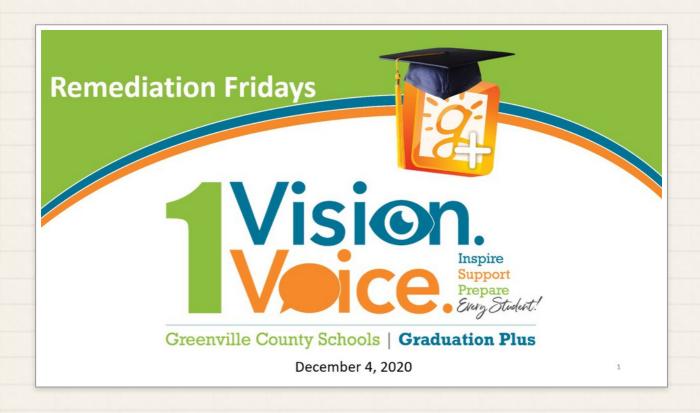
# Wade Hampton High School

LEADING LIKE GENERALS PARENT NEWSLETTER--DECEMBER 4, 2020



Parents,

We have developed another opportunity to provide remediation to students (In-Person and Virtual) who are identified by teachers. We call it Remediation Fridays. This primary focus is on students who are at risk of failing and/or currently failing in one or more classes. This may also include students, in general, that may need to be here for in-person instruction who may not be failing.

Please watch this brief video below that explains all the details.

Dr. Grant

### MAP TESTING FOR 9TH GRADERS

During the first weeks of school, WHHS 9th grade students were assessed through MAP Testing. The post-test for all 9th grade students who took the MAP pre-test will be on **Friday**, **December 11th at 8:45 am** at Wade Hampton High School. Students should bring their assigned Chromebook (charged) to the testing session. Please enter the Wade Hampton High School building through the cafeteria.

Although this is not a regularly scheduled school day, the school will be open from 8:30 to 12:00. Students can ride their regular bus, or they can be dropped off and picked up. Virtual students must provide their own transportation.

School lunch will be available.







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

5TH SESSION: DECEMBER 12TH

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 12th and January 9th are our last Saturday Help Sessions for Semester One. 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 for December 12th and for January 9th.

Information in Spanish: Sesiones de Apoyo Académico Sabatino: 12 de Diciembre

Sesiones de Apoyo Académico Sabatino: 9 de Enero

Sign-Up Forms in English:

December 12th Saturday Help Session Sign-Up: English

January 9th Saturday Help Session Sign-Up: English

Sign-Up Forms in Spanish:

December 12th Saturday Help Session Sign-Up: Spanish

January 9th 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 12th

January 9th

2nd Semester

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

# SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

#### Microburst Job Shadowing

Virtual job shadowing is free and available to students at <a href="https://www.microcareerburst.com/">https://www.microcareerburst.com/</a>. There are various videos within different career categories for them to explore as well as an exploratory assignment to complete. Students can see their school counselor for login and password information.

#### **FAFSA**

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)???

• 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.

#### **LaunchGVL Internship 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!

Visit the <u>WHHS School Counseling Website</u> for regularly updated information and announcements.

#### PARENT BACKPACK ACCOUNTS

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

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...

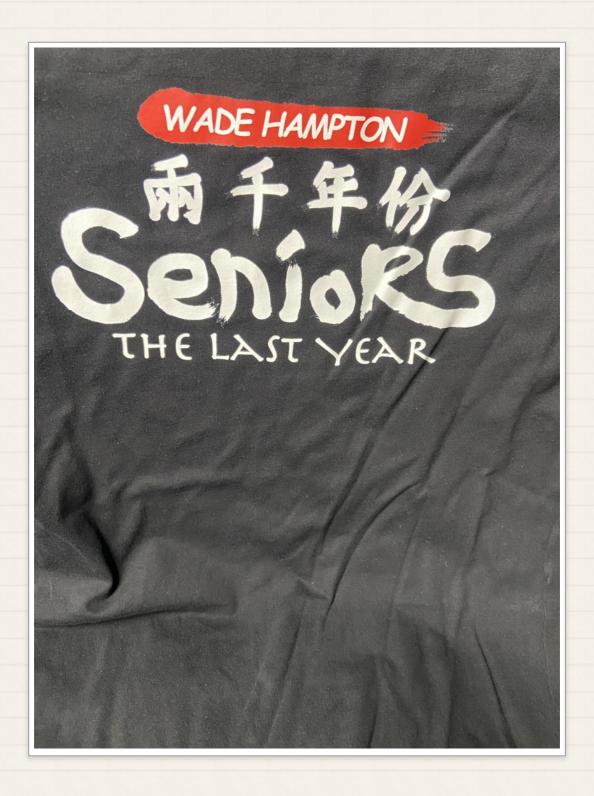
- 1. Email a copy of your Government ID to Guidance Clerks (Mrs. Kirven) at <a href="mailto:rkirven@greenville.k12.sc.us">rkirven@greenville.k12.sc.us</a> or (Mrs. Childers) at <a href="mailto:mchilders@greenville.k12.sc.us">mchilders@greenville.k12.sc.us</a>.
- 2. One proof of custody is required (See 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.

#### SENIOR T-SHIRTS ARE IN

This year's shirt was designed by our very own Student Body President, Rocky McCrary and Senior Class President, Sydney Dunlap. Seniors who have paid the \$25 senior dues can see Mrs. Ellerbe in the library from 8:00 - 8:45am Monday - Thursday to pick up their shirt or pay dues.

Virtual students can pick up shirts and pay dues on Fridays from 9:00 - 11:00am. Questions can be emailed to Mrs. Ellerhe at aellerhe@greenville k12 so us or Coach Hunter at

Dues can also be paid on myschoolbucks.com.



# 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

#### **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



Student Expectations-9.22.20

drive.google.com



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: <a href="https://youtu.be/0XLF3QBeGk0">https://youtu.be/0XLF3QBeGk0</a>

TECHNOLOGY TROUBLE SHOOTING SOLUTIONS

Microphone and Camera Not Working

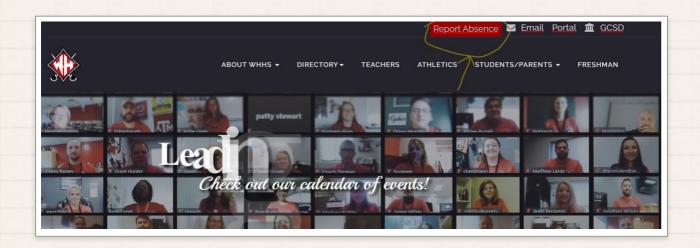
Not Connecting to Home Internet

<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 <u>school's homepage</u>. Parents should report early dismissals by emailing the Attendance Clerk at <u>pksmith@greenville.k12.sc.us</u>

# 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

