

With Sincere Condolences

On Sunday, March 26, 2018, Woodstown High School student and valued member of our community, Tim Crim, was killed in a tragic automobile accident. Tim was a junior at Woodstown High School and a special part of the Woodstown family. Tim was an active member of our Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute club and was planning on becoming a Youth Advisory Counselor for the group this upcoming school year.

Tim was a Junior Firefighter with the Elmer Fire Department and was working hard toward becoming a Probationary Firefighter. Tim hailed from a long family tradition of service and firefighters, with his late grandfather and late father and his uncle all serving as past chiefs, as well as his brother and cousins, all firefighters.

Tim was also a member of Boy Scout Troop 60 in Daretown. Tim was always willing to help others and was passionate about treating everyone with kindness and respect. Please remember Tim and his family during this very difficult time.

Dear Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School Students, Parents, Colleagues, Alumni and Friends:

Daylight Savings Time is here, and spring is upon us. This spring it is a pleasure to reflect on the various literacy activities our students enjoyed in conjunction with Read Across America week, and the many musical happenings across the District. Our students are talented.

With tax season upon us, it is time to discuss our fiscal responsibility to our students and to the residents of our town. The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Public Schools have made a commitment to operate under the 2% budgetary cap. Within the cap, we adhere to the following fiscal premise:

- The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Public Schools will create a budget that is educationally sound and continues to provide outstanding opportunities for our students
- The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Public Schools will prepare a budget that is fiscally sound yet is sensitive to the economic climate
- The Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Public Schools will make decisions that will maintain the integrity of the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Public Schools for future years

Essential facets of the school budget that will be continued include mathematics and science curriculum upgrades to reflect our New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Math and Science Curricula at Woodstown Middle School; Mathematics Pilot Programming at the Woodstown High School; Interdisciplinary/Cross Content curriculum initiatives and Anti-bullying/Character Education initiatives at all levels will all be maintained.

Technology upgrades with regard to student devices, internet speed, and smart board and smart table pilot programming will ensue. Faculty and staff development is included in our budget as well. School-based book clubs via professional learning communities (PLC's) will continue. Differentiated Instruction will continue to be a focus. In-house workshops will be presented to keep our staff on target to meet student growth objectives, professional development goals and continuously improve the overall learning process for our students.

Our annual budget hearing will occur at our Thursday, April 26, 2018 Board of Education Meeting. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm in the Mary Shoemaker Gym. Please consider joining us.

Now we are off to enjoy our Spring Break. School resumes on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. After Spring Break, we have 54 days of school left before summer break. As we all know, that time will fly by! I look forward to warmer weather and a successful spring season for all.