

# Wade Hampton High School

LEADING LIKE GENERALS PARENT NEWSLETTER--DECEMBER 18, 2020

## WHHS ANGEL TREE

We are excited to share that we raised almost \$800 in gift cards to share with students in need this holiday season. We were able to hand out cards to students this week, and it has been such a gift seeing their faces as they received them. **Thank you for your generosity**, and we hope you have a restful and fun holiday break!





















## HS STUDENTS RETURN TO LIMITED 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.





















After the Holiday Break, we will begin to communicate more details and logistics. For now, 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 will use these 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.

 <b>A-D</b>	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 

 <b>E-K</b>	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 				



 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 	

 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 		

## 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!

## EMERGENCY PLANNING

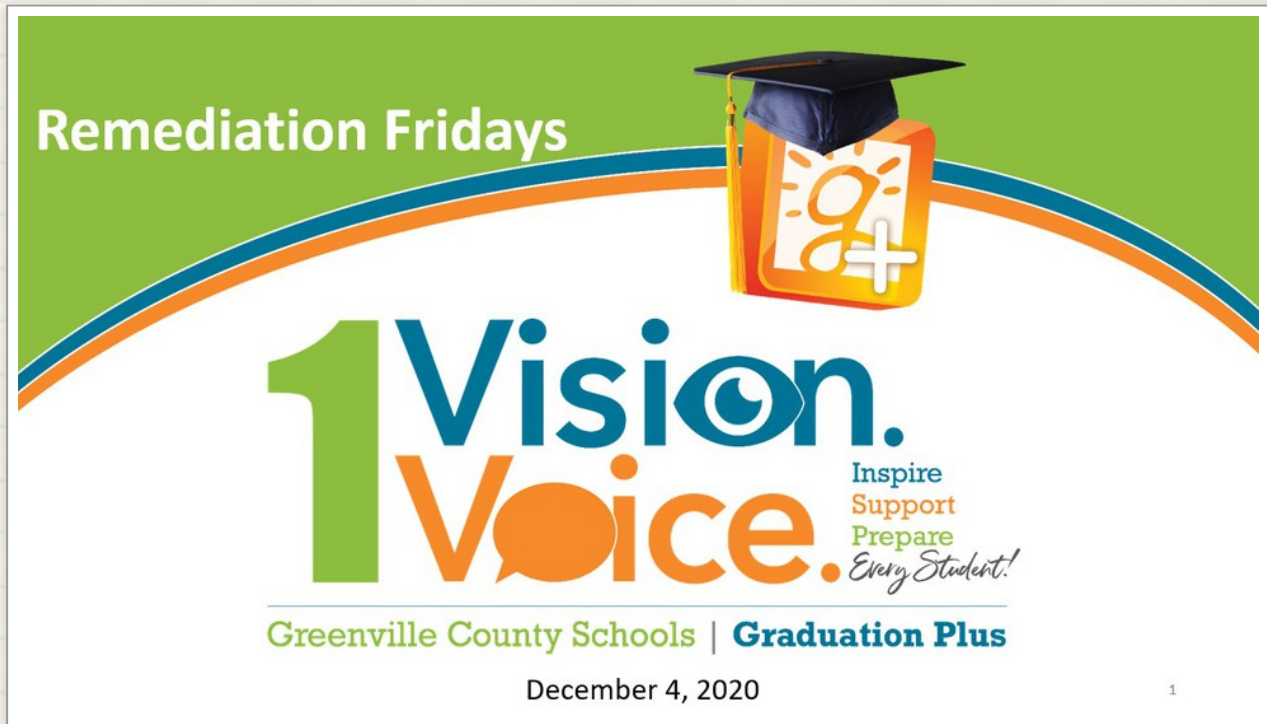
GCS instructional personnel and students should take their instructional devices home every night, not just over weekends or holidays. Because we are an approved eLearning district, we are allowed to utilize remote instruction on closure days instead of making that day up at a later time. There are multiple 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-Yk6NyULeqOyQnXdZBf3rhgCtI99pSZPGaMyz5vVHA0/edit>

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 Spreadsheet](#)



**Remediation Friday Information ....**

[drive.google.com](https://drive.google.com)



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](mailto:rkirven@greenville.k12.sc.us) or (Mrs. Childers) at [mchilders@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto: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](mailto:aellerbe@greenville.k12.sc.us) or Coach Hunter at [ghunter@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:ghunter@greenville.k12.sc.us).

Dues can also be paid on [myschoolbucks.com](https://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://www.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 Teacher Websites for calendars and necessary information



### Student Expectations-9.22.20

[drive.google.com](#)

### Virtual Academy and eLearning:

#### Parent Edition



### Parent Edition--Student Expectat...

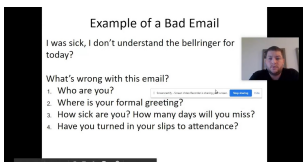
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### Example of a Bad Email

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>

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## TECHNOLOGY TROUBLE SHOOTING SOLUTIONS

[Microphone and Camera Not Working](#)

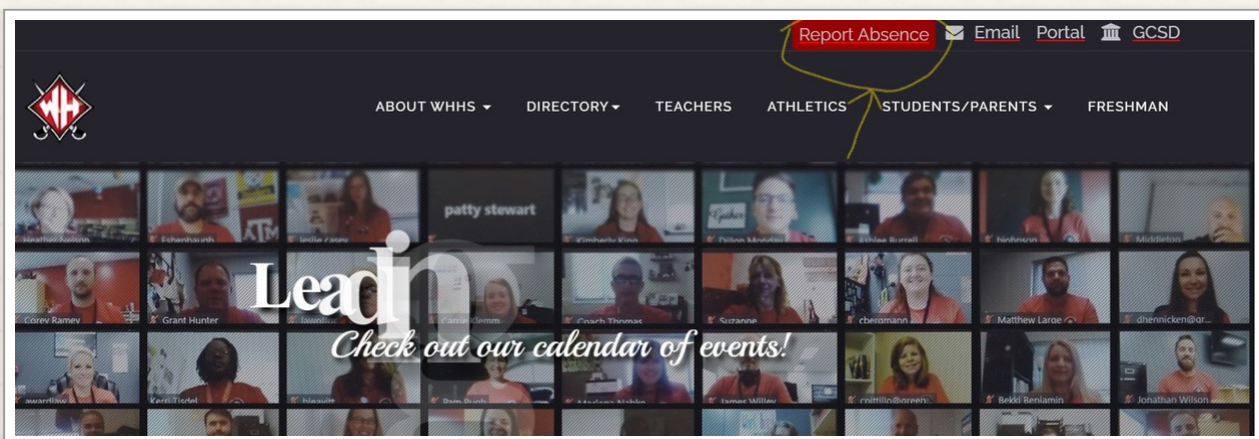
[Not Connecting to Home Internet](#)

[Update Chrome Operating System](#)

[Videos Not Playing](#)

[Website Slow and Reset Chromebook](#)

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

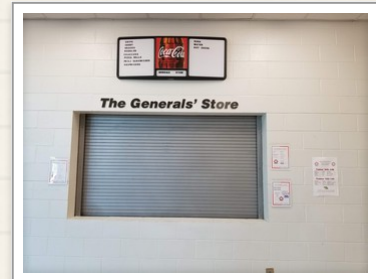
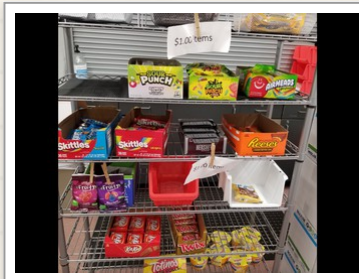




Parents should report students absences by using the Report Absences tab located on the [school's homepage](#). Parents should report early dismissals by emailing the Attendance Clerk at [pksmith@greenville.k12.sc.us](mailto:pksmith@greenville.k12.sc.us)

## 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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