



NORTH GASTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Wildcat Way

We Support, Educate, Challenge & Motivate to Succeed!

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."

ADMINISTRATION

Crystal Houser
Principal

Jennifer Bergerson
11-12 grade - Assistant Principal

Carlene Falter
9th grade - Assistant Principal

Brent Boone
Assistant Principal

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Lynn Glover | 9th grade

Katy Eckert | A-G

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Deena Whitesides
School Nurse

Amanda Payne
Graduation Coach

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Wildcat UPCOMING Events

Feb. 1.....	Curriculum EXPO (tentatively 5:30-7 pm drop in)
Feb. 5 – March 29....	Course Registration Window for 24-25 School Year
Feb. 8	Interim Reports
Feb. 27	ACT test
Mar. 7	Early Dismissal (12:15)/Parent Teacher Conferences 1-7pm
Mar. 14.....	Report Cards Distributed
March 29-Apr. 5.....	Spring Break
April 11.....	Interim Reports
April 12	Junior/Senior Prom 7:30 pm
April 18-20	Spring Musical
May 16-21	Spring Final Exams
May 23	Graduation Practice (All Seniors Walking Attend) 9am
May 24	Graduation 6pm

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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Helpful Reminders



Parking On Campus

Students who drive to school must have a valid North Gaston Parking Permit. See LTC Smith (ROTC instructor) 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 minutes. *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 completing make-up work will result in poor grades and a lower course grade overall.



Get up! Dress up! Show up!

Behavior Expectations

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that keeps our school environment safe and without disruptions. Below are the minimum expectations every day. These expectations are school-wide:

1. Remove all headgear upon entering the building. We want to see you.
2. Keep all cell phones 'OFF & AWAY' during ALL class time; this includes NO CELL PHONES in the restrooms. If you must leave the classroom during the class period, you may not take your cell phone to the restroom with you.
3. You are responsible for your actions; ALL actions. Please be mindful that we are a learning community and our primary goal (JOB) is to educate you. Do NOT infringe on the rights of others while at school. 'Stay in your lane'.






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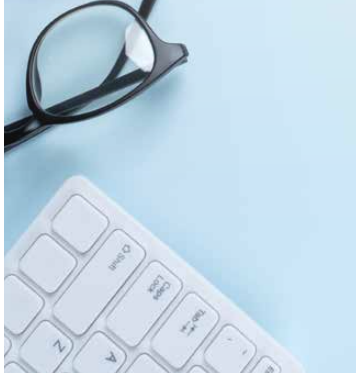
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Building Champions In Our School

Pride of the Pack

Mrs. Jennifer Hallman is North Gaston HS Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Hallman teaches NC Wildlife and AP Environmental Science. She was recently awarded the largest grant ever to create an outdoor classroom space.



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 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 nearly every person currently in need.





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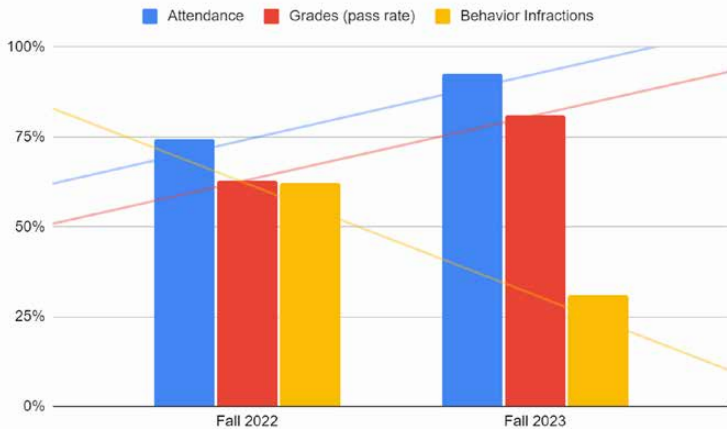
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Wildcat Achievements



Wildcats are trending in the right direction. As you compare attendance (blue) and grades or classes passed (red), you can see an increase in both metrics from last fall semester to this fall semester. As expected, as attendance and grades increase, behavior infractions (yellow) decrease. This IS the 'Wildcat Way'.

Academic Success Starts Now

We want you to be successful in the semester. Here is how you can get the help you need.

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.

Take the time to get the extra help you need before you fall 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.

Saturday School Sessions are available each month 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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Building Leaders Of Tomorrow

North Gaston High School Leadership Academy

The Choice Schools application window is open now through March 3rd.

Our Leadership Academy offers a course pathway that provides students the opportunity to focus on real-world leadership skills as they earn college credit in the area of leadership. We are working to build leaders of tomorrow by offering exploration in Career and College opportunities. We are proud to be named a Steven Covey "Leader In Me" School; one of only a few High Schools throughout the state with that designation. 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 Showcase of Schools on Saturday February 3rd 11-4 at Stuart W. Cramer High School.

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 successfully contribute to our community.



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2023-2024 School Calendar



CALENDAR DATES

July 4 Holiday (Independence Day)
 August 7 Optional Teacher Workday
 August 8-11 Mandated Teacher Workdays
 August 14-15 Mandated Teacher Workdays
 August 16 Students' First Day
 September 4 Holiday (Labor Day)
 October 12 End of First 9-Week Grading Period
 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 (All Grade Levels)
 Early Dismissal for Students
 October 13 Optional Teacher Workday
 October 19 9-Week Report Cards Distributed
 November 10 Holiday (Veterans Day)
 November 22 Student Holiday
 Teacher Annual Leave
 November 23-24 Holidays (Thanksgiving)
 December 20 .. End of Second 9-Week Grading Period
 December 21 Student Holiday
 Teacher Annual Leave
 December 22 Holiday (Winter)
 December 25-26 Holidays (Winter)
 December 27-29 Student Holidays
 Teacher Annual Leave
 January 1 Holiday (New Year's Day)
 January 2 Student Holiday
 Teacher Annual Leave
 January 3 Optional Teacher Workday
 January 4-5 Mandated Teacher Workdays
 January 11 9-Week Report Cards Distributed
 January 15 Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
 February 19 Optional Teacher Workday
 March 7 End of Third 9-Week Grading Period
 Parent-Teacher Conferences
 (All Grade Levels)
 Early Dismissal for Students
 March 8 Optional Teacher Workday
 March 14 9-Week Report Cards Distributed
 March 29 Holiday (Spring)
 April 1-4 Student Holidays
 Teacher Annual Leave
 April 5 Optional Teacher Workday
 May 22 Students' Last Day
 May 23-24 Mandated Teacher Workdays
 May 24 Graduation Day
 May 27 Holiday (Memorial Day)
 May 28-31 Optional Teacher Workdays

Inclement Weather Makeup Days

January 5 February 19 March 8
 April 5 April 4 April 3 April 2

The Board of Education reserves the right to use early release days and Saturdays as makeup days for inclement weather. The Board may add days of employment to end of the school year.

Testing dates will be available on the district website after they are determined by the state.

Calendar Key

- Holiday
- First/Last Day of School
- Teacher Annual Leave
- Parent-Teacher Conferences/Early Dismissal for Students
- Mandated Teacher Workday
- Optional Teacher Workday
- 9-Week Report Cards Distributed

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The Board of Education approved the 2023-2024 school calendar on February 20, 2023.

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