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Culture in WCPS



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Ship Facts

Undergraduates
7,200

Undergrads on Campus
2,500

Residence Halls
9

Undergraduate Programs
75

Student-to-Faculty Ratio
19:1

Clubs & Organizations
200+

Varsity Teams
18

Source www.ship.edu

Get to Know the SAT and ACT

Spring is here, which means that juniors should be taking their college-entrance exams. Although the SAT is more common in WCPS, many students also take the ACT. Both tests will be offered once more this school year—the SAT on June 2 and the ACT on June 9. Before taking either test, students should become familiar with the test format, content, and scoring procedures.

The SAT assesses critical reading, math, and writing, while the ACT includes English, reading, math and science. The ACT math sections include a bit of Trigonometry, while the SAT math stops with Alge-

bra II. The SAT also includes a required essay component, while the ACT essay section is optional. However, students should check college websites to see exactly which tests are required. Scoring is different on the tests, as well. The SAT deducts a quarter point for each wrong answer, while the ACT does not deduct for incorrect responses.

Students should spend at least ten hours preparing. Students planning to take the SAT can use their PSAT results and the TCA SAT StudyGuide to prepare. Students taking the ACT can practice at www.actstudent.org.

Website of the Month



TCA is an online SAT/PSAT preparation program made available by WCPS at no charge to our high school students. The program includes full-length practice tests, lessons and quizzes tied to students' individual skills needing improvement, printable vocabulary flashcards, and much more. Students can access the program from their school's website using their student ID number as username and password. Check it out!

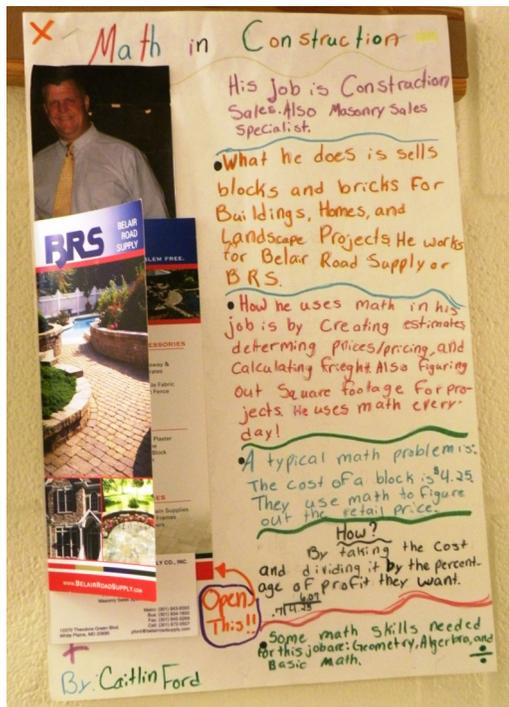
College of the Month

Located just 45 minutes from Hagerstown, Shippensburg University offers 75 undergraduate programs, 8 pre-professional programs such as pre-vet and pre-med, and 7 affiliate programs that allow students to earn combined

undergraduate and graduate degrees through an accelerated program. All classes are taught by faculty members, not graduate assistants. Ship offers tuition discounts to out-of-state students whose combined SAT criti-



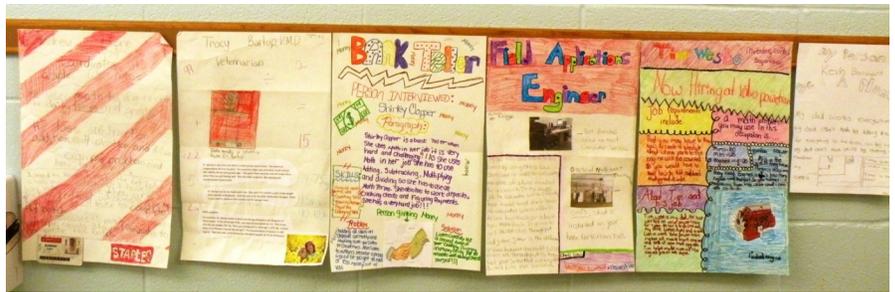
cal reading and math scores are 1200 or better or who rank in the top 10% of their class. Tuition discounts are also available for STEM majors. Go, Raiders!



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School Spotlight: Old Forge

Last year, Old Forge Elementary School teachers helped their 4th grade students see the connection between schoolwork and the skills needed for success in life. Students interviewed adults in their lives to learn about their job responsibilities and how math is used in their careers. Students then organized the information onto posters and shared with their classmates. Old Forge has also continued its Career Lunch Bunches this year. Community speakers included a pediatrician, a potter, a biologist, a dentist, and WCPs Network Administrator, Todd Moats. All fifth grade students are given the opportunity to attend at least two Lunch Bunches during the year. Thanks to Enrichment Teacher Lisa Keyser for sharing the activities and photos.



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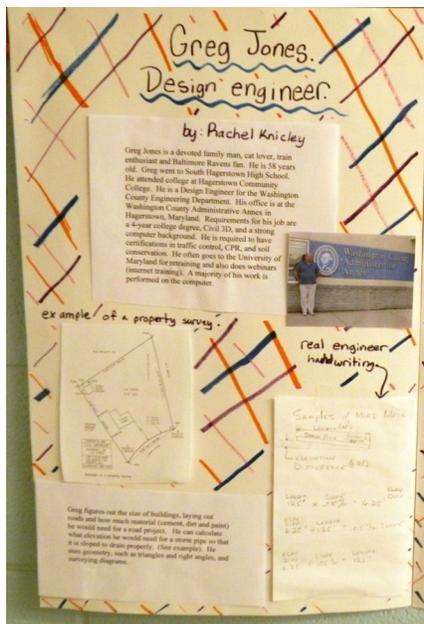
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