

Board Report
Douglas County West High School

Jim Knott – Principal
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With winter break approaching, the end of the first semester will soon be upon us. Final exams/projects will take place for high school students on Thursday and Friday, December 18th and 19th. Periods will be lengthened to approximately 90 minutes to accommodate longer comprehensive final exams and projects. Periods 1, 3, 5 & 7 will be held on Thursday, December 18, while periods 2, 4, 6, & 8 will be held on Friday, December 19.

John Baylor Test Prep classes will begin on January 22 this year. John and his associates will hold five ACT prep sessions during the school day in January and February to help students prepare for the April 1st ACT test. On average, DC West students have improved by two points on the ACT with Test Prep. Baylor Test Prep is free for DC West junior students.

The Valley High School class of 2000 filled a time capsule back in December of 1999 with a sign on the outside that read, "Valley High School Millennium Capsule - Sealed December 22, 1999 - To be opened December, 2025 - Valley Student Council 1999." Although it is hard to believe, it is December 2025 and we have put together a plan to open the time capsule from the class of 2000 as well as pack a new time capsule for the DC West class of 2050. The plan is listed below.

PLAN TO OPEN THE 2025 TIME CAPSULE & PACK A NEW TIME CAPSULE FOR 2050.

- On Thursday, **December 18 at halftime of the boys basketball game.**
The **class of 2000 will be invited back to open the time capsule** (along with our current social studies department and a few current student council members) and display the individual items to the crowd and those watching the online basketball broadcast.
- During the day on **December 18, during Keystone**, our current students will come to the commons area one Keystone at a time to **pack the Time Capsule for the class of 2050**. Mr. Daehling's Sports Media students will record this event and show the video that night on the scoreboards during the halftime time capsule ceremony of the boy's basketball game.

HOW DO WE ENSURE ALL STUDENTS GET INVOLVED IN PACKING THE 2050 TIME CAPSULE?

- One of the goals of the Social Studies Department is for all students to have an opportunity to participate in packing the 2050 TIME CAPSULE.

*All Social Studies classes will be participating in activities to brainstorm appropriate items for the 2050 Time Capsule that represent DC West student life as well as wider-reaching, pop culture items representing teen life in 2025.

*Ms. LaChapelle will be sending out Activities for all Keystones related to the 2050 Time Capsule - These activities are required but student participation is voluntary. Again, our goal is for every high school student to have the opportunity to participate.

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