

May/June 2021

9th Grade Newsletter

Western School of Technology and Environmental Science

Summer Opportunities

Check the Updates posted in the 9th Grade Students Class of 2021 Schoology Group

SGA Updates

SGA applications are now available on the SGA Schoology page and on the 9th grade Schoology page for 2021-2022 officer positions.

All application materials are due Tuesday, May 7th, 2021 no later than 11:59pm to Mrs. Rowe – jrowe2@bcps.org

Elections will be held online May 13th – May 14th links will be posted on the SGA Schoology page and on the 9th grade Schoology page.

Class Council applications will be posted first week in May on the 9th grade Schoology page.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

How to Succeed

Develop your Work Habits

- Manage your time
- Create goals
- Be organized
- Meet deadlines
- Ask for help in a timely manner
- Be open to feedback, learn from failures/mistakes
- Keep open lines of communication (family, teachers, school counselor, friends)

Work on Reputation – CPR2

How can I consistently demonstrate these traits every day? Work to be Courteous, Punctual, Respectful, and Responsible

Start/Build Your Network

- Read/Research your career interests
- Research colleges and reach out to current college students
- Share goals/interests with others
- Create an elevator pitch
- Look/Inquire about summer employment, internships, or volunteer opportunities

Remember, this is YOUR education.

School Counselors:

- Ms. Monahan, A-G (jmonahan@bcps.org)
- Ms. Gould, H-O (rjuanteguy@bcps.org)
- Ms. Tavernia, Department Chair, P-Z (atavernia@bcps.org)
- Ms. Weston, College Counselor

Skills of Success!



Each month 9th graders are encouraged to attend skill-focused workshops. If you missed any of our previous workshops, go to the Schoology course: Skills of Success and select the pink Resources and Previous Sessions folder

9th Grade Team Contacts

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Upcoming Units/Projects

Quarter 4- 2021

Social Studies

Mr. Slepesky's and Mrs. Streets' American Government will be studying unit 3 which includes Public Policy and Unit 4 which includes the Judicial Branch.

Math

Mr. Carlino's and Mr. Saulsbury's Algebra II students will work rational exponents, radical expressions & radical equations. We will solve radical equations and determine if any of the solutions are extraneous. We will solve quadratics using a variety of methods, including factoring, completing the square, graphing and the quadratic formula. We will find both real and non-real solutions and express non-real solutions as complex numbers. Each concept will focus on connections between multiple representations and prior content from earlier in this course and Algebra I.

Science

Ms. Achar's, Mrs. Bickerstaff's and Mr. Helcoski's Biology/Living Systems classes will study Decoding your Future-(Genetics), Superbugs- (Evolution) and Top Predators -(Ecology) in this Quarter.

Mr. Payne's (AHP) Anatomy class will Finish the Nervous System unit and continue with the Cardiovascular and remaining systems

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Spanish

Profesora Casas' and Profesora Confair's - Spanish I class will be wrapping up Unit 2 in which students will be comparing products, practices, and perspectives of celebrations in Spanish speaking countries to their own. They will continue to unit 3, *Es lo que hago* (comparing extracurricular activities in other countries and their own), and Unit 4, *Es lo que llevo* (describing their sense of style and shopping habits).

Profesora Confair's, Profesora Owens', and Profesora Casas' Spanish II classes will wrap up Unit 2, *Mi vida tecnológica* (describing how technology use has changed and impacted their lives over time), and then continue on to Unit 3, *Mi vida sana* (describing how to live a healthy life), and Unit 4, *Mi futuro* (describing future plans).

Profesora Owens' and Profesor Ruth's Spanish III/Language & Culture classes will complete Unit 2, *Un mundo mejor* (discussing and researching climate change, as well as solutions to combat it), and then continue on to Unit 3, *Mi papel en el mundo* (describing characteristics of role models who have made a positive impact in the world and setting personal goals for the future), and Unit 4, *El mundo de entretenimiento* (describing and expressing opinions about the world of entertainment).

Engineering Principles & Applications

Mr. Renaud's and Dr. Mercer's classes will be covering the Materials Unit where there will be a research project regarding materials testing. The 4th quarter will also cover the Structures Unit, Mechanical Unit and the Biotechnology Unit. In the Biotechnology Unit there will be an exciting research project regarding a biotechnology of the student's choosing!

You're almost to the finish line! Stay focused, and summer will be here before you know it. Wishing you all a successful end to the school year and a safe and healthy summer!

-the 9th Grade Team