JMWT WARRIOR WEEK

Monday, February 22, 2021

(GREEN = PFO / PURPLE = SCHOOL / *** denotes NEW INFORMATION or UPDATES)

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THIS WEEK

Monday	Feb 22 (A)	
Tuesday	Feb 23 (A)	
Wednesday	Feb 24 (A)	
Thursday	Feb 25 (A)	
Friday	Feb 26 (A)	

LOOKING AHEAD

March			
Monday	Mar 1	Fundraiser	Restaurant night @ Luigi's Restaurant & Pizzeria 968 High Ridge Road.
Saturday	Mar 13	Fundraiser	Chipotle Mexican Grill 71Post Rd, Darien
Tuesday	Mar 16	Early Dismissal	Professional Development
Friday	Mar 26		Skills USA
April	•		
Friday	Apr 2	No school	Good Friday
Monday -			
Friday	Apr 12 - 16	No school	April vacation
Tuesday	Apr 20	Early Dismissal	Professional Development
May	•		
Monday	May 31	No school	Memorial Day
June			
Tuesday	Jun 15		Tentative last day of school.

REPORTING QUARTERS					
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INFORMATION FROM THE PFO AND THE SCHOOL

Who we are:

The JMWT PFO is a 501(c)3 independent organization whose sole purpose is to offer support to all JMWT students, teachers and school. Our membership is made up of parents, teachers, students and alumni. Our mission is to foster a collaborative relationship between parents/families, students and teachers in order to enhance the student's high school experience. We do this through social activities, school events, and local community events.

We meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the PFO room (unless otherwise noted), located at the rear of the building near the bus parking.

For more information on the PFO please visit www.jmwrightpfo.org.

PFO Meetings

*** Next PFO meeting: March 10th at 6pm.

For All students

*** We are excited to announce the start of our virtual afterschool programs that will be offered, free of charge, to all Wright Tech students. Links Academy, a NEASC accredited institution of teaching of learning based out of Stamford, will offer two different programs starting the week of February 22nd:

- Homework Help
- SAT Prep

Please view the attached fliers for additional information regarding each program.

To sign up, please use the following links: <u>Homework Help - Click Here</u> <u>SAT Prep - Click Here</u>

For additional questions regarding the program, please contact Becky Rabassa, Executive Director of Links Academy, at brabassa@linksacademy.org or 203.489.5272.

****Career Pipeline: Connecting Students, Universities, and Architecture Firms - A Virtual Event for Student Participation on March 3, 2021

The Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (J.E.D.I.) Committee of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Connecticut is holding an event on March 3rd that would be of interest to your students – Career Pipeline: Connecting Students, Universities, and Architecture Firms.

For high school students interested in architecture and wondering what opportunities lie ahead for them, this event hosts a discussion with university students and faculty, plus firms on hiring processes as well firm expectations and student interests.

The virtual panel discussion will be from 2:00-3:30pm. After the panel discussion, from 3:30-5:00pm, we will be holding a virtual career fair to showcase Universities and Architecture and Design Firms. This is an excellent opportunity to engage with Universities admissions and educators about their programs, scholarships, internships, etc.

This informative discussion will focus on the following topics:

- Student's insight on their preparedness and support from their universities.
- University Architecture programs and alignment with real world practice.
- Current trends and types of work firms are doing and how they are in keeping with trends across the industry and how they are appealing to emerging professionals.
- Portfolio development.

The universities that have been invited (*confirmed to date):

- Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA*
- Norwalk Community College, Norwalk, CT
- Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY *
- Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
- Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI*
- Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA *
- University of Hartford, Hartford, CT *
- Yale, School of Architecture, New Haven, CT *

Students do not need to attend the panel to join the career fair, but they do need to register by March 1st at for this free event at https://aiact.org/events/#!event/2021/3/3/j-e-d-i-discussion-and-networking-fair. Additional information is also available at this link.

The College Boards will be hosting virtual College Fairs. Please see the attached flyer. Check out the website (cb.org/bigfuturedays) to learn more.

Students wishing to take Norwalk Community College (NCC)/UConn Early College Experience (ECE) courses can do so FREE of charge, please contact your counselor for more information.

Juniors and Seniors who are in good academic standing (3.0+ GPA) and are passing all their classes may take up to 2 classes per semester at Norwalk Community College (NCC) for FREE. Please see your counselor for more details.

If you are interested in a World Language, they offer:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- Italian
- Japanese
- Spanish

SHOPPING/FUNDRAISING

SMILE.AMAZON.COM - On-going. Whenever you are shopping online, especially during the holiday season, please consider shopping through SMILE.AMAZON.COM for all your AMAZON purchases. This charitable donation arm of AMAZON donates a portion of all your purchases to a charity of your choice, at no additional cost to you. We would love you to choose, J M Wright Tech PFO Inc* (or go to the direct JMWT link here on Amazon Smile), as your charity of choice. Thank you for your support. (Make sure there is a space between "J" and "M") ***You can now also use the mobile app, just go to settings in the app, choose AmazonSmile, and follow the in-app instructions to complete the process.

*** Thank You to Luigi's Restaurant located at 968 High Ridge Road for sponsoring JMWT Restaurant Nights! Luigi's donated a portion of all sales back to our school. They offer \$10.99 pizzas on Mondays.







Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support JM Wright Tech High School. Come in to the Chipotle at **71 Post Rd** in Darien on **Saturday, March 13th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to JM Wright Tech High School.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code CJ4FDZ4 before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.





All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at it time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an exis gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



This year JMWT will be selling **Discount Cards**. The cards are \$20 each and can be ordered via Venmo or Paypal. The cards are valid for one year through December 31, 2021. We have 36 fantastic vendors signed up!! You can view our participating vendors at the following link: https://jmwrightpfo.org/discount-cards.

You can order cards via Venmo @JMWrightPFO (https://venmo.com/JMWrightPFO) or <u>Paypal Here</u>. Please list your child's name in the comments when you pay via Venmo or Paypal. JMWT faculty/staff, please list that you are staff in the comment section.

For parents who pre-ordered cards in November, your cards were dropped off at the school on 12/2. You can schedule a time for pick up and get them at the security desk if you did not pick up your card yet.

We hope you enjoy the discounts!!



JMWT now has clothing donation bins!

Instead of throwing out or dropping off your old clothes & textiles for donation at gas station bins, please consider supporting J.M. Wright Technical High School at 120 Bridge Street (located at Scalzi Park). Plus, this helps our environment!

We accept all sorts of used textiles here - from old sheets and throw pillows, single socks and torn jeans, even stuffed animals and old shoes - this prevents discarded items becoming part of landfills and gives them a second life. 🚵

The bins are located at the front entrance of the school near Cubeta Field, to make it more convenient to drop off your old clothes and textiles. See the attached flyer for information on the items that can be donated.

Please share the news $\bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$





Information for juniors and seniors

To address the urgent need for straightforward money guidance, Kristen Jacks has published "Money in Your Twenties: Getting Started." It is a highly practical guide that covers relevant topics like the 5 taxes withheld in a typical paycheck and how they are calculated. The book also teaches young people how to live within their means without doing a tedious budget. Finally, it identifies the topics young people should consider as they start their money journey (for example, credit reports and credit scores, risk management, and the best ways to save).

The book is available for purchase on Amazon here: https://smile.amazon.com/Money-Your-Twenties-Getting-Started/dp/0578610582/ref=sr 1 1?keywords=Kristen+Jacks&qid=1578535946&sr=8-1
You can also get straightforward money guidance in an interactive way on the Money in Your Twenties website (www.moneyinyourtwenties.com).

WORK-BASED LEARNING/JOBS

The below jobs have been brought to us by people looking to hire, often we learn of these as we are out and about. Reach out to the contact on the posting and indicate that you are with JM Wright Technical High School. We will do our best to keep this listing up to date but understand that the jobs <u>may be filled or</u> recalled without notice.

If you, or anyone you know, has a need please let us know. Postings are for WBL jobs, part-time work, or individual jobs. Send a detailed email to Info@JMWrightTechPFO.org with the Subject: NEWSLETTER.

Part-time Work:

None yet.

Miscellaneous Jobs:

None yet.

*** **DON'T FORGET:** You can request that our students do **PRODUCTION WORK** for you. Our Construction Trades offer parents and the community an opportunity to have work done by our upper classmen.



BigFuture Days

SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE BOARD'S FIRST-EVER VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

Whether you've already started your college search or have no idea where to begin, we want to connect you with colleges that might be a good fit for you. BigFuture $^{\text{\tiny M}}$ Days gives you a chance to get information about multiple colleges from college admissions officers and current college students.

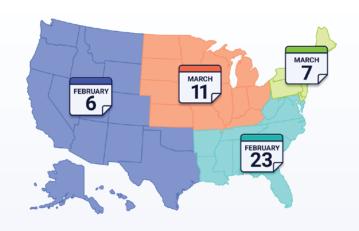
Here are five reasons to attend BigFuture Days:

- 1 Explore colleges in a way that's informative but not overwhelming.
- 2 Connect directly with colleges to get answers to your questions and show your interest in attending.
- 3 Hear from current college students who know what it's like on campus.
- 4 Take key college planning steps like searching for colleges and exploring scholarships.
- 5 Join these free events from a computer or mobile device.

Sophomores and Juniors: Save These Dates

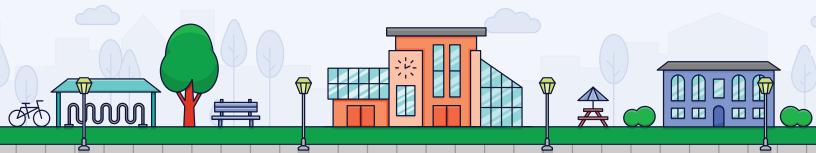
Explore your college options in each region—attend any or all of these events.

- BigFuture Day West + Southwest, Saturday, February 6
- BigFuture Day Southeast, Tuesday, February 23
- BigFuture Day Northeast, Sunday, March 7
- BigFuture Day Midwest, Thursday, March 11



Go to **cb.org/bigfuturedays** to register and learn more!

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CODING				
Holiday (H)	Student's First Day (SFD)			
Vacation (V)	Tenative Last Day (TLD)			
Semester 2 (S-2)	Day 182			
Early Dismissal (ED)	Skills USA			
New Teacher Orientation (NTO)				
District Professional Development - Full Day (DPD)				
School Professional Development - Full Day (SPD)				
School Professional Dev	elopment - Half Day (pd)			
PSAT/SAT	W - Weather Closure			
PC - Parent Conference	E - Emergency Closure			
OH - Open House	L - Late Opening			
SS - Shop Selection	EC - Early Closure			
G - Graduation (actual) D - Digital Learning Day				

CALENDAR NOTES

All Early Dismissals, Late Openings, Emergency & Weather Closings should be reported using the District Google Form

The 3 after-school events and related compensatory Early Dismissals should be reported to Brent McCartney

No Early Dismissals may be planned during B Cycle until the completion of Phases 1 & 2 of Exploratory.

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	Cycle Schedule (9 Trades)					
A Cycle	(9/12- Ad	cademics & 10/11	- Trade)			
3 Cycle	(10/11- A	Academics & 9/12	- Trade)			
Exploratory Phase 1- Cycle 1 Exploratory Phase 2- Cycle 3						
Cycle Dates Days						
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2	Α	9/17 - 10/5	12			

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2	А	9/17 - 10/5	12
3	В	10/6 - 10/14	6
4	А	10/15 - 10/29	10
5	В	10/30 - 11/13	9
6	А	11/16 - 11/25	8
7	В	11/30 - 12/11	10
8	А	12/14 - 12/23	8
9	В	1/4 - 1/15	10
10	Α	1/19 - 1/29	9
11	В	2/1 - 2/11	9
12	Α	2/16 - 2/26	9
13	В	3/1 - 3/9	7
14	Α	3/10 - 3/19	8
15	В	3/22 - 4/1	8
16	А	4/5 - 4/23	10
17	В	4/26 - 5/7	10
18	А	5/10 - 5/21	10
19	В	5/24 - 6/7	10
20	А	6/8 - 6/15	6
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A Cycle Total	90	
B Cycle Total	89	