

PARENT PIPELINE



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8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Walkersville Community,

A new semester brings an opportunity to continue to grow and learn, and we are excited to welcome students to new classes, and look forward to seeing them in person soon! Beginning the year in a virtual setting was difficult for all of us, but I am proud of the hard work of our students, teachers, staff, and families. I know that we will continue to collaborate and grow as we move through the 2020-2021 school year. And, now that it is officially 2021, it's time to start planning for our celebration of seniors! Our graduates have excelled in the classroom, in clubs, sports and in our community, and as spring approaches, I look forward to events that will showcase their excellence. Look for details to be forthcoming. As soon as we have information, we will pass it along. As always, thank you for your support of our Walkersville Lions! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephanie Ware, *Principal*

BELL SCHEDULE FOR SEMESTER 2

	MONDAY <i>Cohort A</i>	TUESDAY <i>Cohort A</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>All Students - Virtual</i>	THURSDAY <i>Cohort B</i>	FRIDAY <i>Cohort B</i>
7:30 - 8:25	Block 1	Block 1	Self-Directed Student Work Time • Reading and researching • Completing projects • Responding to teacher feedback • Engaging in online lessons and practice	Block 1	Block 1
8:30 - 9:25	Block 2	Block 2	Block 1 8:30 - 9:05 Virtual F2F Instruction/Support Block 2 9:10 - 9:45 Virtual F2F Instruction/Support	Block 2	Block 2
9:30 - 9:55	FLEX	FLEX/Social Emotional Learning	FLEX 9:50 - 10:20	FLEX/Social Emotional Learning	FLEX
10:00 - 11:30	Lunch and Block 3		Lunch 10:20 - 10:50	Lunch and Block 3	
	Block 3	Block 3	Block 3 10:55 - 11:30 Virtual F2F Instruction/Support	Block 3	Block 3
11:35 - 12:30	Block 4	Block 4	Block 4 11:35 - 12:10 Virtual F2F Instruction/Support	Block 4	Block 4
12:30 - 1:30	Travel Time for In-Person Students/ Independent Student Work	Travel Time for In-Person Students/ Independent Student Work	Student Work Time 12:15 - 2:30 • Reading and researching • Completing projects • Responding to teacher feedback • Engaging in online lessons and practice	Travel Time for In-Person Students/ Independent Student Work	Travel Time for In-Person Students/ Independent Student Work
1:30 - 2:30	Work Time/ Student Support	Work Time/ Student Support		Work Time/ Student Support	Work Time/ Student Support

AM CTC Students - Return during FLEX and eat lunch at home school during Block 3 / PM CTC Students - Eat lunch during FLEX and return between 12:00-12:15 to catch buses
*All students, whether learning virtually or in a hybrid model, will follow this schedule beginning second semester on January 28, 2021.
**Some schools have different start times than what is displayed in the sample schedule and those times will be communicated by your school's principal.

WHS SCHOOL MOTTO

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SENIOR WEBSITE 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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SAFE AND SOUND GRADUATION Class of 2021 – WALKERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Seniors,

The WHS Committee for a Safe & Sound Graduation is already at work planning the after-graduation 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 event is planned for June 3, 2021 at Adventure Park beginning at 11:00 pm. (Doors will be locked and 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 entertainment. All attending graduates will have the opportunity to win gift cards, prizes, and cash! 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 would greatly appreciate any help you can 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 using one of the methods below including a payment of \$50.00 as soon as possible. By doing so, you will help raise a portion of the funds necessary to secure vendors and entertainment. Please note the registration fee will increase to \$75.00 on March 1, 2021.

No registrations will be accepted after May 28, 2021. If, for ANY reason, this event is cancelled, you will be fully reimbursed for the amount you paid.

REGISTER NOW and avoid the price increase!!! Three ways to Register...

1. Register ONLINE at <http://WalkersvilleHighSchool.my-ptsa.org>
2. Mail in Registration form and Fee to: **WHS Safe and Sound, PO Box 183, Walkersville, MD 21793**
3. Drop your Registration form and Fee to the WHS front office in an envelope marked Safe and Sound.

If you have any questions, please contact the Safe and Sound committee at safeandsoundwhs@gmail.com.

SAFE AND SOUND REGISTRATION

Name of Senior Student: _____ Student Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent Email: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

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.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional donations are greatly appreciated!

If you choose to make an additional donation, please indicate amount and include in payment: _____

Thank you for your support! Join us on Facebook at WHS Safe and Sound; Twitter @WHSsafeandsound

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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. Please consider going to our website <http://www.WalkersvilleHighSchool.my-ptsa.org> and joining the PTSA and making a donation. Thank you so much!!!

We are waiting on information from Hersheypark regarding their 2021 operating season. This is a yearly fundraiser for the PTSA where tickets are offered at huge discounts. As soon as we receive confirmation of ticket prices they will be posted on our website and in the weekly newsletter.

The PTSA will be awarding **"You've Made Your Mark"** scholarships to graduating seniors who have made a positive impression on the WHS community. You can obtain a copy of the packet by going on Naviance, or to our PTSA website. The completed application and all attachments need to be submitted to the Guidance Secretary, kari.shipe@fcps.org, by 3:00pm on April 2, 2021. 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 3 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 selfish self-pitying
- **Reuben Puthumana** - Literature: The End of Recess
- **Rebecca Isler** - Visual Arts: I Matter Because Diversity Matters
- **Reuben Puthumana** - Visual Arts: **(1)** The Unique Piece; **(2)** The Light Within Me

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 join our **PTSA General Meeting** scheduled for Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00pm via ZOOM. Our WHS Administration and committee chairs will be giving updates. We will also be selecting a nominating committee for the upcoming election to be held in May. This is a great opportunity to get the inside scoop of what is happening at WHS. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Snyder, PTSA President, at WHSLionsPTSA@gmail.com.

- **Website:** <http://WalkersvilleHighSchool.my-ptsa.org>
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/WHS-PTSA-416541538545335
- **Email:** WHSLionsPTSA@gmail.com



WHS PTSA MEMBERSHIP / DONATION FORM 2020 - 2021

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

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1) _____			
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By checking this box, I agree to receive my membership card electronically via MemberHub and that my name, email and phone number will be entered into that site and become property of Maryland PTA. (This is completely optional and not required)

Please make checks payable to:
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(Returned checks are subject to bank fees)

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

TOTAL Payment enclosed: \$ _____

This membership form with payment can be mailed to

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Thank you!!





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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:
 - Click **Groups** at the top of Schoology.
 - Select **My Groups**.
 - Click **Join Group** on the right.
 - Enter the Group Access Code: **KCCM-CPHP-HGP93**
 - 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:
 - Click **Groups** at the top of Schoology.
 - Select **My Groups**.
 - Click **Join Group** on the right.
 - Enter the Group Access Code: **ZNDB-Q67Z-6JQS6**
 - Click **JOIN**

COUNSELING OFFICE SERVICES

- **TRANSCRIPTS - OFFICIAL transcripts are FREE upon request from current 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 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 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.

TRANSPORTATION

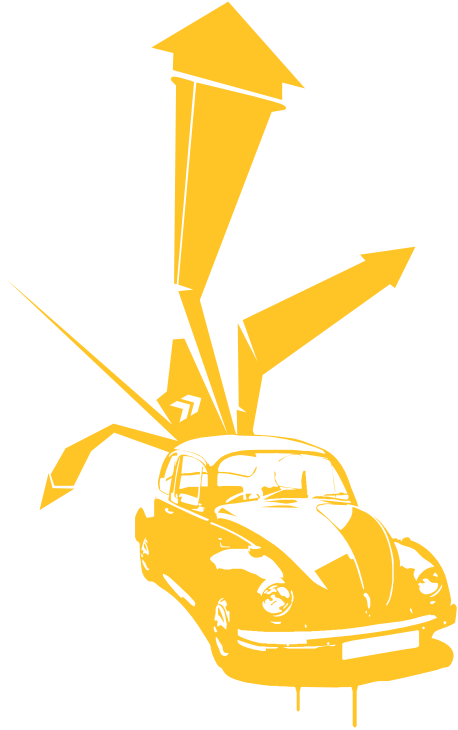
FCPS provides public transportation to/from a student's **residence** only. Transportation to jobs, social meetings, and other non-school events is a parental responsibility. Students may ride only their assigned bus. Inviting friends home on the bus makes it hard for schools and bus drivers to account 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).

OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFERS

Parents or guardians who want their child to attend a school outside their assigned attendance area should review the 2021-22 Restricted Schools List and Regulations 400-78, *Restricting Schools to Out-of-District Transfers* and 400-15, *Assignment and Transfer of Students*. Walkersville High School is a restricted school for the 2022 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). **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 2022 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.



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ONLINE STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND USER AGREEMENTS

At the beginning of the school year, guardians listed as guardian #1 on a student's account should have received an email from PowerSchool titled Returning Student Registration. For those whose guardian #1 did not have an email address, a letter was mailed to the mailing address on file. As of November 6th, we had almost 500 students for which no response was received. This email contained a snapcode to access the Returning Student Registration form. It is important that a response is submitted as this form is a modified version of the paper Student Emergency Card normally sent home with students at the beginning of the school year. Even though students aren't currently in the building, we must assure that the information we have on file is accurate. There are also user agreements on the form that apply to both the virtual and face to face learning models that need to be updated. Every week that a response is not received, another email is sent. We need your help! If you are a guardian of a Walkersville High School student, check your email for an email from PowerSchool. If you have received an email from PowerSchool, please follow the instructions to complete the updates. If you did NOT receive an email, send an email with your child's name, your name, and a valid email address to Deanna Meyer at deanna.meyer@fcps.org and another PowerSchool email can be generated to you.

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S COURSES

- Please review the following Google Presentation for information about registration: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1RK7jHS7FX2p0lqIWNhz2IC58rXIB0ZpLpQLvEIBqEto/edit?usp=sharing>
- Registration Information Night is January 12th. Please review the above Google Presentation for more information on RIN and Google Meet links.
- Students must complete their registration Google Form by January 20th

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 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.

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/>.

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MVA ATTENDANCE FORM

New Process! MVA DL-300A Learner's Permit Verification of School Attendance Form: The MVA has a new form (DL-300A) and schools no longer needs to sign/seal the form – it is signed by the student and the parent only. You can find the form on Walkersville High's website under "Attendance" and via this link to the MVA: <https://mva.maryland.gov/Documents/DL-300A.pdf/>.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

If your student is going to be absent please email:

1. WHS.Attendance@fcps.org
2. Include your student's name, grade, and reason for absence

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.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

Most colleges require a test score on either the SAT or ACT as part of the senior year college application process (although there is a lot more flexibility for this year's seniors due to the pandemic). 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/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>

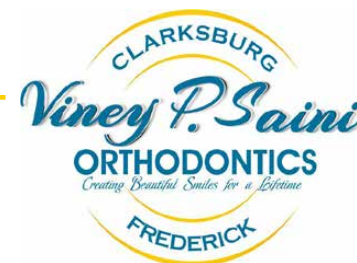
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- Child Protective Services (CPS): 301-600-2464 Help for physical, sexual, emotional abuse or neglect.
- Crisis Services: Dial 211 Help when you feel really anxious or really depressed and need someone to talk with so that you can stay safe.
- Maryland Anonymous Tip Line: 1-833-632-7233 Report threats or situations that put your safety, or others' safety, at risk.
- Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255 Help if you are thinking about suicide.



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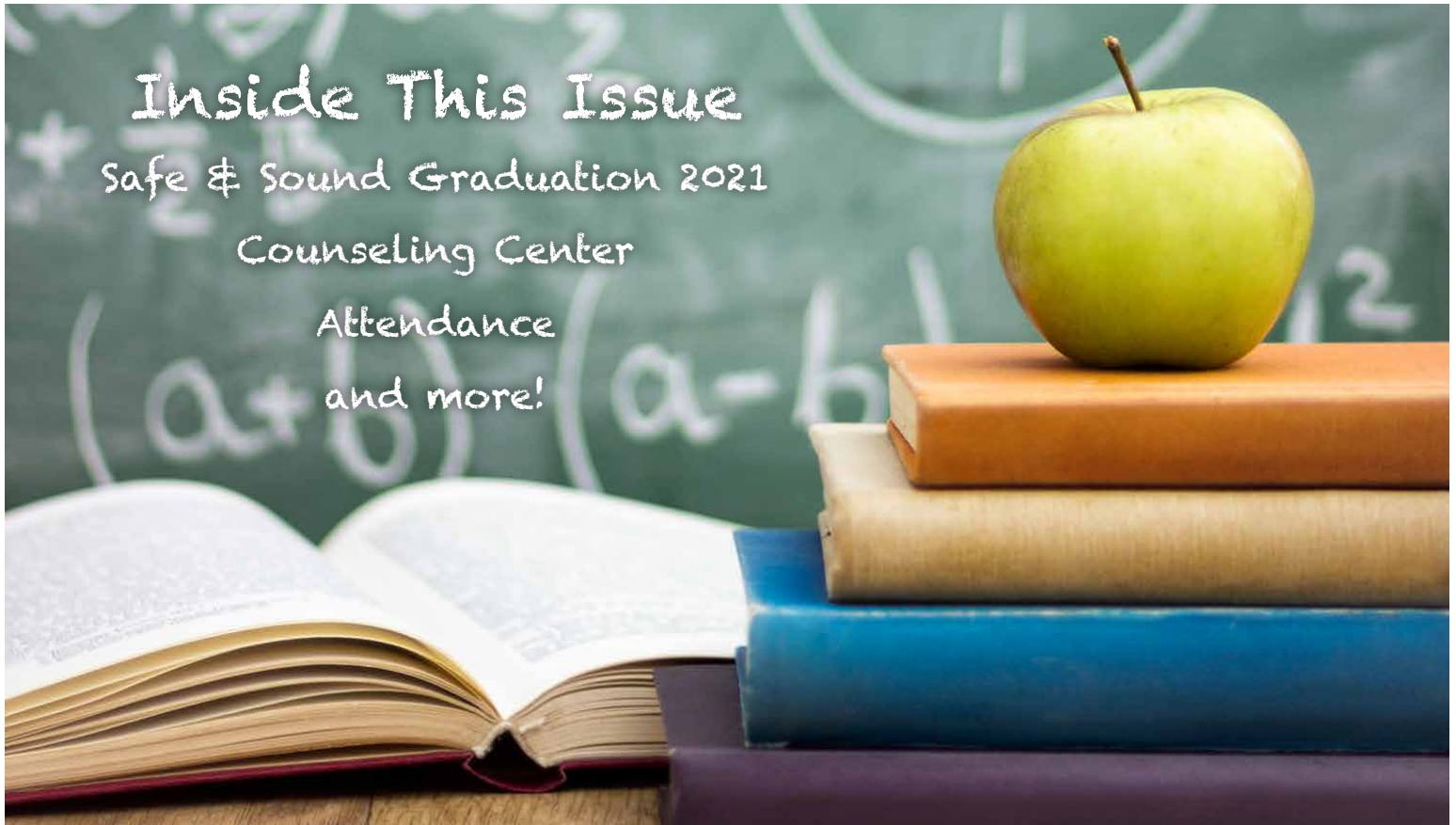
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