

Wade Hampton High School

LEADING LIKE GENERALS PARENT NEWSLETTER--DECEMBER 11, 2020

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!

EMERGENCY PLANNING

GCS instructional personnel and students should take their instructional devices home every night, not just over weekends or holidays. Because we are an approved eLearning district, we are allowed to utilize remote instruction on closure days instead of making that day up at a later time. There are multiple scenarios that could result in a move to eLearning:

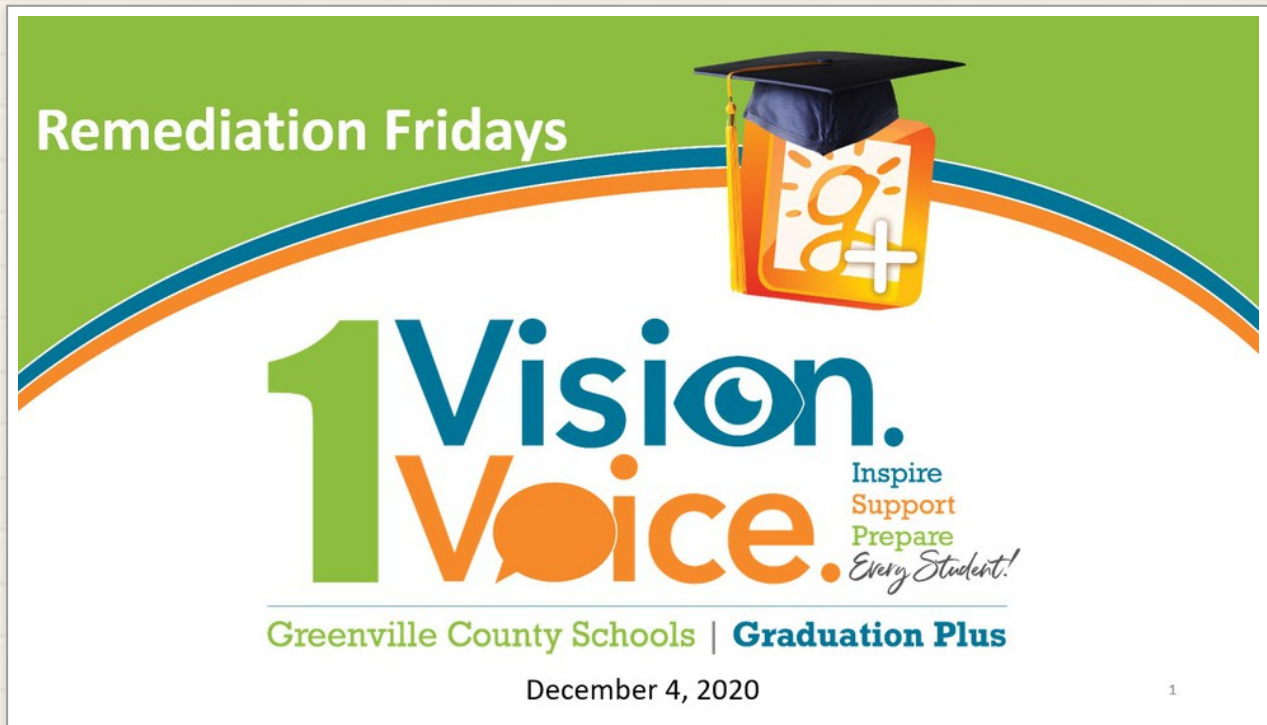
- As always, winter weather is a threat in the Upstate of South Carolina, and has the ability to force the unexpected closure of school facilities. In that situation, rather than have a make-up day later in the year, the district would activate eLearning for the duration of the closure.
- Absent a weather event, a school or schools could shift to eLearning temporarily with minimal notice should the number of employee absences due to quarantine, isolation, or other factors exceed the ability of the school and available district personnel to cover all classrooms.
- An individual school or schools could move to eLearning for a single day due to a burst water pipe, power system failure, or countless other reasons associated with the school environment.

- Instructional expectations for 100% eLearning days can be found here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-Yk6NyuLEqOyQnXdZBf3rhgCtI99pSZPGaMyz5vVHA0/edit)

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Linked here for your convenience is an update to the [GCS Roadmap](#) that will be posted on the district website today. It helps explain changes to the re-opening plan, now that we have additional information and updated guidance. Also linked is a new [graphical representation](#) of DHEC regulations related to isolation (positive COVID) and quarantine (close contact).



Parents,

We have developed another opportunity to provide remediation to students (In-Person and Virtual) who are identified by teachers. We call it Remediation Fridays. This primary focus is on students who are at risk of failing and/or currently failing in one or more classes. This may also include students, in general, that may need to be here for in-person instruction who may not be failing.

Please watch this brief video below that explains all the details.

Dr. Grant

- Students will attend classes on an abbreviated schedule per teacher invitation.
- Teachers will contact student and parent individually.
- Teachers will submit student names on a [Shared Friday Remediation Session](#)



Remediation Friday Information

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As COVID cases in Greenville County and the State of South Carolina continue to rise, Greenville County Schools is asking students, parents, and the greater community to help ensure the return to in-person school in the district is not derailed by rising numbers. GCS is asking all citizens to follow DHEC guidelines to help reverse the current increase: wear a mask when in public, avoid large gatherings, frequently wash or sanitize hands and high-touch surfaces, stay home and away from others when sick, and seek medical advice when running a fever, developing a new or worsening cough, experiencing shortness of breath, or losing the sense of taste or smell.

- Though statistics show individuals are safer from the risk of COVID inside our schools where protocols are strict, we could soon reach a tipping point where the number of employee absences would make it impossible for us to safely supervise students. This would result in a temporary return to eLearning.
- The community can help us stay on track by following recommended precautions outside of school: wear a mask when in public, avoid large gatherings, frequently wash or sanitize hands and high-touch surfaces, stay home and away from others when sick, and seek medical advice when running a fever, developing a new or worsening cough, experiencing shortness of breath, or losing the sense of taste or smell.
- Do NOT send students to school who are symptomatic of any contagious disease and follow DHEC instructions on COVID isolations and quarantines.

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

5TH SESSION: DECEMBER 12TH

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

December 12th and January 9th are our last Saturday Help Sessions for Semester One. These sessions are designed for any Virtual or eLearning student who are making a 60 or below 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 for December 12th and for January 9th.**

Information in Spanish: [Sesiones de Apoyo Académico Sabatino: 12 de Diciembre](#)

[Sesiones de Apoyo Académico Sabatino: 9 de Enero](#)

Sign-Up Forms in English:

[December 12th Saturday Help Session Sign-Up: English](#)

[January 9th Saturday Help Session Sign-Up: English](#)

Sign-Up Forms in Spanish:

[December 12th Saturday Help Session Sign-Up: Spanish](#)

[January 9th Saturday Help Session Sign-Up: Spanish](#)

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

1st Semester

December 12th

January 9th

2nd Semester

February 6th & 20th

March 13th & 27th

April 17th & 24th

May 8th & 15th

SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

Microburst Job Shadowing

Virtual job shadowing is free and available to students at <https://www.microcareerburst.com/>.

There are various videos within different career categories for them to explore as well as an exploratory assignment to complete. Students can see their school counselor for login and password information.

FAFSA

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 [HERE](#) for a FAFSA A to walk you through completing the FAFSA application.

LaunchGVL Internship Opportunities

LaunchGVL is a partnership between the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and Greenville County Schools to connect junior and senior students **to paid internships with local businesses**. This is an opportunity for students to experience their career area of interest firsthand and gain valuable experience in the workforce. **Students can view open positions and apply in Schoolinks**. Log into Schoolinks through the Backpack and click on

Careers>Opportunities. Uncheck the "Near My School" option and select "Internship" under "Opportunity Type." More positions will be posted throughout the year as they become available!

Visit the [WHHS School Counseling Website](#) for regularly updated information and announcements.

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.

SENIOR T-SHIRTS ARE IN

This year's shirt was designed by our very own Student Body President, Rocky McCrary and Senior Class President, Sydney Dunlap. Seniors who have paid the \$25 senior dues can see Mrs. Ellerbe in the library from 8:00 - 8:45am Monday - Thursday to pick up their shirt or pay dues.

Virtual students can pick up shirts and pay dues on Fridays from 9:00 - 11:00am. Questions can be emailed to Mrs. Ellerbe at aellerbe@greenville.k12.sc.us or Coach Hunter at ghunter@greenville.k12.sc.us.

Dues can also be paid on myschoolbucks.com.



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](https://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 gain more understanding of the material
- Maintain positive communication with your teachers
- Check Google Classroom regularly
- Check Feedly 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...

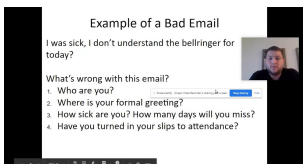
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Example of a Bad Email

I was sick, I don't understand the bellringer for today?

What's wrong with this email?

1. Who are you?
2. Where is your formal greeting?
3. How sick are you? How many days will you miss?
4. Have you turned in your slips to attendance?



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>

TECHNOLOGY TROUBLE SHOOTING SOLUTIONS

[Microphone and Camera Not Working](#)

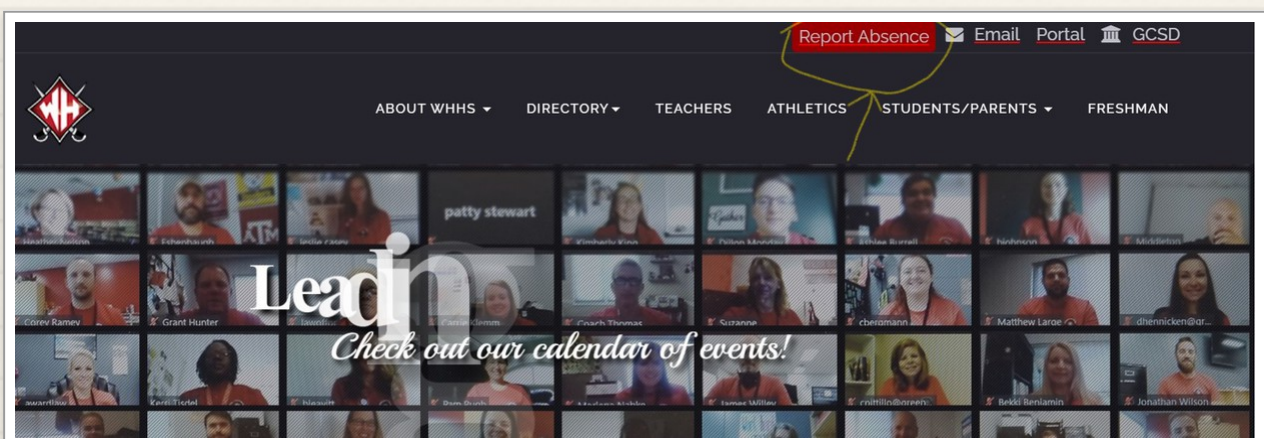
[Not Connecting to Home Internet](#)

[Update Chrome Operating System](#)

[Videos Not Playing](#)

[Website Slow and Reset Chromebook](#)

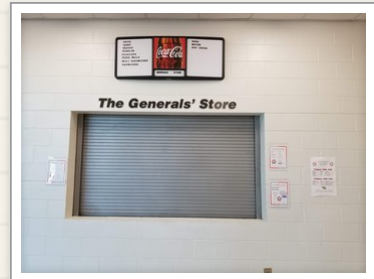
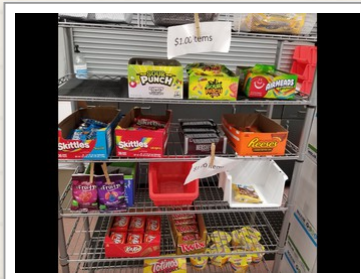
STUDENT ATTENDANCE



Parents should report students absences by using the Report Absences tab located on the [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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