# PARENT PIPELINE **MARCH 2020 VOLUME 14 ISSUE 6**

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**Tracey Kibler** 

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**Greg Keller** 

**Cindy Zimmerman** 

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**School Hours** 7:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

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#### **Kelley Cardy**

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#### **GUIDANCE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 7:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

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A newsletter for the Parents, Students, Teachers and Staff of Walkersville High School

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Spring! Second semester is well under way and we are already planning for graduation and other year end activities. Hard to believe another school year is two-thirds of the way complete. It has been an amazing one with so many highlights. We are incredibly proud of our students and staff who have achieved high honors and lead our Lions to new heights! A shout-out to our Swimming, Wrestling and Indoor Track Athletes who all advanced to State Tournament Action. A Huge congratulations to our It's Academic Team for earning the crown of Country Champions!

The spring embarks one of our busiest times of year. Spring Sports begin, testing season will encompass much of April and May and spring musical will be in full swing. The Junior Class is busy planning for Prom while the Administration, Counselors, and Department Chairs build the master schedule for the 2020-2021 school year. Graduation Ceremonies and activities will be quickly among us while Seniors wait anxiously for final decisions on college acceptance and scholarships. The list of activity is to vast to continue, so hold on tight Lions it is going to be a very fast ride and summer will be here before we know it!

#### **IMPORTANT:**

As your Principal I would like to take a moment to speak candidly with you about attendance and the importance of prompt arrival to school. Life most certainly can be cumbersome with many responsibilities stacked on our plates full of overlapping timelines between jobs and extra-curricular activities. For our students their top priority should be education and reaching their learning potential. This is best achieved when students attend school. Students who have strong attendance rates over 90% have higher grade point averages and typically perform with higher proficiency on state and county assessments. Students who have strong attendance are more involved in school activities and have stronger peer relationships. High School is not just the final leg of their public education but is a 4 year transitional platform for life, higher education, and career. Students who hold a line of discipline with attendance habits are more likely to be successful in college and/or reliable in the work force. As school leaders and parents it is our responsibility to promote strong attendance and accountability for arriving to school on time. Many of our students who walk or drive to school have chronic late arrivals. Missing only 10 minutes of class is enough to fall behind or cause anxiety for students. We share attendance and tardy reports with coaches and extra-curricular leaders in full support of consequences extending beyond the normal school day. Please be reminded that any student who does not attend at 90% or above is documented by the state as a chronic attendance issue. This is also noted on their report card and end of year transcript.

We hold our students to high standards at WHS and want to see all of our students reach their maximum potential. Students who do not maintain 88% rates will not be eligible for certain privileges including attending Prom. Seniors must maintain an 88% rate to be eligible to participate in Senior Activities including participation in the formal graduation ceremony at Mt. St. Mary's. We understand that events such as these are important to our students, families, and their overall social experience. It is our hope for students to be eligible to attend by meeting our expectations. Thank you for being our partners in student success!

Tracey K. Kibler, Principal @WHSAlphaLion - Twitter





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# PRÔM NIGHT

#### **PROM**

We're looking for a few good men and women to help with Prom 2020 which will be held on Friday, May 1st, from 8pm - 11pm, at Walkers Overlook.

Would you be willing to donate refreshments (cake pops, cookies, mini cupcakes, chips, pretzels, mints, bottled water or ice)? We need decorators and help with set up. Or perhaps you would like to volunteer to chaperone the event. We need YOU!

If you are interested in helping in any way, whether by donating your time, talent as well as your treasure (donations are always welcome) please contact Mrs. Stelma, Jr. Class Advisor, at regina.stelma@fcps.org.

#### CINDERELLA'S CLOSET NEWS

Prom is scheduled for Friday, May 1st. Have you started looking for a dress yet? If not, come on by and check out Cinderella's Closet located in the WHS Commons (just follow the signs to get to the appropriate door). We have a great selection of new and gently used formal dresses for you to choose from. All dresses and accessories are affordably priced. For your convenience we will be open the following dates and times:

Thursday, March 12th 3pm - 6pm
Friday, March 13th
Saturday, March 14th
Thursday, March 19th 3pm - 6pm
Friday, March 20th
We hope you get a chance to stop by and check out our

inventory. If you have any questions please contact Beth Churco at WHSCinderellasCloset87@yahoo.com. You can find us on Facebook at "Walkersville High School PTSA Formal Consignment Sale."



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#### **PTSA NEWS**

The support that you and the community have already given to the PTSA this year is just simply amazing. We are truly blessed and grateful. Several fundraisers have been scheduled to help raise money so that we can give out more scholarships to deserving students. Anything you can do to assist us in raising money for the students would be greatly appreciated.



The PTSA will be awarding "You've Made Your Mark" scholarships to graduating seniors who have made a positive impression on the WHS community. A copy of the instructions and application can be obtained from Naviance or a hard copy can be picked up from the PTSA bulletin board. All instructions and the application need to be completed and submitted by March 20th to the Guidance Office. At the May 19th PTSA meeting monetary awards will be discussed and voted on. If you are a graduating senior and you or your parent is a PTSA member make sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

Currently we are offering a pre-sale of **Hersheypark** tickets for the low price of \$40.00. This is for all-age admission, a savings of 46% from the gate price. The tickets will be valid from May 1st through September 27th. Check out our Facebook page or get a copy from the PTSA bulletin board. All money made from this fundraiser will go directly into the scholarship fund. Everyone is welcome to participate in this fundraiser.

Prom season is just around the corner and the time to rent a tux is fast approaching. We currently have an agreement with **Men's Warehouse** that every time "WHS" is mentioned during the rental process we will receive \$5.00. All money collected from this fundraiser will go directly into the scholarship fund.

All are invited to attend our last **PTSA General Meeting** of the school year. It is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00pm**. This meeting will be held in room 137 and light refreshments will be served.

We will be holding elections for the Executive Board of the 2020-2021 school year and voting on "You've Made Your Mark" scholarship applicant award amounts. We hope you can make it! If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Snyder, PTSA President, at WHSLionsPTSA@gmail.com.

Like us on Facebook and receive information about upcoming meetings, events and ways to support the WHS PTSA!! www. facebook.com/WHS-PTSA-416541538545335

#### ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Welcome to Spring! We wish all of our athletes, coaches and fans a safe and successful season.

A few quick date reminders:

- April 1st, 2020 .......Membership deadline contact Monica Socks for more info monmonsocks@yahoo.com
- April 3rd, 2020 ......Athletic Boosters Scholarship deadline. Applications can be found in Naviance or by contacting Kirsten Brown kirstenbrown619@gmail.com
- April 15th, 2020 ......Memory Brick Orders are due for spring installation in the stadium. Please contact Katy Gant for more information - katybgant@gmail.com

As always, thank you to all of supporters/sponsors and outstanding members. There are so many different ways to help us make these 4 years memorable for our kids. If you can spare your time & talents please contact Theresa Church - whsabpresident@ amail.com or 240.285.2763.



#### Follow us on social media:

- **Facebook** facebook.com/groups/WHSBoosters
- **Twitter** @BoostersWHS
- Instagram @BoostersWHS







### 4 COUNSELING CENTER

#### **School Counselors**

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#### **Behavioral Support Specialists**

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#### **Coordinators**

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Susan Nash	504 Plans (A-Z)	susan.nash@fcps.org	240-236-7342
Kelley Cardy	FARMS (A-Z)	kelley.ramsburg@fcps.org	240-236-7209

#### Support Staff

Deanna Meyer	Registrar	deanna.meyer@fcps.org	240-236-7208
Kelley Cardy	Secretary	kelley.ramsburg@fcps.org	240-236-7209

#### **Counseling Office Communications**

- Website: http://education.fcps.org/whs/counseling
- Find Out First: Go to www.fcps.org and click on FOF link to create account
- Twitter: WHSCounselingCenter @LionsCounseling
- Senior class reminders will be posted on Schoology in the "Counseling Office Senior Class 2020" group: Students in the senior class have been automatically added to this group. Parents who want to join can follow these instructions:
  - Click Groups at the top of Schoology.
  - o Select My Groups.
  - O Click **Join Group** on the right.
  - Enter the Group Access Code: K8FP-79NW-ZBVJP
  - o Click Join

#### **Counseling Office Services**

- <u>Transcripts</u> OFFICIAL transcripts are FREE upon request from <u>current</u> students. Please allow 24 hours' notice for transcript only requests; see Mrs. Cardy in the Counseling Office. There is also no charge if requesting an electronic transcript through Naviance. Please allow two weeks processing time for letters of recommendation. All hard copies of completed correspondence, letters of recommendation, and transcripts are to be picked up from the Counseling Office and must be <u>mailed by the student</u>.
- <u>Duplicate Diploma Requests</u> There is a \$15.00 fee for a duplicate diploma. Checks should be made payable to and mailed to Frederick County Public Schools (191 East Street, Frederick, MD) to the attention of Debbie Foreman. Include the following information: Full legal name at the time of graduation; school of graduation; year of graduation; current address and phone numbers. Please allow up to 5 weeks for processing.

#### **Proof of Residency**

Have you moved? Did you know that whenever you move, you must provide your child's school with a current (within 30 days) proof of residency? This is a Maryland state requirement. Acceptable proof of residency is as follows (only **one** of the following is required):

- Current Lease/Rental Agreement signed by both the landlord and the <u>biological parent/legal guardian</u> <u>the student is residing with</u>. If the lease is in a name of <u>someone other than</u> the biological parent/legal guardian, a Parent Residency Affidavit will also have to be completed in the presence of a notary and provided along with the lease. The Parent Residency Affidavit may be found by going to www.fcps.org, forms, and Student Services Forms.
- Current Utility Bill (gas, electric, water/sewer bill) in the name of the <u>biological parent/legal guardian</u> the student is residing with. If the bill is in a name of <u>someone other than</u> the biological parent/legal guardian, a Parent Residency Affidavit will also have to be completed in the presence of a notary and provided along with the utility bill. The Parent Residency Affidavit may be found by going to www.fcps.org, forms, and Student Services Forms.

\*Please note that we are unable to accept cable, phone, or insurance bills as proof of residency.

#### **Enrollment Appointments**

Student enrollments are done by appointment only. We do **NOT** do walk-in appointments. Please contact Mrs. Meyer at 240-236-7208 or deanna.meyer@fcps.org if you would like to set up an appointment. Please note that 2020 Walkersville Middle School 8th graders residing in the Walkersville feeder are automatically enrolled as freshmen at Walkersville High School and do not need to be formally enrolled.

#### **Transportation**

**residence** only. Transportation to jobs, social meetings, and other non-school events is a parental responsibility. Students may ride only their assigned bus. Inviting friends home on the bus makes it hard for schools and bus drivers to account for students and can cause bus capacity problems. **In an emergency**, principals may approve a parent's request to allow a child to ride another bus (bus drivers will need a note signed by both students' parents and school administration).

#### Important Dates

- March 4 Midterm
- March 25 SAT School Day for all WHS Juniors
- April 8 End term 3, 2 Hour Early Dismissal
- April 9-13 Spring Break
- April 28 Schools Closed



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#### Scholarships/Financial Aid

FCPS provides scholarship and financial aid information as a resource only and does not endorse any sponsor of any particular scholarship program.

#### Resources:

- Naviance Log in at https://student.naviance.com/walkersvillehi using your student ID # as both
  the username and password. Scholarships can be found on the Colleges page under "Scholarship
  List" (materials sent to WHS) and "National Scholarship Search"
- www.fastweb.com
- https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
- https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships
- http://www.mhec.state.md.us/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/descriptions.aspx
- Financial Aid & Scholarship websites for colleges to which you plan to apply

#### College Visits

Would you like to meet with a representative from a college? We have many colleges come to visit us right here at Walkersville High during the school day. You can view the list online through your Naviance Student account and click to sign up. Sign up at least 24 hours before the scheduled visit.

#### NCAA Eligibility Center

Any student-athlete interested in playing at the Division 1 or 2 level must be determined to be eligible by the NCAA to participate. For eligibility requirements, go to: https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/. The student-athlete must log in using his/her NCAA ID or SSN and PIN.

#### **Grading Information**

Check out your student's grades online at: https://www.fcps.org/student-services/schoology or https://hac.fcps.org/. All students receive a letter at the beginning of the school year stating their respective username and password. Parents who can't remember their username and/or password can contact the Counseling Office at 240-236-7209. More information on interim and end-of-term dates can be found in your child's FCPS school calendar or at: https://www.fcps.org/student-services/grades-report-cards/.

#### College Entrance Testing

Seniors planning to re-take the SAT or ACT should do so as soon as possible in the 2019-20 school year. Juniors will take the SAT **for free** during the school day on March 25, 2020. It is recommended that juniors re-test following the March administration in either June or August. The ACT is another option for students wishing to take a college entrance exam. Almost all colleges will accept either score as part of a college application.

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SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Additional Fee)
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020

**Register online:** https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register Additional subject tests can be taken for a fee.

Fee waivers are available for students who receive Free or Reduced Meal prices at WHS – please see your school counselor for more information before registering for the test.

#### **SAT Prep**

- College Board Daily Practice App https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat
- Khan Academy https://www.khanacademy.org/sat
- SAT Prep Courses at FCC https://frederick.edu/quickenroll (REGISTER EARLY classes fill quickly)

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (Late Fee Required)
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020	February 29 – March 13, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 9-22, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020	June 20-26, 2020

Register online: https://www.act.org/

Fee waivers are available for students who receive Free or Reduced Meal prices at WHS – please see your counselor for more information before registering for the test. Fee waivers may **NOT** be used for late registration deadlines.

#### **ACT Prep**

Online and hard copy test prep materials: http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html

# MEDIA CENTER: DONATION REQUEST

Ms. Mott and Ms. Doggett are seeking donations of items to create makerspace areas and de-stressing activities for our students in the media center. If you have any of the following, please either send them into school with your student or drop them in the front office to the attention of Cindy Doggett:

- Legos
- yarn
- knitting needles
- fabric

Thank you!

# HOMEWORK HAS A PURPOSE Unsure About Your Homework Assignment?

Check with your teachers in advance to learn the best way to get homework assignments in case you are absent or miss the information during class. Teachers have different homework policies and procedures: Make sure you know what they are!

- Call a classmate who is dependable about homework.
- In the event of a long-term absence, communicate with your teacher via phone, email or notes to keep pace with assignments.



 Some teachers post assignments on school websites (links are provided via www.fcps.org).

# Homework Pointers For Students

- Accept responsibility for completing your homework.
- Establish a regular routine to work on assignments.
- Be prepared to submit homework on the date it is due.
- For long-term projects, plan ahead and use your time wisely so you won't have to rush at the last minute.
- If you are absent from class, be responsible for the homework assignments you missed.
- Inform your teachers about homework assigned by other teachers so they can avoid overloading you with work on any given night.

#### **For Parents**

- Provide the space, time and materials for homework.
- Set and maintain a daily homework time.
- Help your child establish a system for recording assignments and organizing materials so they are easy to locate at home and at school.
- Help your child plan an order of study. For example, save the most enjoyable study until last, take breaks and use a timer to segment tasks.
- Encourage a "buddy system" to get assignments when your child is absent from school.
- Talk with your child's classroom teacher about homework concerns.









#### **SPORTS SCHEDULE**

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Season	Start	l )ates

Spring	March 1
Winter	November 15
Fall	August 10

<u>Sport</u>	Seasor
Baseball	Spring
Basketball(Boys)	Winte
Basketball (Girls)	Winte
Cross Country (Boys)	Fa
Cross Country (Girls)	Fa
Cheerleading	Fall & Winte
Diving (Boys)	Winte
Diving (Girls)	Winte
Field Hockey	Fa
Football	Fa
Golf	Fa
Indoor Track (Boys)	Winte
Indoor Track (Girls)	Winte
Lacrosse (Boys)	Spring
Lacrosse (Girls)	Spring
Soccer (Boys)	Fa
Soccer (Girls)	Fa
Softball	Spring
Swimming (Boys)	Winte
Swimming (Girls)	Winte
Tennis (Boys)	Spring
Tennis (Girls)	Spring
Track (Boys)	Spring
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Volleyball	Fa
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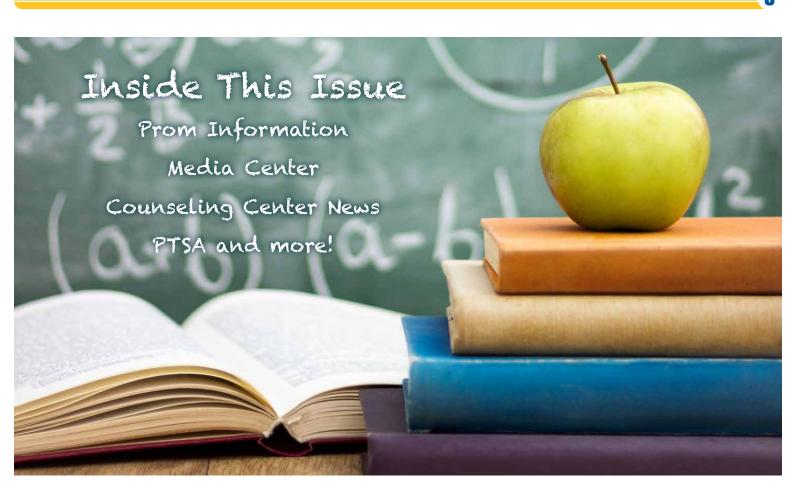
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