



CALDWELL-WEST CALDWELL | SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

GRADES 6-12 | WINTER 2022

Happy New Year!

We are excited to begin 2022! Explore the exciting curriculum offerings, developments and achievements of our schools for this quarter. Keep an eye out for further information regarding our progress towards the district goals in our upcoming Board of Education meetings.

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHTS

In an effort to model our value of community, equity, and inclusion, we are featuring monthly spotlights from our classrooms. Our World Language classes celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month and furthered their studies surrounding El Día de los Muertos and showcased their work throughout the halls at GCMS.

Upcoming Spotlights:

February - Black History Month: Click [here](#) to learn more about the 400 years of history, achievements and contributions by African Americans.

March - Women’s History Month: Click [here](#) to learn more about the achievements and contributions of women over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Please join our new family speaker series to learn specific strategies to support your child at home! Our first session will focus on [parenting anxious children](#). We will then have speakers from [New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education](#) who are committed to giving parents the tools they need to understand inclusive education practices and work with their children as a partner for their success inside and outside of the classroom. The series is designed to help create a shared understanding with families regarding community, equity, and inclusion.

Dates: Feb. 10 & 17, March 10, April 6, May 11, June 9

Time: 7-8pm

Location: Virtual (*individual links will be shared*)

Contact: Please email questions to Director of Special Services, [Erin Madara](#).



“To foster, inspire, and champion learning for all.” – Caldwell-West Caldwell School District’s Mission

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW 6-12

STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY:

James Caldwell High School students have the opportunity to participate in the Seal of Biliteracy Program where they will be assessed on the four modes of communication (reading, writing, speaking and listening). Upon successful completion, students will graduate with a distinction from New Jersey as being biliterate in a world language. The test will be administered on February 9 and 10 and the cost is \$20 per student. If you are interested in additional information or to sign up, please email Mr. Eric Lavin at

TECHNOLOGY INTERGRATION:

We are excited that every student at both James Caldwell High School and Grover Cleveland Middle School has received a district-issued device. Teachers have continued to leverage various technological tools like Nearpod, EdPuzzle, and Kahoot! to enhance instruction in their classrooms. If you are looking to further support your child with some knowledge of Google Classroom or the Google Suite, please review the following resources and reach out to your school's media specialist for further information! ([Google Classroom & Suite](#))

ASSESSMENTS:

- **Midterms:** JCHS students will take their midterm exams January 31-February 3.
- **Running Records:** Grade 6 students will have their reading levels reassessed in the coming months to determine growth and inform future instruction.
- **LinkIt:** Your child will complete mid-year online benchmark assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics in the next few weeks. The midyear assessment helps us monitor progress by giving us information on how students are performing so far, paying close attention to the standards we have already covered in our instruction.

Resources:

- [Log In and Navigate the Student Portal](#)
- [Understanding the Student Results](#)

DUAL ENROLLMENT:

James Caldwell High School has partnered with Fairleigh Dickinson University and Seton Hall University's Dual Enrollment programs to allow students to take college level courses in high school and jump start their college career. These courses introduce students to the rigor of college coursework early and help prepare them for post-secondary education.

View the [presentation](#) or [video](#) to learn more!

Winter Registration Dealines

Fairleigh Dickinson: February 15

- Sociology
- Holocaust and Genocide
- Marine Biology
- Forensic Science

Seton Hall: February 16

- Anatomy & Physiology
- Sociology
- Latin IV Honors



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