

Wade Hampton High School

LEADING LIKE GENERALS PARENT NEWSLETTER--MAY 14, 2021

BEST HIGH SCHOOLS DESIGNATION

We received word that our 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

MASK MANDATE EXECUTIVE ORDER

As you are aware, Governor McMaster issued an Executive Order, which has the effect of law, to provide a mask opt out process for families. DHEC has now published a form allowing parents to opt out of the Greenville County Schools' facial mask mandate. We have posted that form to our district website at www.greenville.k12.sc.us. I have also included a copy of this form in this email.

This is how we will operate at Wade Hampton High:

1. If you wish to opt out of the requirement that your child wear a mask, complete the [DHEC opt-out form](#) and have your student drop it off at school. We will have locations to receive these from them each day. *(Thank you to those that have already submitted forms to me via email).*
2. Once the student brings in the form, we will issue them a custom made WHHS sticker to be placed on their school ID. This will allow school personnel to know which students have submitted their form.
3. Because we can no longer maintain recommended public health protocols, we will also allow parents to opt for their students to work from home for the remainder of this year
4. If you wish for your student to transition to eLearning for the rest of the year, please submit the request in writing (email or hard copy) to me by Monday, May 17. Students will be marked absent, but those absences will be coded as administratively excused.
5. Regular final exams for these students will be proctored online.
6. End-Of-Course Exams (EOCs) cannot be taken remotely, so all EOCs must be administered in-person in proper social distancing settings.
7. We are continuing to determine the impact of this executive order on employees. At this time, the mask mandate remains in effect for employees.
8. Additional information is posted at www.greenville.k12.sc.us

As always, thank you for working with us as we continue to try to provide the safest and most conducive environment for our students and staff.

[DHEC Opt Out Form–English](#)

[DHEC Opt Out Form–Spanish](#)

Dr. Carlos C. Grant, Principal

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

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.

GRADUATION TICKETS

Seniors will have to clear all debt prior to obtaining any tickets for graduation. This includes (but is not limited to) senior dues, Chromebooks, Chromebook chargers, library fees and fees from any previous GCS school. This can be done next Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18th and 19th. On Tuesday you can turn in Chromebooks and clear fees in the library at any time. On Wednesday you can return Chromebooks and pay fees in the foyer in front of the main office. Thursday, May 20th is a day that virtual students can clear debt and return Chromebooks as well.

Graduation tickets will be distributed on May 26th and 27th in a drive through manner in the fire lane on the side of the school. Seniors **CANNOT** receive your tickets if you have any outstanding debt. Graduation tickets must be handed to the graduate. Parents **WILL NOT** be allowed to pick up tickets.

High Honor, Honor, and WIN Cords will be distributed on May 26th and May 27th when you receive your tickets.

MESSAGE TO ALL SENIORS (12TH GRADERS)

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

- 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

- June 3rd - Graduation Ceremony at Bon Secours Wellness Arena 11:30 am
- Student must arrive by 10:30 am

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

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

<u>SENIOR EXAMS</u> <u>(Junior Marshals)</u>	
<u>May 18 (Tues.)</u> 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).	<u>May 19 (Wed.)</u> 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.
<u>May 20 (Thur.)</u> • Exams for Senior eLearning students & Make-ups • Exams taken during regular class time ○ 1st & 2nd - Purple ○ 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
<u>May 21 (Fri.)</u> • 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- Friday, May 21	

Seniors and Junior Marshals

Final Exams

Monday, May 17	Tuesday, May 18	Wednesday, May 19	Thursday, May 20	
US History EOC	3rd and 4th blocks  E-Z students in person	1st and 2nd blocks  A-Q students in person	1st & 2nd  R-Z in person	3rd & 4th  A-D in person

***All exams will be taken during regular class time with the possible exception of the US History EOC. If possible, the blue and purple group students may attend class in person on their eLearning day to complete their exam on Tuesday or Wednesday. All make up exams will be completed on Thursday, May 20th.



Chromebook return begins Tuesday, May 18th. All devices and chargers should be returned by Friday, May 21st by noon.

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<u>UNDERCLASSMEN EXAMS</u>	
<u>June 1 (Tue.)</u> 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.	<u>June 2 (Wed.)</u> 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 ◦ 2nd block for FAC & CC ◦ 2nd block students who do not need for 3rd or 4th block exam • 4th Block ◦ All remaining students ◦ Based on Schedule TBD
<u>June 3 (Thur.) HALF DAY</u> • 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	<u>June 4 (Fri.) HALF DAY</u> • Make-ups Exams Chromebook Return • 7:00 am - 1:00 pm • In library • All day for students (Virtual or in-person) who need to turn in a device
• Grade verifications due to Logan Wright by 12 noon on <u>Friday, June 4</u> • Hold Slips for fees/textbooks due to bookkeeper by 12 noon on - <u>Friday, June 4</u> • Report Cards printed on <u>Monday, June 7 or Tuesday, June 8</u> • depending on the storing of grades • Report Cards mailed by <u>Tuesday, 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

SCHOOL COUNSELING UPDATES

Senior Parent News:

Seniors will need to complete their Senior Survey before May 19th.

This information has been posted for them in the 12th grade Google Classroom 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 prior to turning in their chrome books and receiving their graduation tickets.**

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

State-level **Military Honor Cord ceremony** for students joining the military upon graduation. Click [HERE](#) 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 [HERE](#).

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).

Junior Parent Night:

The recording of the Junior Parent night meeting along with the actual presentation is posted on the [School Counseling webpage](#). 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>

ROPER MOUNTAIN SCIENCE CENTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Roper Mountain Science Center has a high need for volunteers during their new Summer Adventure that starts June 1st. This is great experience working with the public in an informal

education setting. Volunteers will gain work and customer service experience and science knowledge while giving back to their community.

Interested students and adults may apply online and complete the virtual training on our website: <https://www.ropermountain.org/main.asp?titleid=volunteer>

[Summer Adventure](#) will be open to the public starting June 1st and will include our new Environmental Science and Sustainability Building housing awesome exhibitry, a traveling exhibit Be the Dinosaur, and a new program called Nature Exchange. Harrison Hall, the Living History Farm, Butterfly Garden, and new outdoor Dinosaur Trail will be part of Summer Adventure.

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.

MAY 15TH SATURDAY HELP SESSION

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

<https://forms.gle/mCuPftjh49NMJxJH6>

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

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

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](#)

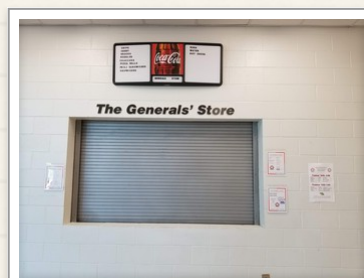
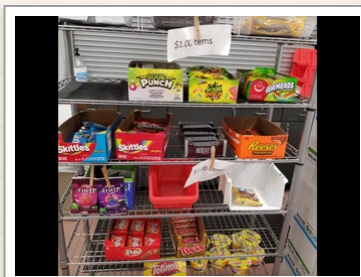
[Update Chrome Operating System](#)

[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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