

Wade Hampton High School

LEADING LIKE GENERALS PARENT NEWSLETTER--OCTOBER 2, 2020

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.
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.



Your student request has been successfully submitted to the administrative clerk at your student's school for review.



What's next?

You will now need to visit your student's school to verify your identity and/or proof of custody as a parent guardian or non custodial guardian for the student. You must bring the following to verify your identity:

- Government Issued Photo ID

And at least one of the following to verify custody of student (if not already on file with the school):

- State/County issued birth certificate
- Divorce/Separation Documents (if applicable)
- Court-Ordered Guardianship Papers (if applicable)
(A notarized statement from parent or legal guardian is not sufficient.)
- Student emancipated by age (18 years)
government issued photo ID / Birth Certificate
- Notarized Educational Affidavit
- Notarized Custodial Parent Affidavit

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](#).

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

Senior IGP meetings

Students and Parents are invited to sign up for a 30-minute Virtual IGP meeting with their School Counselor during the month of October. The meetings will be conducted

via Google Meets. There will be a 1-week window for students to sign up for a slot. After October 2nd, Counselors will assign meeting times for students who have not selected a time and the student will receive an email confirmation for their IGP appointment time.

- ***Choose a meeting time slot on an e-learning day or after you have left school*** (NOT during class time here at WHHS, FAC, or the Career Center). We do not want to pull students from their actual classroom instruction time. *(Virtual Academy students can sign up for any available slot)*
- ***Students and parents should discuss and decide on a meeting time that will work for both to attend together*** (if the parent plans to attend).

How to sign up: Students needs to sign up while logged into their School Google account

- Click on the link of your School Counselor's name below to go to their Google Calendar.
- Click on the link that reads "Next available appointment slot on Oct..."
- Click on the box of the appointment day/time that you want. The student's name will automatically appear in the "what" box. Click Save.
- You will get an appointment confirmation box.
- To add your parent to the meeting so they will get the Google Meet link, click on "view/edit in Google Calendar", click the edit tool icon, then type your parent's email address under "Guests", then click "Save", then "Send". You and your parent/guardian will receive an email with the Google Meets link included!

Ms. Dansby (A-Cha)

Mrs. York (Che- Gom)

Ms. Monson (Gon-Ko)

Mr. H. Brown (Kr- N)

Mrs. Ko (O- Sh)

Ms. K. Brown (Si- Z)

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 gain 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

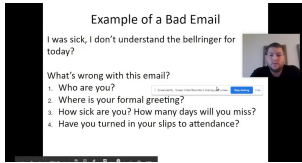
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Virtual Academy and eLearning:
Parent Edition



Parent Edition--Student Expectat...

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Proper Email Communication

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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>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS

Nomination Form

Nominate a teacher who has made a difference in your life!

Ingles and WYFF 4 want to reward the teachers who are going above and beyond. Each week, an area teacher will be selected to receive the Golden Apple Award and profiled Thursdays on WYFF News 4. These weekly winners will be chosen from your nominations by a panel of judges. At the end of the school year, a Teacher of the Year will be selected from the weekly winners.

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Nomination rules

1. The Golden Apple Award is open to any educator, grades K through college who works in South Carolina, North Carolina or Georgia.
2. The nominator may be anyone living in the above-mentioned areas.
3. Self-nominations are not permitted.
4. To nominate an educator for the Golden Apple Award:
 - Write a one-page letter using this nomination form or an 8.5x11" sheet of white paper, maximum 250 words. Nomination letters should be typed or neatly presented.
 - Include your reasons for the nomination and your experiences with the teacher.
 - Nominations should be based on outstanding teaching methods and not extracurricular activities.
 - Include the teacher's name, school name and phone number along with your name, address and phone number.
5. Mail entry form to

WYFF News 4
Golden Apple Award
505 Rutherford Street
Greenville SC 29609
6. The Teacher of the Year will receive a gift card from Ingles.
7. The decision of the judges is final. Ingles and WYFF 4, in their sole discretion, may modify or discontinue the program at any time.

WYFF News 4 and Ingles are proud to continue the strong tradition of presenting the golden Apple Awards program. The Golden Apple Awards are a way for their viewers to recognize the excellent work taking place in classrooms throughout our area. Each week, an outstanding educator will be featured during the Thursday 5pm newscast on WYFF News 4.

Please stop by your local Ingles store to pick up a Golden Apple Nomination form and submit the names of those educators you feel should be recognized. There are great prizes for the weekly winners and all weekly winners will be honored at the annual Golden Apple awards banquet in May. At the banquet, a Teacher of the Year will be announced from the weekly winners.

Let's get a Wade Hampton teacher on that stage.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Financial Aid Workshops for Parents

Parents Invited!



October 6, 2020 • 6-7:30 PM
Scan for Virtual Meeting



October 13, 2020 • 6-7:30 PM
Scan for Virtual Meeting



October 20, 2020 • 6-7:30 PM
Scan for Virtual Meeting
Spanish Interpreter Available



October 27, 2020 • 6-7:30 PM
Scan for Virtual Meeting

Attend One of Four **Virtual Financial Aid Workshops** for Parents Sponsored by Greenville County Schools.

All workshops are open to the public. Hear from school counselors and college financial aid officers regarding the most current financial aid information.

All types of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, and loans will be discussed. Assistance provided by GCS School Counselors and College Financial Aid Officers.

**For More
Information**

Call 355-3391
or 355-3392



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PSAT FOR 11TH GRADERS

11th grade students have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT test in October 2020. 11th graders who are interested in participating in the PSAT/NMSQT will be required to pay a \$17.00 fee, which will be collected by Wade Hampton High School by using [My School Bucks](#) or by paying in the school counseling office. Students will have the opportunity to register and pay the required fee through **September 9**.

The PSAT/NMSQT test will be administered during the school day on October 14. Depending on COVID-19 conditions in early September, the school may select some students to test on October 29. You will be notified regarding a final determination of PSAT/NMSQT testing dates and scheduling students for the PSAT/NMSQT test.

PSAT scores determine eligibility for National Merit Scholarships. You may explore the link below to learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT test. Should you have any questions about the test, please contact your school counselor.

- PSAT/NMSQT Parent Information: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>
- Please remember to sign up and pay the required testing fees by **September 9**.

PSAT FOR 10TH GRADERS

10th grade students have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT test in October 2020. In compliance with Proviso 1A.17 and as mandated in Section 59-18-340 of the Education Accountability Act, the test is administered to assess and identify curricular areas that need to be strengthened and reinforced. According to the law, schools shall use the assessment as a diagnostic tool to provide academic assistance to students whose scores reflect the need for such assistance. Schools will use the results of the assessment to provide guidance and direction for parents and students as they plan for postsecondary experiences.

The PSAT/NMSQT test is provided at no cost to you and is administered during the school day on October 14. Depending on COVID-19 conditions in early September, the school may select some students to test on October 29. You will hear from me in early September, regarding a final determination of PSAT/NMSQT testing dates and scheduling students for the PSAT/NMSQT test. You may explore the link below to learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT test.

Should you have any questions about the test, please contact your school counselor.

- PSAT/NMSQT Parent Information: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>
- Register at <https://forms.gle/fUiw97HJrJQyrmcM6> before September 9th.

TECHNOLOGY TROUBLE SHOOTING SOLUTIONS

[Microphone and Camera Not Working](#)

[Not Connecting to Home Internet](#)

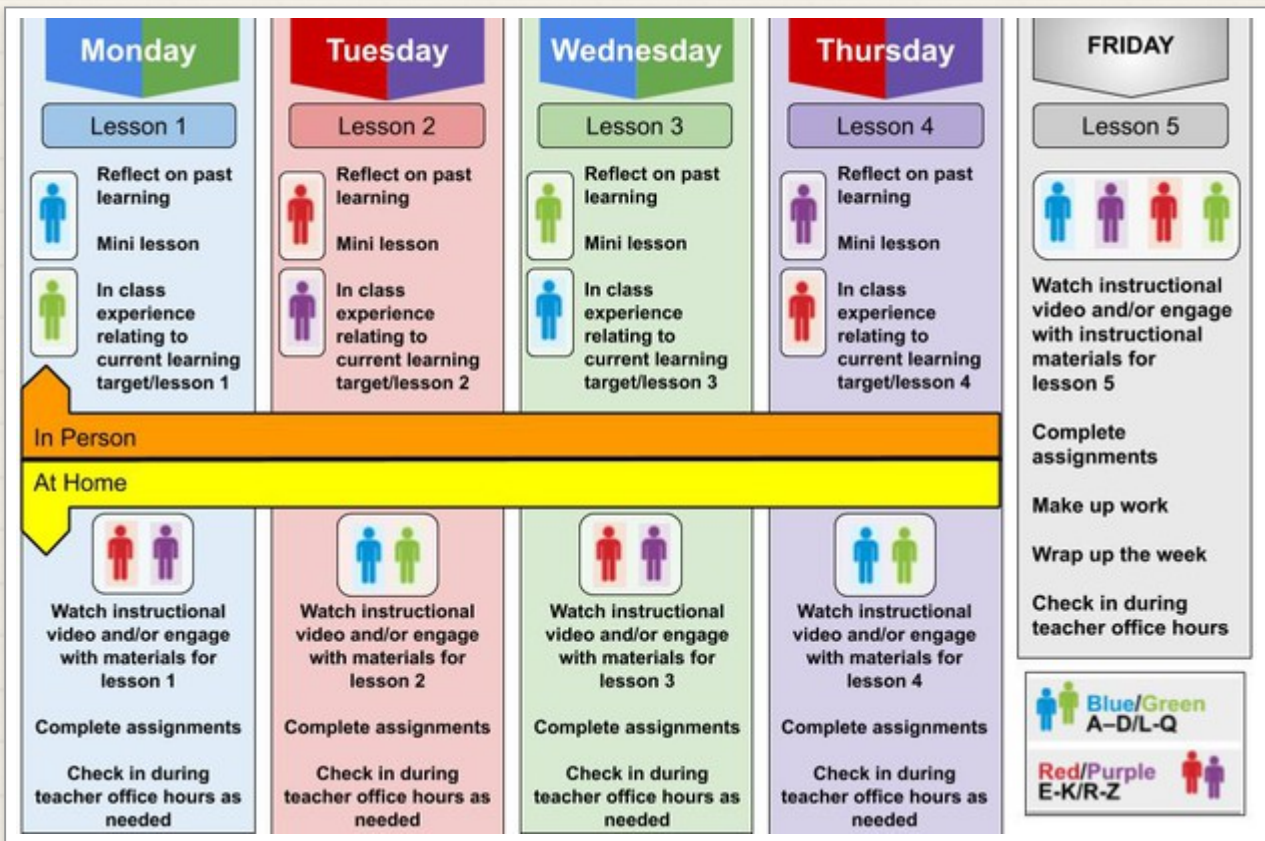
[Update Chrome Operating System](#)

[Videos Not Playing](#)

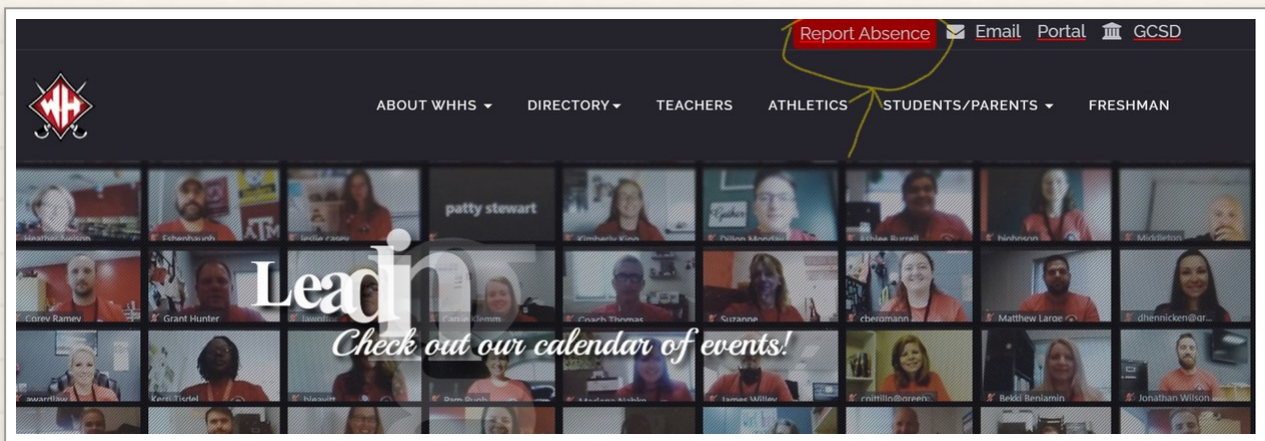
[Website Slow and Reset Chromebook](#)

IN-PERSON EXPECTATIONS VIDEO (ATTENDANCE PLAN 2)

Please take a moment to view this week's [VIDEO](#) that explain how we are going to design instruction under Attendance Plan 2.



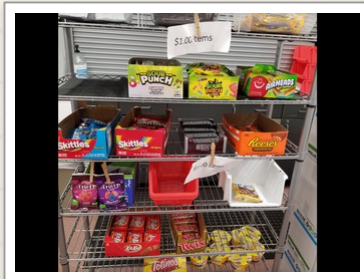
STUDENT ATTENDANCE



Parents should report students absences by using the Report Absences tab located on the [school's homepage](https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us). 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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