

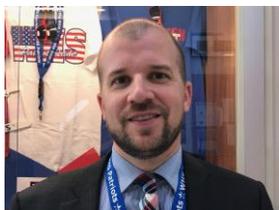
Washington High School

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Principal's Message

Dear Washington High School Families,

I am excited about what's in store for the 2018-19 school year. We are a month in, and the campus is buzzing with activity. As a staff, we are energized to put into practice many of the insights and strategies that we've been developing and refining over the summer. Our students are spirited and seem eager to learn and get involved in school activities. On behalf of our entire staff, we are happy that you and your student are part of the Washington High School family.

Since this is my first year as Principal at WHS, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I grew up on South Hill and attended Rogers High School with over 2000 other students. I often felt lost in the crowd and didn't really enjoy school, but I had a great English teacher who, in addition to my father who was a high school biology teacher, had a significant impact on why I chose to become a teacher. After attending college at Brigham Young University, I returned to Washington and began teaching English at WHS in 1999. At the time, my only previous connection to this school was that my wife, Tari, graduated from here in 1993. In the 19 years since that time, Washington High School has become a very special part of my life. In addition to teaching here for 8 years and being a dean of students and assistant principal for the past 11 years, I coached JV girls' basketball and boys' and girls' tennis. I'm also proud to say that my two oldest children both graduated from WHS ('16, and '17) and I currently have a son ('19) and a daughter ('22) who are attending school here.

Washington High School is a special place for me and my family. I believe we have the greatest staff of any school in the area; I wouldn't send my own students here if we didn't. These are dedicated teachers, paraeducators, counselors, clerical staff, nutrition staff, custodians, health technicians, librarians, coaches, and bus drivers who care about our kids and are passionate about the work they do. With that said, the number one reason I love my job is because of our students. While they all have their own challenges and struggles, not a day goes by when my cup isn't filled by a friendly gesture, supportive word, or inspiring performance by one (or several) of our students. I love my job.

I've enjoyed meeting many of you at recent sporting events, our 9th Grade Welcome Night and Back to School and College Career Night. As a building principal, I recognize the importance of family and community involvement as well as open communication. I encourage you to get involved this school year by regularly accessing your student's grades, reaching out to teachers and staff, and attending events and activities as you are able. I look forward to serving you and your family; please come and introduce yourself at a future school event.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Brent Whitemarsh

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ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM (ASP)

Many of you are aware of a new intervention we're rolling out this year that is designed to address missing work. We are calling it our **Academic Success Program (ASP)**, and we see it as an evolution of our previous Freshman/Sophomore/Senior Success programs as well as our Structured Study Time (SST) and Independent Study Time that we tied into our advisory periods. The idea behind it is that we need to stay on top of missing work. By tracking this on a weekly basis and providing multiple opportunities for students to complete the work, including before and after school, during advisory time, and as homework, we think we can prevent students from falling behind in their classes and ultimately feeling overwhelmed and giving up.

Here is a brief description for how the program works:

- By the end of the day each Thursday, teachers will update their grades and submit a list of students that are missing work or that need to redo an assessment.
- On Friday, the school-wide list is compiled, and an automated phone message is sent home to families of each student on the list. This message indicates that, unless the student submits the missing work to their teachers by the following Friday, they will be required to stay after and complete the work during Friday School.
- Names on the list are differentiated by two colors:
 - Red indicates that these students are expected to get help from the assigning teacher(s) during our activity period on Monday and Tuesday (SST). Because of limited space in these classrooms, these are generally the students in most urgent need.
 - Yellow indicates that these students are also missing work, but they may not be the most urgent cases. These students are encouraged to come in before or after school to complete work or finish the missing work for homework. Because of limited space in SST, these students are allowed to attend IST during the activity period on Monday and Tuesday.
 - All students (whether Red or Yellow) who fail to complete their missing work by the designated Friday School will be required to stay after school and complete it during Friday School.
- Students who fail to attend Friday School or who fail to complete the required work during that time will be placed in In-School Suspension the following week until they complete the missing work.
- Tutoring sessions will occur after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for students who need additional help. All teachers are here until 2:25 pm every day but select teachers will remain on campus until 4:00 on these days. These schedules will be communicated to students in their classes.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding our ASP process.



BIBLE STUDY CLUB

This club meets every Tuesday from 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM in room 604. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Culp.

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COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018	October 16, 2018 (for mailed registrations) October 24, 2018 (for registrations made online or by phone)
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 13, 2018 (for mailed registrations) November 20, 2018 (for registrations made online or by phone)
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 16, 2019 (for mailed registrations) April 24, 2019 (for registrations made online or by phone)
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 14, 2019 (for mailed registrations) May 22, 2019 (for registrations made online or by phone)

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.

2018-2019 ACT Test Dates (National)		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018	September 29-October 14, 2018
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 3-19, 2018
February 9, 2019*	January 11, 2019	January 12-18, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 9-25, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4-20, 2019
July 13, 2019*	June 14, 2019	June 15-24, 2019

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 log in 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.



CROSS COUNTRY

The team's season is well underway, and they would really appreciate your support at their meets, so check out the schedule below and come watch your PATS.

Date	Time	Location	Opponent(s)	Departure	Return
(Thu) Oct. 4	4:00 PM	Rainier Vista Park	Franklin Pierce Renton River Ridge	2:00 PM	6:00 PM
(Wed) Oct. 10	4:00 PM	Marymount Event Center	East Division Meet	2:00 PM	6:30 PM
(Sat) Oct. 20	9:30 AM	Ft. Steilacoom Park	South Puget Sound League Meet	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
(Sat) Oct. 27	10:30 AM	Chambers Bay Park	West Central District Meet	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
(Sat) Nov. 3	11:00 AM	Pasco Golf Course	2A State Meet	Friday 8:00 AM	Saturday 10:00 PM

DRAMA CLUB NEWS

This year's Scare-Anthon will be held for five festive, frightful, fun evenings: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 25th-27th; Tuesday and Wednesday, October 30th and 31st, from 6 until 9 pm. Entry is \$5 per guest. Bring your friends. Bring your family. But... be warned -- the terror is REAL! Thanks for supporting spooky WHS Theater!

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GAY/STRAIGHT ALLIANCE CLUB

My name is Jill Ann Hills, and I am the GSA's new advisor. Please join us for our first month's meetings of the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA). **We will meet each Tuesday from 2:15-2:45 in the theatre. Our first meetings begin on October 9th and 23rd.**

GSA stands for Gay-Straight Alliance. GSAs are school clubs in which students can talk and learn about sexual orientation, gender identity, and some of the issues that surround them. They're set up just like any other student group, with a faculty advisor and regular meetings. Everyone is welcome—lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQQ) students, as well as straight students, students with LGBTQQ families, and students who don't have or need a label for their sexual orientations or gender identities. GSAs play a vital role in making schools safer for LGBTQQ students by providing supportive and accepting spaces as well as doing broader organizing work against homophobia and transphobia in school.

HOMECOMING

This year's Homecoming will celebrate our 50th year. To celebrate 50 years of WHS we invite students, families and alumni to join us Friday, November 30 in the Dome beginning at 5:00 for a double header basketball game with homecoming celebration in-between games. Our dance will be Saturday, December 1 from 8-11 in the Keithley Commons. Cost will be \$15 per student. Guest passes will be available Thursday, November 1.

JOSTENS...WE TAKE CARE OF YOUR GRADUATION NEEDS

We are happy to be able to spend another year with you as we partner together to "Celebrate Moments That Matter". We realize there are many items you will need for your senior year and why wait when you can start displaying how proud you are of the class of 2019 right now. That is correct, you can already start ordering and wearing your senior gear to display your enthusiasm for the class of 2019. Your Cap & Gown Unit, Class Rings and other Jewelry, Hoodies, T-Shirts and introducing this year senior socks. Visit jostens.com and place your order. If you have any further questions, please email us at mortonoffice@jostens.com or call 1-800-Jostens. We will be in the cafeteria on October 16th to take graduations orders.

SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT, SPEAK OFTEN

Imagine if you had the power to create or influence any law or to change someone's mind just by using your voice. You can, and it is with YMCA Youth and Government club.

Youth and Government empowers over 500 teens to become "civically engaged" in a non-partisan, hands on experience regarding the workings of our state government by running a model state legislature at our state capitol in Olympia. Take on the role of a legislator, help support pieces of legislation by serving as a lobbyist, or report on the daily news as part of the press corps. Maybe even run for an elected position.

To find out more on how you can get involved, attend our first meeting on Wednesday, October 10 at 12:30 in room 226. **Motto: "Democracy must be learned by each generation."**

STATE ELA and MATH ASSESSMENTS

Junior and Senior students and parents/guardians, if you have not previously passed the State ELA or Math assessments, you will need to take them this fall. The retakes will occur in late October and early November. If you have questions about whether you need to retake this test, please check with your counselor or Mrs. Knowles. Passing ELA and Math assessments are a graduation requirement.

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STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, 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. The schedule is on the next page.

Mon. Oct. 1

Period 1 7:25-8:20
 Period 2 8:25-9:20
 Period 3 9:25-10:25

Tues. Oct. 2

Period 4 7:25-8:20
 Period 5 8:25-9:20
 Period 6 9:25-10:25

Wed. Oct. 3

Period 1 7:25-8:20
 Period 2 8:25-9:20
 Period 3 9:25-10:25

Thu. Oct. 4

Period 4 7:25-8:20
 Period 5 8:25-9:20
 Period 6 9:25-10:25

Note: There is no school on Friday, October 5th due to staff training.

YEARBOOK SALES

- Yearbooks on sale until 09/30/18 = \$55
- Yearbooks will go back on sale December 1st through January 15th = \$55.00
- Yearbooks will go on sale May 19th through June 18th = \$65.00
- Yearbook pages: ¼ page = \$40 ½ page = \$60 full page = \$100
- Advertisement page = \$50 each ad

OCTOBER CALENDAR EVENTS

1-4	Student Led Conferences, 3.5 Early Release, Students released at 10:25am
5	No School, Teacher PRAD Day
19	Picture Retake Day
19	Helmet Bowl at FPSD Stadium, 7:00pm-9:00pm
24	Financial Aid Night, 6:00-7:30pm in the cafeteria
25-27	Scare-Athon in the Theater; 6:00pm-9:00pm
30-31	Scare-Athon in the Theater; 6:00pm-9:00pm
Early Release Wednesdays in October: 10, 17, 24, 31. School ends at 12:25pm	



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide students with an engaging educational environment, built upon proven academics and high standards, resulting in successful and contributing citizens.

Franklin Pierce Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Questions and complaints of alleged discrimination should be directed to James Hester, Compliance Coordinator for State and Civil Rights Laws; Wendy Malich, Title IX Officer; or John Sander, 504/ADA Coordinator at 315 129th ST S, Tacoma, WA 98444-5099 or at (253)298-3000.

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TeacherEase Parent Guide

Login

1. On your browser, navigate to the URL www.TeacherEase.com
 - a. TeacherEase will work on many different browsers including Firefox, Safari, and Google Chrome.
 - b. The parent portal is mobile-friendly and can be accessed through the browser of your mobile device, or by downloading the iOS app in the Apple App Store.
2. Click on the login button on the top right of the screen.
3. Enter your email address, which serves as your username, and your password.

*If you do not know your password, use the "Forgot Password" link to send an automated email to your inbox with instructions for setting up your account.

Setting Account Information

The first time you log into the site you will be prompted to verify your account information. This information can be accessed in the future by navigating to Miscellaneous (top menu bar) and selecting "Update Password/Profile" from the drop-down.

Navigating TeacherEase

Once you are logged in, you should see the "Parent Main" page. The quick links on the left will help you navigate the more common areas of the parent portal. All areas of the site are accessible from the menu items at the top of the page.

*icons may appear in different colors than below

 Grades	<p>The grades page displays classes in which the student is enrolled, and overall grades for those classes when made available by the school. Missing work also appears on the bottom of this page.</p> <p>Clicking on the overall grade for a class, or the "learning targets" link will display the learning targets and scores for that class. Clicking on an assignment displays additional information.</p> <p>By default, only learning targets with assignments are shown. The drop-down menus in the upper-right adjust the view.</p>
 Assignments	<p>The assignments page displays the work assigned to the student. The default view is "Task List," which shows assignments due that day. Expanding the view to week or month displays more assignments. Clicking on an assignment displays information about that assignment.</p>



Send Email

Send email makes it easy to communicate with instructors and administrators at your school. Emails sent through the system are available both in TeacherEase, and your personal email system.

News Feed

Through the news feed you can immediately see announcements, assignments due, and recent events right from parent/student main page. The “this week” column, on the right hand side displays assignments due during the current week.

Switching Between Students

If you have multiple students available in the system, you can switch between them by clicking on the silhouette in the upper-right of the main page.



A drop-down will appear, from which you can choose a student. If student photos have been imported by your school, they will replace the silhouette.



Report Cards

If your school makes report cards available on the parent portal, you can access them by navigating to Academics (top menu bar) and selecting “Report Cards.” Select the “View” link next to the report card you’d like to view as a PDF.