Wade Hampton High School

LEADING LIKE GENERALS PARENT NEWSLETTER--NOVEMBER 24, 2020







As COVID cases in Greenville County and the State of South Carolina continue to rise, Greenville County Schools is asking students, parents, and the greater community to help ensure the return to in-person school in the district is not derailed by rising numbers. GCS is asking all citizens to follow DHEC guidelines to help reverse the current increase: wear a mask when in public, avoid large gatherings, frequently wash or sanitize hands and high-touch surfaces, stay home and away from others when sick, and seek medical advice when running a fever, developing a new or worsening cough, experiencing shortness of breath, or losing the sense of taste or smell.

- Though statistics show individuals are safer from the risk of COVID inside our schools
 where protocols are strict, we could soon reach a tipping point where the number of
 employee absences would make it impossible for us to safely supervise students. This
 would result in a temporary return to eLearning.
- The community can help us stay on track by following recommended precautions outside
 of school: wear a mask when in public, avoid large gatherings, frequently wash or sanitize
 hands and high-touch surfaces, stay home and away from others when sick, and seek
 medical advice when running a fever, developing a new or worsening cough, experiencing
 shortness of breath, or losing the sense of taste or smell.
- Do NOT send students to school who are symptomatic of any contagious disease and follow DHEC instructions on COVID isolations and quarantines.

SATURDAY HELP SESSIONS

Wade Hampton High School

Saturday Help Sessions

WHHS Cafeteria * 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

ONLY STUDENTS WHO ARE BELOW A 60 IN ANY CLASS

LIMIT 100 STUDENTS AT SESSION

4TH SESSION: DECEMBER 5TH

SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WILL APPLY

CHROMEBOOKS NEEDED

Students will need their school issued ID, a face mask, and their Chromebooks

Once you sign up, make every effort to be at the Saturday Help

Session

There is NO Guarantee you will have a particular content teacher, but there will be teachers there to help

FOR VIRTUAL & ELEARNING STUDENTS

December 5th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm will be our fourth <u>Saturday Help Session!</u> These sessions are designed for any Virtual or eLearning student who are <u>making a 60 or below</u> in one of their classes at Wade Hampton. During these sessions, students will have the opportunity to work and complete assignments. We will have teachers available to help students when needed—no guarantee that we will have a particular content teacher. We can only accept 100 students for each session. The sign-up form will open today (November 20th)!

Information in Spanish: Sesiones de Apoyo Académico Sabatino

December 5th Saturday Help Session Sign-Up: English

December 5th Saturday Help Session Sign-Up: Spanish

Future Dates for SHS (Sign-Up Forms will be sent out two weeks prior to a SHS date):

1st Semester

December 5th & 12th

January 9th

2nd Semester
February 6th & 20th
March 13th & 27th
April 17th & 24th
May 8th & 15th

SPECIAL PERMISSION PROCEDURES 2021-2022

The GCS Planning Department will be automatically renewing the special permission status of all current students unless the parent declines their enrollment spot for next year or student violates their Special Permission Agreement.

The school lottery window for any new students for next year will be November 16-December 2. Parent will need to come to the front office and complete a lottery form for each student wishing to apply for special permission for next year.

SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

Did you know that you have to complete the FAFSA in order to be able to receive State Scholarships like LIFE and Palmetto Fellows and any other forms of aid regardless of family income (even if you believe you earn too much to get need-based aid)???

- Visit the <u>WHHS School Counseling Website</u> for regularly updated information and announcements. There are NEW tabs that have lots of good information posted.
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opened on Oct. 1 for current seniors and parent to apply for financial aid for college in Fall 2021. An informative FAFSA Presentation is posted on the School Counseling webpage. Click <u>HERE</u> for a FAFSA A to walk you through completing the FAFSA application.
- Classroom Guidance lessons were pushed out this week to students via Social Studies
 (9th, 11th, & 12th) and English (10th grade) classes. Students will receive academic
 information as well as a Stress Management lesson that is interactive for students.
 Students will receive a grade for completing this assignment as a way to encourage them
 to participate and gain this valuable information.
- LaunchGVI Internehin Opportunities

LaunchGVL is a partnership between the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and Greenville County Schools to connect junior and senior students to paid internships with local businesses. This is an opportunity for students to experience their career area of interest firsthand and gain valuable experience in the workforce. Students can view open positions and apply in Schoolinks. Log into Schoolinks through the Backpack and click on Careers>Opportunities. Uncheck the "Near My School" option and select "Internship" under "Opportunity Type." More positions will be posted throughout the year as they become available!

WHHS LIBRARY

The WHHS Library is open and ready to help all of our students succeed this year. Please take a look at our parent guide https://www.smore.com/phcs8 for helpful reading and research resources. Contact Mrs. Fansher afansher@greenville.k12.sc.us if you have questions or would like additional information.

JUNIOR CIVITAN CLUB

WHHS is the only school in Greenville County that sponsors a Junior Civitan Club. Junior Civitan is under the umbrella of <u>Civitan International</u>, a world-wide service organization that was founded in 1917. Junior Civitan offers students opportunities to learn about local non-profits in our monthly meetings, volunteer activities to earn service hours and to experience the joy of helping others, and the chance to meet students of all ages and backgrounds that they may not otherwise interact with. Additionally, there is a national and local college scholarship available each year to club members. The deadline for dues has been extended to Thursday, November 12. Dues are \$16 and may be paid by cash or check to Mrs. Fansher (club sponsor) in the library or on myschoolbucks.com

REPORT CARDS (1ST QUARTER)

Report Cards are ready to be viewed in Parent Backpack. We will provide a physical copy to all In-Person students starting Monday, Nov. 2nd.

If you do not have a Parent Backpack account, please contact Mrs. Kirven at rkirven@greenville.k12.sc.us or Mrs. Childers at mchilders@greenville.k12.sc.us. They will email you a copy of the report card and assist you in getting your Parent Backpack account set up.

PARENT BACKPACK ACCOUNTS

Please create your parent backpack account if you have not already done so by going to https://www.gcsbackpack.com/signin.aspx

Here you can check your student's grades in real time, attendance, and receive text/email notifications sent by the School. After completing the steps to create the account, you will receive a confirmation email telling you to visit the school to verify your identity.

To complete verification...

- 1. **Email a copy of your Government ID to Guidance Clerks** (Mrs. Kirven) at rkirven@greenville.k12.sc.us or (Mrs. Childers) at mchilders@greenville.k12.sc.us.
- 2. One proof of custody is required (See photo below).
- 3. Please ensure your student's name is attached.
- 4. This has to be done prior to your account being approved by the school.

PARENT SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING LUNCH AND LEARN

The School Counseling Department hosted a **Parent SEL Lunch and Learn** on Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 12-1pm. Parents were presented with tools to help their students deal with the stressors that have increased in our current environment. The presentation and meeting recording will be posted on the School Counseling website and teachers are invited to view the presentation as well. The link is listed below.

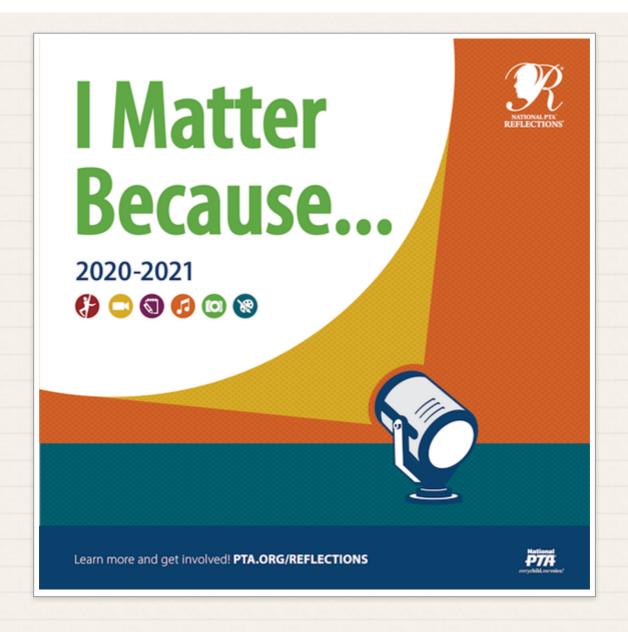
Presentation:

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PTA REFLECTIONS

Reflections Deadline has been extended until Tuesday, December 15th! This year's theme is "I matter because....." so get creative and submit an original work in any one of six categories - Dance, Film, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.

It is ALL VIRTUAL this year so go to the Student/Parent pulldown tab, PTSA 2020 Reflections, to find the rules and entry form.



UNDERCLASSMEN DUES

Underclassmen (Grades 9-11) Dues are collected each year to support the projects associated with the corresponding graduation classes. The Class Dues are \$5!

This applies to Virtual students and in-person/E-learning students.

Students/Parents can one of three ways:

- 1. Pay dues to students' 1st Block teacher
- 2. Pay in the front office
- 3. Pay online at MySchoolBucks.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Senior IGP meetings

Students and Parents are invited to sign up for a 30-minute Virtual IGP meeting with their School Counselor during the month of October. The meetings will be conducted

via Coogle Mosts. There will be a 1 week window for students to sign up for a slot. After

October 2nd, Counselors will assign meeting times for students who have not selected a time and the student will receive an email confirmation for their IGP appointment time.

- Choose a meeting time slot on an e-learning day or after you have left school (NOT during class time here at WHHS, FAC, or the Career Center). We do not want to pull students from their actual classroom instruction time. (Virtual Academy students can sign up for any available slot)
- Students and parents should discuss and decide on a meeting time that will work for both to attend together (if the parent plans to attend).

How to sign up: Students needs to sign up while logged into their School Google account

- Click on the link of your School Counselor's name below to go to their Google Calendar.
- Click on the link that reads "Next available appointment slot on Oct..."
- Click on the box of the appointment day/time that you want. The student's name will automatically appear in the "what" box. Click Save.
- You will get an appointment confirmation box.
- To add your parent to the meeting so they will get the Google Meet link, click on "view/edit in Google Calendar", click the edit tool icon, then type your parent's email address under "Guests", then click "Save", then "Send". You and your parent/guardian will receive an email with the Google Meets link included!

Ms. Dansby (A-Cha)
Mrs. York (Che- Gom)
Ms. Monson (Gon-Ko)
Mr. H. Brown (Kr- N)
Mrs. Ko (O- Sh)

Ms. K. Brown (Si- Z)

SCHOOLINKS

Schoolinks is a new program that replaced Naviance as students' college and career portfolio. There are many features that the School Counseling Department is still learning about and will be sharing with students in the coming weeks. Students can now access and download their transcripts by logging into their Schoolinks account via Student Backpack in the Education Apps. Seniors will use Schoolinks to track college applications and request transcripts be sent to colleges. For a video guide and pdf information, visit the **School Counseling webpage**.

IMPORTANT ELEARNING AND VIRTUAL REMINDERS





Parent Edition--Student Expectat...

drive.google.com



Proper Email Communication

drive.google.com

QUESTIONS ABOUT VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION

Can parents or non-students be present and off-camera during virtual instruction?

Parents and legal guardians listening to or watching virtual instruction is permissible pursuant to FERPA and would be similar to a classroom observation. There is practically nothing that a school or teacher can do to prevent other individuals who are with the student from either watching or listening to virtual instruction other than to make sure that the links sent to students for either live instruction or for recordings are secure and not accessible to be joined by non-students.

What about tutors or other individuals who are not parents or guardians helping a student?

As stated in the section immediately above, the reality of virtual instruction is that tutors and other individuals (including siblings) working with a student may have access to either live instruction or recordings while supporting a student. The parents/guardians and/or students are responsible for providing information and assignments to these individuals. While an arrangement between a parent and a tutor is preferred, parents and legal guardians may request specific permission for a tutor or another person supporting a student to be added on a student's account either in Google Classroom or in Student Backpack. Please see the below links for instructions on the process for an individual to be added to a student's Google Classroom or Backpack account.

Google Classroom: https://youtu.be/k7wPhKBH6JA

Student Backpack: https://youtu.be/0XLF3QBeGk0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GCLDEN APPLE AWARDS

Nominate a teacher who has made a difference in your life!

Ingles and WYFF 4 want to reward the teachers who are going above and beyond. Each week, an area teacher will be selected to receive the Golden Apple Award and profiled Thursdays on WYFF News 4. These weekly winners will be chosen from your nominations by a panel of judges. At the end of the school year, a Teacher of the Year will be selected from the weekly winners.

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Nomination Form

Nomination rules

- The Golden Apple Award is open to any educator, grades K through college who works in South Carolina, North Carolina or Georgia.
- The nominator may be anyone living in the above-mentioned areas.
- 3. Self-nominations are not permitted.
- To nominate an educator for the Golden Apple Award:
- Write a one-page letter using this nomination form or an 8.5x11" sheet of white paper, maximum 250 words.
 Nomination letters should be typed or neatly presented.
- Include your reasons for the nomination and your experiences with the teacher.
- Nominations should be based on outstanding teaching methods and not extracurricular activities.
- Include the teacher's name, school name and phone number along with your name, address and phone number.
- Mail entry form to WYFF News 4 Golden Apple Award 505 Rutherford Street Greenville SC 29609
- The Teacher of the Year will receive a gift card from Ingles.
- The decision of the judges is final. Ingles and WYFF 4, in their sole discretion, may modify or discontinue the program at any time.

WYFF News 4 and Ingles are proud to continue the strong tradition of presenting the golden Apple Awards program. The Golden Apple Awards are a way for their viewers to recognize the excellent work taking place in classrooms throughout our area. Each week, an outstanding educator will be featured during the Thursday 5pm newscast on WYFF News 4.

Please stop by your local Ingles stre to pick up a Golden Apple Nomination form and submit the names of those educators you feel should be recognized. There are great prizes for the weekly winners and all weekly winners will be honored at the annual Golden Apple awards banquet in May. At the banquet, a Teacher of the Year will be announced from the weekly winners.

Let's get a Wade Hampton teacher on that stage.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Financial Aid Workshops for Parents

Parents Invited!





October 6, 2020 • 6-7:30 PM Scan for Virtual Meeting



October 13, 2020 • 6-7:30 PM Scan for Virtual Meeting



October 20, 2020 • 6-7:30 PM Scan for Virtual Meeting Spanish Interpreter Available



October 27, 2020 • 6-7:30 PM Scan for Virtual Meeting

Attend One of Four Virtual Financial Aid Workshops for Parents Sponsored by Greenville County Schools.

All workshops are open to the public. Hear from school counselors and college financial aid officers regarding the most current financial aid information.

All types of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, and loans will be discussed. Assistance provided by GCS School Counselors and College Financial Aid Officers.

For More Information

Call 355-3391 or 355-3392



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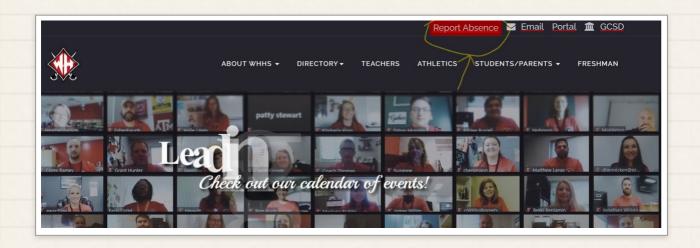
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<u>Update Chrome Operating System</u>

Videos Not Playing

Website Slow and Reset Chromebook

STUDENT ATTENDANCE



Parents should report students absences by using the Report Absences tab located on the school's homepage. Parents should report early dismissals by emailing the Attendance Clerk at pksmith@greenville.k12.sc.us

THE GENERALS SCHOOL STORE

The school store will be open every Wednesday and Thursday during all FOUR lunches.







WHHS PUBLIC CALENDAR

This calendar contains information pertinent to the general public and WHHS greater community. All athletic events, performances, and school-wide dates are placed on the calendar



Please come out and enjoy all the great aspects of being a General.

WHHS Public Calendar

