Wade Hampton High Lchool

LEADING LIKE GENERALS PARENT NEWSLETTER--NOVEMBER 6, 2020

SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

- Counselor Chat # 4 Career Preparation and Hybrid Learning Click <u>HERE</u> to see what will go out to students this week.
- Classroom Guidance lessons will be pushed out beginning next week via Social Studies (9th, 11th, & 12th) and English (10th grade) classes. Students will receive academic information as well as a Stress Management lesson that is interactive for students.

Did you know that you have to complete the FAFSA in order to be able to receive State Scholarships like LIFE and Palmetto Fellows and any other forms of aid regardless of family income (even if you believe you earn too much to get need-based aid)???

 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opened on Oct. 1 for current seniors and parent to apply for financial aid for college in Fall 2021. An informative FAFSA Presentation is posted on the School Counseling webpage. Click <u>HERE</u> for a FAFSA A to walk you through completing the FAFSA application.

JUNIOR CIVITAN CLUB

WHHS is the only school in Greenville County that sponsors a Junior Civitan Club. Junior Civitan is under the umbrella of <u>Civitan International</u>, a world-wide service organization that was founded in 1917. Junior Civitan offers students opportunities to learn about local non-profits in our monthly meetings, volunteer activities to earn service hours and to experience the joy of helping others, and the chance to meet students of all ages and backgrounds that they may not otherwise interact with. Additionally, there is a national and local college scholarship available each year to club members. The deadline for dues has been extended to Thursday, November 12. Dues are \$16 and may be paid by cash or check to Mrs. Fansher (club sponsor) in the library or on myschoolbucks.com

REPORT CARDS (1ST QUARTER)

Report Cards are ready to be viewed in Parent Backpack. We will provide a physical copy to all In-Person students starting Monday, Nov. 2nd.

If you do not have a Parent Backpack account, please contact Mrs. Kirven at rkirven@greenville.k12.sc.us or Mrs. Childers at mchilders@greenville.k12.sc.us. They will email you a copy of the report card and assist you in getting your Parent Backpack account set up.

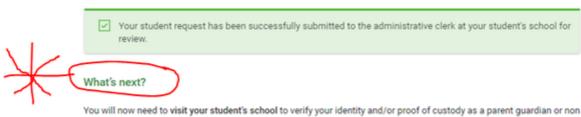
PARENT BACKPACK ACCOUNTS

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...

- 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.



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

PARENT SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING LUNCH AND LEARN

The School Counseling Department hosted a **Parent SEL Lunch and Learn** on Thursday, Oct. 22nd from 12-1pm. Parents were presented with tools to help their students deal with the stressors that have increased in our current environment. The presentation and meeting recording will be posted on the School Counseling website and teachers are invited to view the presentation as well. The link is listed below.

Presentation:

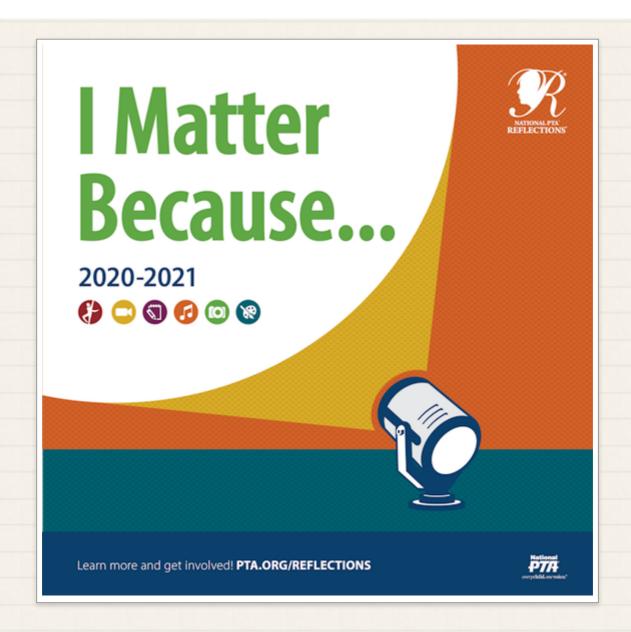
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PTA REFLECTIONS

PTA Reflections is back and it is ALL VIRTUAL! The theme this year is "I matter because....." so it is time to create an original work in any one of six categories - Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.

You can enter in as many categories and as many times as you wish. Each entry must be accompanied by a Student Entry Form that is completed online. Rules and entry form can ben accessed through the Student/Parent link on the WHHS homepage.

Deadline to enter is November 24, 2020. Winners and cash prizes for the school level will be announced in December before Winter Break. District, State and National Level competitions take place early 2021.



NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY



An invitation has been emailed to all students who are eligible to apply to NHS. Students should check their school email for the application link. Applications are due Monday, November 2nd!!

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 (0- Sh)

Ms. K. Brown (Si- Z)

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**.

ORCHESTRA PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

Please consider supporting our world class Orchestra Program. All staff members who purchase a 2021 book will receive a 2020 book for free while supplies last (good through December 2020). *they can see an orchestra student or Ms. Wines.

There are 22 Southeastern regional books available online - all online purchases will be shipped free directly to the person.

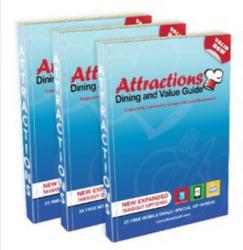
The link to purchase online: http://attractionsbook.com/ezpay

Enter our code: WHHS

Fundraiser ends October 30th.

Wade Hampton Orchestra

is fundraising with the Attractions® Dining and Value Guide!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Even though we are meeting differently this year, we are still supporting our **orchestra!**

Attractions® is a family savings book with great deals on just about everything. Each book costs \$20 and we make a great profit!



Just go to attractionsbook.com/ezpay and type code: WHHS

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IMPORTANT FLEARNING AND VIRTUAL REMINDERS



Student Expectations-9.22.20

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Virtual Academy and eLearning:
Parent Edition

Parent Edition--Student Expectat...

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SATURDAY HELP SESSIONS

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

3RD SESSION: NOVEMBER 21ST

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

FOR VIRTUAL & ELEARNING STUDENTS

November 21st from 9:00am-12:00pm will be our third <u>Saturday Help Session!</u> These sessions are designed for any Virtual or eLearning student who are <u>making a 60 or below</u> in one of their

classes at Wade Hampton. During these sessions students will have the opportunity to work and complete assignments. We will have teachers available to help students when needed-no guarantee that we will have a particular content teacher. We can only accept 100 students for each session. The sign-up form will open today (11/6) and will close on November 12th at 4:00pm- or if we reach 100 student before then. Students will need their school issued ID, a face mask, and their Chromebook. If interested click Saturday Help Session November 21st to sign up!

Information in Spanish: Sesiones de Apoyo Académico Sabatino

Future Dates for SHS (Sign-Up Forms will be sent out two weeks prior to a SHS date):

<u>1st Semester</u> November 21st December 5th & 12th January 9th

2nd Semester
February 6th & 20th
March 13th & 27th
April 17th & 24th
May 8th & 15th

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 stre 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.

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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TECHNOLOGY TROUBLE SHOOTING SOLUTIONS

Microphone and Camera Not Working

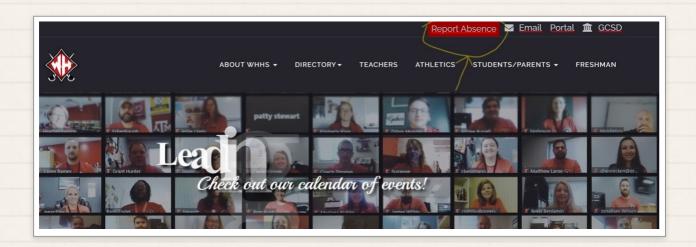
Not Connecting to Home Internet

Update Chrome Operating System

Videos Not Playing

Website Slow and Reset Chromebook

STUDENT ATTENDANCE



Parents should report students absences by using the Report Absences tab located on the <u>school's homepage</u>. 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.

