

FALL SEMESTER 2018 - ACADEMIC SCHEDULE (see page 4)
REVIEW AND FINALS SET FOR Tues., December 18th until Fri., December 21st

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COCOA AND CRAM

Link Crew is sponsoring “the” freshmen social and academic event of the season! The 2018 version of “Cocoa & Cram” will be held on Wednesday, December 12 from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. The idea behind the development of “Cocoa & Cram” centers on providing leaders and teachers a venue that conveys support to the academic success of ALL freshmen.

At this event, freshmen sip on hot chocolate, chomp on delicious cookies, and prepare for upcoming final exams with help from their teachers and Link Leaders. Freshmen commit and participate in two, forty minute study sessions can earn extra credit in those classes. Additionally, “Cocoa & Cram” is designed to provide an opportunity for freshmen to:

1. Establish the concept that doing well on final assessments, and in fact all assignments, is critical to academic success throughout their high school career.
2. Outlines the process of the last week of the semester by explaining the expectations regarding scheduling changes, review sessions, testing, attendance, etc. In other words...help our freshmen understand how the finals week system works at Topeka West.
3. Understand the importance of preparing themselves for end of semester assessments by encouraging freshmen to consider how they might make the best of their academic resources and time between now and end of the semester. More specifically, the intent is to urge all ninth graders to advocate for themselves by communicating with teachers about what is necessary in order for them to earn the grade they are aiming for.

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TOPEKA WEST HIGH SCHOOL CHARGER NEWS

From the Desk of Dustin Dick, Principal

*From the Administration,
Faculty, and Staff*



As we wind down to the close of this semester I want to thank all of you for your continued support of Topeka West. We have had, what looks to be, another great semester! Finals are coming up in the next couple of weeks and hope that your students are preparing to do well as we end the semester. Last year we had great success with students passing classes at the end of the first semester and hope that this year is no different. In an effort to help with this as we returned from Thanksgiving break we start "Pizza to Pass" on Wednesday afternoons after school. Students can come to the cafeteria from 3:15 to 5:00 on Wednesday's and to receive tutor help and support to get caught up with class and works towards passing. Students who come and need assistance or have work to complete will be given pizza while there. We have specifically targeted those students who have a failing grade, but all students are welcome. As always if I can be of any assistance to you or your student please let me know.

I hope you all have a great holiday season, and enjoy a restful winter break.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On Monday, December 3rd the newest members of the Topeka West National Honor Society were inducted. Congratulations to the following members who were selected based on their commitment to high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship, and character.

Joshua Rohr
Joseph Jacobson
Melissa Paz
Corbin Cool
Maya Miller



DECEMBER, 2018 TWHS EVENTS CALENDAR

Mon., December 3	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony - 7pm - Library Media Center
Tues., December 4	Josten's Class Ring/Cap & Gown Delivery - 10:30 pm - 12:00 pm - A Building
Wed., December 5	One Act Play - Auditorium - 7:00 pm
Fri., December 7	Basketball @ Highland Park - 4:30 pm
Sat., December 9	Topeka City Drill Meet - All DAY - Washburn Rural High School
Sat., December 9	ACT Test - 8:00 am - B Building
Tues., December 11	Basketball @ Ottawa - 4:30 pm
Wed., December 12	Wrestling vs. Hayden - 5:30 pm
Wed., December 12	FAFSA Support - 5:30 pm - Media Center
Wed., December 12	Improv Hour - 6:30 pm - Choir Room
Fri., December 14	Basketball vs. Emporia - 4:30 pm - TWHS
Wed., December 19	Winter Concert - 7:00 pm - White Concert Hall, Washburn University
Fri., December 21	Basketball vs. Ottawa - 4:30 pm - TWHS

WINTER RECESS

Friday, Dec. 21, 2018 until Monday, Jan. 07, 2019

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY, 2019 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fri., January 4	Basketball @ Junction City - 4:30 pm
Mon., January 7	Staff on Duty - No Students
Tues., January 8	School Resumes - All Students Report SKINNY DAY Basketball vs. Hayden - 4:30 pm - TWHS
Sat., January 12	JROTC Drill Meet - Leavenworth
Mon., January 21	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL Staff/Students

2018-2019 TWHS CALENDAR ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE:

<https://sites.google.com/a/tps501.org/topeka-west-high-school-google/>

NOTE: CALENDAR DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

WHITE CONCERT HALL AT WASHBURN UNIVERSITY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017  7:00 PM

Topeka West Music Department Showcase Concert. All Topeka West music performance students will participate in our traditional Winter Concert at Washburn University's White Concert Hall, Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. The ensembles will perform music from around the world and across the centuries.

**Topeka West High School
Academic Schedule for the final week of the Fall Semester 2018**

Since culminating academic activities are determined in each class by the teacher, a variety of activities may occur that include comprehensive exams, reviews for final activities, unit tests, projects, student group presentations or other closure activities that conclude the semester of study.

Reminder: **NO CULMINATING ACTIVITY WILL BE GIVEN EARLY.**

The Culminating Activity CANNOT EXCEED 20% of a student's overall semester grade.

**Monday, December 17
Regular Skinny Day
3rd Period Review or Class**

Tuesday, December 18
7:55-9:20 1st Period Review or Class
9:26-9:57 Seminar
10:03-11:28 3rd Period Culminating Activity
11:34-1:29 4th Period Class
11:34-12:04 (First Lunch)
12:59-1:29 (Second Lunch)
1:35-3:00 6th Period Review or Class

Wednesday, December 19
7:55-9:20 1st Period Culminating Activity
9:26-9:57 Seminar
10:03-11:28 2nd Period Review or Class
11:34-1:29 4th Period Review or Class
11:34-12:04 (First Lunch)
12:59-1:29 (Second Lunch)
1:35-3:00 6th Period Culminating Activity

Thursday, December 20
7:55-9:20 2nd Period Culminating Activity
9:26-9:57 Seminar
10:03-11:28 4th Period Culminating Activity

11:34-1:29 5th Period Review or Class
11:34-12:04 (First Lunch)
12:59-1:29 (Second Lunch)
1:35-3:00 7th Period Review or Class

Friday, December 21
7:55-9:00 1st Hour Class
9:06 - 11:28 Seminar
(Reward activities, Make-up Finals)
will be 4 equal rotation/travel times established.

11:34-1:29 5th Period Culminating Activity
11:34-12:04 (First Lunch)
12:59-1:29 (Second Lunch)
1:35-3:00 7th Period Culminating Activity

CRIME PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIP



TPS Sergeant Donnie Kennedy (785.438.4002)

TPS Officer Jack Reynolds (785.438.4058)

SOCIAL HOSTING

Social hosting or unlawfully hosting is generally defined as providing and/or serving alcohol to a young person who is under the minimum legal drinking age. It can take place in a party-like atmosphere or by any adult simply providing alcohol to young people and their peers for them to drink. It can even extend to parents and homeowners who are not on the premises and/or did not provide the alcohol.

Social host liability refers to laws that hold non-commercial individuals responsible for underage drinking events on property that they own, lease or otherwise control.

You may not need to actually serve or provide alcohol to underage guests to violate these laws.

The penalties for breaking this law include possible jail time, and the potential for criminal or civil lawsuits, as well as public humiliation for breaking the law.

By violating the law, you are sending every child you know a message that can have risky consequences.

[HTTP://WWW.KANSASFAMILY.COM/PROGRAMS/KANSAS-LEADERSHIP/NOT-IN-OUR-HOUSE-CAMPAIGN/DEFINITION-OF-SOCIAL-HOSTING/](http://www.kansasfamily.com/programs/kansas-leadership/not-in-our-house-campaign/definition-of-social-hosting/)

What parents can do to stop UNDERAGE DRINKING...

Talk with your teen and let him or her know your expectations. Teens need clear behavior guidelines and boundaries. **1**

2 Ask questions about your teen's daily life. Listen to his or her opinions and concerns.

Talk with your teen. Get to know your teen's friends and who their parents are. Always know what your teen is doing and who he or she is with. **3**

4 Have your teen check in with you regularly from a landline phone, not a cell phone. If they are at a friend's house or attending a party, call or stop by to check on them.

Tell your teen that even if he or she is some place where adults are drinking, they are NOT to drink under any circumstances. **5**

6 Spend time on a regular basis with your teen doing one-on-one or family activities.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional information about talking to your teen about underage drinking, there are many resources available:

<http://www.notnrhouse.org>
<http://www.alcoholfreechildren.org>
<http://stopalcoholabuse.gov>
<http://alcoholpolicy.md.com>
<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov>

Your local resource is:



A program of
Kansas Family Partnership
5942 SW 29th Street
Topeka, Kansas 66614
785-266-6161 or 1-800-206-7231

For more information, visit
www.KansasFamily.org.



**DON'T INVITE TROUBLE
INTO YOUR HOUSE...**

What every parent
needs to know about

**UNDERAGE DRINKING
& SOCIAL HOSTING**

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[HTTPS://WWW.KTSRO.ORG/FILES/SOCIAL-HOSTING-BROCHURE.PDF](https://www.ktsro.org/files/social-hosting-brochure.pdf)

What is SOCIAL HOSTING?

Social Hosting is providing and/or serving alcohol to a young person who is under age 21. Hosting can take place in a party-like atmosphere or anytime someone provides alcohol to young people and their friends for the purpose of drinking. It can even extend to parents and homeowners who are not home, out-of-town, or unaware that underage drinking is taking place in their home.

What PARENTS should know

If you host a party for underage drinkers, you are sending a message to teens that it is okay to break the law. The question is, which laws do you decide can be broken? You may think you are doing teens a favor by allowing them to drink in a safe environment. The truth is there is no safe environment for underage drinking.

As a host, you can't predict the behavior of teens drinking in your home or the amount of alcohol consumed. If injuries, alcohol poisoning, or sexual assaults occur on your property, you can be held criminally liable.

THE PENALTIES

Unlawfully hosting minors who are consuming alcohol or cereal malt beverage is a Class A person misdemeanor and carries a minimum fine of \$1000.

PAUL'S STORY ...

In 2001, 17-year old Paul Riggs was killed while returning home from a party at a friend's house. The friend's parents had been home but did not monitor the party at which alcohol was served. Paul died after crashing into a tree---only blocks from his house---as he drove home that night.

His friend's parents told police that they didn't know alcohol was being served in their home. Later, police charged their daughter with furnishing alcohol to a minor. The parents and daughter could not be penalized because there was no law in place.

Kansas passed a Social Host Law, also known as "Paul's Law," that became effective July 1, 2004. In 2006, the Kansas Legislature strengthened the law by designating it a Class A person misdemeanor and increased the minimum fine from \$200 to \$1000.

Teens and their HEALTH

The brain goes through dynamic changes during adolescence. Studies have shown that judgment is the last area of the brain to develop. A person who begins drinking as a teen is four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than someone who waits until adulthood to consume alcohol.

Teens who drink alcohol are more likely to become sexually active, placing them at greater risk of HIV infection and other sexually transmitted diseases. Short-term or moderate drinking impairs learning and memory in teens. Teens only need to drink half as much alcohol as adults to suffer the same negative effects.¹

¹ Harmful Consequences of Alcohol Use on the Brains of Children, Adolescents, and College Students. American Medical Association, 2004

Promote RESPONSIBILITY

What happens in your home affects the community. Teens naturally want adult privileges. Our job as parents and guardians is to make them understand that alcohol is a drug and consuming it as a teen is harmful to their health and well-being. It is also illegal for the teens to consume it and for adults to provide it.

Parents and other adults need to remember that they are the greatest influence on the decisions teens make. Parents also bear the primary responsibility for their teen's misconduct.

Not In Our House is a nationwide initiative on underage drinking and social hosting. The Kansas Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free, a program of Kansas Family Partnership, Inc., has partnered on the campaign with the International Institute on Alcohol Awareness, The Century Council and Scholastic.

GO CHARGERS!

The Topeka Public Schools, Unified School District No. 501 is committed to affirmative action and equal opportunity. No person shall, on the basis of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, disability, national origin or ancestry be denied lawful access to any appropriate educational service, program or activity provided by the school district. The Title VI and Title IX compliance coordinator is the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching/Learning/Administration. The Section 504/Title II compliance coordinator is the Coordinator of College and Career Ready Services. For employment, the EEO/AA officer is the General Director of Human Resources. All compliance coordinators may be contacted at 624 SW 24th Street, Topeka, KS 66611-1294, (785) 295-3000. The clerk of the Board of Education has been designated to receive and redirect or handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies, regulations and procedures. The clerk may be contacted by calling (785) 295-3045 or by writing to 624 SW 24th Street, Topeka, KS 66611-1294.

WEST SIDE BANK WILL HAVE ITS 46th ANNUAL HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE DURING BOTH LUNCHES DECEMBER 6th. STOP BY, OPEN AN ACCOUNT AND MAKE A DEPOSIT.



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CAMPUS SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

TPS Sergeant Donnie Kennedy (785.438.4002)
TPS Officer Jack Reynolds (785.438.4058)



STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A STUDENT PARKING PASS FOR THEIR VEHICLES ON TOPEKA WEST CAMPUS.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING A COPY OF THEIR CAR INSURANCE AND DRIVER'S LICENSE TO CAMPUS POLICE OFFICE.




**LOCATIONS: Sergeant Kennedy (C-Office)
Officer Reynolds (B-Office)**

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Topeka West High School

ORDER YOUR 2018-2019 YEARBOOK!

3 Ways to Order:

-  Visit balfour.com and select our school
-  Call 1-800-944-5930. Major credit cards accepted.
-  Complete the order form below and send a check or money order to the school. Please make check payable to:

Topeka West High School

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Order your piece of Topeka West High School history today!

Dec - \$50, Jan. 1-31 - \$55, Feb. 1-May 1 - \$60

Please call 438-4134 or email jmiller3@tps501.org if you have any questions.

WINTER BREAK

Friday, December 21, 2018 until Monday, January 7, 2019

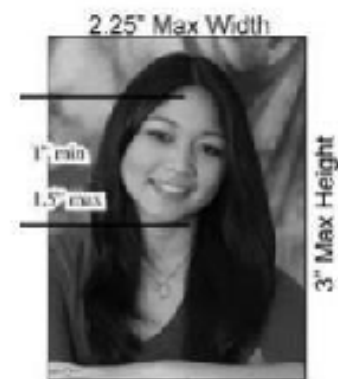
SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

Topeka West High School Yearbook 2018-2019 Senior Portrait Requirements

It is not required to have a professional take the portrait that will appear in the senior section of the Topeka West yearbook. Lifetouch photos will be taken at school. All students are required to have their photo taken by Lifetouch. If students do not submit a senior photo, or the photo submitted does not meet the requirements outlined below, the Lifetouch photo will be used. The Topeka West yearbook is a publication that reflects the school, the student body, and the community; therefore the following specifications are required in order for submitted photos to be included in the senior portrait pages.

Senior Photo Specifications:

- *Only VERTICAL—not horizontal—images will be accepted.
- *Only head and shoulders should appear in the photo. No props, hats, hoods, pets, etc.
- *Attire worn in the photo must adhere to school dress code.
- *No “selfies” or photos deemed inappropriate for a professional publication will be accepted.
- *Photos must be submitted electronically through email or media on a disc or jump drive.
- *An indoor photo with a solid color background is suggested.
- *Do not cut the head/hairline at the top of the photo. Leave enough space around the subject in order for some cropping to occur.
- *Head size from the top of the hair to the bottom of the chin in the photo should be a minimum of 1” and a maximum of 1.25”.
- *The photo itself should be a maximum width of 2.25” and a maximum height of 3”.



The TWHS Yearbook reserves the right to refuse a photo not meeting these specifications. Lifetouch photos will be used in place of photos not meeting these requirements or no photograph at all if a Lifetouch photograph is unavailable.

Submission Process and Digital File Format:

- *300 DPI (minimum)
- *JPEG or JPG
- *Do NOT submit as Power Point, Word, Works, Photoshop, tiff, gif, or PDF
- *Submitting images that you have scanned lose quite a bit of quality, so we do not encourage this.

Please take this form to your photography session. It will help your photographer if he or she is submitting the photo on your behalf. You or your photographer may email your photo and student’s name to Jennifer Miller, Yearbook Adviser, at jmiller3@tps501.org.

Don’t hesitate to contact us by phone at 438-4134 or by email at jmiller3@tps501.org if you have any questions or concerns related to senior portraits. Our goal is to produce a quality publication that accurately reflects the memories made at TWHS this year.

**Senior photos are due by Dec. 21, 2018.
No exceptions will be made to the deadline.**

PHOTOGRAPHY



Sierra Nelson, junior Media Technology, Horror concentration

TOPEKA WEST HIGH SCHOOL POST PROM

WHAT IS POST PROM? In the not-so-distant past, prom-goers found ways to celebrate until sunrise. Unfortunately, much of what they did during those pre-dawn hours was dangerous, even deadly. In an effort to reduce reckless behavior, including drinking and driving, Topeka West created Post-Prom to give kids a safe, chaperoned alternative.

WHEN IS POST PROM? An after Prom event held from 11:00 pm to 2:00 am. Once students enter they may not leave and re-enter. There are USD 501 and Topeka Police present as a deterrent to any undesirable attendees or student behavior. Students must have bought a ticket in advance (\$7) and present their student ID to enter. They do not have to attend prom to attend post-prom.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS DO ALL NIGHT? Have lots of fun! There will be music, good food, fun activities, and great prizes!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We need parent volunteers at our fundraiser events. We are also in need volunteers to help plan Post Prom. We need parent volunteers the evening before prom to help with decorating and set-up. And of course, we need parent volunteers for the actual event.

MEETING LOCATION/DATES: Mon., December 3rd - Media Center at 7:00 p.m. *All parents welcome, please join us!* 1/07/19, 2/4/19, 3/4/19, 4/1/19

TWHS MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS!

GO TO: www.youtube.com

SEARCH: Topeka West Television Vid

SELECT CHANNEL BOX: TWTV (Purple and Gray)



@TPSTwest is the official twitter account for Topeka West High School



WE ARE TRYING TO GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH FACEBOOK AND TWITTER ACCOUNTS ASSOCIATED WITH TOPEKA WEST HIGH SCHOOL. THERE IS A LOT OF PERTINENT INFORMATION POSTED TO BOTH ACCOUNTS. "LIKE" OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS HERE AT TOPEKA WEST HIGH SCHOOL. WE ALSO HAVE A SPORTS CHANNEL (NFHS NETWORK) AND OUR VERY OWN TWHS MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS ON YOUTUBE.

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/TopekaWest501 is the schools official Facebook page

www.facebook.com/pages/Westside-Pride-Topeka-West-Booster-Club

is the Westside Pride official Facebook page

@TopekaWestAthle is the official twitter account for the athletic department

@TWWestsidePride is the official twitter account for the Westside Pride Booster Club

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Westside PRIDE Booster Club

The Topeka West High School Parent Organization

WHAT does Westside **PRIDE** do for the Students, Teachers and Staff at Topeka West? Last year Westside Pride was able to contribute \$15,450 to requests from the science department to the band to the athletic teams. 100% of the money raised by Westside Pride goes to the school.

\$150 Super Charger PRIDE Members

Dan & Debbie Ramberg
Alan & Shelley Bearman
Steve & Stephanie Karrer
David & Connie Jacobson
Brandon & Amelia Donohue
John & Tricia Eddy

Joe & Marianne Baumchen
Doug & Michelle Shima
Heather Rohr
Jared & Melissa Maag
Tony & Jaime Frederick
Scott & Mary Howard

Sherri & Dave Edmonds
Mike & Mary Ellrich
Marilyn Kido & Brian Giesy
Randy & Colleen Speaker
Andre & Alison Mehrens

\$50 Family Charger PRIDE Members

Chris & Alishia Bush
Paula Clanton
Alissa Gaps & Mike Patrick
Justin & Teresa Jenkins
Brian & BJ Mays
Mason Parkerson Family
Ron & Alison Schneider
Ken & Sandy Turner
Melissa & Jeremy Briggs
Amanda & Ryan McCoy

Brady & Cindy Chaffin
Donna & Jim Collie
Kelli Hegarty & Michael Thurman
Chris & Shirley Johnson
Christa & Sean Murphy
Todd & Donna Reinert
James & Joni Scott
Tracy Zelinski & Marvin Lang
Charles & Christine Steinkuehler
Paul & Tracy Wagner

Jorge & Holly Chavez
Barbara Coultis
Angie Gray
Jeff & Tammy Johnson
Tim & Kathy Noonan
Tracy & Kathy Schnacker
Michele & Delbert Smith
Loren & Lori Zook
Andy & Gloria Keating
Dustin & Angela Dick

\$20 Individual & Staff Charger PRIDE Members

Jennifer Austin
Bob & Nancy Rohr

Horsley
Donneisha & Marlon Smith

Cherylene Lovett
Kay Usrey

IS YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST? WE WANT YOUR NAME ON THIS LIST !!!

LIST WILL BE UPDATED FOR THE NEXT SPORTING EVENT.

Don't let your PRIDE go unnoticed join WSP now!

Contact Doug Shima at shimad@kscourts.org with questions or to sign up!

WESTSIDE PRIDE MEETINGS -- 2nd Monday of each month.

All meetings begin at 6 pm and are held at the TWHS Library Media Center.



Please join us in supporting Topeka West High School and check your level of participation:

\$150 Super Charger PRIDE Membership – Charger Yard Sign, name is published, coupon for Purple Pride merchandise, Activity Punch Card for entrance to 10 Topeka West events & your membership dollars support school activities.

\$50 Family Charger PRIDE Membership – Charger Yard Sign, name is published, coupon for Purple Pride merchandise & your membership dollars support school activities.

\$20 Individual Charger & Staff PRIDE Membership – Charger Yard Sign, name is published & your membership dollars support school activities.

Volunteer Charger PRIDE Membership – Donate time and participate in activities sponsored by Westside Pride.

Names will appear in the Activities Programs produced during the year.

Please provide your contact information:

Name (as you want printed in publications) _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening or Cell Phone _____

Student(s) & Grade _____

Email address (used only for Westside Pride notices) _____

Return form and payment to "Westside Pride Booster Club". Return to Westside Pride mailbox in A Office or mail to Douglas T. Shima, 3559 SW Summerwood Rd., Topeka, KS 66614 – Contact shimad@kscourts.org or contact Doug Shima to **Pay Dues with Credit Card**



WE NEED

YOUR HELP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP IN OUR CONCESSION STAND DURING
THE BASKETBALL SEASON!

CONTACT DOUG SHIMA @ DSHIMA@KSCOURTS.ORG OR SIGN UP AT
[HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/CLIENT/INVITATION2/SECURE/2419177/FALSE#/INVITATION](https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2419177/false#/invitation)

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

SECOND SEMESTER ENROLLMENT FOR SENIORS: Some seniors elect to enroll in a shortened schedule. To be eligible for honor roll, students must be enrolled in five "letter-graded" classes. "Classroom Assistant" is not a letter-graded class. A student must be enrolled in five classes to participate in competitive activities and be considered a full-time student.

SECOND SEMESTER COURSES: Students should be visiting with their counselor now to update their second semester schedule. The last day to make schedule changes for second semester is Monday, December 17, 2018.

COLLEGE CLASSES: It's not too late! On Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5 p.m. in the Topeka West Media Center students can still sign up for concurrent credit courses on the Topeka West campus for second semester. A junior or senior must have a cumulative 3.00 g.p.a.. In addition, a subscore of 22 on the math section of the ACT is required for College Algebra. The deadline to submit for a concurrent enrollment form or drop a course is January 25, 2019

TWHS/WASHBURN TECH. CONNECTION: Your student has the opportunity to participate in programs at Washburn Institute of Technology while they are attending Topeka West. Eligible students must be at least 16, classified as a junior or senior, and have sufficient credits to graduate with their class. No tuition charges are assessed students in high school. It is on a first come/first served basis.

EIGHTH GRADE PARENT NIGHT will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

2018-2019 ACT TESTING INFORMATION

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	(LATE FEE REQUIRED)
February 9, 2019	January 11, 2019	January 18, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 25, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 20, 2019
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 24, 2019

(Registration materials are available in the Counseling Center, or students may register online at www.act.org)

LOCATION: Topeka West High School - B Building

REPORT BY 7:45 a.m.

If testing location questions - please call Roxana Peraza, Counselor 438-4036

Topeka West High School Code: 172-928

TWHS CENTER CODE: 176190

Students must bring photo I.D., calculator, #2 pencils, and their admission ticket.

Two weeks prior to test. Students must upload their photo to ACT.org

SAT: Saturday, March 9, 2019 (www.collegeboard.com)

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

KANSAS HONORS PROGRAM



Congratulations to the following seniors who represent the top 10% of the Class of 2019. These twenty-five students were recognized by the University of Kansas Alumni Association on Monday, October 15 at Topeka High School. Each student received a commemorative program recognizing their achievement.

Kiora Brooks	Corbin Cool	Cameron Cropper	Courtney Diec	John Eddy	Dawson Essary
Zach Forshee	Mara Gilbreath	Neva Gonzales	Angel Gonzalez	Alexis Harrison	Dawson Heymans
Gideon Hockenbarger	Caleb Jennings	Maya Miller	Hannah Nystrom	Taylor Province	Gabby Rivera
Joshua Rohr	Zoe Tippets	Alanna Walker	Erin Watts	Shawn Wilson	Elizabeth Winkelman
Riley Zook					



KAY News Release

ATTEND 2018 KAY REGIONAL CONFERENCE

6 members of the Topeka West KAY Club attended the Area 1 KAY Regional Conference on 11-12-18 at Blue Valley Overland Park, KS

The Club received the Blue Award recognizing their student leadership and service to their school, community, nation and world for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) is a character-building, leadership training program directed by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. This nationally acclaimed organization provides students an opportunity to learn to assume civic citizenship responsibilities and to enrich their personalities through well organized programs. These programs emphasize four areas of service: school, community, nation, and world.

The theme for the 2018 Regional Conference was "Building Dreams" This conference affords opportunities for student leaders and sponsors from neighboring clubs to share successes and challenges, as well as exchange ideas. Sessions in leadership training and organizational skills are also offered. Twelve conferences inspire delegates to return to their clubs to challenge their local members. Local KAY members attending the Regional Conference were:

- a. Robert Preyer
- b. Jaden Preyer
- c. Chase Holstein
- d. Leo Barnes
- e. Bryce Proskell
- f. Rebecca Hiebert

Accompanying the group was Angel Ramirez Sa, the club's sponsor(s).

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR—This information is to be delivered to your local news media and your school paper. (Please indicate information as you see fit.) Consider including a group photo with this news release.



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

FALL SEMESTER ACADEMIC SCHEDULE REVIEW AND FINALS

Mon., December 7
until
Fri., December 21

College & Career Events

- 12/1 - Priority FAFSA Deadline for KU, KSU, and FHSU
- 12/5 - Pizza to Pass in the TWHS Cafeteria from 3:15-5:00
- 12/6 - Accuplacer given at TWHS in the library (Deadline to sign up has passed)
- 12/6 - Washburn Tech rep at TWHS all day
- 12/7 - Electrify your Schools Field Trip
- 12/8 - ACT given at TWHS in B Building (Deadline to sign up has passed)
- 12/12 - Pizza to Pass in the TWHS Cafeteria from 3:15-5:00
- 12/12 - FAFSA Night at TWHS 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the TWHS library
- 12/13 - Washburn Tech rep at TWHS all day
- 12/14 - Deadline to apply for Rudd Foundation Scholarship
- 12/19 - Pizza to Pass in the TWHS Cafeteria from 3:15-5:00
- 12/20 - Washburn Tech rep at TWHS all day

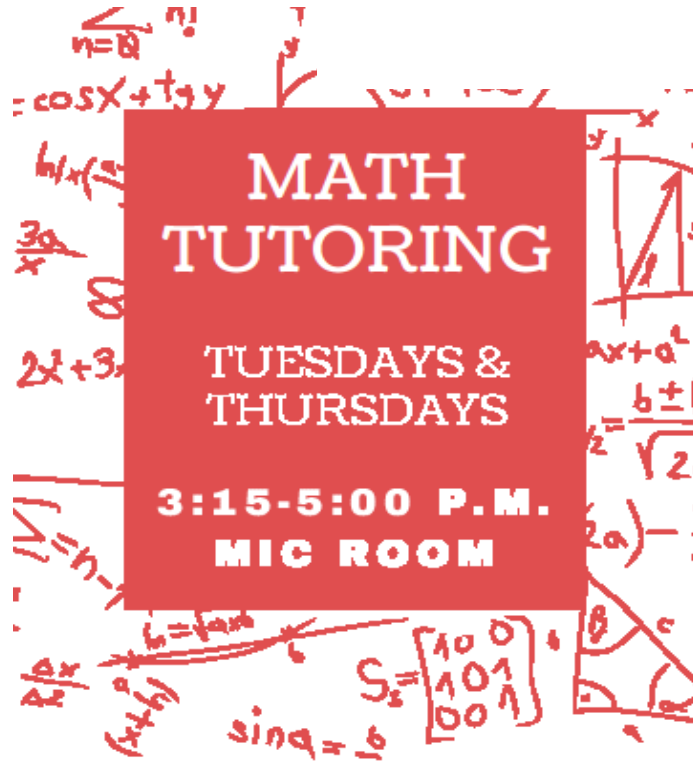
Winter Break December 24 - January 8



MATH TUTORING

TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS

3:15-5:00 P.M.
MIC ROOM



Financial Aid Help

FAFSA Night



**Seniors we will
help you complete your FAFSA!**

Bring:

Chromebook

Parent/ Guardian

2017 Tax Return

December 12, 2018

5:30-7:30pm

In the Library

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

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These are all of the state and local scholarships that are available online at <https://sites.google.com/a/tps501.org/twhs--gifted-education/scholarships>, in the North Alcove, or in the library. If you have any questions or need help stop by the North Alcove of the Café or email Ms. Steinkuehler at csteinkuehler@tps501.org. And remember you cannot get scholarships that you do not apply for!

December 5th —Garvey Scholarship Exam at Washburn University [Washburn University Garvey Exam Scholarship](#)

- For students planning to attend WU scholarships given to the top 30 scorers on the test.
- Cumulative high school GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Annual scholarships of \$500 to \$2,000
- Completed application for admission, official high school transcripts, and official ACT score are needed.

November 30th—Martin Luther King Living the Dream

--Applications available in the North Alcove, or in the library or on Ms. S's webpage
Or at [Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Scholarship](#)

- Must have a 2.5 GPA and financial need
- Transcript, two high school reference letters, wallet sized picture
- Essay on your goals and objectives and how they relate to Dr. King's goals and/or objectives
- several \$1,000 scholarships

December 14th--Rudd Scholarship--

- Must be going to WSU, ESU or FHSU
- Full tuition, room and board and books for 4 years
- Must have a 3.0 GPA
- Must be PELL eligible
- Apply at [Rudd Foundation Scholarships](#)

November 30th--Washburn University Leadership Scholarship

<http://www.washburn.edu/academics/leadership-institute/scholarships/scholarships-incoming-students.html>

- Students must participate in Washburn's Leadership Studies Program
- 3.0 GPA
- Resume, application, transcript, essay

January 15th--Topeka Community Foundation Scholarships

--[Topeka Community Foundation Scholarships](#)

- Multiple scholarships with a variety of requirements and award amounts.

January 31th—Shawnee County Master Gardener Program

[Shawnee County Master Gardener Scholarship](#)

- Multiple \$500 scholarships
- Must be a senior with a 3.0 GPA
- Application, letters of recommendation, essay

February 8th--Topeka Legal and Professional

- One \$300 scholarship whose entry is sent to the state contest (which has a prize of an additional \$750--we have had several students who won both in recent years)
- One \$200 scholarship
- Transcript, 2 letters of recommendation, one page autobiography
- Applications available on Ms. S.' webpage or in the North Alcove or library

REQUIRED FORMS FOR PARTICIPATION IN TWHS CHARGER SPORTS

The link for the physical form is:

<https://drive.google.com/a/tps501.org/file/d/0B5UqcFuWLw7pekc3djRaYIR6Mlk/view>

The link for the concussion form is:

<https://drive.google.com/a/tps501.org/file/d/0B5UqcFuWLw7peHFWNnNhdmVtbU0/view>

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

On Wednesday, November 14, the Washburn University Communication Department hosted the Fall 2018 Nall Speak Off Competition. A bi-annual competition, the Nall Speak Off is an informative speaking contest, comprised of beginning students from the various CN150 Public Speaking sections being offered this semester at Washburn University and the High School CEP courses. Topeka West had three entrants this semester, Courtney Diec, Sr., Olivia Lopez, Sr., and Luke Phelps-Roper, Jr. Students present a 4-6 minute informative speech to a panel of judges in a preliminary round, and then the top 6 student speakers advance to the finals. After preliminary competition, Courtney Diec placed into the final round and was awarded 3rd and a \$200.00 scholarship award. This is truly an accomplishment, and we are proud of our Topeka West students who chose to participate in this college competition.

POPSOCKETS



Show your school spirit and support the Westsiders Dance Team with the purchase of a Topeka West Popsocket!

\$10 each

Available for purchase at the December 14th & December 21st basketball games, or from Sydney Ho (C303, sho@tps501.org).

These versatile phone stands/holders make a great stocking stuffer.

WINTER BREAK

Friday, December 21, 2018 until Monday, January 7, 2019

SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Topeka West Westsiders Dance Team. Come in to the Chipotle at **2040 SW Wanamaker Road # 103** in Topeka on **Tuesday, December 18th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. 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 Topeka West Westsiders Dance Team.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total fundraiser sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

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Volunteers Needed!

The Westside Pride Booster Club, in conjunction with the coaches of Topeka West's **baseball, softball** and **golf** programs, are all undertaking an effort to construct two multipurpose batting cages southwest of the Topeka West gymnasium. Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities. If you have some special skills or are simply interested in helping to improve the facilities Topeka West has available for their student athletes please step forward. Contact any of the head coaches:

Baseball – Coach Tetuan – jtetuan@tps501.org

Softball - Coach Zook – lzook@tps501.org

Golf – Coach Mariani – rmariani@tps501.org

Or, contact Booster Club member Randy Speaker - (785)409-0555 – rspeaker1@gmail.com

Working together we can accomplish almost everything. Hope to hear from you soon.



Middle School Meal Prices

Breakfast Reduced .30/ \$4.50
 Lunch Reduced .40/ \$6.00
 Full Pay \$1.70/ \$25.50 Full Pay \$2.70/ \$40.50



Nutrition Tip: Practice stealth health - sneak veggies into favorite foods. Go light on the meat and top your pizza with vegetables like tomatoes, nions, bell peppers, mushrooms, zucchini, and artichoke hearts.



Monday

Donut or Breakfast Burrito **5**
 Taco Burger
 Meatball Sub
 Cheeseburger w/Fries
 Cheese Stuffed Crust Pizza /Dip
 Veggie Burger w/Fries

Tuesday

Sausage & Cheese Bagel Or Yogurt **3**
 Happy December Birthdays!
 Spicy Chicken Alfredo
 Fish & Cheese Sandwich
 Rodeo Grilled Chicken w/Fries
 Veggie Stuffed Crust Pizza
 Veggie Burger w/Fries

Wednesday

*BYO Breakfast Burrito **4**
 Fiesta Pizza
 Spicy Chicken Sandwich
 Krisp N Krunchy Chicken Strips
 Yogurt w/String Ch, Cheez Its, Graham
 Pintos N Pico w/Tortilla Chips

Thursday

Cinn. Roll or *Pancake Porky **6**
 Burrito w/Chips & Queso
 BBQ Rib Sandwich w/Ginger Cookies
 Pizza Burger w/Fries
 Egg Salad Sandwich
 Black Beans w/Quinoa & Graham

Friday

Fresh Donut or as a *Sandwich **7**
 New Chicken Soft Taco
 *Pizza Hut Pizza
 Corndog w/Fries
 Pizza Hut Pizza Cheese or Veggie
 Black Bean Burger w/Fries

Donut or Apple Cinn Toast **10**
 Enchiladas w/Rice
 Chicken Drumstick w/Rolls
 Cheeseburger w/Fries
 Cheese Stuffed Crust Pizza w/Sauce
 Veggie Burger w/Fries

Breakfast Pizza Or Yogurt **11**
 Crisritos w/Cheesauce
 Boneless Buffalo Chicken Bites w/Roll
 Spicy Chicken Strips w/Onion Rings
 Fiesta Bowl
 Apple Slices w/PB, Cheez Its, Graham

*BYO Breakfast Bowl **12**
 Manwich
 Fajita Chicken Hoagie
 Big Daddy's Pizza w/Fries
 Omelet Biscuit Sandwich
 Black Bean Salsa w/Tortilla Chips

Cinn Roll or Fr. Toast w/*Sausage **13**
 *Holiday Ham Dinner
 Boneless Crispy Chicken Bites w/Rolls
 Country Fried Steak Sandwich w/Fries
 Mac N Cheese with a Roll
 Hummus w/Naked Pita Chip&Graham

Fresh Donut or as a *Sandwich **14**
 Corn Dog
 *Pizza Hut Pizza
 Spicy Chicken Sandwich w/Fries
 Pizza Hut Cheese or Veggie Pizza
 Black Bean Burger w/Fries

Donut or *Pancake Porky **17**
 Krisp N Krunchy Chicken Wrap
 Walking Taco
 Cheeseburger w/Fries
 Omelet, Tortilla, & Graham
 Hummus, Naked Pita Chip& Goldfish

Pancakes w/*Sausage or Yogurt **18**
 Chicken Rings w/ Chorltes & Roll
 BBQ Rib Sandwich
 Rodeo Grilled Chicken w/Fries
 Veggie Stuffed Crust Pizza
 Veggie Burger w/Fries

*BYO Breakfast Burrito **19**
 Pizza Dipper, String Cheese, Sauce
 B. Potato w/chili & cheese, & Rolls
 Krisp N Krunchy Chicken Strips
 Yogurt w/String Ch, Cheez Its, Graham
 Pintos N Pico w/Tortilla Chips

Cinn Roll or Chicken N Waffle **20**
 Baked Spaghetti w/Garlic Bread
 Oriental Chicken w/Rice & Eggroll
 Pizza Burger w/Fries
 Egg Salad Sandwich
 Black Beans w/Quinoa & Graham

Fresh Donut or as a *Sandwich **21**
 Hamburger Sliders w/Cookie
 *Pizza Hut Pizza w/Cookie
 Corndog w/Fries
 Pizza Hug Cheese or Veggie Pizza
 Black Bean Burger w/Fries

No School **24**

No School **25**

No School **26**

No School **27**

No School **28**

No School **31**



No School **26**

Menu Subject to Change
 *Pork



MyPaymentsPlus & TOPEKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Making Life a Whole Lot Easier

With MyPaymentsPlus.com, you can:

- View your child's account balance online, anytime
- Quickly make payments toward your student's meals (auto-pay also available)
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- Set up automatic e-mail reminders to notify you when the balance is low

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Parents are encouraged to create a FREE account at:
www.MyPaymentsPlus.com

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- Visit www.MyPaymentsPlus.com
- Click "Register a FREE account" and follow the simple onscreen instructions
- Add your student by using their Student ID number



Once you complete your free registration, enter your login information below:

Username:

Password:

www.MyPaymentsPlus.com



4th Annual Topeka West Alumni Men's Basketball Games

December 28th at TWHS Gym

Deadline is Dec. 16th

\$15 per player (includes T-shirt)



Game Times
(Odds vs Even years)

1:30 Old Timers Pre-1990

3:00 1991-1999

4:30 2000-2005

6:00 2006-2011

8:00 2012-2017

YOU MUST HAVE GRADUATED AND PLAYED FOR TWHS

Name _____

Class of _____

Coached by _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Shirt size _____

Please send this form with payment to:

Rick Bloomquist
2001 SW Fairlawn Rd
Topeka, KS 66604

Or contact Coach Bloomquist at (620) 343-5102 – rbloomquist@tps501.org

I release Topeka West High School and USD501 staff and volunteers from all liability in the event of an injury during my participation in the alumni classic.

Signature

Date

REGULAR	Monday/Tuesday/Friday	Wednesday	Thursday
	1ST: 7:55 - 8:42 2ND: 8:47 - 9:34 3RD: 9:39 - 10:26 SEMINAR: 10:31 - 11:02 4TH: 11:07 - 11:54	2ND: 7:55 - 9:29 3RD: 9:35 - 10:22 SEMINAR: 10:27 - 11:10	1ST: 7:55 - 9:29 3RD: 9:35 - 10:22 SEMINAR: 10:27 - 11:10
	5TH: 1ST LUNCH: 11:54 - 12:24 CLASS: 12:29 - 1:16	4TH: 1ST LUNCH: 11:15 - 11:45 CLASS: 11:45 - 1:20	5TH: 1ST LUNCH: 11:15 - 11:45 CLASS: 11:45 - 1:20
	2ND LUNCH: 12:46 - 1:16 CLASS: 11:59 - 12:46	2ND LUNCH: 12:50 - 1:20 CLASS: 11:15 - 12:50	2ND LUNCH: 12:50 - 1:20 CLASS: 11:15 - 12:50
	6TH: 1:21 - 2:08 7TH: 2:13 - 3:00	6TH: 1:26 - 3:00	7TH: 1:26 - 3:00
	1ST LUNCH: BUILDINGS - A, B, C, MEDIA, ANNEXES 2ND LUNCH: D, E, SCIENCE, GYM		



Topeka Public Schools

District Calendar // 2018-2019 #WeAreTPS

JULY 2018							AUGUST 2018							SEPTEMBER 2018						
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JANUARY 2019							FEBRUARY 2019							MARCH 2019						
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APRIL 2019							MAY 2019							JUNE 2019						
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KEY Staff Duty Day School in Session Staff Duty Day No Students Parent-Teacher Conferences ▶ Beginning of Term/Session ◀ End of Term/Session

The Topeka Public Schools, Unified School District No. 503 is committed to affirmative action and equal opportunity. No person shall, on the basis of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, ability, national origin or ancestry be denied lawful access to any supervised educational service, program or activity provided by the central district. Title VI and Title IX compliance coordinator is the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching/Learning/Professional Development. The Section 504/Title II compliance coordinator is the Coordinator of Career and General Study Services. For employment, the REG/AA officer is the general supervisor of human resources. All compliance coordinators may be contacted at 624 SW 24th Street, Topeka, KS 66611-1294. (785) 295-3032. The clerk of the Board of Education has been designated to resolve and mediate or handle inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies, regulations and provisions. The clerk may be contacted by calling (785) 295-3035 or by writing to 624 SW 24th Street, Topeka, KS 66611-1294.

JULY

26 In person registration 7:30 am to 7 pm, at each school
31 Online registration ends

AUGUST

7-13 Staff on duty; No students
14 First day for elementary, 6th, 9th, Capital City High School and Hope Street Academy.
15 All students K-12 report
23 First day for pre-school

SEPTEMBER

3 Labor Day - No school

OCTOBER

15 Staff on duty; Flex day; No students
16 Staff professional development; No students
24 Parent Teacher Conferences
25 Parent Teacher Conferences - No school
26 No school

NOVEMBER

21-23 Thanksgiving break, No school

DECEMBER

24-31 Winter break, No school

JANUARY

1-3 Winter break, No school
4 Staff on duty; Flex day; No students
7 Staff Professional development; No students
21 Martin Luther King, Jr Day, No school

FEBRUARY

20 Parent Teacher Conferences
21 Parent Teacher Conferences - No school
22 No School

MARCH

11-15 Spring break, No school
22 Staff on duty; Flex day; No students

APRIL

29 Staff professional development; No students

MAY

16 Last day for Shelton and Pine Ridge
18 High school commencement
21 Alternate back-up date for commencement
22 Last day for 6th and 7th grade
23 Last day for all classes - half day
24 Staff on duty; Flex day; No students

• Elementary Schools: "Late Start" on Fridays. School starts at 9:30 am except 8/17 when school starts at 8:40 am.
• This calendar is subject to change based on negotiations. For the latest information about TPS including changes to the calendar, visit www.topeka.k12.ks.us