

# Washington High School

## Home of the Patriots!

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### October Events

#### Student Led Conferences

Oct. 2-5, 3.5 Hr. Early Release

#### PRAD Day

Oct. 6, No School

#### FAFSA NIGHT

6:00-7:30PM, Ridgeway Room

#### Early Release Wednesdays

Oct. 11, 18, 25, 12:25 PM

#### Picture Retakes

Oct. 20, 7:25AM-? Aux Gym

#### Helmet Bowl Assembly

Oct. 20, 9:15-9:40AM

#### Helmet Bowl Football Game

Oct. 20, 7:00PM

WHS vs. FPHS at FP Stadium

#### Haunted Theater

Oct. 26, 27, 28 & 31<sup>st</sup>; 6:00-9:00 PM

### PATS TRAITS

**P**erseverance

**R**espect

**I**ntegrity

**D**edication

**E**xcellence



#### **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 2017-18 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. Mentors focused on teaching our freshmen about the culture at WHS and our expectations.

Our unofficial on-time graduation rate for the Class of 2017 is 83%. Our unofficial extended graduation rate is 90%. We have been recognized by OSPI as a school that is beating the odds to graduate such a high percentage of our students. On Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, our school was featured in a front-page story in the Seattle Times that focused on the success we have had decreasing freshmen failure rates, and increasing our graduation rates. We were called a "dropout factory" in this same paper in 2008. I am very proud of the hard work being done by our students and staff, and so happy to see their hard work recognized. With results like these it is no wonder that 92% of our students say they are proud to be Washington Patriots.

On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, I was honored to attend the Elizabeth Wesley Awards Ceremony. The Elizabeth Wesley Award is the most prestigious award recognizing the achievements of African-American students in Tacoma/Pierce County. A Patriot alum, Rae Hargrave, graced the cover of the program, current Patriot, Osheonna Green, provided the beautiful musical selection, and senior Sierra Hartfield won one of the few scholarships they award. Our 21 awardees were the MOST for any high school in Tacoma/Pierce County. This is especially impressive when you consider that we are one of the smallest high schools, if not the smallest, with students in the running for the award. WHS is so proud of our Elizabeth Wesley Award winners, along their families and staff who contribute to their success.

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

## COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

SAT Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 17, 2017 (for mailed registrations) October 25, 2017 (for registrations made online or by phone)	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 14, 2017 (for mailed registrations) November 21, 2017 (for registrations made online or by phone)	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 20, 2018 (for mailed registrations) February 28, 2018 (for registrations made online or by phone)	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 17, 2018 (for mailed registrations) April 25, 2018 (for registrations made online or by phone)	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 15, 2018 (for mailed registrations) May 23, 2018 (for registrations made online or by phone)	May 23, 2018

For fee, to register, and other information about the SAT, go to [www.collegeboard.org](http://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.

## ACT 2017-2018 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23-October 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018*	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018*	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

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### Scholarships

Students interested in applying for scholarships are encouraged to sign up with the following sites: [www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org) and [www.fastweb.com](http://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.



## 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)
(Thu) Sep. 21	4:00 PM	White River High School	Evergreen & White River
(Thu) Sep. 28	4:00 PM	Marymount Event Center	Foss & Foster
(Sat) Sep. 30	9:00 AM	Chambers Bay Park	Curtis & Invitational
(Thu) Oct. 5	4:00 PM	Marymount Event Center	Fife & Lindbergh
(Thu) Oct. 12	4:00 PM	Marymount Event Center	Franklin Pierce
(Sat) Oct. 21	9:30 AM	Ft. Steilacoom Park	South Puget Sound & League Meet
(Sat) Oct. 28	10:30 AM	American Lake Golf Course	West Central & District Meet
(Sat) Nov. 4	11:00 AM	Pasco Golf Course	2A & State Meet



## 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 in Room 604.

## ELIZABETH WESLEY YOUTH MERIT INCENTIVE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Twenty-one students from Washington High School were recognized this year by receiving a Youth Merit Incentive award of \$350.00. Congratulations, everyone!

- Joshua Adamson
- Shadiamon Barnes
- Cheyenne Bell
- Startasia Cavalier
- Javar Crockett
- Nyah Ellis
- Issiah Gill
- Osheonna Green
- Sierra Hartfield
- Savannah Hauenstein
- Jalyne Hudson
- Auricia Johnson
- Elona Laverdure
- Shakeem Maye
- Precious Moore
- Whitney Perry
- Ariyanna Pyles
- Alexis Reese
- Sierra Saxton
- Leroy Stoneham Jr
- Kalysa White

## HAUNTED THEATER



Are you a connoisseur of dark television? Do you find yourself in a haunted house for the entire month of October? Then get yourself to the WHS Haunted Theater on October 26th, 27th, 28th, and 31st from 6 until 9pm for a fabulously creepy good time! All proceeds go toward our 2017-18 show season. See you there!

## 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 can 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 26, 2017**. We will be passing out all the ordering and other pertinent information to make the ordering a success.

Cap and gown cost for the graduating class of 2018 will be \$42.00 plus \$9.95 s/h and 9.9% tax. (Keep in mind to get your order in early to get the lower pricing. Pricing goes up as of Dec 11, 2017.) If for some reason, you will not need the cap and gown later, the cap and gown cost of \$42 + tax is refundable.

We look forward to seeing your student at the meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, OCTOBER 2-5, 3.5 EARLY RELEASE; PRAD TRAINING, OCTOBER 6, 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.

### Mon. Oct. 2

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

### Tues. Oct. 3

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

### Wed. Oct. 4

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

### Thu. Oct. 5

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

## YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbook is working hard to make senior year extra special! Seniors have until January 12 to submit senior photos. Submit your photo by bringing a hard copy of the photo to the main office for Mrs. Horst or email a digital copy to [ahorst@fpschools.org](mailto:ahorst@fpschools.org).

Don't forget to purchase a senior page! Half page is \$60, full page \$100. Pay Ms. Pedrique in the cashier office. All payments must be made before work begins on pages. Submit photos by bringing hard copies of the photos to the main office for Mrs. Horst or email digital copies to [arasler@fpschools.org](mailto:arasler@fpschools.org). Senior pages must be purchased by January 12.

**Buy your book of memories at the Cashier's Office within the timeframes listed below.**

**Sept 1-29**

**\$55**

**Dec 1-Jan 31**

**\$60**

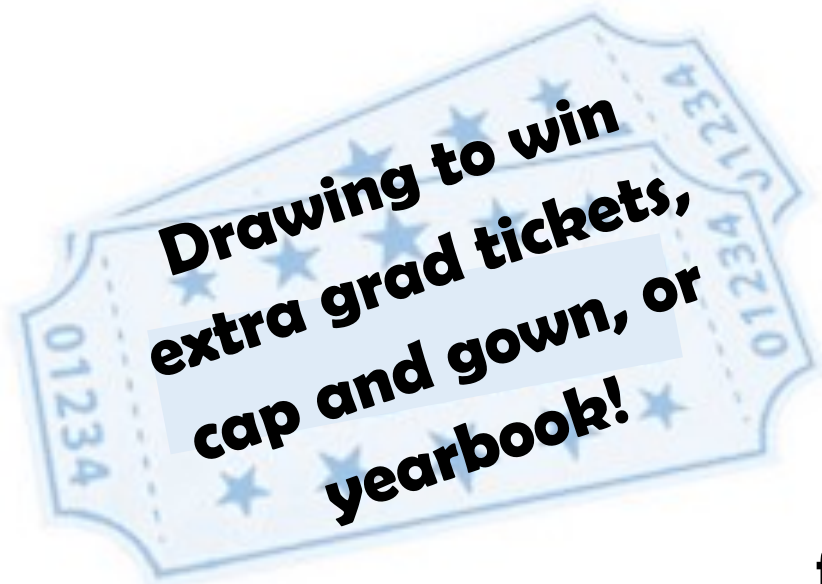
**Jun 1-Jun 19**

**\$65**

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# WHS Financial Aid Night

Planning to attend technical school, 2 year or 4 year college? This event is for you!



## What is it?

Assistance filling out federal (FAFSA) or state (WASFA) forms for financial aid



## What to bring:

- Your parent/guardian!!
- FSA ID (set it up at SLCs!)
- Drivers license
- Social security number  
(Don't have one? You have options!  
See Mrs. Moore)
- 2016 tax returns
- W2s (parents & students)
- Evidence of additional income or assets

**Ridgeway Room**

**Wednesday, Oct. 11**

**6-7:30 pm**