

PARENT PIPELINE



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7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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

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To download a pdf version of this newsletter, go to <http://www.academypublishing.com/schools/walkersville/walkersville.php>

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

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Attendance News:

Parents, guardians and students please be aware of the following updates/changes regarding attendance and dismissal.

- Parent notes/Dr. notes still should be emailed to WHS.Attendance@fcps.org. Please include students full name, grade and reason for absence.
- If a student should bring in a note coming in during their Cohort day, please drop off in the front office with the Attendance Secretary.
- As no guests are permitted in the building at this time, parents should come to the main entrance when picking up for early dismissals. We will verify ID at the door and students will be sent out to the car.

Parking Passes:

Attention Student Drivers: All students that park on campus during the school day must have a current parking permit. Any cars parked on campus without a permit will be subject to ticketing.

Bus Policy:

Due to COVID, we are not able to allow parent notes requesting their child ride with another student/on a different bus.

ATTENTION: BUSINESS OWNERS!

Do you want to advertise your business at our school events? WHS recently purchased a new radio station to be used at all sporting and community events. We are looking for sponsors to assist us with 30 second business ads to be played at EVERY event from now through June of 2022 (that's over 1 year of events)! We are asking for a \$500 donation for these ads. If interested, please email Dr. Ware directly at Stephanie.Ware@fcps.org. Space is limited - we have 11 spots left!

Help publicize your business and support our Lions!

FOOD DISTRIBUTION REMINDER

Please visit our community bus sites on Wednesdays at the Discovery Center and the 7th Street Shopping Center from 11:00am - 1:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE - CHIPOTLE NIGHT!

When: Wednesday, June 9th, 4-8pm

Where: 7820 Wormans Mill Road, Frederick, MD

PARENT PIPELINE NOTICE

Please note that this issue is our last mailed copy and all communication moving forward will be through FOF with our weekly SMORE.

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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MVA LEARNER'S PERMIT FORM UPDATE

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

FCPS VIRTUAL SUMMER SESSION

FCPS Frederick County Virtual School (FCVS) provides online courses for high school credit during the summer.

Virtual School Summer Session (VSS)

- VSS is a five week program designed for independent and self-motivated learners.
- Students enroll in an online course and attend weekly Google Meets with their teacher.
- Students will need to commit to 15-20 hours/week of independent work.
- Students will need reliable and consistent access to a device and high-speed internet.
- Students must be enrolled with FCPS and entering 9th-12th grade in the fall of 2021.
- Click [here](#) for registration information. To access the correct registration packet:
- See "High School Students" or "8th Grade Students" (based on your current level) to access the correct pre-registration packet.
- Deadline to pre-register: completed forms must be turned in to your school counselor by **3:00 pm on Thursday, June 17**. Do not delay! Enrollment is limited.



Frederick Community College

DUAL ENROLLMENT - NEXT YEAR (2021-2022)

If you plan on taking a FCC Dual Enrollment course next school year – High School Based or Open Campus – now is the time to APPLY TO FCC at www.frederick.edu/apply.

After applying, you will receive your FCC ID number and email address via USPS mail and/or email from the FCC Admissions Office.

There is no application fee or commitment when applying.

Please contact the FCC Dual Enrollment Office at DualEnrollment@frederick.edu with any questions!

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PTSA NEWS

The WHS PTSA would like to recognize the following Walkersville High School students that placed in the Frederick County PTA Reflections program. We are so proud of them!!!! Check out their entries at the Frederick County PTA Virtual Reflections Awards and Gallery at <https://frederickpta.org/reflections/>.

- **Reuben Puthumana** - *Outstanding Interpretation in Visual Arts*
- **Rebecca Iser** - *Award of Merit in Visual Arts*
- **Emily Trdina** - *Award of Excellence in Literature*
- **Reuben Puthumana** - *Award of Merit in Literature*

As this school year comes to a close, the PTSA would like to thank its members and volunteers for their time and contributions. Your support and effort helped to make a difference in the lives of the WHS students and staff. The PTSA, with your help, was able to contribute to the following events:

- Academic Excellence – over 400 students recognized for their achievements and received pins
- Arts in Education/Reflections Program
- “Make it Happen” Grants for teachers and organizations to continue their academic endeavors totaling over \$200.
- Safe and Sound
- Senior Scholarships ~ “You’ve Made Your Mark” ~ 10 scholarships awarded
- Staff Appreciation
- Yard Signs for Seniors

The PTSA would like to thank the current executive board for serving four years consecutively (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021) President ~ Kimberly Snyder, Vice President ~ Beth Churco, Treasurer ~ Jacy Hillman, and Secretary ~ April Cook. The Board of Directors have contributed many hours throughout this school year and they are Tina Sims ~ Membership Chair, Giuseppa Ball ~ Staff Appreciation Chair, Jocelyn Harris ~ Reflections Chair, Kelley Wells ~ Safe and Sound Chair, and Beth Churco ~ Academic Excellence Chair. The dedication from all of these individuals to the students and staff at WHS has been sincerely appreciated.

A special thank you to Mr. John VanBloem, staff liaison, for his dedication to the students and support of the PTSA. Last but certainly not least, our appreciation and thanks to the WHS Administration for their continued support.

A new executive board was elected at the May 18th PTSA meeting. Look for more information to follow in the month of June. Your continued support of the PTSA and all our programs for the 2021-2022 school year will be greatly appreciated. If you have any PTSA questions over the summer, please send an email to WHSLionsPTSA@gmail.com. Have a safe and fun filled summer!!!

Website: <http://WalkersvilleHighSchool.my-ptsa.org>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WHS-PTSA-416541538545335

Email: WHSLionsPTSA@gmail.com

MOVING/NEED TRANSFER PAPERWORK?

If you will be moving over the summer and your child will not be attending Walkersville High School next year, please contact Mrs. Meyer in the Counseling Center at deanna.meyer@fcps.org before Monday, June 7th, to allow ample time to get transfer information together. All schools require specific information from the transferring school prior to enrollment. Please provide Mrs. Meyer with your new address, if known, and the name of the school your child will be attending during the 2021-2022 school year.

HOW POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES ARE COMMUNICATED

Important Definitions: Confirmed Case of COVID-19 - Cases of COVID-19 that are lab confirmed positive results of a PCR test. Probable Case of COVID-19 - COVID-19-like symptomatic individual who has had close contact with another individual with a laboratory confirmed positive result within the past 14 days. Close Contact - Close and prolonged contact within 6 feet of a cumulative 15 minutes in a 24 hour period. Confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 in the school prompt a case investigation to determine if anyone has been in close contact with the confirmed or probable case of COVID-19. A joint effort between FCPS administrators and the Frederick County Health Department identifies all close contacts. All close contacts are contacted individually and advised to quarantine at home, monitor their health, and to contact their healthcare provider for any health concerns.

The health and safety of our community is our highest priority. Walkersville High School follows all COVID-19 related health and safety guidelines, including requiring face coverings for staff and students, encouraging frequent hand washing, maintaining social distance, and following all cleaning and disinfection protocols. The FCPS Health Metrics Dashboard reports the number of positive COVID-19 cases for staff and students that are in-person attendance at all FCPS schools. The cases are reported two different ways: (1) total number for all of FCPS; and (2) by each school. The dashboard is updated every Monday morning to report the number of cases from the previous week.



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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:
 - 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: **ZNDB-Q67Z-6JQS6**
 - o 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.

Important Dates

5/18	.....	Midterm
5/26	.....	Senior Survey deadline
5/27	.....	Senior Awards Ceremony
6/3	.....	Graduation
6/17	.....	Last Day for 9-11th grade students
August TBD	.....	Next Year Schedules released to students



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.

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:

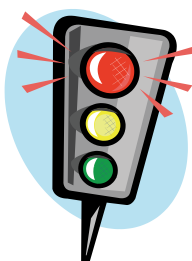
- Birth certificate
- Immunization record
- Current proof of residency in the name of a biological parent/legal guardian with which the student resides. Please refer to the Proof of Residency section of this newsletter for acceptable documents.
- Proof of identity for the biological parent/legal guardian
- 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.

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).



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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>
 - o 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

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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 (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. 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.

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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>

Need Help?

- 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.

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.

We are overjoyed to announce the officers for the 2021-2022 school year. They excited about the upcoming marching season starting in June and are looking forward to a great year.

- President - **Vance Whitehouse**, president@lions-music.org
- Vice President - **Cubby Gardner**, vicepresident@lions-music.org
- Treasurer - **Julie Keyser**, treasurer@lions-music.org
- Secretary - **Maribeth Janke**, secretary@lions-music.org
- Fundraising Manager - **Stephanie Tekin**, fundraising@lions-music.org

We multiple fundraisers that take place throughout the year. Check out our website at <http://www.lions-music.org/> to get detailed information. Your continued support of the music program is greatly appreciated.

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STUDENTS RECEIVE MICROSOFT CERTIFICATION



What a year it's been for students taking Microsoft Certification Training 1, 2, and 3! Overcoming the virtual obstacles of learning how to become highly skilled in Office programs has been challenging but not impossible! Congratulations to the following students who received the industry recognized Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification in Word, Excel, Expert Word, and Expert Access:

MOS Word 2019	MOS Excel 2019	MOS Word Expert 2019	MOS Access Expert 2019
Cole Beaumont	Ethan Ajanaku	Dan Mildestein	Camdyn Meyer
Sydney Deck	Emily Deck	Akouele Ayayi	Dylan Jester
Theo Darnell	Zoe Higgins		Sean Flegel
Christopher Knott	Sidney Winpigler		Ethan Neal
Hailie Lim			Nicholas Cook
Wyatt Brooks			
Andrew McElwain			
Sydney Moody			
Misheel Olsen			
Nicholas Rice			
Abigail Russell			
Alec Stitely			
Rhett Wesker			



These students have achieved the rank of Microsoft Certified Associate with five certifications: Dan Mildestein & Akouele Ayayi.

The MOS certification is recognized globally as the premier credential to validate knowledge, skills and abilities relating to the Microsoft Office applications and helps students become college and career ready. Not only that, but it puts them ahead of the competition when looking for a job! With more than one million exams taken annually in 140 countries, MOS is the leading IT certification in the world. Our students are fortunate to have this opportunity while in high school. Contact regina.stelma@fcps.org if you have questions about Microsoft courses at WHS.