



WILDCAT WATCH



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From Principal Matthew Arnold

*For the Parents, Students and
Community of
Winter Park High School*

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*Note: This list reflects the
assignments as of publication date.*

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Dear Wildcats,

Thank you for your support of Winter Park High School!

Here are some outstanding accomplishments and recognitions that have occurred since the December publication:

- **Cheerleading** – Metro, District, & Region Champions; State Runners-up
- **Wrestling** – 3 Boys Metro Champions; 1 Girl Metro Champion
- **Girls Weightlifting** – 9 Girls qualified for Regions; 2 qualified for States
- **Dance Team** – State Champions; 4th Place at Nationals
- **Jazz Band** – Superior rating at MPA
- **Band, Chorus, and Orchestra** – 18 of our student-performers auditioned and were selected for **FMEA All-State Honor Ensembles**
- **Guitar** – 6 of our student-performers auditioned and were selected for All-County.
- **Theater** – nominated in all categories for the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Applause Awards for *Damn Yankees*; 28 Superior ratings and 4 Perfect scores at Honor Thespian District Festival.

Our **College and Career Center** is a model for many other schools. We often get requests from other schools to see how the CCC was started and how it is run. We are so fortunate and thankful to have 25 parents, who dedicate one day per week to work with students in the CCC, along with close to 20 others who assist with College/University visits and other special events. Every day, there are five adults in the CCC during both A and B Lunches to support students. Here are some results of their efforts:

- Over 200 visits to WPHS by Colleges and Universities. Spring visits are happening
- Super Scholars – students accepted to a Top 20 College or University
 - ◊ 2 students have been accepted to Stanford University.
 - ◊ 1 student was accepted to University of Chicago.
 - ◊ 1 student was accepted to Davidson.

**Parents interested in receiving information can follow the CCC on Instagram (WPHS_CCC) and Facebook (WPHS College and Career Center) **

Here are some important dates and reminders:

- **Khan Academy** – SAT Practice - FREE!
 - ◊ Official SAT Practice with Khan Academy - <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
 - ◊ With Khan Academy - You can keep learning anything. For free. For everyone. Forever!
 - ◊ Recently, a study was completed that proved using Khan Academy's free Official SAT Practice is associated with an average score gain of 115 points!... Nearly double the average score gain for students who don't use the free test prep. The Official SAT Practice is free for everyone and personalized for each student. If

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WPHS

Vision

To ensure every student has a promising and successful future

Mission

With the support of families and the community, we create enriching and diverse pathways that lead our students to success

Objectives

- High Expectations for Student Learning
- Student Social and Emotional Well-Being
- Dedicated and High-Quality Team
- Positive Climate and Safe Environment
- Efficient Operations
- Engaged and Invested Community

Principal's Message *continues...*

you don't have the recommended 20 hours to practice, don't worry! Shorter periods of time are also correlated with meaningful score gains - in fact, 6 hours of studying can bring an average of 90 point increases! Below, you can find the link to the Official SAT Practice, a link to Khan Academy's main site! Get your Khan on! <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

- **Super 6** – Please see important information in the following pages.
- **Spring Performances**
 - ◇ Orchestra Unit Concert – Wednesday, April 6, @ 6:30 pm
 - ◇ Night on Broadway – Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 21-23, @ 7:30 pm
 - ◇ Orchestra – Tuesday, April 26, @ 7 pm
 - ◇ Jazz – Wednesday, April 27, @ 7 pm
 - ◇ Spring Band Concert – Thursday, April 28, @ 7 pm
 - ◇ Guitar – Friday, April 29, @ 7 pm
 - ◇ Color Guard Showcase – Thursday, May 12, @ 6 pm (Main Campus)
 - ◇ Theater Festival of One Acts – Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 12-14, @ 7:30 pm (Freshman Campus)
- **Athletic Events** - can be found on our athletic website – www.winterparkathletics.org.

A weekly electronic newsletter is available and can provide timely information about our comprehensive high school. Send a text message to 22828 to sign up for the newsletter. Enter the following text message content: WPHS. A prompt will then be sent asking for your email address. I hope you find this edition of the Wildcat Watch helpful, and I'm looking forward to seeing you at some of our spring events coming up!

Thanks again for your support of Winter Park High School, "Home of the Wildcats!"

Sincerely,

Matthew Arnold
Principal



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Student Services

IT'S COURSE SELECTION TIME!

Our counselors are spending the months of February and March meeting with students to discuss their course selections for next school year. This springtime, counselors will be meeting with seniors one final time for their exit interview and one last graduation check. It is important that all seniors leave WPHS with a plan in place for life after graduation, whether it be post-secondary education, military or the workforce. Juniors will also be registering for the Collegeboard Opportunity Scholarship. Collegeboard provides incentives in the form of scholarship giveaways for students who complete college exploration and college readiness tasks, such as creating a college list, completing test prep through Khan Academy and improving their SAT scores.

Many colleges and universities are visiting WPHS once again this spring to meet with juniors. All students are encouraged to explore their options by attending college visits. Students can sign up on SCOIR and stop by the CCC if they have any questions or need assistance. Sophomores will be spending time on SCOIR exploring careers and colleges and universities.

This spring, most of our students will be involved in either FSA, EOC, AP, or even IB testing. We encourage all of our students to prioritize their learning, practice strong study habits and talk with their teachers if they have difficulties understanding the material. Please contact the Student Services Office with any questions or concerns.

—Your Student Services Team



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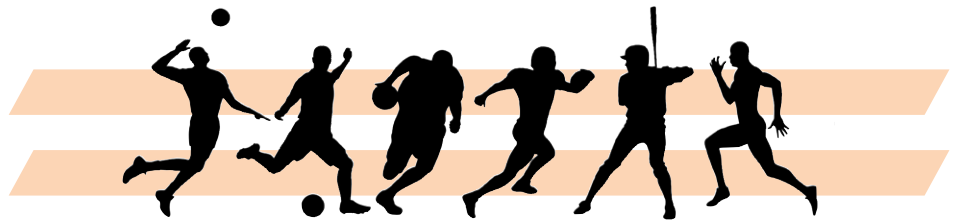
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Athletics

- Boys and Girls Soccer – District runner-ups, Girls Regional Qualifier
- Cheerleading-Metro, Region Champions, State Runner-up.
- Girls' Weightlifting-Nine regional qualifiers and two state qualifiers
- Wrestling-Three Metro Champions, one Metro runner up, one Metro girl Champion



Super 6

The following 6 dates determine 80% of our school grade. Please do everything possible to make sure your son/daughter is in school on these days. Also, it will take an extended amount of time to check out students on these days because our whole team will be focused on providing the best testing environment possible. That will include extended time testing which lasts until the end of the day. Thank you for making sure your child is at school on these days and for not checking them out early. Again, checking students out on these days will take an extended amount of time and will require a lot of patience.

- FSA ELA Writing (April 7)
- FSA ELA Reading (May 2 & 3)
- Biology & US History EOCs (May 5)
- Algebra I & Geometry EOCs (May 9 & 10)



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From the WPHS Foundation

Our 2021-2022 annual campaign and our 7th annual Restore the Roar Yacht Rock Style event are raising money for some important initiatives at WPHS this year that impact the entire school. We are thrilled to share that we received a **\$50,000 CHALLENGE GRANT** from The Joe and Sarah Galloway Foundation for our Restore the Roar Yacht Rock Style event. Thank you Jere Daniels, Bob Klettner, and Rusty Baldwin, Trustees, for continuing to support the Winter Park High School Foundation. As you know, Winter Park High School is large with almost 3400 students, so every dollar raised is important. We raised \$212,300 last year while keeping administrative expenses low at 1%. These donations have enabled the WPHS Foundation to undertake projects, both large and small, that raise the bar for WPHS students. We continue to complete or are in the process of completing many projects to improve the high school experience for all students. Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the WPHS Foundation this year.

The Foundation is raising funds for the initiatives below in 2021-2022. If you or anyone you know can help us with any of the initiatives, please reach out to us here: info@wphsfoundation.org.

- Digital & online academic/tutoring programs
- Softball program batting cages
- Main campus landscaping beautification around the 700 Building
- 9GC (WPHS 9th Grade Center) TV production equipment
- 9GC outdoor picnic tables & umbrellas for outside cafeteria patio
- 9GC media center furniture
- Incentive programs for standard level classes
- Further Showalter upgrades

Don't forget about our WPHS's school spirit store, The Cat Shack, located on the main campus and always open online, but the school store is open every Friday from 10:30AM-12:30PM. One hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds benefit the WPHS Foundation, and every dollar raised goes towards our annual Cat Shack student scholarships! Shop in our store or online at <http://squareup.com/store/WPHSCatShack>.

Founded in 1992, The WPHS Foundation is an all-volunteer 501(c) 3, that provides additional support to WPHS to bridge the needs gap between county and state funding for WPHS students. Your WPHS Foundation's sole purpose is to provide additional financial support for the educational, extracurricular, and athletic needs of Winter Park High School students. Please follow the WPHS Foundation and The Cat Shack on FB and the Cat Shack on Instagram for the latest updates.



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PTSA SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

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Attention Seniors! PTSA Scholarships are due March 10! Applications are available on Canvas and can be turned into the CCC!

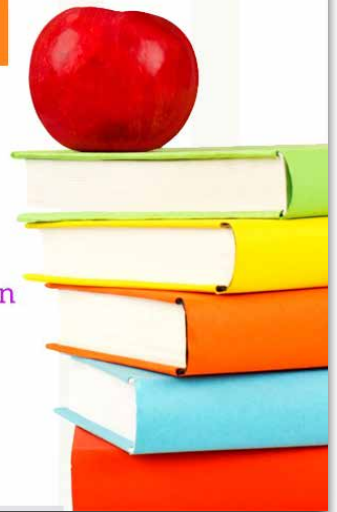
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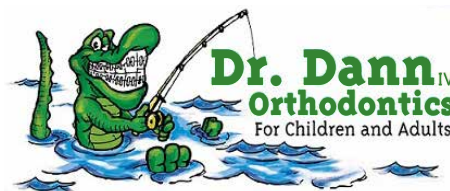
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