

Wade Hampton High School

LEADING LIKE GENERALS PARENT NEWSLETTER--JANUARY 29, 2021

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF JARED BARKER

[HTTP://TINY.CC/JAREDWHHS](http://tiny.cc/jaredwhhs)



GRIEVING OUR LOSS

Hello Parents,

As I shared with you this week, one of our fellow Generals, **Jared Thomas Barker**, passed away. Jared was a Junior at our school who previously attended Sevier Middle School and Lake Forrest Elementary. He is survived by his parents, brother Ethan (10th grade) and Sophia (7th grade). We have several ways to memorialize Jared's time with us and support his family.

First, we have shared with students a link to a KudoBoard for them to add comments and memories. Anyone can attach messages, photos or videos that convey their thoughts and feelings. You are welcome to do the same. We will deliver the final poster board to the families.

<https://tiny.cc/JaredWHHS>

Secondly, we are putting together gift baskets for his family. We will take donations next week (Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm). You may bring physical sympathy cards and/or gift cards to drop in the corresponding basket located in the main office. We will only be able to accept gift cards or sympathy cards at this time. We will then deliver these to the families the following week.

Once again, thank you for being special people in each others' lives. We promise to keep being solid role models for your children while you also continue to be positive role models to each other. Have a blessed weekend.

Dr. Grant, Principal

SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

IGP meetings for 9th – 11th grade students will begin Feb. 16th.

In-Person Students

- An IGP invitation letter will be sent next week listing the date and time of their in-person IGP meeting with their counselor.
- **Parents will be invited to attend the meeting virtually.**

Virtual Students

- Virtual students and students not in attendance on their scheduled IGP meeting date will conduct their IGP meeting virtually as well.
- The actual virtual meeting links to participate will be sent to parents and students electronically, thru each School Counselor's Google Classroom prior to the meeting.

**SCHOOL COUNSELORS CELEBRATE DURING NATIONAL
SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK, FEB. 1-5, 2021**

National School Counseling Week 2021, "School Counselors: All in for All Students," sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated from Feb. 1–5, 2021, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

We are so thankful for our School Counseling Department at WHHS!

AIR FORCE JROTC

AFJROTC Hype Video (Spring 2021)



CHROMEBOOK REPAIR HOURS

Please see the hours below for walk-in service for the chromebook repair office. If students need a repair and it is not during these hours, please call Mrs. Sharp at (864) 355-0370 or Mrs. Ellerbe at (864) 355-0176 so that they can arrange a time to assist the student.

Thank you

Chromebook Repair Hours

The Chromebook repair office is available for walk-in service during the following hours.



Monday	8:00 am to 11:30 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am to 11:30 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am to 11:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 am to 11:30 pm
Friday	8:00 am to 11:30 pm



Appointments or pre-arranged times outside of regular hours can be made by calling (864) 355-0370 or (864) 355-0176.

IMPORTANT--VIRTUAL ACADEMY UPDATES AND REMINDERS

This message is designed for our Virtual Academy Students.

As we prepare for 2nd Semester, we want to provide several updates related to how we are going to structure our WHHS Virtual Academy. Please view this video created specifically for WHHS students and WHHS parents in our virtual program. There are several key changes to our expectations that we want to make sure you are aware.

<https://www.loom.com/share/469066505793447896d32c8e0115ec04>

Be reminded that even though the GCS Virtual Program is full-year commitment, parents whose children are enrolled in the Virtual Program may request that their student(s) return to face-to-face instruction for the 2nd semester. Requests will be granted based on space availability in brick-and-mortar schools. Parents must apply separately for each child, and parents must have a Backpack account to complete the request.

Our primary goal is to return our traditional (non-virtual) students to full-time, in-person instruction as soon as it is safe to do so. We are now in the process of phasing some of the current brick-and-mortar students back to full-time, from 2 days to 5 days per week. The physical space of each classroom limits the number of students who can attend while meeting DHEC guidelines.

Please note that because of space limitations, there are currently no open seats for virtual students to return to brick-and-mortar schools. However, for planning purposes, GCS would like to determine how many students are interested in returning next semester.

Dr. Carlos Grant, Principal

Mrs. Avery Davis, WHHS Virtual Academy Administrator

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

FEBRUARY 20TH

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

SATURDAY HELP SESSIONS

For the 2nd semester, our 1st Saturday Help Session will be February 20th.

February 6th SHS has been canceled

This is an opportunity for in-person and virtual students to come to receive help with their assignments. Students will need to be at the school at 9:00 and will last till 12:00.

Please use the following link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/7L6D8zPYCXeVnknFA>

STUDENT ATTENDANCE (IN-PERSON STUDENTS)

We have heard from a significant number of parents who do not want to commit their student to the Virtual Program for the remainder of this school year (because they may not have the option to return to in-person class if conditions improve), but they also do not want to send their children in accord with the current attendance plan because of the high COVID spread in our community. To ensure consistency across the district:





















- Be reminded that parents have the ability to “excuse” 10 of their children’s absences. As Principal, Dr. Grant has the option of considering hardships or individual circumstances to allow further absences.
- Once parents make the choice between the Virtual and Traditional programs, their children are expected to follow that program’s attendance plan. They are not allowed to choose the traditional (in-person) and simultaneously stay home for full-time eLearning.
- At the high school level, students who are “excused” by a parent note can participate in eLearning during those 10 days since classes are being livestreamed and eLearning is still occurring for the 25% of in-person students who are home each day on the 75% plan.
- When students are not physically present in the building **on a scheduled attendance day**, students will be marked absent, whether they are elementary, middle, or high school students.

HS STUDENTS INCREASED IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION





















Beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2021, [Greenville County Schools](#) will increase the amount of in-person attendance for high school students from 40-percent to 75-percent. This means students who currently attend in-person classes two days a week on Attendance Plan 2 will attend four days a week, except for one week each month when they have three days of in-person classes instead of four. Career Center students will also see an increase in face-to-face instruction with most Level I and Level II courses returning to 5 days a week. Additionally, high school self-contained special education students will go from 4 days of in-person attendance to five.

Students will engage in eLearning on days they are not physically in class. On eLearning days, teachers will offer streamed and/or recorded instruction. Additionally, Career Center students (Level I and Level II) will move to 5 days a week in person instruction, with a few exceptions depending on the location, class, number of students, etc. Bus riders without transportation can take the bus to their high school every day and catch the bus to the career center. Those career center students who use bus transportation on days their color group does not attend high school and cannot arrange transportation home, will be supervised at the high school or career center during the portion of the day they are not in career center classes.

Please see the graphic visuals below that we created to give students a specific picture of what their in-person schedule will look like. We are using this in our communicate with families each month. We will make large posters to hang around the school, send out through parent newsletters, post on the website and post on social media.

 A-D	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 18-22	MLK Jr Day NO SCHOOL	At Home 			
January 25-29		At Home 			
February 1-5		At Home 			
February 8-12		At Home 			At Home 

A-D PRINT FRIENDLY PDF

 E-K	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 18-22	MLK Jr Day NO SCHOOL				
January 25-29	At Home 				
February 1-5	At Home 				At Home 
February 8-12	At Home 				

E-K PRINT FRIENDLY PDF

**L-Q**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 18-22	MLK Jr Day NO SCHOOL			At Home 	
January 25-29				At Home 	At Home
February 1-5				At Home 	
February 8-12				At Home 	

L-Q PRINT FRIENDLY PDF

**R-Z**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 18-22	MLK Jr Day NO SCHOOL		At Home 		At Home
January 25-29			At Home 		
February 1-5			At Home 		
February 8-12			At Home 		

R-Z PRINT FRIENDLY PDF

THE GREENVILLE ALTERNATIVE TEACHER EDUCATION (GATE) PROGRAM

The Greenville Alternative Teacher Education (GATE) Program is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year! - The GATE program is a three-year district-based, job-embedded, alternative certification program and is the first of its kind in South Carolina. GATE provides authentic teaching experiences with supportive mentoring and coaching. Greenville County Schools is currently seeking candidates who are interested in teaching math, science, social studies, English, French, or Spanish to middle or high school students. To be considered for the GATE program, candidates must have a bachelor's degree or higher with a major or emphasis in the teaching area of interest. Applications are being accepted NOW! [Register](#) to attend an information session or visit the [GATE website](#) to learn more about the [GATE program](#). **Contact:** [Dr. Candice Moore](#), 355-3895.

WE NEED YOU!!!

Parents, **YOU** might be able to help keep our students in school **AND** get paid while doing it. We need **SUBS/Guest Teachers!** When teachers have to be out for long periods of time for quarantine or in more rare cases positive test results, we do not have enough substitutes to keep all classes covered. Often times the teacher is either teaching remotely or will prepare student materials via Google Classroom, but we still need an adult to supervise classes and make sure all safety protocols are being followed.

If you are able to help serve as a substitute for Greenville County Schools, please [follow this link](#) to get started and be sure to let us know ([email Dr. Grant!](#)). We will be happy to help facilitate the process. You may choose to work at any school or you can select Wade Hampton exclusively. Work only on the days that fit your schedule. We appreciate your consideration to help the school by serving as a substitute guest teacher!

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.

3. Please ensure your student's name is attached.
4. This has to be done prior to your account being approved by the school.

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

Communication

- Contact your teachers during Google Meets or Office Hours
 - If you have questions about the assignments
 - When you are unsure of the due dates
 - To get more understanding of the material
- Maintain positive communication with your teachers
- Check Google Classroom regularly
- Check Teacher Websites for calendars and necessary information



Student Expectations-9.22.20

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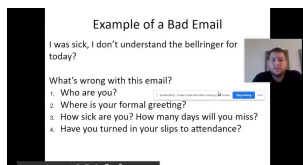
Virtual Academy and eLearning:

Parent Edition



Parent Edition--Student Expectat...

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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>

TECHNOLOGY TROUBLE SHOOTING SOLUTIONS

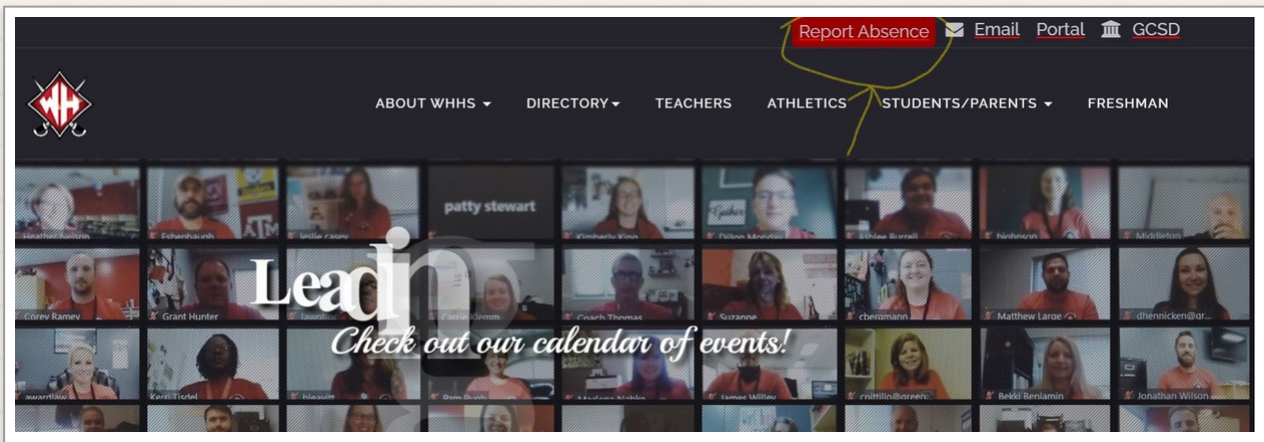
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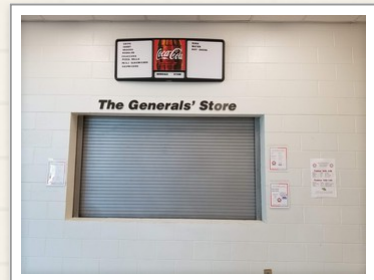
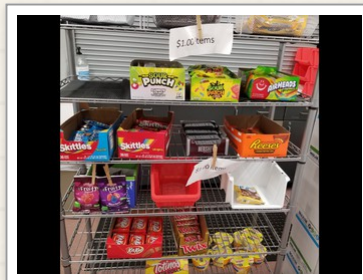
STUDENT ATTENDANCE



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](#)



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