade-level administrator. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Dr. A. Kurt Barker, Principal