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EBSITE

A newsletter for the Parents, Students, Teachers and Staff of Walkersville High School **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL** 

Dear Walkersville Community,

It has been quite a start to a very different school year, that is for sure. But, regardless of the challenges, I have been so impressed with the hard work of our teachers, staff, and especially students. I have also been so appreciative of the parent and community support Walkersville has provided to us all. Can I just mention how amazing our parent groups are? I have had the pleasure of joining PTSA as well as many booster meetings this year, and I am in awe of the hard work of these groups. Additionally, our administrative team has been in and out of virtual classes and are impressed with the work we are seeing. While things are different, some things are very much the same, and we appreciate the rigor and flexibility our teachers are demonstrating. My only request for improvement as we continue to move forward in the virtual setting is to encourage your student to turn their camera on during class. Not only do we love seeing everyone's faces, it helps to bring a better sense of community, and that is very much needed as we are apart.

During these first few weeks back we have begun implementing small groups with great success. We are excited to continue expanding the groups, as able, in the upcoming weeks. Return to Play (RTP) has gone well for out fall sports, and are off to a great start with spring sports. Winter RTP is set to commence at the end of October. Other celebrations and successes have included our band hosting a successful Virtual Band Camp, followed by active participation in RTP. Our theater students also provided a wonderful Virtual Play "Hamlet Abridged," in early October. I have had the chance to meet SGA and Senior Class Executive members during some virtual FLEX meetings, and am looking forward, as I know you all are, at adding more activities for our students.

As we enter into term 2 we want to remind families that if you need any academic assistance, we have evening ELO hours from 5-7p.m. Monday-Thursdays. You can find information on the school website under the 'Parents & Students' tab. Additionally, please feel free to reach out to our counseling or administrative teams for anything you need! We are here to assist and work with you and your family. Thank you for all you do to support your student and our school. Walkersville is an amazing community, and I know how lucky I am to be a Lion this year!

Sincerely, Dr. Stephanie Ware Principal

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# WELCOME TO THE WHS ENGLISH LEARNING (EL) DEPARTMENT

We invite you to get to know the WHS EL department...

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Counselor: Ms. Diane Cooper 240-236-7312
IA: Ms. Michelle Early 240-236-7322

Teacher: Mrs. Julie Harris 240-236-7238

We look forward to working with the English Learner students and their families and being part of the Lions' PRIDE.

# **ACTIVITIES AND CASUALS**

Activities and casuals can also be submitted on the yearbook section of the WHS homepage. Last day to submit is November 13th. Please make every effort to submit a casual as we would like to highlight them in a new way this year!

## WHS MUSIC BOOSTERS

The Music Boosters exist to promote and support the interests and activities of the Walkersville High School Music Department and to provide moral and financial support to all WHS music programs.

The Marching Band has been practicing virtually and outdoors in socially distanced small groups this marching season to prepare for any upcoming performances, and to further their skills.

The band has been growing significantly each year and was short on uniforms last year, so we purchased 30 additional uniforms this offseason to add to the current 35. Please consider donating to this valuable program at http://www.lions-music.org/ as funds are still needed to replace irreparable instruments and uniform hats.

We have multiple fundraisers that take place throughout the year. We will be selling Butter Braids very soon. Check out our website at http://www.lions-music.org/ to get detailed information on how you can participate. Your continued support of the music program is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Vance Whitehouse, Music Booster President, at president@lions-music. org if you have any questions.



# YEARBOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS Senior Ads

The yearbook is currently accepting senior ads. You can submit your photos, messages, and payment online at the WHS homepage. Go to "Yearbook" under "Quick links" on the left and then choose "Senior Ads." Please note that prices increase by \$10 each month so get yours in soon to save money!

## Yearbook Sales

Sales are now up and running! The book will be around 176 pages. If you purchase before 2021, it's only \$60 but the price will increase once the New Year comes! **Go to Jostens.com to order yours today!** 

# **SENIOR FORMALS**

Thanks to everyone who came out for senior formals! It was so great to see you all in cap and gown! Please note that make-ups and retakes will take place on Nov. 6th and 9th. A Find out First was sent out with information on how to sign up for a time. It is free to sit for your yearbook photo. Yearbook photos are being taken in cap and gown this year so that students do not have to share clothes to be included in the yearbook. You only need to pay if you are purchasing additional photos from Victor O'Neill Studios. Parents can choose to purchase tux/drape photos taken for personal memories but a waiver will be required since those materials are shared.





## **PTSA NEWS**

Got PTSA Membership? Joining the WHS PTSA has many benefits. Not only will it benefit your child, it will also help our school. Membership fees and donations help offset the costs for many PTSA funded events. The Academic Excellence Awards Program, Senior Scholarships, student and staff appreciation, and the Reflections Art program that won't be able to continue unless we have your support. So if you haven't already, please complete the membership/donation form below and send it in. We really need your help! To those of you that have already joined and made a donation, we are very thankful for your



support. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Snyder, PTSA President, at WHSLionsPTSA@gmail.com

The Reflections Art Program is underway and we are looking forward to seeing some great entries from our WHS students. The National PTA Reflections program welcomes all grades and abilities to explore and be involved in the arts. Annually, thousands of students will reflect on a

common theme and create original works of art in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. The theme this school year is "I Matter Because..." All entry forms and submissions must be sent to Jocelyn Harris, WHS Reflections Chair at jocelynaharris@gmail.com by Friday, December 4th. Please contact Jocelyn to get all of your questions answered about Reflections.

We have a new website. YUP! You read that correctly. Our new WEBSITE is up and running. You will be able to join the PTSA, make a donation, and get information about Reflections and Academic Excellence, have access to multiple discounts and lots more PTSA information. Check it out!!! WalkersvilleHighSchool.my-ptsa.org

Here is another way you can help support the WHS PTSA: We have an Amazon Smile account. Amazon will donate 0.5%, so please use the following link http://org.amazon.com/ch/52-1754537 and support us every time you shop. Thanks!

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

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# 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
- Schoology: General reminders for students in all grades will be posted on Schoology in the WHS Counseling Office group. Students and parents who want to join can follow these instructions:
  - o Click **Groups** at the top of Schoology.
  - o Select My Groups.
  - o Click Join Group on the right.
  - o Enter the Group Access Code: KCCM-CPHP-HGP93
  - o Click JOIN

 Schoology: Senior class reminders will be posted on Schoology in the WHS Senior Class of 2021 group: Students in the senior class have been automatically added to this group. Parents who want to join can follow these instructions:

lauren.gordon@fcps.org

brittany.kuhn@fcps.org

- o Click **Groups** at the top of Schoology.
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- o Enter the Group Access Code: ZNDB-Q67Z-6JQS6
- o Click JOIN

# **COUNSELING OFFICE SERVICES**

- TRANSCRIPTS OFFICIAL transcripts are FREE upon request from <u>current</u> students. Please allow 24 hours' notice for transcript only requests; contact Ms. Shipe 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>.
- DUPLICATE DIPLOMA REQUESTS 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 the student is residing</u> with. 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 the student is residing</u> 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.

# TRANSPORTATION

FCPS provides public transportation to/from a student's **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).

# COUNSELING CENTER continues.

# **ENROLLMENT APPOINTMENTS**

Student enrollments are currently being done virtually. We do NOT do walk-in appointments. To begin the process, please go to www.fcps.org, For Families & Students, Enrolling a Student, and follow the instructions for creating an account. Be prepared to upload the following mandatory documents:

- Birth certificate
- Immunization record
- Current proof of residency in the name of a biological parent/legal guardian with which the student resides. Please refer to the Proof of Residency section of this newsletter for acceptable documents.
- Proof of identity for the biological parent/ legal guardian
- Custody paperwork signed by a judge of the court, if applicable

You will also need to contact the transferring school to get a copy of the student's transcript, most recent report card, and any applicable IEP/504 accommodation plans. As a biological parent/legal guardian, you have educational rights to this information.

Once you have submitted the enrollment application and bulleted documentation, you will be contacted by our Registrar, Mrs. Meyer, to complete the enrollment process. If there are extenuating circumstances prohibiting you from uploading the mandatory documents, please contact Mrs. Meyer at deanna.meyer@fcps.org.

# 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
- www.mhec.state.md.us/preparing/ Pages/FinancialAid/descriptions.aspx
- Financial Aid & Scholarship websites for colleges to which you plan to apply



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## **COLLEGE VISITS**

Would you like to meet with a representative from a college? We have many colleges conducting virtual college visits for WHS students in the afternoons. Seniors and juniors 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. 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 EXAMS**

Most colleges require a test score on either the SAT or ACT as part of the senior year college application process. Juniors will be able take the SAT for free, during the school day in March 2021. Students who elect to re-test will do so independently and at their own expense. 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.

# SAT INFORMATION

**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 contact 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 INFORMATION**

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/productsand-services/the-act/test-preparation.html/.

# COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS NEEDS

Walkersville High School continues to be committed to helping our students and their families during Covid-19. We understand these changes have brought on challenges. Please reach out to Kari Shipe directly in our Counseling center for more information about programs and resources that may be available for your family.

Kari Shipe, Counseling Center Secretary 240-236-7209 | Kari.shipe@fcps.org



## SAFE & SOUND GRADUATION 2021 WALKERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

The Walkersville High School Safe and Sound Committee, sponsored by the WHS PTSA, is busy planning their annual After Graduation Party for the Graduating Class of 2021! It is our goal to provide a fun night for the graduating Seniors in a safe environment that is alcohol and drug free. The party is planned for June 3, 2021 at Adventure Park. Transportation will be provided. All Seniors must be pre-registered for the event, and you can do that by completing the registration form and submitting payment to the WHS Safe and Sound Committee. More information is on the registration form. You can follow Safe and Sound activities on Facebook through the Facebook group WHS Safe and Sound. You can also contact the Safe and Sound Committee to volunteer or ask questions at safeandsoundwhs@gmail.com.

## Dear Senior Parents, September 30, 2020

The WHS Committee for a Safe & Sound Graduation is already at work planning the aftergraduation celebration for the **Class of 2021**. It is our goal to provide a fun night for the graduating Seniors in a safe environment that is alcohol and drug free. The party is planned for June 3, 2021 at Adventure Park beginning at 11:00 pm. (Doors will be locked and the Graduates will stay safe inside until 4:30 am on June 4th). Transportation will be provided.

As in past years we are planning an evening filled with activities, food, and lots of entertainment. All attending Graduates will also have the opportunity to win gift cards, prizes and MONEY! This is an event that your Senior will not want to miss!

Our committee has a lot of work to do between now and June 3rd and we can use any help you are able to offer. Please contact us at safeandsoundwhs@gmail.com if you are able to help.

All Seniors must be pre-registered for the event. Please register your Senior by returning the form below with a \$50.00 registration fee as soon as possible. By doing so, you will help us raise some of the funds necessary to make deposits for entertainment and vendors. The registration fee will increase to \$75.00 on March 1, 2021. No registrations will be accepted beyond May 28, 2021. If, for any reason, this event is cancelled, you will be reimbursed for the amount you paid.

#### **REGISTER NOW and avoid the increase!!!**

Please send your registration form and fee (checks made payable to WHS Safe and Sound) to: WHS Safe and Sound

## PO Box 183

#### Walkersville, MD 21793

Registrations and fees may also be dropped off at the school office. Please mark SAFE AND SOUND on the envelope. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Safe and Sound committee at safeandsoundwhs@gmail.com.

## SAFE & SOUND REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Senior:

\_\_\_Senior Ph. Number:\_\_\_

Date:

### Amount Enclosed:\_

Parent Name:

Parent Ph. Number:

#### Parent Email:

Transportation will be provided from WHS to Adventure Park beginning at 10:15pm. All graduates will return to WHS by 5:00am. By signing below, I understand that my child will be transported by bus. Please contact safeandsoundwhs@gmail.com with any questions.

Parent Signature:

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