Wade Hampton High School

LEADING LIKE GENERALS PARENT NEWSLETTER--APRIL 30, 2021

BEST HIGH SCHOOLS DESIGNATION

This week, we received word that out school has earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2021 Best High Schools, which U.S. News. Below is our school's updated U.S. News profile page, with details about our rankings:



https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/south-carolina/districts/greenville-01/wade-hampton-high-17626.

We are ranked seventh within South Carolina. Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement® coursework and exams. The AP® participation rate at Wade Hampton High is 60%. The total minority enrollment is 42%, and 33% of students are economically disadvantaged.

As it stands, Wade Hampton High is:

- #1 out of 15 high schools in Greenville County Schools
- #1 in Greenville Metro Area Schools
- #7 in South Carolina high schools
- #1296 in National Ranking

SCHOOL REPORT CARD PARENT SURVEY

Section 59-18-900 of the Education Accountability Act requires that annual school report cards include "evaluations of the school by parents, teachers, and students." Parent perceptions as collected in the Parent Opinion Survey appear on our school report card and provide school staff with insight to issues within our school. Additionally, results from the Parent Opinion Survey are used by the Education Oversight Committee to meet the requirements of Section 59-28-190 of the Parental Involvement in Their Children's Education Act.

Although the Parent Opinion Survey has been administered for many years, only parents of students in the highest grade in elementary and middle schools and parents of 11th graders in high schools previously were afforded the opportunity to respond to the paper survey. This year the survey has been moved to an online platform and is accessible via computer and mobile device. All parents of students in grades K-12 may now participate.

Please complete the Parent Opinion Survey by <u>Friday, May 21, 2021.</u> To access the Parent Opinion Survey click on this link: <u>https://ed.sc.gov/surveys/parent-survey/</u>

Once at the survey, choose either the English or Spanish version of the survey to complete.

Families should complete only one survey for each of their children enrolled in public school.

Next, enter the seven-digit ID of our school. The ID for our school is 2301010

Before opening the survey, the name of the school will appear, and you will be asked to confirm that you are completing the survey for the correct school. Each school where your children are enrolled will provide you with their school ID.

You will receive a letter from the State Superintendent of Education with additional information. Please read that letter before completing the survey.

The survey is anonymous, but if you feel uncomfortable in responding to any question you may skip that question. The survey will note that a question has been left unanswered, but you can click continue to proceed without answering the question.

Your time and effort in completing this survey is greatly appreciated.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

<u>SENIOR EXAMS</u> (Junior Marshals)

May 18 (Tues.) 3rd & 4th Block Exams

(Blue students eLearning)

 Exams taken during regular class time

Chromebook Return

 If seniors do NOT have a 1st or 2nd block exam or do not need their chromebook, they can be returned to the library (Time: TBD).

May 19 (Wed.)

1st & 2nd Block Exams

(Purple students eLearning)

- Seniors/Junior Marshals are dismissed from school after 2nd period & returning chromebook.
- · Junior Marshals on same exam schedule
- · Exams taken during regular class time

Chromebook Return

- 10:00 am 2:00 pm in in lobby
- Students may be sent during any of the above times as they finish exams.

May 20 (Thur.)

- Exams for Senior eLearning students & Make-ups
- Exams taken during regular class time
 - o 1st & 2nd Purple
 - o 3rd & 4th Blue
- Seniors may take the exam on Tuesday/Wednesday if the teacher has room in class

Chromebook Return

- · Seniors may return items to the library
- 8:30 am 3:30 pm
- Virtual seniors may turn in chromebook & chargers in the main office

May 21 (Fri.)

- . Virtual seniors or those who did not turn in devices may turn them into the main office by 12 noon
- Senior grade verifications due to Logan Wright by the end of Friday, May 21
- Senior Failures due to Guidance and Mr. Wynder by the end of the day- Friday, May 21
- Hold Slips for fees/textbooks due to bookkeeper by the end of the day-<u>Friday, May 21</u>

UNDERCLASSMEN EXAMS

June 1 (Tue.)

2nd and 4th Block Exams

- Textbook Return
 - specific teachers
- schedule TBD
 Schedule remains the same
- All 9 11 (Brick & Mortar) students should be in the building to take exams
 - Senior teachers & instructional aides may be used for overflow rooms for testing

Chromebook Return

 All day in the library for students who do not need the chromebook for 1st & 3rd block exams.

June 2 (Wed.)

1st and 3rd Block Exams

- Textbook Return
 - specific teachers
- schedule TBD
 Schedule remains the same
- All 9 11 (Brick & Mortar) students should be in the building to take exams
 - Senior teachers & instructional aides may be used for overflow rooms for testing

Chromebook Return

- 8:30 am 6:00 pm
- In library
- All day for Virtual students or anyone who needs to turn in a device
- 2nd Block Return
 - o 2nd block for FAC & CC
 - 2nd block students who do not need for 3rd or 4th block exam
- 4th Block
 - o All remaining students
 - o Based on Schedule TBD

June 3 (Thur.) HALF DAY

Make-ups Exams

Chromebook Return

- 8:30 am 2:00 pm
- In main office
- All day for students (Virtual or in-person) who need to turn in a device

June 4 (Fri.) HALF DAY

Make-ups Exams

Chromebook Return

- 7:00 am 1:00 pm
- In library
- All day for students (Virtual or in-person) who needs to turn in a device
- Grade verifications due to Logan Wright by 12 noon on Friday, June 4
- . Hold Slips for fees/textbooks due to bookkeeper by 12 noon on Friday, June 4
- Report Cards printed on Monday, June 7 or Tuesday, June 8
 - depending on the storing of grades
- Report Cards mailed by <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 8</u>

WHHS FOOD PANTRY

Wade Hampton now has a student-run food pantry where students can pick up extra food for the weekends anonymously. For more information, visit the link teachers have posted in their 1st Block Google Classroom. If you are a student and would like to join the club, please see Ms. Nelson in room 323 or email her at hbnelson@greenville.k12.sc.us

STUDENT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Students will be given guidance upon their return to the U. S. from international travel. They will receive travel quarantine guidance based on answers provided. Administration will share the guidance we receive with the student's parent **and our school nurse** who will monitor compliance. Students will be provided 2 options for return to school after international travel quarantine: A 7 day quarantine with documentation of a negative COVID viral PCR or antigen (rapid) test result between days 3 and 5 with return to school on day # 8 or a 10 day quarantine with return to school on day #11. The rapid test can only be used to return early from a quarantine caused by international travel, not due to a quarantine caused by known exposure.

MESSAGE TO ALL SENIORS (12TH GRADERS)

The following are the proposed upcoming dates for seniors. Updates are made to the Senior Google Classroom weekly.

- April 28th April 30th Senior Celebration Tickets sales
- May 5th & 6th Senior Celebration ticket delivery & distribution
- May 8th Senior Celebration at the Greenville Hilton 8:00 pm
- May 18th 3rd & 4th Block senior exams (Blue eLearning)
- May 19th 1st & 2nd Block senior exams (Purple eLearning)
- May 19th Chromebook return (10 am 2 pm)
- May 20th Exams & chromebook return for Senior eLearning students
- May 26th Graduation Practice at WHHS at 9:00AM (Blue and Green seniors)
- May 27th Graduation Practice at WHHS at 9:00 AM (Red and Purple seniors)
- June 3rd Graduation Ceremony at Bon Secours Wellness Arena 11:30AM

Please email Mrs. Ellerbe aellerbe@greenville.k12.sc.us or Coach Hunter at ghunter@greenville.k12.sc.us if you have questions.

2021 Senior Celebration

Theme: "A Night on the Red Carpet."

Location: Greenville Hilton Date: Saturday, May 8th, 2021 Time: 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

(must arrive by 8:30 for pictures & announcements on the Red Carpet)

Ticket Price: \$40 per senior

Food: Heavy Hors d'oeuvres & desserts

Seating: Tables of 8

(seniors must request their table group in advance - details to come)

Events at the Celebration: red carpet entrance with optional photos & name announcements, entertainment, door prizes, team (table) trivia, King & Queen announcement, senior

superlatives & awards, senior slideshow & music.

Formal Attire Encouraged! (No Jeans)



SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

Junior Parent Night:

The recording of the Junior Parent night meeting along with the actual presentation is posted on the <u>School Counseling webpage</u>. Please take the time to review this if you missed it. We would also like for you to complete the brief evaluation so that we can make sure it meets the needs of students and parents.

A **Class of 2022 page** has been created to help answer questions for current Juniors! *Please visit this page* so you can be informed. http://tiny.cc/Classof22

Senior Parent News:

Seniors were sent the following information via the senior Google Classroom. Please encourage your senior to participate!

"Decision Day" is coming up on May 7th – a day we want to stop and celebrate YOU for all of the exciting plans you've made for your future! If you've decided on your plans for next year, please submit a picture of yourself wearing a t-shirt or holding up a sign that represents that college you'll be attending, the branch of the military you're enlisting in, or your employer for next year. Pictures can be sent to Mrs. Tolbert @ ltolbert@greenville.k12.sc.us by May 4th!

• Lastly, on May 7th – Decision Day – please wear your college/military/employer t-shirt to school to reveal your plans for next year!

State-level **Military Honor Cord ceremony** for students joining the military upon graduation. Click <u>HERE</u> to read the memo from State superintendent Molly Spearman detailing the event including a link to sign up to participate. Seniors were also asked to complete a Google Form indicating their plans to attend the military upon graduation because they will receive a military cord to wear at graduation. We need to know the number of cords to order. This was posted in the senior Google Classroom but also linked <u>HERE</u>.

Please make sure your student is checking their Senior Google Classroom regularly for posts. Scholarship information and College and/or Community Program information is posted constantly and is the main way we communicate information to students. Students should also be checking the Scholarship link in their Schoolinks account (located in their Student Backpack).

Seniors will need to complete their Senior Survey in the upcoming weeks...we will post this in the Google Classroom and in this parent newsletter. This is a very important survey as it tells us: 1-where to send their final transcript, 2- their plans after graduation, 3- how much scholarship money they've earned, along with some other important information. This will be their TICKET OUT THE DOOR for them to officially check out as a senior. More to come soon.

Midyear transcripts-

The 7th semester transcripts have been uploaded into Schoolinks and all grade-level students have access to their transcripts by logging into their Schoolinks account. From Schoolinks, students can email their transcript and print it out themselves. Informational videos are posted on the Schoolinks page if students need refreshers on navigating their Schoolinks account.

MAY 15TH SATURDAY HELP SESSION

Use the following link to sign up for Saturday Help Session for May 15th.

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

MAY 15TH

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

LEVELS OF PROTECTION

Please see the new graphics below. They are designed to remind parents, teachers, and students of the way we use multiple protocols to layer protection against the transmission of COVID-19 within our school facilities. These are provided in English and Spanish. We hope this will provide a measure of reassurance for all.

MÚLTIPLES CAPAS DE PROTECCIÓN Y PREVENCIÓN

PROTOCOLOS COVID-19



El personal y los estudiantes se quedan en casa si están enfermos (aislados) o expuestos (cuarentena) para minimizar la transmisión potencial



MITIGAR LA TRANSMISIÓN A TRAVÉS DEL AIRE

Mantenga la distancia social usando 6 pies o 3 pies más divisores de plexiglás

Use máscaras para una capa adicional de protección contra las gotas respiratorias que viajan más allá de 6 pies o por encima/alrededor de plexiglás

Use máscaras al caminar por el edificio, en el autobús o en cualquier momento dentro de 6 pies u otros



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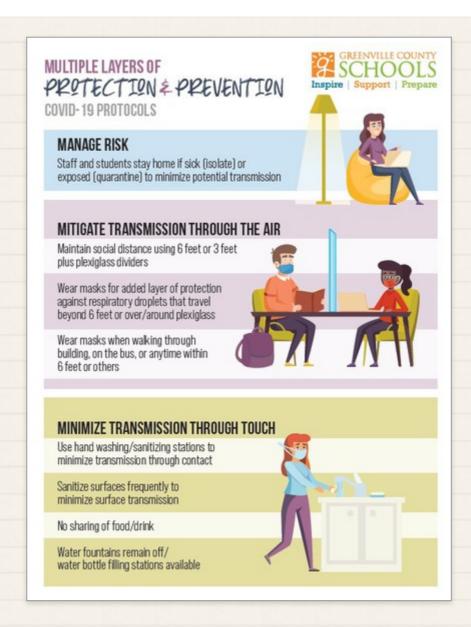
Use estaciones de lavado / desinfección de manos para minimizar la transmisión a través del contacto

Desinfecte las superficies con frecuencia para minimizar la transmisión de la superficie

No compartir alimentos / bebidas

Las fuentes de agua permanecen apagadas/estaciones para llenar las botellas de agua están disponibles





CHROMEBOOK REPAIR HOURS

Please see the hours below for walk-in service for the chromebook repair office. If students need a repair and it is not during these hours, please call Mrs. Sharp at (864) 355-0370 or Mrs. Ellerbe at (864) 355-0176 so that they can arrange a time to assist the student.

Thank you

Chromebook Repair Hours

The Chromebook repair office is available for walk-in service during the following hours.



Monday	8:00 am to 11:30 am
Tuesday	8:00 am to 11:30 am
Wednesday	8:00 am to 11:30 am and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 am to 11:30 am
Friday	8:00 am to 11:30 am

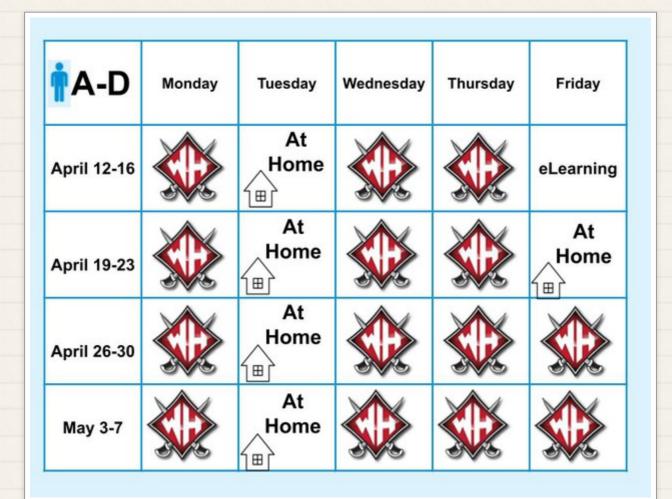


Appointments or pre-arranged times outside of regular hours can be made by calling (864) 355-0370 or (864) 355-0176.

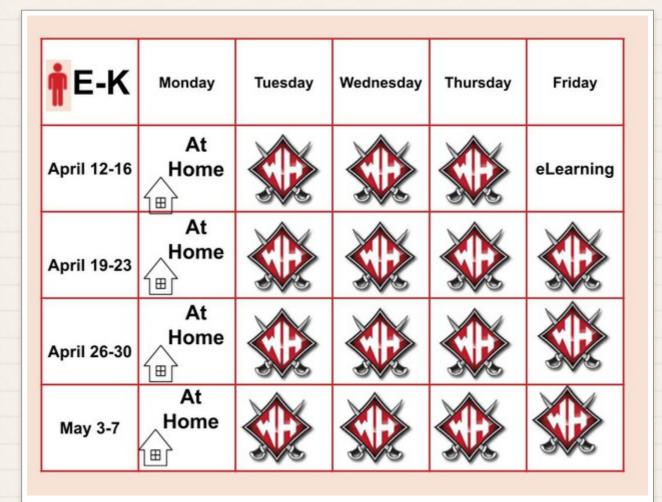
STUDENT ATTENDANCE (IN-PERSON STUDENTS)

We have heard from a significant number of parents who do not want to commit their student to the Virtual Program for the remainder of this school year (because they may not have the option to return to in-person class if conditions improve), but they also do not want to send their children in accord with the current attendance plan because of the high COVID spread in our community. To ensure consistency across the district:

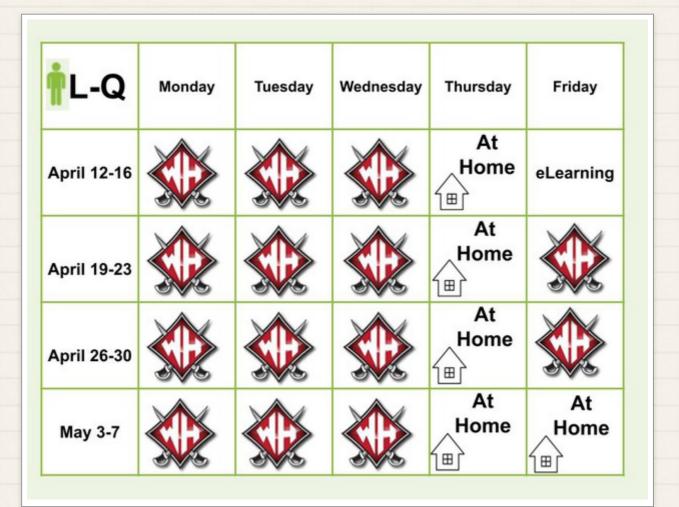
- Be reminded that parents have the ability to "excuse" 10 of their children's absences. As
 Principal, Dr. Grant has the option of considering hardships or individual circumstances to
 allow further absences.
- Once parents make the choice between the Virtual and Traditional programs, their children are expected to follow that program's attendance plan. They are not allowed to choose the traditional (in-person) and simultaneously stay home for full-time eLearning.
- At the high school level, students who are "excused" by a parent note can participate in eLearning during those 10 days since classes are being livestreamed and eLearning is still occurring for the 25% of in-person students who are home each day on the 75% plan.
- When students are not physically present in the building on a scheduled attendance day, students will be marked absent, whether they are elementary, middle, or high school students.



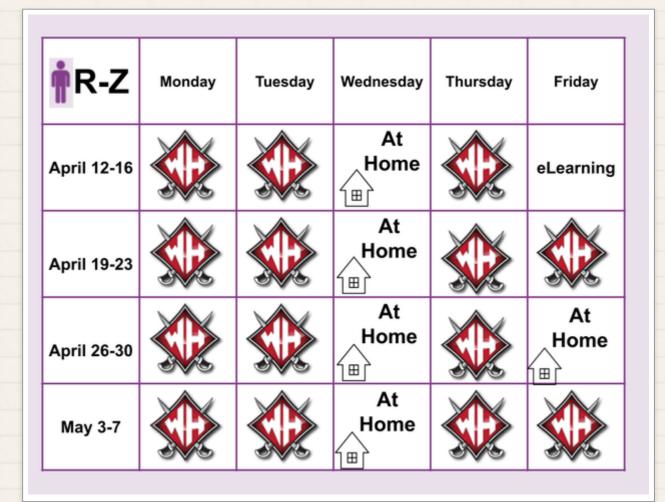
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PARENT BACKPACK ACCOUNTS

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.

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

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**.

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

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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