# Lead Like Generals (Happy New Year)

#### Student and Parent Edition

# Message from Dr. Grant

Good Afternoon Wade Hampton Families,

Happy New Year to you. We hope you had a great holiday break with time to enjoy family and friends. We are eagerly awaiting the return of our students and getting back to the essences of high level learning. As we move towards the end of the 1st semester, I want to highlight several upcoming dates and reminders. **Final Exams** will be given **Monday**, **January 13th** (1st and 3rd Blocks) and **Tuesday**, **January 14th** (2nd and 4th Blocks). Second Semester will begin Wednesday, January 15th. Students have access to their second semester schedule within the <a href="Student Backpack">Student Backpack</a> and can view it anytime. We will still provide a hard copy schedule for students.

Be reminded that students who have **more** than **5** unexcused absences in a class they are passing academically are at risk of failing the course unless they complete **Seat Time Recovery**. We have provided several opportunities in November and December. We will offer three more Seat Time Recovery sessions on **January 8, 13, and 15 from 4:00pm-7:00pm each day.** Students may recover 6 hours of seat time per week. Students will not be allowed to earn hours in advance of the absence. Students must keep up with all future absences, which may result in serving more sessions of Seat Time Recovery. Please see your grade level administrator for questions and concerns.

Dr. Grant

# PTA Reflections Program Winners

The winners for the PTA Reflections Program "Look Within" are here! We would like to congratulate the following students on being school winners with their submissions continuing on to be judged at the District and State Level. District and State winners will be announced near the end of January 2020. All winners should stop by the front office this week for your certificate and prize!

For those students not advancing, your submission is available in the front office for pick up on or before Friday, December 20th.

And the winners are:

Dance-1st place - Saleya James

Literature-1st place - Ellis McLarty; 2nd - place - Lydia Lyle; 3rd place - Gabrielle Harrison

**Photography**—1st place - Kira Andersen; 2nd place - Adelle Pruitt; 3rd place - Jacob Bishop-Pirrone; Honorable Mention - Jacob Bishop-Pirrone

**Visual Arts Category**—1st place - Flora Fadgyas ; 2nd place - Gordon Charles; 3rd place - Dahlia Robertson; Honorable Mentions - Olivia Pechin and Chloe Fish

Again, thank you to all who participated, and we wish these students the best of luck as they advance to the District and State competition.



# Influenza Estacional (Gripe) Información para Padres

#### En la escuela de su hijo(a)

Algunos casos de influenza (gripe) han sido reportados en la escuela de su hijo(a). La gripe es diferente al resfriado común. Esta puede causar fiebre, tos, dolor de garganta, dolor de cabeza, dolores musculares y vómito. La gripe puede ser muy grave e incluso puede causar la muerte en algunas personas con condiciones de salud crónicas, a niños pequeños, mujeres embarazadas o personas de la tercera edad.

#### ¿Cómo se propaga la gripe?

La gripe se propaga entre las personas cuando los enfermos de gripe tosen, estornudan o incluso cuando hablan. El virus de la gripe se puede contagiar a personas que están ubicadas hasta seis pies de distancia. La gripe también se puede propagar cuando la gente toca su cara u ojos después de tocar algo que una persona enferma tocó previamente.

#### ¿Cómo prevenir la gripe?

Ponga en práctica la recomendación de "Tomar las 3 Medidas" de prevención de los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC, por sus siglas en inglés)

- 1. La vacunación contra la gripe es la mejor manera para prevenir la gripe. El Departamento de Salud y Control Ambiental (DHEC, por sus siglas en inglés) recomienda que todos los residentes de Carolina del Sur mayores de 6 meses reciban la vacuna contra la gripe lo antes posible para prevenir esta enfermedad, a menos que tengan una razón médica para no vacunarse.
- 2. Tome medidas preventivas diarias. Evite el contacto cercano con personas enfermas. Mantenga a/l/la niño(a) en casa si tiene fiebre (100°F o más), hasta que la fiebre se haya controlado sin el uso de medicamentos por un período de 24 horas. Cubra su nariz y boca con un pañuelo desechable o la manga de su brazo al toser o estornudar. Lávese las manos con agua y jabón o con desinfectante a base de alcohol con frecuencia. Limpie y desinfecte frecuentemente las superficies de las zonas de alto contacto.
- Tome medicamentos antivirales contra la influenza, si han sido prescritos.

#### Estadísticas Rápidas

En los Estados Unidos cada día, se estima que 55 millones de estudiantes y 7 millones de trabajadores asisten a más de 130,000 escuelas públicas y privadas. La implementación de "Tomar las 3 Medidas" de los CDC ayudaría a prevenir la infección de influenza entre una quinta parte de la población total de los Estados Unidos (CDC, 2016).

En un estudio publicado recientemente por CDC, la vacunación contra la gripe redujo el riesgo de muerte asociada a esta enfermedad en un 65% entre los niños sanos y el 51% entre los niños con condiciones médicas de alto riesgo (CDC, 2017).

#### Recursos

Hay más información disponible en los sitios de Internet de los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC) y del Departamento de Salud y Control Ambiental (DHEC): www.cdc.gov/flu/ www.scdhec.gov/flu/

#### **End of Course Exams**

End of course exams are coming for Algebra 1, Biology 1, US History, and English 2. We offer free study sessions to help students prepare for these exams. Please make sure your student

prepared for success on these exams as they count 20% of students final grades.

#### **End of Course Exams**

December 18, 2019 - Biology I

December 19, 2019 - Algebra I

January 9, 2020 - Reading for English I (select students) and English 2

January 10, 2020 - US History

# Parents, Sign Up for your student's IGP/Registration Meeting with your School Counselor

Students in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades will meet with their school counselor for an annual IGP (Individual Graduation Plan) meeting this spring. Parents are invited to these important meetings to discuss course registration for 2020-2021 and career/college planning. Parents, on January 6th, you can select your meeting time and date through the IGP Sign Up on the School Counseling website under "Announcements". Please make sure to sign up for this meeting with your student's appropriate school counselor under your student's Last and First Name. Parents will receive a reminder invitation to the IGP meeting with report cards on January 24th.

## 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 <a href="https://whhs.memberhub.store">https://whhs.memberhub.store</a>. Thank you for being awesome parents. Your membership will be a big boost for our school.

#### Attention Class of 2020

Attention Class of 2020!!! Friday, September 27th was the **LAST DAY** to pay your Senior dues at the rate of \$50. Senior Dues have now **increased to \$60**. 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 <a href="https://www.MySchoolBucks.com">www.MySchoolBucks.com</a>.

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.

#### MEDEX Academy Application Now Open

Do you have an 11th grade student interested in health science? Check out the benefits of MEDEX Academy with Prisma Health. More information can be found below: Program Overview:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/14M5PWYpkBC0t9Cg3aXIsV10fuKywHZUa/view?usp=sharing

# 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 <a href="http://coaches4character.com/ace-awards.html">http://coaches4character.com/ace-awards.html</a> and click on the ACE Awards tab. Nominations opened on Monday, October 14, 2019 and must be submitted by January 31, 2020.

# 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 <a href="Parent Backpack">Parent Backpack</a> and create an account. Please access directions by clicking on Creating a Parent Backpack Account - <a href="English Directions">English Directions</a> or <a href="Directiones en Español">Directiones en Español</a>

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.

## 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 <a href="MySchooBucks.com">MySchooBucks.com</a>.

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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