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The Wildcat Way

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Principal's Message

Second Semester

January marks the beginning of our second semester. Each year, during the second semester all schools experience an increase in absences and late arrivals, and a gradual decline in academic performance. So prevalent is this trend, it has been referred to as the "Second Semester Slide". We are determined to improve this trend and **you the parents** can play a major role. Absences and tardiness are two of the reasons that grades decline. **Please be vigilant in making sure your student attends school every day and arrives on time.** Your attention to this issue will have a positive effect on your student, reinforcing the importance you place on attendance.

To assure continued academic success and not fall victim to "Second Semester Slide", **re-establish your student's homework and study routine. Help him/her to reclaim the space and time meant for this important purpose.** Determine if any supplies or devices are needed. They make great holiday gifts. Also, **monitor your student's grades, attendance, and classwork by accessing Parent Portal.** Learn what tutoring and support opportunities are available here at school to improve results. Again, your attention to your student's school work will have a tremendous positive effect. When students are prepared for class each day, they will attend each day, arrive on time, and perform with confidence.

These efforts; **staying informed about your student's progress, re-establishing a solid home-study routine, and making certain that your student attends every day and arrives on time** will have an enormous positive result and help us all overcome "Second Semester Slide"



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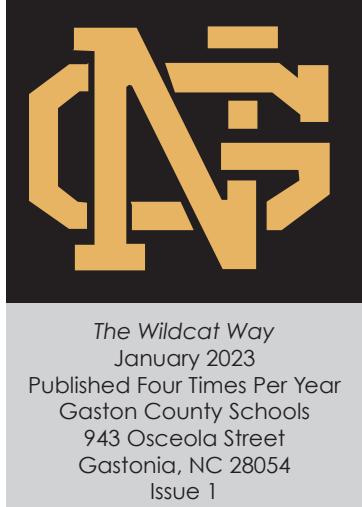
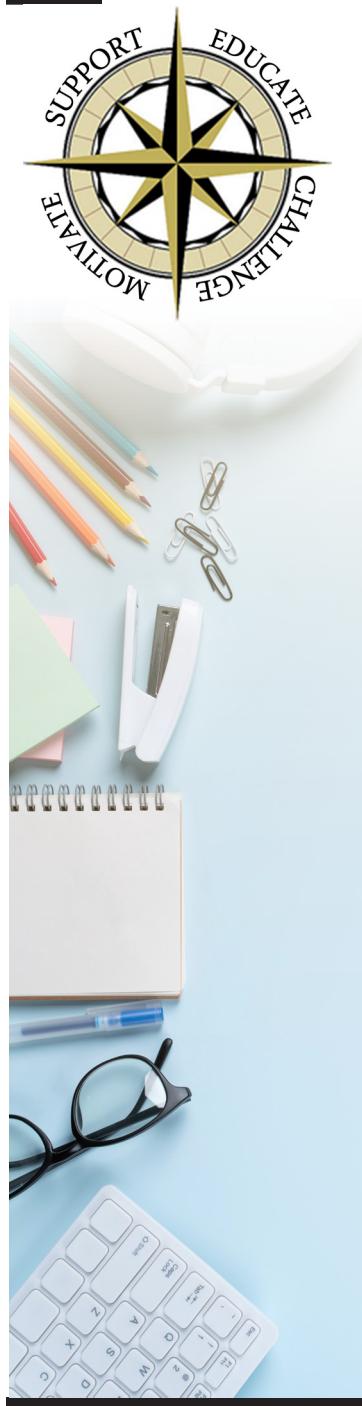


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Wildcat UPCOMING Events

- Feb. 9 – Curriculum Night (tentatively 5:30-7pm drop in)
- Feb. 14 – Interim Reports
- Mar. 7 – ACT test
- Mar. 9 - Early Dismissal (12:15)/Parent Teacher Conferences 1-7pm
- Feb. 27 – March 31 – Course Registration Window for 23-24 School Year
- March 23-25 – Spring Musical
- April 6 – Interim Reports
- April 7-14 – Spring Break
- April 29 - Junior/Senior Prom (8-11:30)
- May 18-24 Spring Final Exams
- May 26 - Graduation Practice (All Seniors Walking Attend) 9am
- May 26 - Graduation 6pm

Helpful Reminders

Parking On Campus

Students that drive to school must have a valid North Gaston Parking Permit. See Mr. Boone to purchase your permit. You will need....

1. Valid Driver's License
2. License Plate Information
3. Completed Parking Permit Information form
4. The cost is \$25

School Attendance

Attendance is key to success in all courses. Students are expected to attend all classes each school day. Please do your very best to avoid leaving campus; make arrangements for appointments after school hours when possible. Attendance means.....

1. A student is present in each class for 75 of the 90 minute period. *Missing 15 minutes results in an absence for the class period.
2. Students may not miss more than 10 days in each class. *Missing more than 10 days results in students going through an attendance appeal request process IF they are passing the course.
3. Students are responsible for all work missed when they are absent for class; for any reason (excused or unexcused). *Failure to ask the teacher for make-up work or not complete make up work will result in poor grades and a lower course grade overall.

Get up! Dress up! Show up!

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Pride of the Pack



Mrs. Pasour is North Gaston's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Pasour has taught Biology for 11 years. As described by her students; "Mrs. Pasour is tough, patient, and never gives up on us learning new things."

Congratulations
Mrs. Pasour!

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Wildcat Community Service

This holiday season, our Wildcat Beta Club and Leadership Students led a school-wide initiative to collect canned food items for families in need in our community. We collected over 600 items to donate to our local food pantry.

Our Health Science Organization hosted a collection of hygiene items for a local shelter. With your help, we could fill the needs of every person currently in need.

Every School Day Counts

- An estimated 5 million to 7.5 million U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.
- Research shows that missing 10 percent of school days, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.
- Chronic absence is a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
- When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their school performance.
- Good attendance is an important life skill.
- Parents play a key role in school attendance. Let your student know it is the expectation. Establish home-study routines and sleep habits that make attendance a non-issue. Encourage participation in school clubs, organizations, and sports. Monitor his/her progress and talk about it. Students who are engaged at home and at school rarely miss a day.



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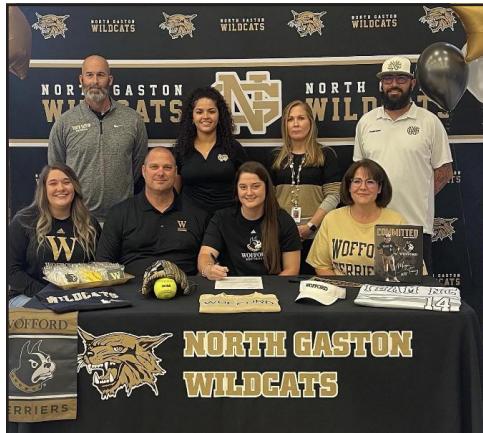
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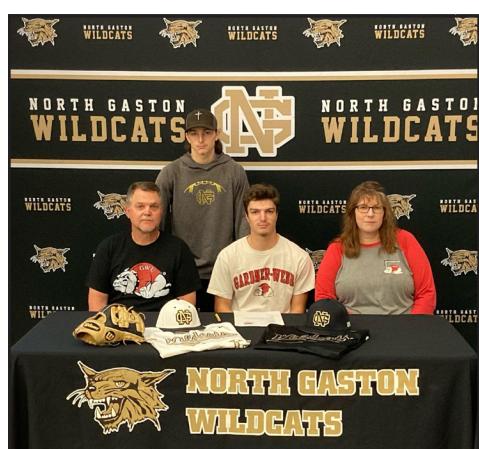
Ashton Pope signed to play at Belmont Abbey College



Madison Sipe signed to play at Patrick & Henry Junior College.



Payton Probst signed to play for Belmont Abbey College



Zachary Sigmon signed to play on the developmental team at Gardner Webb University



Payton Propst and Kristyn Carroll are Big South Doubles Champions.

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More Than A Diploma

Career & Technical Education students are getting more opportunities to graduate from North Gaston High School with certifications in hand. Compared to last year, our school has increased the number of student-earned credentials. The number of CTE courses offering industry-recognized certifications is growing and gives our students a competitive edge over others in the college and career realm. This semester alone, over 100 industry-recognized certifications have been earned by our students! Currently, every CTE pathway offers one or more opportunities for our students to graduate with more than a diploma! We will continue to inspire the success of our students while preparing them to be college and career ready for the 21st century. Our CTE students will contribute successfully, as productive members of our community.



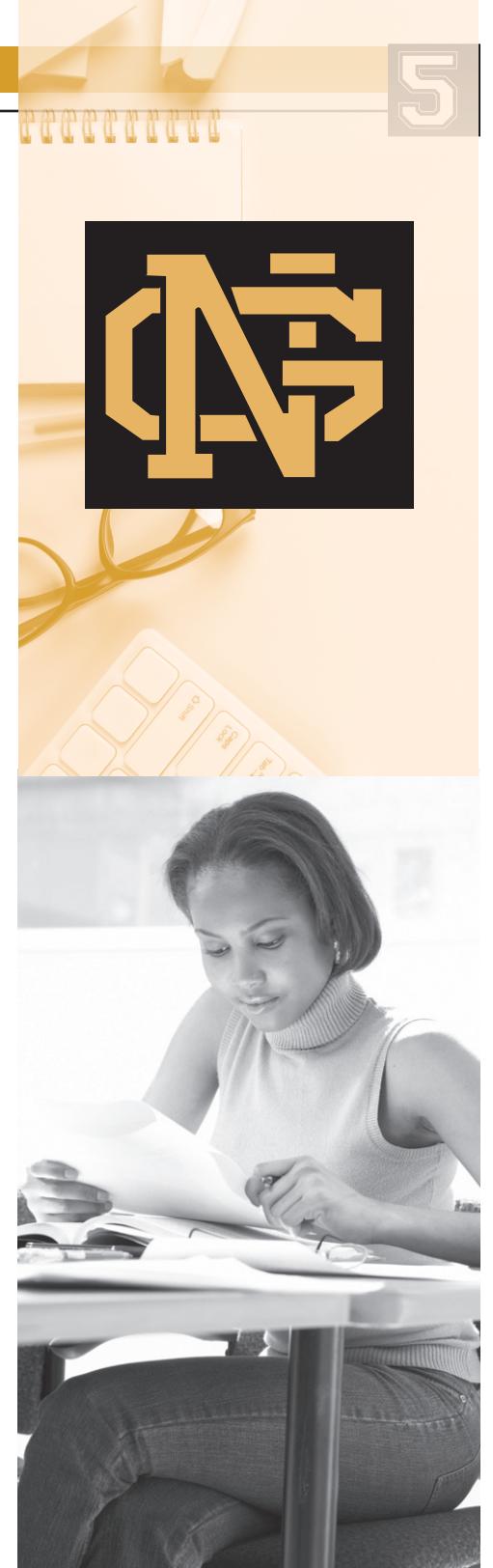
Spring Into Academic Success

We want you to be successful in the new semester. After-school tutoring is available through May 12, 2023.

Here is how you can get the help you need.

1. Talk to your teacher first. Your teachers are a valuable resource and they are willing to help. All you need to do is ask. You may set up a time convenient to both you and your teacher to get the extra help you need.
2. We will offer a Tuesday/Thursday after-school remediation program to help those students enrolled in EOC courses (Math I, Biology, and English 10). This program will begin **February 1st** and run every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30pm-4:30pm. We will provide bus transportation as well for those students that need it.
3. Take the time to get the extra help before falling behind. Sometimes it only takes a short period of time, working in a small group or individually with teachers, to get on track to making good grades. Start early and invest the time; it will pay off in the end.
4. Saturday School Sessions are available monthly to help students make up work, recover a grade in a failed course, or prepare for Final Exams. You must see your teacher or Assistant Principal to sign up for Saturday School.

*Contact your teacher today to make arrangements for tutoring.



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2022-2023 School Calendar



CALENDAR DATES

July 4	Holiday (Independence Day)
August 8	Optional Teacher Workday
August 9-12	Mandated Teacher Workdays
August 15-16	Mandated Teacher Workdays
August 17	Students' First Day
September 5	Holiday (Labor Day)
October 13	End of First 9-Week Grading Period
	Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Grade Levels)
	Early Dismissal for Students
October 14	Optional Teacher Workday
October 20	9-Week Report Cards Distributed
November 11	Holiday (Veterans Day)
November 23	Student Holiday
	Teacher Annual Leave
November 24-25	Holidays (Thanksgiving)
December 21	End of Second 9-Week Grading Period
December 22-23	Holidays (Winter)
December 26	Holiday (Winter)
December 27-30	Student Holidays
	Teacher Annual Leave
January 2	Holiday (New Year's Day)
January 3	Student Holiday
	Teacher Annual Leave
January 4	Optional Teacher Workday
January 5-6	Mandated Teacher Workdays
January 12	9-Week Report Cards Distributed
January 16	Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
February 20	Optional Teacher Workday
March 9	End of Third 9-Week Grading Period
	Parent-Teacher Conferences (All Grade Levels)
	Early Dismissal for Students
March 10	Optional Teacher Workday
March 16	9-Week Report Cards Distributed
April 7	Holiday (Spring)
April 10-13	Student Holidays
	Teacher Annual Leave
April 14	Optional Teacher Workday
May 24	Students' Last Day
May 25-26	Mandated Teacher Workdays
May 26	Graduation Day
May 29	Holiday (Memorial Day)
May 30-31	Optional Teacher Workdays
June 1-2	Optional Teacher Workdays

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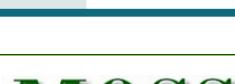


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Students choosing our **Leadership Academy** will make connections with local leaders while serving in our community. Share this information with family and friends and check out our **GCS Choice Fair on Friday February 3rd 5-8 and Saturday February 4th 9-4 at the Gastonia Conference Center.**

This is an opportunity for students and parents to drop in and learn about the 22 school choice/magnet school programs that are available in Gaston County Schools.

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