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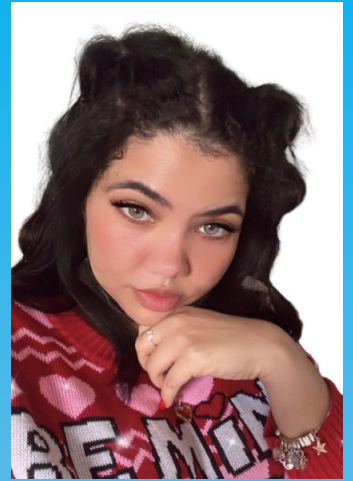
Principal's Message



Graduation is approaching, and celebrations are beginning. Here at Western Tech, we love to celebrate the accomplishments of our students! We hope you join us in the celebration of our graduates.

Western Tech has some other exciting announcements and some reminders. We are excited to introduce our new Western Tech faculty or those serving in a new role for the 2023-24 school year. **Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!**

"I am proud to be a Spanish teacher. I am from the Dominican Republic. My initial plan was to become an Art teacher; however, after visiting Dumbarton Middle School, I understood the need and lack of representation of Spanish heritage speakers in the field of education, especially from my country, which motivated me to change my major. I graduated with honors from Towson University with a major in Secondary Education, a concentration in Spanish. I can't wait to get to know every student! We will learn from each other and build our little family inside our classroom. I have a genuine love for working with our young learners! Helping each child improve in all areas of their development — social, academic, language, and motor — is a challenge that I am honored to accept daily. I look forward to meeting all my students and helping them achieve language proficiency in a positive, safe, and fun environment during our learning journey together." Ms. Alfonso is getting to know our students this year while she serves as a long-term substitute.



Jariesca Alfonso
Spanish Teacher

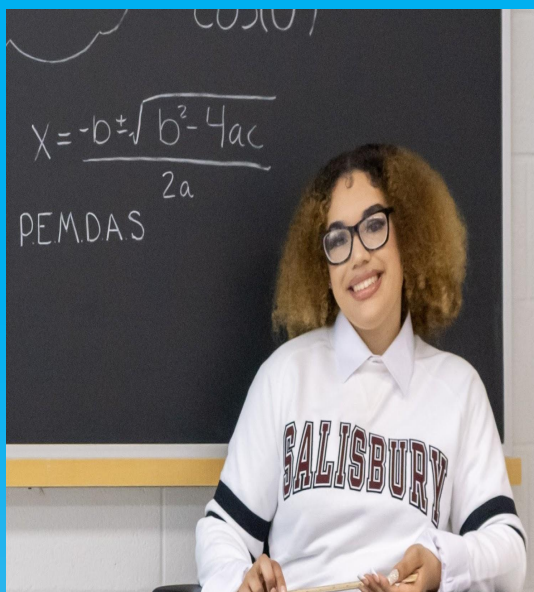
My favorite quotes: "The big secret in life is that there is no big secret. Whatever your goal is, you can get there-as long as you're willing to be honest with yourself about preparation and work involved. There's no back doors, no free rides. There's just you, this moment, and a choice"
-Oprah



Jessica Duhala
Science DC

"I am so excited to be joining you at Western Tech! I've lived in Maryland for most of my life. I went to Penn State University and majored in Kinesiology with a specialization in exercise physiology and to Loyola University for my Master in the Arts of Teaching program, and I knew I found my lifelong career. I fell in love with being in the classroom and engaging with students every day. I've been a science teacher for five years at Carver Center in Towson. Throughout my five years, I've taught Living Systems, Anatomy & Physiology, and Chemistry. Along with teaching, I've also served as the Class of 2023 advisor, cheerleading coach, and Science National Honors Society Advisor, participated in summer curriculum writing with the Office of Science, and have completed BCPS' Admin 1 cohort. Outside of work, I am an avid skier, runner, and reader, and I love to travel. I look forward to meeting everyone."

My favorite quote: "Don't let anyone rob you of your imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. It's your place in the world; it's your life. Go on and do all you can with it and make it the life you want to live." -Mae Jemison



Dominique Lee Mathematics

Hello everyone, I am Dominique Lee a recent graduate from Salisbury University. I studied Mathematics on the Secondary Education Track with a minor in Athletic Coaching. I am originally from Baltimore County and was in the BCPS system from 1-12 grade. My goals for this new experience is to make connections with the students and teach them one of my favorite subjects, math. I am very excited and happy to become a teacher and help the students, their families, and communities any way I can.

My favorite quote: *“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”– Nelson Mandela*

“I have worked for Baltimore County Public Schools since 1995, first as a teacher and then as a counselor. It has been my pleasure to work at Western Tech for the last 14 years as a school counselor and I'm so excited to start my new journey as our full-time College and Career Counselor! I can't wait to begin! I have so many ideas about how to showcase our phenomenal students and can't wait to begin.”

My favorite quote: *“Never regret a day in your life: good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons, and best days give memories.” -POWEROFPOSITIVITY.COM*



Jill Monahan
College & Career Counselor

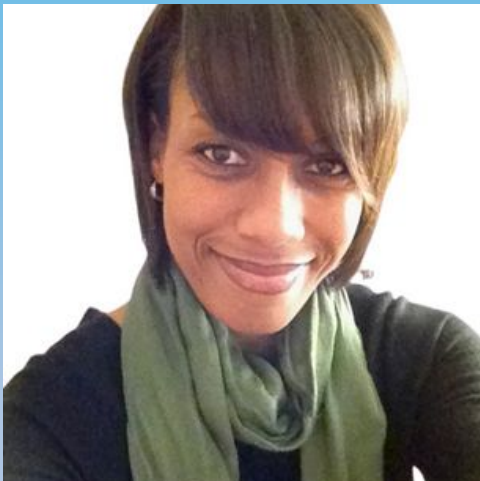


"I have been teaching for the past 26 years in the Baltimore County Public School System as well as the Baltimore City Public School System. Teaching is actually my second career. I went to Coppin State College from 1986 to 1991. I graduated from Coppin in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and a minor in Computer science. I started working as a test engineer for Digtect Corporation from 1991 to 1996. There, I wrote computer programs to test chips on circuit boards for various companies, including military bases and Intel. Even though that job was interesting, and I traveled a lot, and I felt like I was missing something. I wasn't using my math skills. So, in 1997, I began my career in education at Southeast Middle School in Baltimore City and continued until 2004. In 2004, I started teaching at Chesapeake High School in Baltimore County until 2013. I received my Master of Arts in secondary mathematics in 2013 from Western Governors University. I returned to Baltimore City to teach at Reach Partnership from 2013 to 2014. Unhappy with my decision, I quickly returned to BCPS and began teaching at Southwest Academy from 2014 to 2018. In 2018, I began as the math DC at Lansdowne Middle School until 2022. In 2022, I returned to teaching high school math which I am enjoying here at Western Tech.



Ms. Shanon Saulsbury
Math DC

My favorite quote: *"The only way to learn mathematics is to do mathematics" -Paul Holmes*



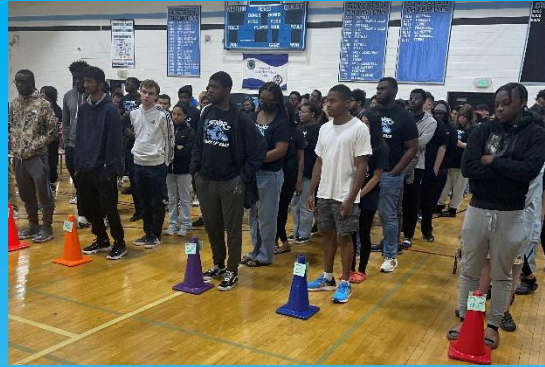
Cheryl Scott
Assistant Principal

Ms. Scott has served our county for 30 years as a English teacher, Mentor Teacher, a specialist in the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools, Supervisor for the Home and Hospital Center, Assistant Principal for 11 years, and most recently as an assistant principal at Pikesville High School overseeing AP, GT, and scheduling. Ms. Scott is extremely excited to join the Western Family as an educator and community member in the west zone.

My favorite quote: *"There are years that ask questions and years that answer." -Zora Neale Hurston*



Graduation Updates



May 31st is an asynchronous day! Staff and students will not report to school. Instead, school assignments will be posted on the teacher's Schoology page.

Graduates should report with caps and gowns to the Towson Center at 1:00 pm on May 31. They should not have anything else with them as they **MAY NOT carry ACCESSORIES** (not purses, bags, backpacks, sunglasses, etc.) into the ceremony, and they will not be allowed to return to the Towson Center. Graduates must keep their cell phones and keys in their pockets; they may not carry anything in their hands.



Upcoming Events

June



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 Memorial Day SCHOOLS CLOSED	30 A • Final after school detention, room 111	31 B • ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING FOR WT • WT Graduation @ SECU Arena • 1:00pm seniors • 1-2:15pm Guests • 2:30pm Graduation	1 A • "Welcome to Western" 6-8pm, Gym (for incoming 9 th graders)	2 B • "Pets on Wheels" 10:30am-12:30pm (outdoor classroom)	3
4	5 A <u>A1 & A2 Final Exams</u> A1 exam: 7:30-9:10 A2 exam: 9:15-10:55 A3: 11:00-1:00 A4: 1:05-2:15 • Schoology Grade Pull for MP4 into FOCUS 5:00pm • Faculty Meeting 2:15pm, Cafeteria	6 B <u>B1 & B2 Final Exams</u> B1 exam: 7:30-9:10 B2 exam: 9:15-10:55 B3: 11:00-1:00 B4: 1:005-2:15	7 A <u>A3 & A4 Final Exams</u> A3 exam: 7:30-9:10 A4 exam: 9:15-10:55 A1: 11:00-1:00 (Lunches will be assigned) A2: 1:05-2:15	8 B <u>B3 & B4 Final Exams</u> B3 exam: 7:30-9:10 B4 exam: 9:15-10:55 B1: 11:00-1:00 (Lunches will be assigned) B2: 1:05-2:15 • Paint Party for Faculty/Staff 2:30pm, faculty room • Schoology Grade Pull for Final Exams* into FOCUS 5:00pm	9 A <u>Make-Up Exams</u> A1 7:30-9:05 A2 9:10-10:40 A3 10:45-12:40 (regular lunches) A4 12:45-2:15 • Grading window closes for teachers @5pm	10
11	12 B <u>3 Hour Early Dismissal</u> B1: 7:30am - 8:20am B2: 8:25am - 9:15am B3: 9:20am - 10:10am B4: 10:15am - 11:15am Lunch "A" 10:10am-10:45am Lunch "B" 10:45am-11:15am Dismissal 11:15am • Grading Window closes for Administrators 5:00pm	13 A <u>Last Day of School!</u> <u>3 Hour Early Dismissal</u> A1: 7:30am - 8:20am A2: 8:25am - 9:15am A3: 9:20am - 10:10am A4: 10:15am - 11:15am Lunch "A" 10:10am-10:45am Lunch "B" 10:45am-11:15am Dismissal 11:15am • Report Card Distributions/posted in FOCUS 4:00pm	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 Juneteenth – Schools and Offices Closed	20	21 First day of summer	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 • All AHP Internship paperwork due	1 JULY

Have a great summer!!

