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HOMECOMING 2024

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

25TH ANNUAL WPSD HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2024

300 E. SWISSVALE AVE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15218

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024



NEW YORK
SCHOOL FOR THE
DEAF – FANWOOD



VS

WESTERN PA
SCHOOL FOR THE
DEAF



4:30PM
TEEGARDEN FIELD



NEW YORK
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VS

WESTERN PA
SCHOOL FOR THE
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6:00PM
MAIN GYM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024



WESTERN PA
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9:00 AM
MAIN GYM



WESTERN PA
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DEAF – FANWOOD



10:30 AM
TEEGARDEN FIELD



SENIOR RECOGNITION
SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL, ESPORTS



12:30 PM
MAIN GYM



WPSD COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY



1:00 – 4:00 PM

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SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2024

300 E. SWISSVALE AVE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15218

**SOCCER & VOLLEYBALL
GAMES!**

ADMISSION:

\$5.00 – FRIDAY GAMES

\$5.00 – SATURDAY GAMES

**\$10.00 – FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
GAMES**



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300 East Swissvale Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1469

Dear Players, Parents, Coaches, Fans, and Community Members,

We would like to warmly welcome everyone to our beautiful campus as we gather to celebrate this year's Homecoming, highlighting volleyball and soccer matches between the New York School for the Deaf Tornadoes and the WPSD Lions. We encourage all to support the spirit of the occasion by:

1. Enjoying the games with enthusiasm!
2. Celebrating sportsmanship: Respect all players, coaches, and officials. Win or lose.
3. Creating lasting memories: Enjoy and embrace the homecoming weekend spirit, starting with the Friday pep rally and crowning of the homecoming King and Queen, the Friday/Saturday matches, and ending with the Homecoming Dance.

Let's make this Homecoming a celebration to remember! Your presence and positive energy will make all the difference. In addition to our homecoming matches, we hope you take the opportunity to attend our Community Block Party on the corner of East Swissvale Avenue and Walnut Street after the games on Saturday.

We thank everyone for their hard work to make this special weekend possible. We also extend our appreciation to everyone for coming to support NYSD and WPSD.



Sincerely,

Kevin McDonough
Superintendent



Carrie Rain
Executive Director



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Dear Student-Athletes, Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

It is with great joy we welcome you to the 25th WPSD Homecoming! We are thankful you are here! This special occasion is not just a celebration of our school's rich history, but also a testament to the vibrant Deaf culture that unites us all.

Homecoming provides an invaluable opportunity for us to come together, celebrate our shared experiences, and strengthen the bonds within our community. It's a time to reconnect with old friends, make new memories, and immerse ourselves in the culture that defines us. Through socializing and participating in various activities, we honor our traditions and reinforce the spirit of camaraderie and support that is central to Deaf culture. Our WPSD Homecoming Committee has been working hard for the last couple of weeks to make this a successful event!

We want to thank the WPSD Booster Club for their contribution to our Senior Banners. You will see these banners located on the side of the gymnasium. Be sure to check them out when you get a chance. We also would like to thank LionWorks for all of their hard work for WPSD Homecoming, such as the program book, banners, and signs.

We deeply appreciate the unwavering support and encouragement our parents and families provide for our student-athletes. Their commitment and dedication play a crucial role in their success, and we are truly grateful for their partnership in our student-athletes journey.

Thank you to the New York School for the Deaf Fanwood for their willingness to participate in this weekend's festivities. We look forward to the friendly competition and the opportunity to create lifelong friendships and memories.

Be sure to check out our Senior Recognition on Saturday at 12:30 in the Main Gym and attend the WPSD Community Block Party from 1 to 4! Thank you for being part of this memorable event and for your ongoing support of WPSD. Let's make this Homecoming a celebration to remember! GO LIONS!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kallie Mendenhall".



Kallie Mendenhall, WPSD Athletic Director



We're thrilled to celebrate Anae for her stunning artwork on the front of our 2024 WPSD Homecoming program book, featuring an impressive drawing of lions.

This powerful symbol represents strength, courage, and teamwork—qualities that define our student-athletes.

Anae's artistic talent beautifully captures the spirit of our program and inspires us all. Well done, Anae—your creativity and skill shine through in this beautiful piece!



WPSD 2024-2025

FALL SPORTS



Dr. Jennifer Craig
Director of
Student Life



Soccer
Head Coach
George D'Amore



Soccer
Assistant Coach
Tony Dumblosky



Athletic Director
Kallie Mendenhall



Volleyball
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Mary Agnes
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Volleyball
Assistant Coach
John Gibson

New York School for the Deaf

White Plains, NY

WE ARE THE TORM



<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
2	Hailey Williamson	8
3	Jacqueline Castellanos	9
4	Ashley Pimentel	12
5	Mishelle Campos	12
7	Lee Garcia	12
8	Micaella Padgas	9
9	Jayleen Diaz	9
10	Crystal Pon	12
11	Jireth Vasquez-Duque	12
12	Yashira Baez	12
13	Allison Cano-Santos	8
14	Kristy Agustin	12



SCHOOL DIRECTORY

MASCOT: Golden Tornadoes **COLORS:** Royal Blue, Gold and White

SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Joseph Santini

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Jeremy Cormier

HEAD COACH: Traz Freeman

ASSISTANT COACH: Rockia Ricketts and Maggie McLaughlin

Western PA School for the Deaf Pittsburgh, PA



BACK ROW: (left to right) Mary Agnes Behanna (Head Coach), Aleena Lakomy, Anya O’Driscoll, Isabella Weber, Raelee Miller, Angela Foltz, John Gibson (Assistant Coach)

FRONT ROW: (left to right) Katelynn Knight, Haley Delvin, Carlene Miller, Jada Pippins, and Kalilah D’Angelo

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
3	Katelynn Knight	11
5	Carlene Miller	12
6	Isabella Weber	7
7	Raelee Miller	8
9	Angela Foltz	8
11	Kalilah D’Angelo	8
13	Haley Devlin	12
15	Anya O’Driscoll	9
17	Jada Pippins	11
20	Aleena Lakomy	6



SCHOOL DIRECTORY

MASCOT: Lions; **COLORS:** Navy and Gold
SUPERINTENDENT: Kevin McDonough
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Kallie Mendenhall
HEAD COACH: Mary Agnes Behanna
ASSISTANT COACHES: John Gibson
MANAGER: N/A

Greetings Parents, Guardians and Players,

On behalf of the WPSD Booster Club members, we want to welcome you to another exciting season of volleyball and soccer as we prepare for Homecoming. We would like to provide you with a brief introduction to the Booster Club.

The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf (WPSD) Booster Club in Pittsburgh, PA, was established to collaborate with the athletic department in order to provide a high-quality athletic program through fundraising.

We, the Booster Club, want to express our appreciation and gratitude to the WPSD Athletic Department, coaches, families, administration, teachers, staff, and the community for supporting the needs and interests of our student-athletes.

The WPSD Booster Club fully supports student-athletes from all across the western part of our state, encouraging them to engage in sports that will enhance their lives as student-athletes.

We wish all the athletes and teams the best of luck this weekend at Homecoming! We look forward to seeing exciting and fun competition from each player, and we are cheering you on! Always remember: Never Forget,
WPSD is #1!

“Be proud of how far you have come in your life. Be proud of all the things you have overcome. Be proud of how strong you are. Just be PROUD.”

GO LIONS!

Booster Club Members:

Michelle Vigliotti, President
George D’Amore, Vice President
Venita Smith, Secretary
Ruby Losh, Treasurer
Lena Mihoerck
Jill D’Amore
Christie Homell

SPORTSMANSHIP

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BE POSITIVE.

New York School for the Deaf

White Plains, NY

WE ARE THE TORNADO



<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1/11	John Suico	10
2	Jamilton Ortega	9
3	Irving Rio Ramirez	10
4	Angel Norat-Roldan	8
5	Gabriel Blake	11
6	Skyler Blake	9
7	Johstin Zacarias	10
8	Arturo Fermin-Dominquez	10
9	Omar Vasquez-Ponce	8
10	Hector Ruiz	12
12	Joseph Genaco-Beco	7
13	Cristian Ceballos	12
15	Charlie Calderon	10
17	Furkan Tamimu	7



SCHOOL DIRECTORY

MASCOT: Golden Tornadoes **COLORS:** Royal Blue, Gold and White

SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Joseph Santini

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Jeremy Cormier

HEAD COACH: Milan Telesmanich

ASSISTANT COACH: Paul Ditimi and Luis Sanchez

Western PA School for the Deaf

Pittsburgh, PA



(left to right) George D'Amore (Head Coach), Geb Helmstadter, Christian Boswell, Anae Boswell, Addison Darby, EJ Carr, Ryan Locker, Gabe Bente, Tay-Von Reed, Jreem Abercrombie, Luel Helmstadter, Jeremy Bell, Chris Brisach, Luan Davis, Tony Dumblosky (Assistant Coach)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>
1	Jeremy Bell	12
3	Christian Boswell	6
4	Chris Brisach	11
5	Luan Davis	6
6	EJ Carr	10
8	Anae Boswell	10
10	Luel Helmstadter	11
12	Addison Darby	12
14	Elisha Querry	11
15	Jreem Abercrombie	10
18	Gabe Bente	10
25	Tay-Von Reed	11
39	Ryan Locker	11



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SPORTSMANSHIP MESSAGE

“PIAA requires all registered sports’ officials to enforce the sportsmanship rules for coaches and contestants. Actions meant to demean opposing contestants, teams, spectators, and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let today’s contest reflect mutual respect.

Coaches please certify to the contest official(s) that your contestants are legally equipped and uniformed according to NFHS rules and PIAA adoptions. Good Luck in today’s contest.”



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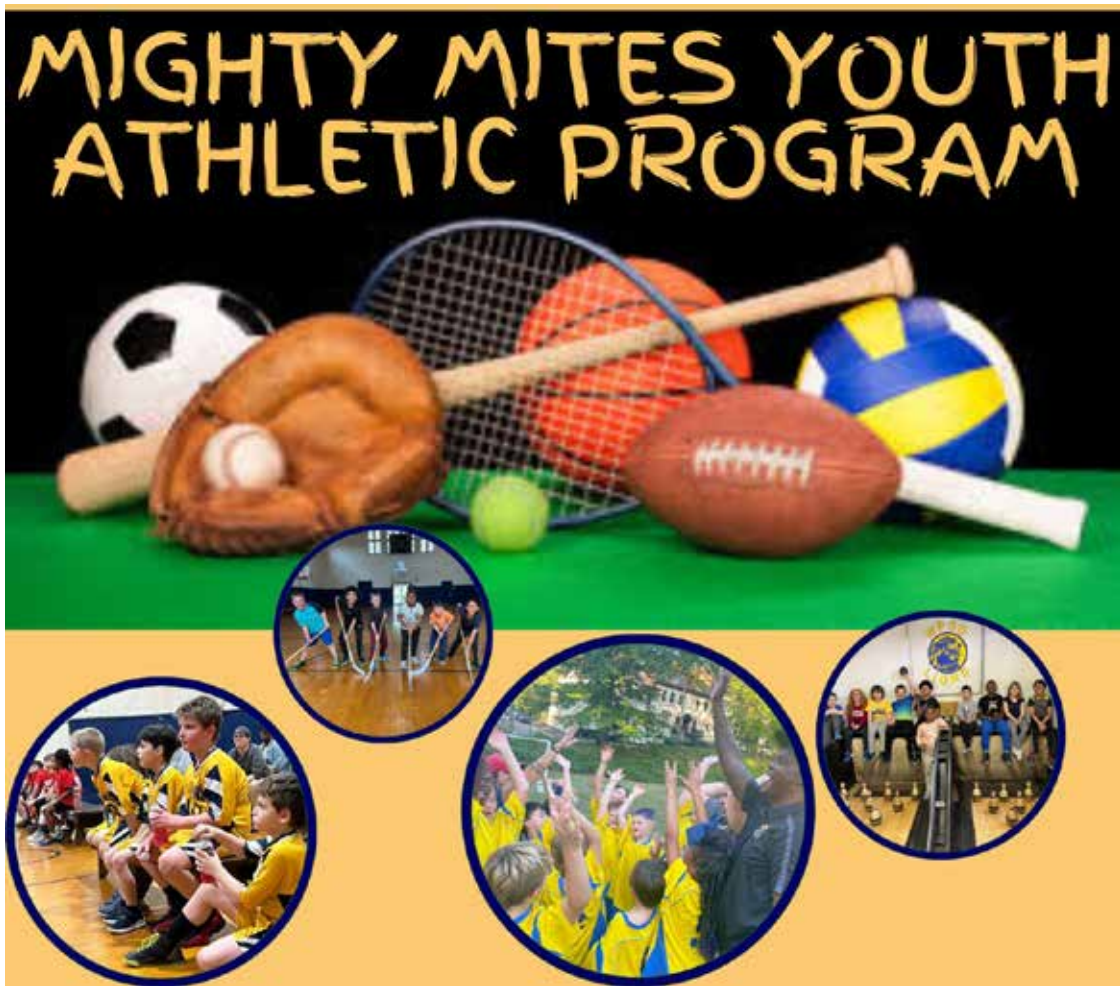
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ATTENTION WPSD ALUMNI!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

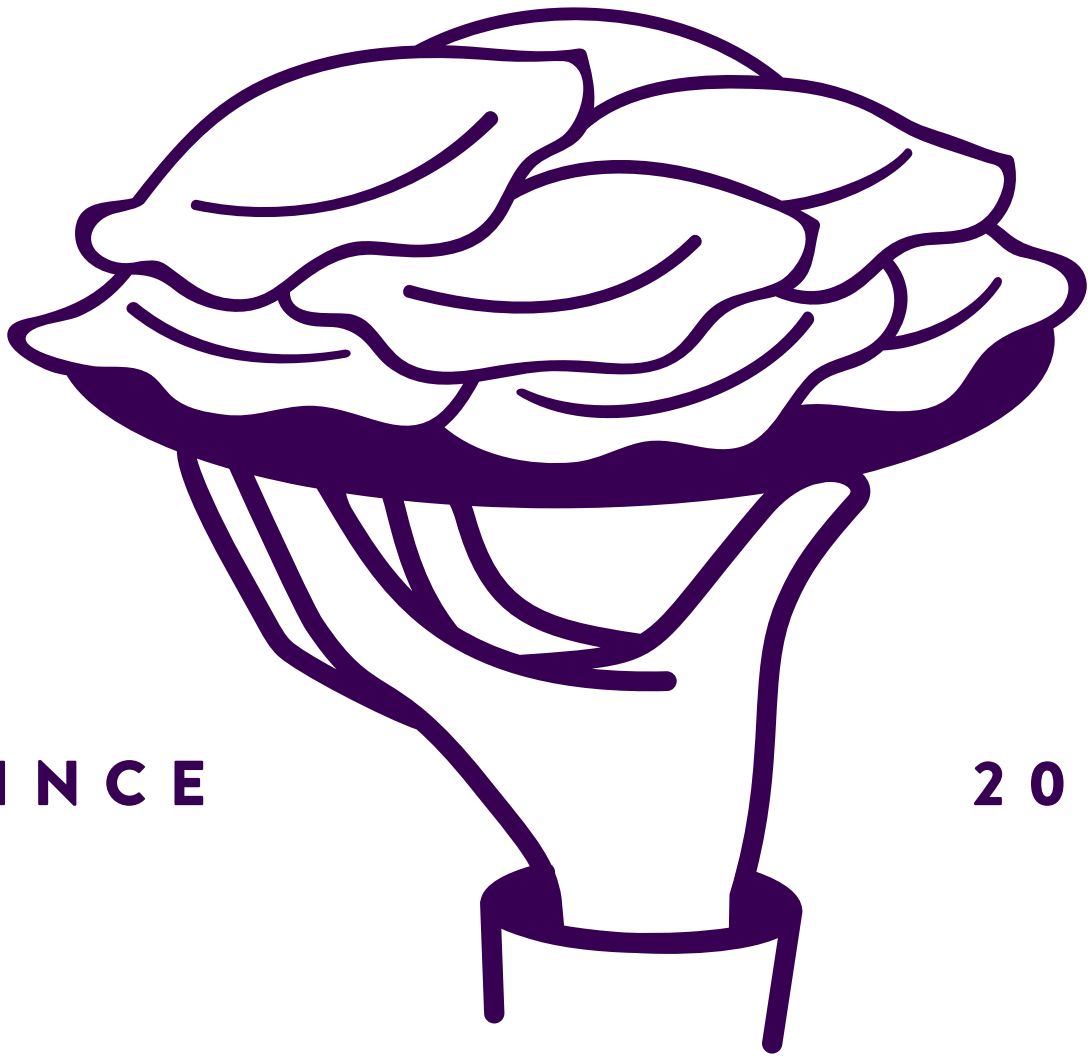


WPSD would like to highlight YOU, our ALUMNI, on our social media pages.
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WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU!
KEVIN & CARRIE

WPSD 2024 SOCCER

9/3/24	*JEFFERSON COUNTRY CHRISTIAN	HOME	4:00 PM
9/5/24	*PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	AWAY	3:30 PM
9/10/24	PLANTS AND PILLARS	AWAY	5:15 PM
9/12/24	PORTERSVILLE	AWAY	4:00 PM
9/16/24	GROVE CITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	HOME	4:00 PM
9/17/24	OHIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	AWAY	4:00 PM
9/19/24	GROVE CITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	AWAY	4:30 PM
9/23/24	PORTERSVILLE	HOME	4:00 PM
9/24/24	PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	HOME	4:00 PM
9/27-28/24	WPSD HOMECOMING WEEKEND	HOME	TBA
10/1/24	OHIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	HOME	5:30 PM
10/3/24	MARIE H. KATZENBACH SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	AWAY	4:00 PM
10/4-5/24	AMERICAN SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF HOMECOMING	AWAY	TBA
10/8/24	PLANTS AND PILLARS	HOME	4:00 PM
10/9/24	WASHINGTON HORNETS	AWAY	4:30 PM
10/10/24	JEFFERSON COUNTY CHRISTIAN	HOME	4:00 PM
10/15/24	SWCAC LEAGUE PLAYOFF 1ST ROUND	AWAY	TBA
10/22/24	WASHINGTON HORNETS	HOME	4:00 PM
10/25-27/24	ESDAA SOCCER TOURNAMENT	AWAY	TBA



WPSD 2024 VOLLEYBALL

9/3/24	*HARVEST BAPTIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	AWAY	4:30 PM
9/5/24	*PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	AWAY	5:00 PM
9/9/24	THE NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMY	AWAY	4:00 PM
9/12/24	*CORNERSTONE PREP. CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	AWAY	5:30 PM
9/17/24	OHIO SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	AWAY	5:30 PM
9/23/24	*HARVEST BAPTIST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	HOME	4:00 PM
9/24/24	*PITTSBURGH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	HOME	4:00 PM
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10/8/24	PLANTS AND PILLARS	HOME	4:00 PM
10/10/24	BIBLE BAPTIST	HOME	5:00 PM
TBA	*SWCAC LEAGUE PLAYOFFS	AWAY	TBA
10/18-19/24	ESDAA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT	AWAY	TBA
10/23/24	THE NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMY	HOME	4:00 PM



SPECIAL THANKS

NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – FANWOOD

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