Lead Like General News (Sept 16-20)

Student and Parent Edition

From the Principal's Desk

On behalf of our school family, I want to thank everyone who sent emails and phone calls as a result of the safety concern this past week. As a fellow WHHS parent, I can certainly understand and appreciate the need to protect our babies. As mentioned before, I am thankful to the Greenville County sheriffs office that reviewed all information concerning the alleged threat, conducted a very thorough investigation and interviewed numerous witnesses. Investigators found zero evidence of any real threat. While the allegations turned out to be untrue, we are now dealing with students that authored false information and knowingly spread it over social media. The alleged student is actually receiving a lot of support and empathy from our school staff.

There are three main points I would like your assistance in reinforcing at home:

- Encourage students to report all suspicious or concerning things they hear or see to a trusted adult in the building so an investigation can begin immediately. All reports are taken seriously.
- Because all reports are investigated and taken seriously, it is harmful to the entire student body and to parents to make false reports or accusations. Every report of a threat causes anxiety in the school community and requires extensive work from law enforcement and school administrators. We would never want repeat false reports to de-sensitize us in the event of a real threat where quick action is required.
- Do not share rumors about threats whether that be on social media, phone texts groups or email. You may think you are helping keep fellow students safe but instead may be fueling the fire. Instead, inform your parents or a trusted adult in our school.

Once again, thank you for being awesome parents and students. I take great pride in being the principal at Wade Hampton High School. But, first and foremost, I am a Wade Hampton parent. Keeping all our students and staff safe is our number one priority. Let's continue #LeadingLikeAGeneral.

Greenville County Schools Job Fair

Greenville County Human Resources Operations will host a job fair on Tuesday, September 24, from 5-7 pm at Gateway ES, Simpsonville, SC. Bus Drivers/Aides, Custodian and Food Service will be represented. Please see our <u>Job Fair Flyer</u> for more information.

PTSA Membership

Parents...We are looking for your talent and generous time as WHHS continues to be the flagship school in South Carolina. Please visit the online store to join and purchase PTA memberships. The link is https://whhs.memberhub.store. Thank you for being awesome parents. Your membership will be a big boost for our school.

What is Parent Backpack?

Please stop by the School Counseling Office anytime during open hours (8:30am-4:00pm) to validate your account. Bring your valid ID and a copy will be made to process your application during the week.

Parent Backpack is an online application that replaces the PowerSchool Parent Portal. With Parent Backpack, you are able to view your child's grades, school attendance, and any discipline incidents when you are logged into the system. Best of all, Parent Backpack works on any device and is mobile friendly. Visit Parent Backpack and create an account. Please access directions by clicking on Creating a Parent Backpack Account - English Directions or Directiones en Español

Ring Assembly (Juniors only)

Herff Jones will be here Monday September 16 for all Juniors. We will meet in the auditorium immediately following the college fair. We should begin at approximately 10:200

Attention Class of 2020

Attention Class of 2020...Please remember to join the class of 2020 Google Classroom - the code to join is NCV7VY1. This is where all important information will be distributed. Also, remember that class dues of \$50 can be paid by cash or check to Mrs. Ellerbe in room 206 or Coach Hunter in room 303 - or you can pay by credit or debit card online at MySchoolBucks.com. Make sure to pay by September 27th before the price goes up to \$60.

Junior College Field Trip on Monday

Parents of 11th graders, all of our 3rd year students at Wade Hampton will attend a field trip to the Greenville County College Fair at the Greenville County Convention Center on Monday, September 16th, from 9:15am-11:00am. This is a district-sponsored event that all high schools attend. All juniors will report to their first block classes on Monday and then load busses to travel together to the college fair at 9am. We look forward to this opportunity for our students to gather information about a variety of colleges and universities at this event. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sB9Yo3DcyN8zByh0FpdVfilTtUsID02y/view?usp=sharing

Manufacturing Day for Seniors on October 4th

If you have a senior that has no plans to attend a four year college and is still unsure of what their next step after graduation will be, have them sign up for Manufacturing Day! On October 4th, we will take 40 students to Manufacturing Day where they will have the chance to learn more about careers in Manufacturing as well as tour an industry. Sophomores and Juniors also invited.

If your student is interested, please have them complete this link by Friday, September 20th: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVPe-04gLXw17d8M2rw_dxA6KAaPyMQQQizxaLIZtkVULFQQ/viewform

Technology Fees (\$25)

Pay your \$25 tech fee in the cafeteria from 8:00am-8:40am. Come to the Tech Support office (past the Library) until 11:30 to pay later in the day! Cash or check that is made out to Wade Hampton High School. The most efficient and preferred method for paying technology fee is online at MySchooBucks.com.

Students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch pay a fee of \$5.

Underclassmen (Grades 9-11) Class Dues

Teachers are collecting the \$5 Underclassmen dues from students during FIRST BLOCK.

The most efficient and preferred method for paying dues in online at <u>MySchooBucks.com.</u>

Student Athletic Passes

Students who have purchased athletic passes should see Coach Choplin after 12:00 to pick them up. Students still wanting an athletic pass should see Coach Choplin to purchase one.

HOSA meeting

Anyone Interested in Healthcare or Helping Others Should Come and Join Health Occupations Students of America. We Will Meet Thursday September 5 at 8:00 AM in Room 102

Black Student Union Meeting

The next meeting of the Black Student Union will be Thursday, September 20th from 3:50 to 4:50 in Ms Mangle's room, 117. The topic of discussion will be African American stereotypes. All students invited to attend. Free cookies will be available as always.

Robotics Team Interest Meeting

Come see what competition robotics is all about! Join us Mondays anytime between 4pm and 8pm. We will be building a robot the entire time!

Boys Basketball

Any boy, not involved in a Fall sport, who is interested in playing basketball for Wade Hampton is strongly encouraged to attend the Open Season practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning September 17th. These practices will begin promptly at 4:00 and end at 5:30. You must have all documents completed and approved on Planet HS before participating. Please see Coach Choplin or Coach McCrary for more information.

Girls Soccer Interest Meeting

Reminder that there is a Girls Soccer interest meeting for varsity and JV on Friday, Sept. 13 in Coach Mancuso's room, room 304.

Conspiracy Club

Conspiracy Club had a fantastic first meeting 2 weeks ago. Please join in the fun again on Tuesday September 17th from 3:50 to 4:50 in Ms. Agee's Room 319.

Order Yearbooks Now!!!

The yearbook is currently at the lowest price of the year! Students can purchase a book for \$65 and will receive 4 free icons when you personalize your cover. This is a limited time offer so make sure to order by Friday, September 6th to receive the best deal. Go to Jostens.com to start your order.

Power Hour

Any athlete interested in starting the day with a morning workout should attend the newly formed "Power Hour" on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays in the weight room, starting at 7:30. Coach Wayne Brown, Wade Hampton Strength and Conditioning Coach, will be

on hand to instruct and provide assistance. Please contact Coach Miller or Coach Choplin with questions.

Spirit School Store

Spirit Store will be open during lunch. Chipwiches \$2 each, Spirit wear including white t-shirts for \$5 for the White Out Game Friday Night.

WHHS Athletic Calendar

This calendar contains information pertinent to all WHHS athletic events.

https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/athletics/pages.asp?titleid=hswhhome

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



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