

Washington High School

Home of the Patriots!

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Principal Hester's Message

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Families of Washington High School,

I am happy to be able to report to you on our progress and the exciting things that are happening for our students.

The average on-time graduation rate at WHS over the past four years is over 85%. The on-time rate for the state during this same period of time is about 77%. For the class of 2016 it looks like our on-time graduation rate will be about 87%. Several years ago, our school was referred to as a "Dropout Factory" in an article by the Tacoma News Tribune. Our staff has worked very hard to build programs and systems to support our students, and improve our on-time graduation rate. This data from the Class of 2013, 2014, 2015, and now 2016 shows that our efforts are paying off. An example of one program we have put in place is our Extended Semester program.

Some of our students will receive incomplete grades for first semester classes because of our Extended Semester program. This program gives students who are close to earning credit at the end of the semester an opportunity to bring their grade up to a passing grade rather than having to repeat the entire class. Our experience over the past several years shows that the overwhelming majority of students who receive incomplete grades turn those grades into passing grades. This is an opportunity that is not available to students at other area high schools. The Extended Semester program reflects our staff's dedication to our students and our school motto – "Failure Is Not an Option". Please make sure you ask your student and/or contact their teachers to find out if they have any incomplete grades they can be working on through our Extended Semester program.

One of the greatest things about my job is the opportunities to attend co-curricular activities. I recently attended our school play, under the direction of our drama teacher Ms. Fineman, and our students did an outstanding job. It was great to see so many new actors on stage. Prior to Winter Break I had the opportunity to attend our Holiday Concert under the direction of Mr. Ferguson, and it was a great success. Involvement in our music program is at an all-time high with over eighty students participating in band. Our Leadership students did an amazing job with our Winter Wishes program and assembly prior to Winter Break. The spirit of giving was alive and well at WHS as nearly 600 student wishes were granted. Thank you to all staff, community members, local businesses, and alumni who made generous donations. A special thanks to our leadership teacher Mr. Booth for bringing so much passion to this great WHS event.

Finally, I ask you to help us help your student by monitoring their grades on-line and insisting to see their completed homework. Please remember to ask them if they have an Extended Semester incomplete they need to work on finishing. I look forward to seeing you at a school event very soon. **Go PATS!**

Kind Regards,

James

AFJROTC NEWS

On Saturday, February 11th, our AFJROTC Drill, Marksmanship, Physical Strength, and Academic Teams competed at Bethel HS in the second drill meet of the season. We competed against seven other JROTC programs from Oregon and Washington.

- Cadet Maggie Mitchell was the overall Iron Woman winner in the Physical Strength category
- Cadet Jordan San Agustin placed 2nd in the Individual Armed Exhibition Drill
- Our Marksmanship and Physical Strength teams both placed 3rd overall

The next drill meet is February 25th at Prairie High School in Vancouver WA.

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

2016-17 SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline		Deadline for Changes
		Mail	Phone/Online	
March 11, 2017	Feb. 10, 2017	Feb. 21, 2017	Feb. 28, 2017	Feb. 28, 2017
May 6, 2017	Apr. 7, 2017	Apr. 18, 2017	Apr. 25, 2017	Apr. 25, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 16, 2017	May 24, 2017	May 24, 2017

For fee, to register, and other information about the SAT, go to www.collegeboard.org. Students with free/reduced price lunch may get a fee waiver from the counseling center. Students using a fee waiver must register by the regular registration deadline.

Scholarships: Students interested in applying for scholarships are encouraged to sign up with the following sites: www.thewashboard.org and www.fastweb.com or login to online grades, click on "calendar", and click on the green dollar signs that you see for scholarship information. The calendar is updated as more scholarships become available.

2016-17 ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required	For fee, to register, and other information about the ACT, go to www.actstudent.org .
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017	Students with free/reduced price lunch may get a fee waiver from the counseling center. Students using a fee waiver must register by the regular registration deadline.
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017	

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TRACK & FIELD NEWS

The Track & Field season is underway and the team would love to have you come out and support them.

Date	Time	Location	Opponent(s)
(Sat) March 18	1:00 PM	Washington HS	Patriot Time Trial
(Thu) March 30	3:30 PM	White River HS	Lindbergh White River
(Thu) April 6	3:30 PM	Renton Memorial Stadium	JV Meet
(Sat) April 8	10:30 AM	Renton Memorial Stadium	Arnie Young Invite
(Sat) April 15	10:00 AM	Franklin Pierce Stadium	Add It Up Invite
(Fri) April 21	3:30 PM	Washington HS	Fife Foss
(Thu) April 27	3:30 PM	Highline Memorial Stadium	Evergreen-Tyee Highline
(Thu) May 4	3:30 PM	Washington HS	Foster Franklin Pierce
(Sat) May 6	9:30 AM	Centralia Tiger Stadium	Freshman Invite
(Fri) May 12	TBD	Franklin Pierce Stadium	South Puget Sound League Meet
(Fri-Sat) May 19-20	TBD TBD	Renton Memorial Stadium	West Central District Meet
(Thu-Sat) May 25-27	4:30 PM Thu 9:30 AM Fri 10:00 AM Sat	Mt. Tahoma HS	2A State Meet



**GO
PATs!**

SENIOR INFORMATION

Need money for college? Don't forget to check our district website for many available scholarships. Go to www.fpschools.org, click on WHS, counseling center, and then scholarships. Pay attention to deadlines so you won't miss out.

It's not too late to order a cap and gown unit, announcements, and other graduation items! Call Jostens at 1-800-Jostens and order over the phone or order online at www.jostens.com. It's that easy!

Questions you may have:

What's the latest we can place an order?

Technically, you have until June 30th. However, we suggest if you want to order just a cap and gown unit, do so by June 1st. The deadline to order all other graduation products is April 15th.

When do we have to make a final payment?

The final payment for orders placed in the fall is February 26, 2017 to avoid a potential late fee assessed to the order.

When will our cap and gown delivery and graduation products that have been ordered prior to the deadline in December arrive?

March 27th during lunches in the cafeteria.

Can I use or borrow a cap and gown from a previous year?

Yes, as long as the cap and gown is from Jostens. You will still need to order a class stole and classic souvenir tassel by calling Jostens at 1-800-Jostens.

Can I purchase a cap/gown/tassel/stole unit at graduation?

Yes; the cost is \$60 and must be exact change. We do not carry cash on that day.

Can I purchase a stole and tassel at graduation?

Yes; the cost is \$25 and must be exact change. We do not carry cash on that day.

Senior Events

April 2017

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prom Dance Request forms become available at the Student Information Center | Apr 3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase Prom Tickets at the cashier's window during lunch or after school
(May also be purchased online if senior does not have a fine.) | Apr 3-27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Portfolio Presentations | Apr 24-27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Class meeting during Pats in theater | TBD |

May 2017

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AP Exam Testing | May 1-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Meeting in the theater during Pats | May 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Prom Dance Request form and fine clearance deadline | May 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Prom at the Bass Pro Shop | May 6, 7:00-10:00p |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase graduation tickets at cashier's window | May 15-Jun 7 |

June 2017

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Awards Assembly | June 1, 8:55a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving Up Assembly | Jun 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Last day of school for seniors | Jun 2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Finals | TBD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Meeting after Finals (Attendance is mandatory) | TBD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation Rehearsal at the Western Washington Puyallup Fairgrounds
(Seniors will receive their six free tickets. <u>Attendance is mandatory</u>) | Jun 09, 10:45a-1:00p
(Time tentative) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation Ceremony (seniors are to arrive at the Western Washington Puyallup Fairgrounds
by 12:15 p.m.) | Jun 10, 1:30p |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pick up diploma in the main office starting June 12 | Jun 12 |

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, MARCH 21-24, 3.5 EARLY RELEASE

By now, your teen has asked you to attend a very important conference. During the conference, he or she will share with you goals for the year and review his or her culminating project progress. Student Led Conference attendance is a requirement for earning the .25 PATs credit. If you have questions, please contact your student's PATs advisor.

Tuesday March 21	Wednesday March 22	Thursday March 23	Friday March 24
Period 1 7:25-8:20	Period 4 7:25-8:20	Period 1 7:25-8:20	Period 4 7:25-8:20
Period 2 8:25-9:20	Period 5 8:25-9:20	Period 2 8:25-9:20	Period 5 8:25-9:20
Period 3 9:25-10:25	Period 6 9:25-10:25	Period 3 9:25-10:25	Period 6 9:25-10:25

YEARBOOK COST AND PURCHASING WINDOW

May 7-Jun 21 \$65 Purchase yearbooks from Ms. Pedrique in the Cashier's Office.

Did you miss the chance to buy a past yearbook? You're in luck! You can purchase past yearbooks for only \$10. Past years include 2014-2015, 2013-2014 and many more! To see which years are available, see Mrs. Horst in room 222 and for payment see Ms. Pedrique in the cashier's office.

February 2017 Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Schedule A	2	3
6	7	8 Early Release, 12:25p	9	10 CTE Assembly
13	14	15 Early Release, 12:25p	16	17
20 Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL	21 Mid-winter Break NO SCHOOL	22 Mid-winter Break NO SCHOOL	23 Mid-winter Break NO SCHOOL	24 Mid-winter Break NO SCHOOL
27	28			

March 2017 Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Early Release, 12:25p	2	3 Academic Awards & Princess Bowl Assembly
6	7	8 Early Release, 12:25p	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20 Schedule A	21 HS Conferences, 3.5 hr. Early Release, 10:25a	22 HS Conferences, 3.5 hr. Early release, 10:25a	23 HS Conferences, 3.5 hr. Early release, 10:25a	24 HS Conferences, 3.5 hr. Early release, 10:25a
27	28	29 Early Release, 12:25p	30	31

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