



Wallingford-Swarthmore
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent's Report

School Board Meeting

December 18, 2023

200 S. Providence Road
Wallingford, PA 19086

wssd.org

Mission and Vision Statements

MISSION

The Wallingford-Swarthmore School District is committed to assuring the academic achievement and personal growth of all students within an environment that promotes:

- Respect for self and others
- Active engagement in learning
- Leadership in the global community
- The pursuit of excellence

VISION

Our vision is to develop a world-class school district that provides students with the skills to succeed in a changing global environment. This vision will be realized through a commitment to high-quality programs and continuous improvement based upon careful analysis and integration of the most effective practices.



Focus Areas

Special Education Plan

Dr. Ian Sandberg - Director of Student Services - Personalized Learning & Related Services



Registration is Now Open for 24-25 Kindergarten

Eligibility

To be eligible for kindergarten admission in September 2024, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Process

The District offers online registration through our website ww.wssd.org/registration. If you do not have access to a computer, you can make an appointment to use a district computer to complete the registration online at the Administration Building. Questions should be directed to the Educational Data/Registration Office at (610-892-3470 ext. 1304).

Deadline

Registration is ongoing, but children must be registered by Friday, March 1, 2024, order to be included in the lottery to determine morning or afternoon kindergarten session placement.

On-Going Registration: After March 1st



Legislature finalizes, Shapiro signs deal on remaining Pa. budget issues

The state has finally passed a school code/fiscal bill. The House & Senate agreed on a bill late last night (early this morning) and Governor Shapiro has already signed it.

The bill (amended HB 301) was approved by a bipartisan 43-7 vote. Below are highlights:

- An additional \$150 million for education tax credits to provide scholarships to students through the existing Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs.
- \$295 million for Ready-to-Learn Block Grants.
- Provisions to consolidate and streamline school safety and security programs and operations under the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.
- \$100 million for K-12 mental health programs for schools.
- More than \$261 million for community colleges.
- \$10 million to create a new Educator Pipeline Support Grant Program to provide grants to student teachers.
- \$46.5 million in reimbursements to school entities that participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs.
- More than \$70 million in state aid to public libraries.
- \$12 million in funding for career and technical schools.
- \$7 million to assist distressed schools.

Additional legislation has been passed by House and Senate and awaiting Governor's action. These were all bipartisan votes in the House and Senate, so it is anticipated they will be signed.

HB 1507: allows local school leaders to decide whether the school year should be 180 days or 990 secondary/900 elementary hours.

HB 1258 - calculation of average daily membership for a dual credit course.

HB 1478 - providing for dental exams/hygiene in schools.



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SHHS Football



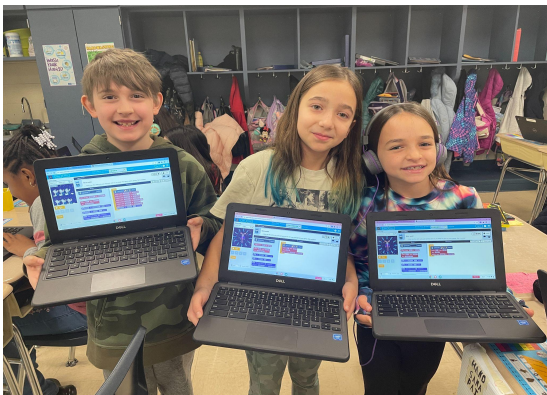
DCIU Second Annual Adaptive Art Showcase



This showcase is to highlight students aged K-21 with one or more of the following diagnoses: Autism, Deaf-Blindness, Deafness, Hearing Impairment, Intellectual Disability, Multiple Disabilities, Orthopedic Impairment, Other Health Impairment, Traumatic Brain Injury, Visual Impairment or Developmental Delay.



Hour of Code



Fine & Applied Arts at SHMS



NPE, SRS, & WES Winter Concerts



SRS Winter Concert will be held on January 25th at 7pm



SHHS Chorus & Orchestra Concert on December 19th



ReelFire Media

Overall Goals

- Increase Strategic Plan awareness
- Increase exposure to WSSD with shareable video content
- Showcase the core themes of the Strategic Plan
- Showcase the humans that propel WSSD forward
- Highlight some of the students, teachers, admins



**WE HELP BRANDS
TELL THEIR STORY**

Project proposal: Video Marketing - WSSD Strategic Plan

Client: WSSD

Delivered on: December 12, 2023

Submitted by: Jay Edwards

ReelFire 
web + video



MLK Day of Service

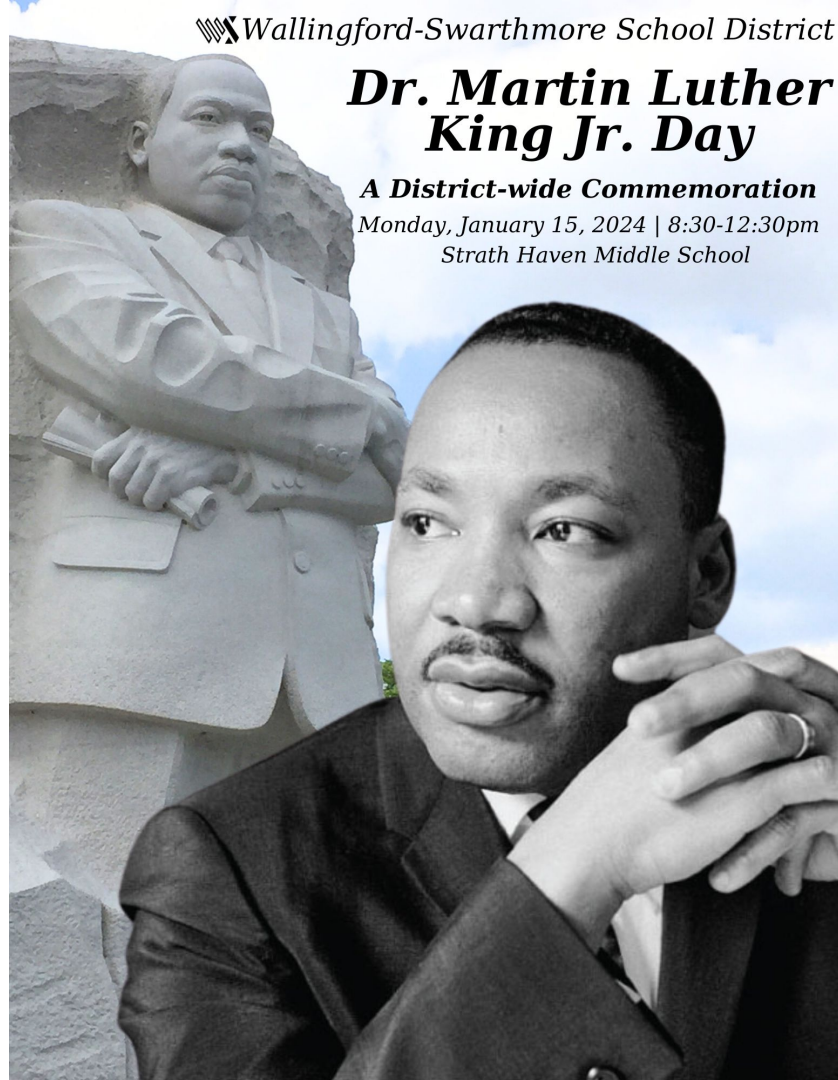
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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

A District-wide Commemoration

Monday, January 15, 2024 | 8:30-12:30pm

Strath Haven Middle School



Testing

Algebra Keystone: January 8th and 9th

Biology Keystone: January 10th and 12

Finals: January 18th and 19th

Winter MAP testing:

Tuesday, January 30 (ELA)

Thursday, Feb. 1 (Math)



Upcoming District Dates

December 20th	Educational Affairs Committee Meeting
December 22nd	Modified Schedule - Early Dismissal
December 25th-January 1st	Winter Break
January 3rd	Facilities & Finance Committee Meeting
January 10th	Policy Committee Meeting
January 15th	WSSD MLK Day of Service
January 16th	Teacher In-Service Day
January 17th	Educational Affairs Committee Meeting
January 22nd	Regular School Board Meeting
January 25th	SHHS Back to School Night

