

Lead Like Generals (Jan 21-24)

Student and Parent Edition

Message from Dr. Grant

Good Afternoon Wade Hampton Families,

As we enter this weekend in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I am left to think of his final speech here Memphis, TN. In his speech, he narrates the story of the good Samaritan. In this story, two men passed another man in need on a dangerous road. Neither man stopped to help the man in need. A good Samaritan approached the man who required help, and, despite the threat of being attacked by thieves, the good Samaritan assisted the man who struggled. Dr. King goes on to say that the good Samaritan did not ask himself, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" Instead, he reversed the question, and asked, "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to **HIM**?"

We too are left to ask the same question as we impact the lives of young people everyday. I am thankful to our high quality staff for being the good Samaritan by providing the best instruction, social emotional support, and mentorship to our children. We truly are shaping the future through these actions. I encourage our students to also think of themselves as good Samaritans by finding ways to be of service to others.

Have a great weekend and keep leading like Generals.

Dr. Grant

Spring 2020 Open House

Please be reminded of our Spring 2020 PTSA Open House is scheduled for Monday, January 27th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. The evening will begin with the Spring PTSA meeting at 5:30pm. This is an opportunity to conduct our annual PTSA business and get an update from me regarding our school's vision.

We will then transition into our Curriculum Night portion. You will hear directly from the counselors and academic departments chairs regarding academic programming. At approximately 7pm, you will be dismissed from the auditorium to visit your student's classes based on their 2nd semester schedule. Please access your students' schedule in the

Parent/Student Backpack, if needed. Parents will be allowed to visit teachers by following your student's schedule. You will spend several minutes in each class starting with the first block class. We will signal when to move to the next class. When you have visited your child's last class that will conclude our program for the evening.

Also, [Just Say Something](#) (a Greenville County non-profit organization) will have a table set up in the atrium all night. Their mission is to help youth, parents, and communities have open, honest, and ongoing conversations about drugs, alcohol, and vaping. They provide programs and services to youth in order to empower them to reach their full potential. Please stop by the their display in the atrium if you get the chance.

Schedule

- 5:30pm-6:00pm--PTSA Meeting
- 6:00pm-6:50pm--Curriculum Night in Auditorium
- 7:00-8:00pm--Classroom Visits
- 8:00pm--Conclude

The Mighty Generals

In February of 1970, the federal government mandated the desegregation of schools in Greenville, SC. In the middle of the school year, 12,000 of the county's 57,000 students were reassigned in an effort to bring each school's racial balance in line with the overall demographics. Imagine the fear and violence that pursued.

Wade Hampton High was South Carolina's largest high school at the time and named in honor of Wade Hampton III, a Confederate general and former governor who descended from an influential slave-owning South Carolina family.

I spoke very briefly at the Faculty Meeting about the book, [The Mighty Generals](#) written by Mike Chibbaro (WH Alumni). This story is a special one and I think our students should know it. It will be good for the community as well. We pride ourselves on our positive school culture and school spirit. I think this could open the door for a larger conversation for our school centered on cultural competency and inclusion. The 1970 and 1971 basketball teams (players and coaches) played a critical role in creating a more inclusive culture at WHHS despite the segregationist pressure at the time.

This February will mark 50 years since the first African American students entered our building as students. As such, I pulled together a small team to imagine a way to capitalize on this story, pay homage to our alumni, and make connections to Black History Month. We want you to be aware of the following activities that will happen to educate our students about these giants on whom shoulders we stand.

Friday, February 7, 2020

- Two 45-minute Assemblies during 2nd Block (schedule coming soon).
 - Clyde Mayes and Norman MacDonald will be the honored guests and speakers.
 - We will have the entire student body and faculty present.

- Students will preview a 5 minute video that highlights the book prior to the assembly.
- Host a "Throwback Night" at the Varsity Basketball Game vs. Easley High School
 - Halftime Presentation to the 1970 and 1971 teams (coaches and players)
 - Book signing before and during the game (cafeteria)
 - Pictures with the 1970 and 1971 players/coaches (cafeteria)
 - Display of old letters, newspaper clippings, paraphernalia, etc in the cafeteria/foyer area.
- Proceeds from book sales will be donated back to the school.

Attention Class of 2020

Attention Class of 2020!!! Friday, December 20th was the **LAST DAY** to pay your Senior dues at the rate of \$60. Senior Dues have now **increased to \$70**. You can pay 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 www.MySchoolBucks.com.

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.

Attributes of a General- Communication

The focus Attribute of a General for the month of January is Communication.

As a new semester begins, teachers will have the opportunity to display this attribute within their classrooms by clearly communicating the learning goals and setting the expectations for their classroom environment. Being able to model effective communication daily and clearly defining communications expectations for students will help them succeed in school and in life.

It's easy to focus on spoken and written forms of communication, but studies show that 93% of all communication is nonverbal. So we must be mindful of how that impacts the message we are trying to deliver. Also, take time to think about what communication barriers your students may experience. One example would be earbuds in while speaking with other students or teachers.

Informing, Persuading, and Motivating are different functions of communicating with others. Being mindful of what we say and how we say it can either encourage or suppress a student's desire to reciprocate an open and honest dialogue.

Sign up for Parent Backpack to view your student's grades/attendance online

You may have noticed that the Parent Portal is no longer available. 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 [Direcciones en Español](#)

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.

IGP invitations and Q2 report cards coming home on Friday January 24th

Parents, just a reminder that your student's Q2 report card will be coming home on Friday, January 24th. In addition to report cards, students currently in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades will also receive an invitation letter to their personal IGP/registration meeting. This invitation has your specific date/time of your IGP meeting for course registration for the 2020-2021 academic year. Your school counselor looks forward to meeting with parents and students during these important planning meetings.

Career Center Applications for 2020–2021 Programs NOW OPEN

Parents, is your student interested in a program at a Career Center? Career Center applications are open! You can apply on the Student Backpack Portal. [Click here](#) for instructions.

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.

Nominate a 12th Grade "Unsung Hero"

ACE Award nominations are now open! This award is designed to honor 12th grade students who are true "unsung heroes". The selection process focuses on identifying and selecting students who often go unnoticed for one reason or another, but have accomplished great things in their community, church or school. If you would like to nominate a 12th grade student, complete and submit a nomination online at <http://coaches4character.com/ace-awards.html> and click on the ACE Awards tab. Nominations opened on Monday, October 14, 2019 and must be submitted by January 31, 2020.

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 MySchoolBucks.com.

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

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

Chipwiches and Spirit Wear available every Friday. Special lunches will be sold the First Friday of each month.

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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