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"THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE"

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*Nothing can dim the
light which shines from
within*

-Maya Angelou



Save These Dates:

PTSA Meetings

Monday, November 14

Monday, December 12

Monday, January 9

All Meetings Start At
6p.m.

Contact:

Ms. D. Wallace

973-412-2293

HSPA Test Dates:

March 6-8

HSPA Prep:

10/1-2/24

Zero Period:

7:20-8:20

Tenth Period:

3:00-4:00

Salute Our New Addition to the Newark Tech Family



Mr. Oge Denis

Mr. Oge Denis, our new principal, is personable, passionate, and mentally strong. He is ready for a year that will bring forth much success. Knowledgeable in the area of school safety due to his position as Director of School Safety & Student Affairs for the Atlanta School District, as well as the vice principal at Irvington High School, he is very much aware of the challenges that one can face within a school.

Mr. Denis expects excellence from each and every one of his students, especially the Juniors. Every year the Juniors take the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) that determines if they qualify to graduate. Since Mr. Denis was once a Math supervisor and teacher, he is more than equipped to help each child pass the HSPA, and he expects each student to receive advanced proficiency.

As the new principal, he also has expectations for himself. He expects nothing less than excellence, and that is why the school's new motto is:

*"It takes a deep commitment to change and
an even deeper commitment to grow"*

-Ralph Ellison

THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE. In reviewing the excellent scores of Newark Tech in the past, he continues to raise the bar. He plans to lead by example by visiting classrooms and listening to all the Newark Tech Family. "I expect that all teachers will do their best with the children within view. I don't want them to demean them but support them to do their best."

A school is filled with aspects of the future. High school is the start of success. "I WILL take all of you into consideration," say Mr. Denis. "I work for you." "I am completely fair but no student will get over," continues Mr. Denis. He expects for all children to do their best, to do their job efficiently and so will he.

When asked if there was anything that he wants the school to know about him, he stated, "I cannot read you, when you want anything, JUST ASK."



Mr. Oge Denis, Mrs. Robinson and the Morning Announcement Crew



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Mrs. Ayisha Ingram-Robinson is the new vice principal at the Mighty Newark Tech. Mrs. Robinson's aspirations and goals are very close to that of Mr. Denis. Mrs. Robinson has a strong passion for children and teaching. "Work isn't work" she states. She believes in helping students in any way she can without expecting anything in return. "Children need attention; they need nurturing, and they need a better life."

Mrs. Robinson expects all students to do their best. Though fair and consistent, she remains

firm and encourages students to communicate with her through an open-door policy. While at Newark Tech, she expects that the students will approach her with an open heart, willing to receive help.

In receiving this position, she has high goals and expectations for Newark Tech. "I expect all of the students to succeed." She not only does have expectations for the students but also for herself. She yearns to make a difference within Newark Tech and to give 100%. She will definitely hold students to the standards in every way possible: economically, socially, and most importantly, academically.

Newark Tech is a family and will always be a family. We have a certain environment that was set in place and has been laid here to continue. Ms. Robinson plans to continue the

culture of care and to help us all succeed as a building. She desires to cater to all students and give them all opportunities. She will make certain sacrifices and give guidance when needed.

Ms. Robinson has years of experience and education to enable her to become a part of our family. She graduated from Ramapo College with a undergraduate degree in Mathematics, and received her certificate in Supervision and Administration from St. Peter's College and her Masters in Mathematics from NJCU. Currently, she is pursuing a Doctorate degree in Mathematics.

Meet Our New Teachers



Mr. Rock (Science Teacher)

Q: How much experience do you have in teaching?

A: I have been a teacher for 10 years and counting.

Q: What college did you go to to attain your degree?

A: I went to the University of South California.

Q: How is your experience at Newark Tech so far?

A: So far so good; it has been very exciting.

Q: In reviewing the new motto, The Pursuit of Excellence, what do you think?

A: I feel that you can never set the bar too high.

Q: What do you expect from the students?

A: I expect them to be strong students, I expect 100% from them, I expect mutual respect, and want the students to have fun.

Mr. Ferrara (Science Teacher)

Q: How much experience do you have in teaching?

A: I have been teaching for 16 years.

Q: What college did you attend?

A: I went to the College of New Jersey and Rutgers New Brunswick where I received my Masters in Science Education and in Education administration.

Q: How do you view Newark Tech?

A: I like it. It is a very nice school, and I enjoy being here.

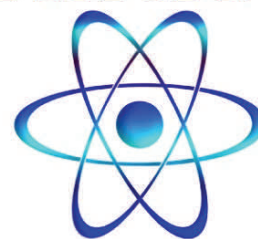
Q: How do you feel about Mr. Denis's motto "The Pursuit of Excellence?"

A: I think it is wonderful.

Q: How do you expect the students to behave?

A: I expect the students to have appropriate behavior, to ask questions when they do not understand a concept, to try their best, and to enjoy science.

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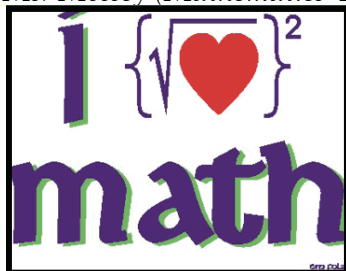
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Ms. Mossey (Mathematics Teacher)



A: I used to work at Newark Renaissance House and Passaic Valley High School teaching Mathematics.

Q: What college did you attend?

A: I went to Montclair State University where I got my Bachelors in Science and in Mathematics.

Q: How do you feel about your opportunity here at Newark Tech?

A: I am very excited to teach the Freshmen here. Freshmen are coming straight out of middle school, so they either really hate or love Math, and I want to be the one who can get them to love math.

Q: What do you expect from your students?

A: I expect them to come to class, willing and excited about learning.

Q: How much experience do you have in teaching?

A: I have tutored at Bloomfield Tech and Essex County College.

Q: What college do you attend?

A: I attend Essex County College working towards my Associates Degree; I plan to go to Montclair State to achieve my Masters in Mathematics.

Q: How do you feel about your opportunity here at Newark Tech?

A: I am very excited. It is a nice opportunity to gain experience in teaching and to attain knowledge. I am very passionate about teaching.

Q: When did your passion for teaching develop?

A: I developed a passion for teaching when I was in high school. I was always good at Math so my teacher would ask me to help the other students, and I fell in love with it.

Q: Who have you assisted so far this year?

A: I have helped Mr. Boa, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Julien, Mr. Kay, Mr. Dedalonis and Mr. Carloni in English translation.



Ms. Plaza (Teacher's Aid)



Mr. White (Carpentry Teacher)

Q: How much experience do you have in teaching?

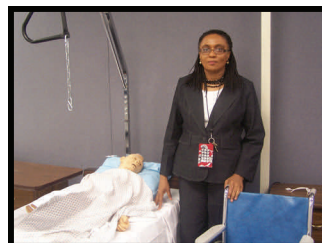
A: I have worked in carpentry for a while now. I taught at Williamsburg Vo-Tech for three years and left for Bloomfield Tech, and now I am teaching at Newark Tech.

Q: How do you feel about Newark Tech?

A: I love Newark Tech a lot.

Q: Do you have anything you want to say to the students of Newark Tech?

A: Yes, you must be prepared for what comes after high school.



Ms. Faulknor (Health Teacher)

Q: How much experience do you have in teaching?

A: I have taught other high school students before, I have taught in colleges, and in Nursing Seminars.

Q: What made you interested in a teaching career?

A: I have always been involved in teaching. When I was younger, I fell off of a tree, and this experience motivated me to work in the medical field.

Q: How do you plan on helping Newark Tech?

A: I plan to help the students by creating a more professional, positive work environment.

Q: What do you think could possibly better your teaching experience?

A: Maximizing the resources to make students' education more resourceful.



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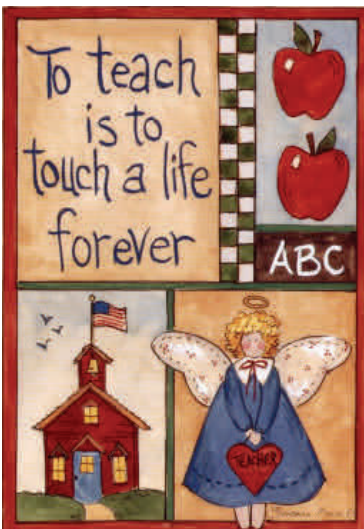
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Meet Our New Teachers...

Mr. Julien (Math Teacher)

Ms. Cataldi (Physical Education & Gym Teacher)



Q: What college did you attend?

A: I went to Rutgers- New Brunswick where I got my masters in Mathematics, and NYIT where I got my degree in engineering applied mathematics.

Q: What developed your interest in teaching?

A: At first, I was working as a lab tech, and someone asked me about my future goals, later I became a teacher.

Q: How do you feel about your experience at Newark Tech?

A: I enjoy Newark Tech, but I also have high expectations for it.

Q: What do you expect from your students?

A: I expect the students to act like honors kids, working 3x's harder. They might be from the inner city but I expect them to act like they have a chip on their shoulder in order to have the mentality of success.

Q: How much experience have you had in teaching?

A: I have been teaching for 13 years. I taught 10 years at West Caldwell High School.

Q: What college did you attend in the past?

A: I went to William Patterson

Q: How do you feel about your experience at Newark Tech?

A: It's been good. I love being around kids, I enjoy it very much.

Q: What else have you done as far as teaching goes?

A: I have been a coach for J.V. Volleyball and Softball

Q: What do you expect from your students?

A: I hope that the students have fun.



From the Desk of the Parent Coordinator- Delores Wallace

Parents

If you
can read
this,
thank a
teacher

Teachers

Students



Communication/relations with children and teachers improves

Self-esteem goes up

Education level/skills increase

Decision-making skills become stronger

Attitude toward school and school personnel improves

Greater morale (and self-esteem)

Teaching effectiveness (proficiency) increases

Job satisfaction goes up

Communication/relations with students, parents, families, and communities improves

Community support of schools increases

Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates

Better school attendance

Increased motivation, better self-esteem

Lower rates of suspension

Decreased use of drugs and alcohol

Fewer instances of violent behavior

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Message From PTSA Board

By: Kienast White (Treasurer)

The Newark Tech PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) would like to welcome you to a new and exciting school year. We're not only "On the move" but in "Pursuit of Excellence" for the students, staff and parents of Newark Tech. As we continue to promote Parent Teacher Student involvement, we would like to make our plea in inviting you to our meetings and to be a part of our association. This is a great way to get involved in your child/children's education and to gain valuable information about what's going on within the Essex County School District.

2011-2012 PTSA Executive Board Members

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We currently have 49 members and are striving for more. The PTSA meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6pm in the school's library (dates are subject to change due to inclement weather). All are welcome and encouraged to attend and/or bring another parent along with you. We also have workshops incorporated into our meetings such as Attendance, Moodle, Financial Aid, College Prep, Bullying, SAT/PSAT information and much more.

This year, we will be participating in the Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk in Military Park in Newark, NJ on Sunday, Oct. 16th.

We will also be working closely with the Senior Class, Athletic Department, Hispanic Heritage Organization, National Honor Society and the TNT Program.

Our goal is to provide assistance to the students, staff and organizations where needed.

If you would like to join the Newark Tech PTSA, please contact Ms. Delores Wallace at 973-412-2293 or dwallace@essextech.org.

"An educational system isn't worth a great deal if it teaches young people how to make a living but doesn't teach them how to make a life".



Every single person has capabilities, abilities and gifts. Living a good life depends on whether those capabilities can be used, abilities expressed and gifts given. If they are, the person will be valued, feel powerful and well-connected to the people around them. And the community around the person will be more powerful because of the contribution the person is making. -----JOHN P. KRETZMANN AND JOHN L. MCKNIGHT

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Seniors! Ready! Set! GO!!!



Planning: Use planning for success to develop a plan using hierarchical blocks to achieve anything you would like to be

Discipline: Planning means nothing if you don't have the discipline to achieve the plan. You need a foundation of physical, educational and social disciplines in order to achieve success

Execution: To maximize your efforts and energy, you need to execute your plan using time management in order to achieve what needs to be done and more importantly, recognize your accomplishments to build the motivation to continue your plan for success.

ACT Test Dates

December 10, 2011.....Deadline: November 4, 2011

February 11, 2012.....Deadline: January 13, 2012

April 14, 2012.....Deadline: March 9, 2012

June 9, 2012.....Deadline: May 4, 2012



SAT Test Dates

December 3, 2011.....Deadline: November 20

January 28, 2011.....Deadline: January 13

March 10, 2011.....Deadline: February 10

May 5, 2011.....Deadline: April 6

Jun 2, 2011.....Deadline: May 8



Are You Ready Yet?

By: Anne Fordham

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!

You're finally in your last year of high school and you're almost on your way into the real world... but ARE YOU READY YET?! This is the year you should be focusing on your next move. Are you going straight into the work force or are you preparing for higher education? If you are heading to college here are some steps to make sure you are ready.

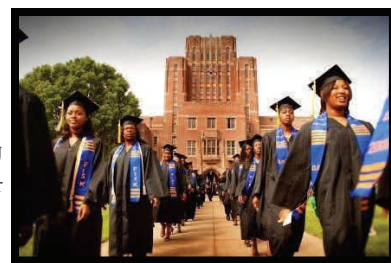
Step 1: Make Sure Your Senior Year Counts. Even though it is your senior year and you had worked so hard for the last three years of your high school life please DO NOT SLACK OFF! This is where a lot of seniors miss up. By slacking off it impacts your grade point average and the colleges will know because they are STILL WATCHING YOUR PROCESS!

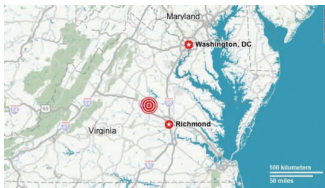
Step 2: Create an Action Plan! Gather all of your applications together. Narrow down all of your colleges that you are interested in to at least your top 8. Remember to review your college list with your parents and counselor. Make sure you get an application and the financial aid information for all of your choices. (Visiting some of the college will be best.)

Step 3: Create a Calendar. Gather your entire test dates, fees, deadlines, and college application due dates. Also include the required financial aid deadlines and your high school's deadlines for application requests.

Step 4: Get your Recommendations and Essays! Go to your top teachers for your recommendations. Make sure your personal statement is well written at least 500 words. No less than that!

Step 5: Filling Out and Remitting Applications! First decide whether you are applying to early decision. After you made your decision and you have all of your material to need to begin to start applying, it is best that you sit down with your parents and carefully fill out everything. Make sure and be thorough.





Earthquake Preparations

While no one can accurately predict a major earthquake, here are simple procedures that any farm owner can take to mitigate damage on the farm, most of which also apply to standard preparedness for other disasters:

- Have a personal and family disaster preparedness plan in place. For help, go to <http://www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm>
- Maintain building structures and foundations in proper repair.
- Bolt all shelving and cabinets solidly to wall studs, not plasterboard.
- Keep heavy objects on low shelves.
- Ensure that all cabinets have a locking mechanism to prevent opening during movement.
- Store chemicals (disinfectants, insecticides, etc.) on low shelves in a closed, sturdy cabinet. Carefully consider storage of any flammable liquids or chemicals to help prevent spillage. Never store ammonia and bleach together, as toxic gases are produced when these chemicals are mixed.
- Hang heavy objects (shelving, televisions, bookcases, etc.) away from areas where people sit.
- Use straps to secure water heaters to wall studs or supports.
- Secure all overhead lighting fixtures.
- Know where and how to turn off all utilities to buildings.
- Have all animals properly identified in case they get loose.
- Keep temporary fencing materials on hand for repair of downed fencing.
- Consider purchasing earthquake insurance.
- Remember that human safety always comes first.

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The World We Live In

By: Mr. Richard Derkacs

East Coast Earthquake

Mineral, Virginia

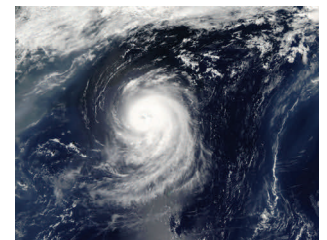
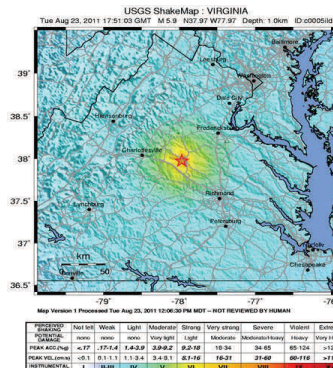


On Tuesday August 24, 2011, the eastern United States was rocked with a 5.8 earthquake, the epicenter located near the town of Mineral, Virginia near Washington DC. This earthquake was felt over a huge area ranging from Toronto, Canada down to Georgia due to the hard rocky shell of the lithosphere. This type of rock is cooler and has many inactive fault lines, so occasionally stress is released and these earthquakes can be transmitted a far distance. The west coast has soft, high temperature rock that is broken with very active faults, thus creating a more frequent number of earthquake occurrences. The residents of New Jersey should be aware of our faults, namely the Ramapo fault line. This fault line spans from central New Jersey in a North-east direction, running through Westchester County, New York where an aging Indian Point nuclear power plant is located. If there is any pressure release on the fault near the nuke plant, there can be serious consequences such as in the method of radiation escape. There is debate whether to permanently shut down Indian Point nuclear power plant located in Buchanan, New York. If it is closed, the area where we live would become a whole lot safer from a possible radiation contamination.

Remember: Irene was a tropical storm. What if she was a category 5 hurricane like Katrina?

Tropical Storm Irene

New Jersey was bombarded with more rain, wind, and destruction than it has seen in a while, not since hurricane Floyd back in 1999. This tropical storm, Irene, actually started as a Category 1 hurricane in the Caribbean. This hurricane track was on course for a direct land fall hit to the Carolinas when she was downgraded to a tropical storm. From the Carolinas, she rolled over the whole eastern seaboard which included New Jersey, New York, and New England. New Jersey suffered a great deal of destruction in lowland areas primarily in communities bordered by brooks and rivers causing a tremendous amount of flooding. Citizens now face the daunting task of trying to pick up the pieces and get their lives back to tolerable conditions. We should be concerned for them because they have to deal with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Just ask the citizens in parts of New Orleans how they were helped. Two years after Katrina, my daughter and I traveled to Biloxi, Mississippi to volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, aiding in rebuilding destroyed homes. The Gulf coast had great destruction, but most of the areas were somewhat on their way back. It was a different story when we went to New Orleans; the superdome and the French quarters were intact for the tourists but going into other parts of the city where locals lived their everyday lives, it was still in shambles, we reached the distinct conclusion that these areas were not coming back.



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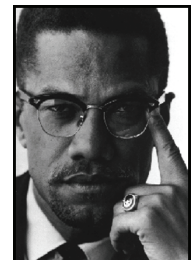
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Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and to be that perfectly

-Malcolm X

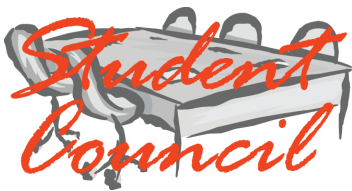


Are you a member? If not, WHY NOT?

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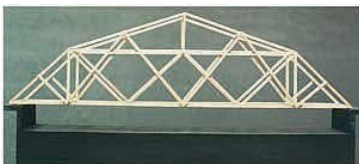
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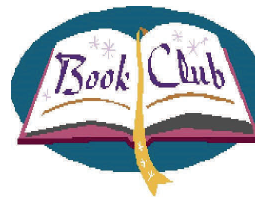
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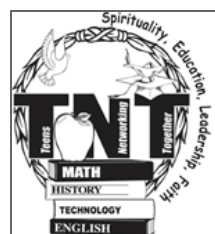
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