

PARENT PIPELINE



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7:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

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GUIDANCE HOURS

Monday - Friday

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

<http://whs.fcps.org>

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year Lion Community!

February is registration month! Hard to believe we are already planning for the 2020-2021 school year. By now your child should have completed their course selections for next year. As we begin the massive task of Master Schedule building, I want to share some important information with you.

Our projected enrollment for 2020-2021 is 1249 students. This is a significant increase and will result in hiring of additional teachers, support staff and counselors. We are excited about the growth because it provides new career and potential learning opportunities for our staff and students. However, with the growth comes significant challenges. In regards to enrollment, class selection will be critical in driving staffing decisions. Once registration is complete, the administration at WHS will use enrollment numbers to allocate positions in our content departments. Please note, it will be difficult to accommodate schedule changes once the master schedule is developed. Please have a conversation with your child to emphasize the courses they select this registration season will be concrete for next year with minimum flexibility for change.

Another challenge we face will be physical space. The projected enrollment of 1249 exceeds our state rated capacity by more than 20%. We will be starting school 120% over capacity. This will impact current daily routines in our school. Expect to see changes in lunch shift organization, FLEX structure, virtual school offerings and technology demands. As decisions are made and changes arise we will keep you informed.

Keep in mind, increased population equates to heavier traffic in the mornings, higher demand for on campus parking and potential creative redesign to some of our current instructional and shared spaces. Seniors will have first priority for on campus parking, followed by Juniors who have justifiable reasons to self-transport to and from school.

We welcome every new Lion that will be joining our school community and are excited to embrace more students and staff into our diverse, caring and excelling culture. Our school continues to celebrate high achievement as a 5-Star school (2018-2019 ESSA ratings) boasting championship athletic teams, It's Academic Regional and State Champions, state recognized musicians and artists, one of the highest graduation rates in Maryland, over 96% of our graduates meeting college and career ready standards and increased enrollment in Honors, Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment course work. Together we will continue a high standard of achievement through our school mission; "Strength in Unity, PRIDE in Excellence."

Looking forward to second semester and an exciting spring!

Tracey K. Kibler

Principal

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SENIOR WEB SITE PLEASE CHECK THE WALKERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HOMEPAGE AT [HTTP://WHS.SITES.FCPS.ORG](http://whs.sites.fcps.org) FOR UPDATES ON SENIOR ACTIVITIES AND GRADUATION. CHOOSE PARENTS & STUDENTS AND CLICK ON SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION.

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THE PRINCIPAL WANTS YOU TO KNOW...

Attention Parents and Students:

Illness and Dismissal from School PROTOCOL

When a student is not feeling well they **MUST** ask to visit the health room to be evaluated by our school nurse or health technician. At that time the health professional on site will assess the student's condition and make parental contact. Through communication with the health room professional in collaboration with the parent the student may be released for early dismissal from school. The student and parent must then follow the dismissal/check-out process with Ms. Shipe (our attendance secretary in the front office).



IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE PRACTICE NOR SUPPORTED BY THE SCHOOL OR ADMINISTRATION for a student to text or call their parent from class or from another location in the building to go home ill without first accessing the health room. We are asking students and parents to respect this process and procedure.

Parents and students are also reminded that all absences **both excused and unexcused** count against your child's overall attendance rate. State Regulation deems any child as having a chronic attendance issue if they do not maintain a minimum rate of 90% for the school year. Students identified as Chronic Non-Attenders will have a statement of identification on their term 4 report card. At this time any student who has exceeded 8 days of absence is currently below 90% and has been identified as a risk for final year-end chronic non-attendance. With nearly 100 days left in the school year there is plenty of time for students to increase the overall rate of attendance. This will also ensure they maintain eligibility for PROM, HOMECOMING, GRADUATION and other school-based events.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

—WHS Administration and Health Room Professionals

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PTSA NEWS

The WHS PTSA membership and donation drive has been very successful up to this point and we are very grateful, but we haven't reached our goal yet. That that means we will have to ramp up our fundraising efforts. So be on the lookout for Dine Out Night announcements in the near future.

Starting on February 17th through March 17th, we are going to pre-sale **Hersheypark tickets** at the low price of \$40.00. This is for all-age admission, a savings of **46%** from the gate price. These tickets will be valid from May 1st through September 27th. Order forms will be available at our Facebook page, Media Center, Front Office and on the PTSA bulletin board. Everyone is welcome to participate in this fundraiser.

We will be awarding scholarships to graduating seniors who have made a positive impression on the WHS community. On February 3rd the Guidance Office started making announcements about the **"You've Made Your Mark Scholarship"** sponsored by the PTSA. You can obtain a copy of the packet by going on Naviance or pick up a hard copy from the PTSA bulletin board. All instructions and the application need to be completed and submitted by March 20th. If you are a graduating senior and you or your parent is a PTSA member make sure to take advantage of this opportunity.

The excitement continues as 6 students that participated in the **Reflections Art Program** at WHS have moved up to the PTA Council of Frederick County level of judging and they are:

- E.R. Tridina ~ Literature: *The End of All Things; The Truths*

of Survival, Desperation, and Revolution

- Audrey McClatchie ~ Film: *Lose the Labels*
- Nick Snyder ~ Music: *What Was Lost*
- Macenzie Rosenberger ~ Photography: *Picture Perfect*
- Reuben Puthumana ~ Visual Arts: *Who I Really Am*
- Kaityln Ivall ~ Visual Arts: *The Truth that Lies Within*

These entries will be competing against others in the same categories from around Frederick County. We wish our students good luck and hope that they will move on to the State level for judging.

All are welcome to attend our **PTSA General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00pm**. This meeting will be held in room 137 and light refreshments will be served. Come hear from our WHS Administration and find out about all the cool things the PTSA has been up to and what we have planned for the rest of the year. We will also get updates from Committee Chairs and elect a nominating committee for the upcoming election. 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!! Check it out!!

www.facebook.com/WHS-PTSA-416541538545335

PLEASE NOTE: **The PTSA Membership Form can be removed until next school year**



2019 - 2020

WHS PTSA MEMBERSHIP / DONATION FORM



Membership Fee is \$10.00 each for the first 3 family members (Family Max \$30.00)
Membership Fee for Staff Members is \$7.00

Member's name	Email address	Phone number	Please circle one:	Grade	Dues
_____	_____	_____	Parent, Student	9 10 11 12	\$10.00
_____	_____	_____	Parent, Student	9 10 11 12	\$10.00
_____	_____	_____	Parent, Student	9 10 11 12	\$10.00
_____	_____	_____	Parent, Student	9 10 11 12	FREE
_____	_____	_____	Staff	N/A	\$7.00

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$ _____

Additional Tax Deductible Donation: \$ _____
(Suggested \$35 per WHS student)

TOTAL Payment enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **WHS PTSA** (Returned checks subject to bank fees)

This membership form with payment can be returned to front office or mailed to **WHS PTSA, 81 West Frederick Street, Walkersville, MD 21793**. Your membership cards will be given to your oldest student's FLEX teacher. Please provide the necessary information below:

Oldest student's name: _____ FLEX teacher's name: _____

*****PLEASE NOTE:** Students or a parent/legal guardian must be a member of the WHS PTSA by January 31, 2020 to be eligible for the WHS PTSA 2020 Senior Scholarships.



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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.
 - Select **My Groups**.
 - Click **Join Group** on the right.
 - Enter the Group Access Code: **K8FP-79NW-ZBVJP**
 - Click **Join**

COUNSELING OFFICE SERVICES

- **Transcripts** - **OFFICIAL transcripts are FREE upon request from current 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 mailed by the student.**
- **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 biological parent/legal guardian the student is residing with. If the lease is in a name of someone other than 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 biological parent/legal guardian the student is residing with. If the bill is in a name of someone other than 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.



OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFERS

Parents or guardians who want their child to attend a school outside their assigned attendance area should review the **2020-21 Restricted Schools List** (https://www.fcps.org/capital-program/files/documents/reports_and_publications/RestrictedSchools_2020-21.pdf) and Regulations **400-78** (<https://apps.fcps.org/legal/doc.php?number=400-78>), *Restricting Schools to Out-of-District Transfers* and **400-15** (<https://apps.fcps.org/legal/doc.php?number=400-15>), *Assignment and Transfer of Students*. Walkersville High School **is** a restricted school for the 2021 school year.

Pursuant to these regulations, the Out of District Transfer process is available for all applicants, including current out of district approved students, from **January 2 - March 1** each year for the following school year. You can complete your request using the **Out of District Transfer Request Form** (available online on the FCPS website under forms through March 1 –<https://pubforms.fcps.org/view.php?id=11214>). **All current out of district approved students who plan on staying at Walkersville High School next year must reapply for out of district consideration for the 2021 school year by March 1st.** Those who do not reapply by the March 1st deadline risk being denied out of district continuation.

Please contact MaryAnn Gomez at (240) 236-2493 or maryann.gomez@fcps.org if you have any questions.

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).

Important Dates

- January 6-February 7: Counselor visits to all 9th-11th grade English classes
- January 28: End of term 2 / semester 1
- February 5: Deadline to turn in 2nd semester schedule change request forms
- February 10: Registration Information Night (snow date: February 12)
- February 11: Registration course choices due in Naviance Course Planner (snow date: February 13)
- February 12: ASVAB results returned to students

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

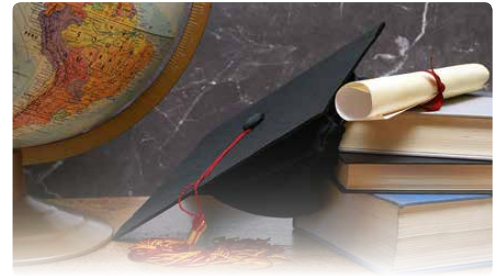
Would you like to meet with a representative from a college? We have many colleges come to visit us right here at Walkersville High during the school day. You can view the list online through your Naviance Student account and click to sign up. Sign up at least 24 hours before the scheduled visit.

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



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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>.

How to Apply to the Career and Technology Center

The Career & Technology Center is part of the Frederick County Public Schools System. CTC programs are available in a variety of areas ranging from the traditional vocational areas to college preparatory programs. Students can earn credits as well as industry certifications and licenses. Programs are taught in half-day blocks and students attend WHS for the other half of the day.

Shadowing a program is the **first, required** step in the application process and is open to students in grades 9-11. **Speak with Mrs. Cardy in the Counseling Office to sign up for shadowing as soon as possible.** The time frame for shadowing begins in November and runs through February. A student may shadow up to two programs. Once you have an appointment, you will be given a permission slip which requires a parent signature and should be returned to Mrs. Cardy in the Counseling Office.

On the day shadowing takes place, you will ride the bus (either AM or PM as designated by CTC) to and from CTC for half of the day. It is very important that you shadow on the date that has been arranged. Absence from school in order to shadow at CTC is excused; however, you will be required to make up the work that you miss.

During the shadowing session, you will receive information on how to complete an application to attend CTC next year. A personal interview and evaluation of your shadowing experience, attendance, and GPA are the main criteria for acceptance into any CTC program. The application is to be completed online or returned to Mrs. Cardy as soon as possible.

For more information on specific programs, go to: <https://education.fcps.org/ctc/programs>.

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.

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Additional Fee)
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020	March 3, 2020
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>

JOE CORBI'S SPRING FUNDRAISER

The Junior Class of 2021 is sponsoring a Joe Corbi's Pizza & More fundraiser to help defray the cost of Prom 2020. All seniors and juniors are encouraged to participate and have been given a brochure on Friday, Jan. 24. Sell 8 items – earn half off your prom ticket; sell 12 items – earn a **FREE** prom ticket; sell 20 items – earn **2 FREE** prom tickets. If both classes combined sell 400 or more items, Joe Corbi's will award the top seller with a \$200 Visa gift card. Fundraising starts January 24 through February 14. Delivery is March 18. If you are interested in purchasing and haven't been asked, please contact Mrs. Stelma, Jr. Class Advisor, at regina.stelma@fcps.org.



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ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

We hope your New Year is off to a fantastic start!!

As always, thank you for your continued support of our teams and athletes.

Time is flying by, so here are a few Athletic Booster reminders:

- February 10th, 6:30 pm - next Boosters meeting at WHS
- March 10th - Oscar's Ale House fundraiser - All Day Silent Auction & Dine Out
- April 1st - 2020 Membership deadline - contact Monica Socks for more info - monmonssocks@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 - Memory Brick Orders are due for spring installation in the stadium. Please contact Katy Gant for more information - katybgant@gmail.com

We're always looking for volunteers, if you can spare your time & talents please contact Theresa Church - TheresaC@C21redwood.com.

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DONATIONS FOR WANDS FOR WILDLIFE

This year, Walkersville High Pre-Vet Club is collecting old mascara wands to be sent to the organization, "Wands for Wildlife," which is a part of the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge. The cleaned, old mascara wands are used to help clean the animals after oil spills and other pollution and help rehabilitate them, so they can be released back into the wild. If you or anyone you know have a growing collection of used mascara, or even if the one you are currently using is just running low, please stop by the Walkersville High School front office and place it in the orange box all winter long! The next donation date is at the end of February or early March.

Perhaps you're not an avid mascara wearer, but you would still like to help. The Appalachian Wildlife Refuge always need donations, and you can do so here:

<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E249689&id=1>

Or, if you would like to donate to a local organization, we are also collecting goods to give to the Frederick County Animal Control. Some of the items they need include: bleach, Dawn dish detergent, litter, pet food, treats, toys, towels, and blankets. For a complete list of their wish list items you can visit list link: <https://frederickcountymd.gov/120/Donate>. We will be collecting these items in the grey bucket in the front office.

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