

Washington High School

Home of the Patriots!

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October Events

Student Led Conferences

Oct. 3-6, 3.5 Hr. Early Release

PRAD Day

Oct. 7, No School

Early Release Wednesdays

Oct. 12, 19, 26, 12:25 PM

Homecoming Assembly

Oct. 14, 9:15-9:40 AM

Homecoming Football Game

Oct. 14, 7:00 PM
Lindberg vs. WHS at FP Stadium

Homecoming Dance

Oct. 15, 8:00-11:00 PM at WHS

Picture Retakes

Oct. 17

Helmet Bowl Assembly

Oct. 21, 9:15-9:40 AM

Helmet Bowl Football Game

Oct. 21, 7:00 PM
WHS vs. FPHS at FP Stadium

Haunted Theater

Oct. 27 & 28, 4:00-6:00 PM

PATS TRAITS

Pactice Positive Attitudes
Act Responsibly
Treat Everyone with Respect
Strive for Excellence



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Principal Hester's Message



Dear Washington High School Families,

The 2016-17 school year is off to a great start for staff and students at Washington High School. Our staff started off their school year with several days of carefully planned training to focus us on the important work we are called to do with our students. One of the days was spent on a variety of climate and culture building activities that were designed with the help of our students. We continue to work on developing a school culture and student

interventions that encourage responsibility, refuse to accept failure, and build student pride in being a Patriot.

On the first day of school, our staff and student Patriot Crew Mentors welcomed our freshmen with an exciting program. Our Patriot Crew Mentors continued to help our freshmen make a smooth transition to WHS at our fifth annual Freshman Camp on Sept. 9th. The camp focused on teaching our freshmen about the culture at WHS and our expectations. Students elected class officers, participated in team building activities, and learned about our very successful Freshman Success Program.

Our unofficial on-time graduation rate for the Class of 2016 is 84%. We have been recognized by OSPI as a school that is beating the odds to graduate such a high percentage of our students. I am very proud of the hard work done by our students and teaching staff that produce these results. With results like these it is no wonder that 91% of our students say they are proud to be Washington Patriots.

On September 17th, Superintendent Hewins, assistant principals Joyce Knowles and Brent Whitmarsh, and our Dean of Students Earle McWright attended the annual Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Awards Ceremony at Clover Park Technical College. The Elizabeth Wesley Award recognizes outstanding African-American youth in our community. WHS was honored to have twenty-four of our students recognized, the most by far for any 9-12 high school in Pierce County. Two of our students, Azurae Hargrave and Katie Burgess were recognized with scholarships in addition to their E. Wesley Award. We are bursting with pride for our Elizabeth Wesley Award recipients. I am also pleased to report that the size of our band has grown to over 90 students. I have been around WHS for quite a while as a student, teacher, assistant principal, and now principal. I can't ever remember a time when our band was this big.

Our staff is deeply committed to your student and their success. You play an important role in your students' education by asking to see their completed homework and checking grades on-line to monitor their progress. I strongly encourage you to be nosy, pester, and keep after your child! We need your help and support!!!

Best wishes to you and your family, and **Go PATS!**

Kind Regards,
James

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

A student's attendance is essential to learning – learning that includes not only factual subject matter, but also attendance habits, work habits, attitudes and ideals. These are the skills they will need throughout life.

Poor attendance interrupts the process of education. Students need to come to school **on time** every day to benefit from the interaction, discussion, and teacher support available during class time. Every absence, excused or not, interrupts students' understanding of the material and affects their overall school success. For every five (5) days missed, your child loses 30 hours of learning time!

Absences

If your student is going to be absent, please call (253) 298-4714 to notify the school, or send a note when your student returns. An automated calling system makes calls home every evening when students miss one or more periods whether excused or not.

Illness

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department recommends keeping your child home from school if he or she has:

- a fever of (+100° F) along with other symptoms of illness
- vomited more than one (1) time within 24 hours
- three (3) or more bouts of diarrhea within 24 hours
- an open or oozing sore

Allowing your child to stay home when not ill not only hurts his or her education, it also sends a message that school isn't important. If your child does not want to go to school, or if you are seeing a pattern of excuses to miss school, talk to your child or your child's teacher or school counselor.

Planned Absences

Parents/students can request a planned absence in order to notify teachers and the office of absences planned in advance. A Planned Absence form must be completed and turned in to Mrs. Jaquez prior to the absence. You can contact her at (253) 298-4714 or email her at ljaquez@fpschools.org. A reminder that any extended absence during the school year or at the end of the semester may negatively affect your student's grades and/or credits, as well as graduation.

Tardies

If your student is going to be late to school due to a doctor or dentist appointment, please provide a note from the doctor's office in order to have the tardy excused. Most medical and dental offices expect to provide such notes on request. Please note: except for documented medical appointments, morning tardies are routinely considered unexcused.

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

2016-17 SAT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline		Deadline for Changes
		Mail	Phone/Online	
Oct. 1, 2016	Sept. 1, 2016	Sept. 13, 2016	Sept. 20, 2016	Sept. 20, 2016
Nov. 5, 2016	Oct. 7, 2016	Oct. 18, 2016	Oct. 25, 2016	Oct. 25, 2016
Dec. 3, 2016	Nov. 3, 2016	Nov. 15, 2016	Nov. 22, 2016	Nov. 22, 2016
Jan. 21, 2017	Dec. 21, 2016	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 10, 2017	Jan. 10, 2017
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 .
September 10, 2016	August 5, 2016	August 6-19, 2016	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.
October 22, 2016	September 16, 2016	September 17-30, 2016	
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016	November 5-18, 2016	
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017	January 14-20, 2017	
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017	March 4-17, 2017	
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017	

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CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

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

Date	Time	Location	Opponent(s)	Departure	Return
(Sat) Sep. 17	9:00 AM	Ft. Steilacoom Park	Ft. Steilacoom Invitational	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
(Thu) Sep. 22	4:00 PM	Evergreen High School	Evergreen/White River	2:00 PM	6:30 PM
(Thu) Sep. 29	4:00 PM	North SeaTac Park	Foss/Foster	2:00 PM	6:00 PM
(Sat) Oct. 1	9:00 AM	Chambers Creek Properties	Curtis Invitational	8:00 AM	2:00 PM
(Thu) Oct. 6	4:00 PM	Celebration Park	Fife/Lindbergh	2:00 PM	6:00 PM
(Thu) Oct. 13	4:00 PM	Marymount Event Center	Franklin Pierce	2:00 PM	6:30 PM
(Sat) Oct. 22	9:30 AM	Ft. Steilacoom Park	South Puget Sound/League Meet	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
(Sat) Oct. 29	10:30 AM	American Lake Golf Course	West Central District Meet	8:00 AM	3:00 PM
(Sat) Nov. 5	11:00 AM	Pasco Golf Course	2A State Meet	Friday 8:00 AM	Saturday 10:00 PM

ELIZABETH WESLEY YOUTH MERIT INCENTIVE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Twenty-four students from Washington High School were recognized this year by receiving a Youth Merit Incentive award of \$350.00. Azurae Hargrave and Katie Burgess also won scholarships in addition to their Elizabeth Wesley Award. Congratulations, everyone!

Alyssa Arreola
 Anna Maria Bush
 Auricia Johnson
 Axaxis Reese
 Azurae Hargrave
 Briana Harris
 Bright Owusu Adjei
 Cheyenne Bell

Eva Curtis
 Jalyne Hudson
 Jessica Rice
 Joshua Adamson
 Kalysha White
 Katherine Burgess
 Keyonjanae Henderson
 Kiarra Quick

Krystal Nelson
 Lexie Brewster Simmons
 Nevan Gamboa
 Raja Drah
 Rimaujhia Greenlee
 Savannah Hauenstein
 Startasia Cavalier
 Victoria Manibusan

FACT: Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drug abuse are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don't.

FROM THE DESK OF PREVENTION/INTERVENTION

51% of the population doesn't know how harmful vaping is. 31% think it's less harmful than cigarettes. The Surgeon General and the Center for Disease Control says there is no scientific evidence to date that it helps Quitters. The Surgeon General also says it damages the adolescent brain, diminishes lung function, inflames airways and may harm arteries that lead to heart disease. There are currently no federal regulations on the ingredients. We know there are toxic metals, formaldehyde, ingredients used in antifreeze and brake fluid, ingredients that alter genes in lab rats, as well as herbicide that is used to kill weeds which causes ulcers and bleeding in animals. Vaping is not safe and does not help people to quit smoking.

HAUNTED THEATRE



WHS Drama Department presents its annual Haunted Theater! October 27 and 28 from 4pm-6pm. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.

HEALTHY YOUTH SURVEY

Our district is participating in the Washington State 2016 Healthy Youth Survey during the weeks of October 10th to 21st. The Healthy Youth survey includes questions related to physical activity and diet, unintentional and intentional injury, substance use, risk and protective factors, access to school-based services, and sexual behaviors, abuse and orientation. Survey results are used by schools, communities and state agencies to plan programs to support our youth and reduce their risks. The Healthy Youth Survey is given to students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 across Washington State. Participation in the survey is voluntary and the students' answers are anonymous.

HELMET BOWL

The annual Helmet Bowl against FP will be on October 21. This game will also be our Senior Night and our Pink Out to battle breast cancer. Shirts can be purchased in the main office as well as Pink Out Snap Backs for \$20.

HOMECOMING

It's that time of year again!! Homecoming week begins on October 10th. This year's theme is "Once Upon a Time in Parkland." The game on October 14th will be against the Lindbergh Eagles. Join us for our halftime parade with royalty, clubs, class and alumni!

This year's dance theme is "Happily Ever After," and will be held October 15th from 8-11 at WHS. Cost this year is with an ASB is \$15 per person and \$25 per couple or \$20 w/o an ASB. Students can invite recent graduates or students from outside FPSD with a guest pass that is due no later than October 10th.

JROTC NEWS

Congratulations to Cadet Francine Luea Mariner! At the end of last year, Francine wrote an essay that was entered into a contest sponsored by the American Veterans (AMVET) Organization. Her essay entitled, "*What does Flag Protection Mean to Me*" was selected as one of the three best in Washington State.

Her efforts earned her an all-expense paid trip to the *AMVET Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference* in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. In November, she will participate in leadership conferences focusing on rights and responsibilities of a citizen leader, communication and teamwork, and personalities of a leader. Additionally, Cadet Luea will participate in a Freedom Summit session where students will become their own working government to debate current topics of global concern. Lastly, she will have the opportunity to tour historic Philadelphia and Valley Forge National Historic Park.

NUTRITION SERVICES STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK – OCTOBER 10-14, 2016

While most people are still sleeping at 4:30 AM, Tommie Miranda, our head cafeteria supervisor and her crew are busy preparing breakfast for approximately 1,000 students. A few hours later, hungry and sleepy Patriots arrive and are greeted with a warm breakfast and smile. Shortly after, students hustle to class and the crew jump right into preparing for two lunches. These ladies are a hardworking and dedicated team. We are very lucky to have such friendly and devoted cafeteria staff working at our school! Thank you, Tommie, Norma, Mariah, Debra, Linda, Rose, Wendy, and Rebecca. We appreciate you!

SENIOR CLASS MEETING...MESSAGE FROM JOSTENS

Graduating high school is a major accomplishment in your child's life. We want to help you share their success and make sure you have the opportunity to get everything you need to recognize their achievement and make their senior year a memorable celebration.

Please make sure your student is at the upcoming senior class meeting on **October 17, 2016** to hear about the opportunity to get a FREE cap, gown & tassel. In addition, we will be passing out all of the ordering and other pertinent information to make the ordering a success.

Cap and gown cost for the graduating class of 2017 will be \$42.00 plus \$9.95 s/h and 9.4% tax. (Keep in mind to get your order in early to get the lower pricing, pricing does go up as of Dec 9, 2016.) If for some reason, you will not need the cap and gown later, Caps and Gown cost of \$42 + tax is refundable)

We look forward to seeing your student at the meeting.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, OCTOBER 3-6, 3.5 EARLY RELEASE; PRAD TRAINING, OCTOBER 7, NO SCHOOL

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.

Monday Oct. 3

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

Tuesday Oct. 4

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

Wednesday Oct. 5

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

Thursday Oct. 6

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

YEARBOOK SALES

**"Memory is a way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose."
*The Wonder Years TV Show***

Price Timeline

Sept 1-30 \$50
Dec 1-Jan 31 \$60
May 7-Jun 21 \$65
Purchase yearbooks
from Ms. Pedrique in the
Cashier's Office.

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