

Wahkiakum High School



Mules

Today's decisions create tomorrow's successes!

All students will graduate from Wahkiakum High School with the tools and skills necessary to persevere in their pursuit for college and career success.

August 17, 2016

Being Different, Belonging Together

Welcome Back

Our WHS student leadership team has selected belonging as our theme for this year. "Being different, belonging together." This quote illustrates the culture we strive to create at WHS. We value individuals, their talents, dreams and goals, yet we all come together as Mules to learn!

Schedules

You will find student schedules on Skyward and if completed, a hard copy is attached to this letter. To help the first few days of school go smoothly, all schedule changes should be made before school begins. Please take a moment and together look over your child's schedule. Make sure all classes are correct and in line with graduation requirements and academic goals. If there are any errors, Mr. Niemeyer is available to help with schedule changes. Please call or email him to make an appointment, mniemeyer@wahksd.k12.wa.us

All schedule changes need to be completed by August 25th. ☺

Freshman & New Student Orientation

We would like to invite all 9th graders and any new students to Wahkiakum High School Orientation on Thursday, August 25th from 9:00-12:00. The WHS Link Crew, which is made up of current students, organizes a fun-filled morning that introduces students to life at Wa-Ki-Hi. Students will have the opportunity to meet other students and staff. In addition to a variety of activities, students will also tour the campus and learn tips for success. Students should gather in our front entry way right outside the gym doors at 9:00. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a positive, enthusiastic attitude. Go Mules!

School Supplies

Organization is key to success in both high school and college. These skills are learned and require practice. We will provide all students with a planner on the first day of school. **Please make sure your student comes to school on the first day with a three ring binder, dividers, notebook paper, a pencil pouch, pencils, pens, highlighters, colored pencils, a glue stick and scissors.** If taking a PE class, students are required to have PE shoes, shorts and a t-shirt.

Starting the school year off prepared pays off! Please contact the office if you need help obtaining supplies or are willing to donate supplies for those in need.

Skyward

Skyward is the system we use to track student grades, attendance, and lunch accounts. If you do not have a login, please see Pam in the office. This year, families can sign up for weekly email notifications about student grades. Please be sure all contact information is current.

Lockers

Students are issued both a hall locker and a PE locker and encouraged to keep both lockers locked at all times. Please remind your student that the school is not responsible for lost or stolen items that are not kept in locked lockers. It only takes a second – lock up your valuables!

Late Arrival

As all student works toward on-time graduation, teachers will also be striving to improve during late start Thursdays. While students are sleeping in or catching up on homework, teachers will be closely analyzing student data and striving to improve instruction to meet the needs of all students. Just like last year, school doors will open at 9:00 instead of 8:00 on Thursdays and class will not begin until 9:30. Each period will be shortened and lunch will be at noon. Late arrival will begin the first Thursday of the school year – September 1st.

Get Involved

Make a difference and join an extracurricular activity. Research shows that involved students perform better in high school and are more likely to graduate. We would like to see all Wahkiakum High School Students involved in extracurricular activities. This year, we welcome a new cheer advisor, Jaimie Mogush and a new drama advisor, Shawn Deal. Mr. Deal will be holding play tryouts on September 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Online Classes

Online classes will be offered this year through Fuel Education for students who have a scheduling conflict or academic need that is not met with our regular schedule. Priority is given to juniors and seniors. To enroll, students must first talk to Mr. Niemeyer to determine if an online class is the only option. If it is determined that an online class is the best option, students fill out an application which is available in the office and on our website. If accepted, online students stay on campus and complete their assignments in the library. Online applications for first semester are due August 22nd.

Advisory

At Wahkiakum High School we have advisory every other Friday during Mule Success Time to help students understand graduation requirements, work on their senior portfolios/projects and learn about post high school options. (Mule Success Time is a 30 minute period Monday – Wednesday that allows students to receive individualized academic support.) On student report cards, this class is called College Ready and it is worth .25 credits each year and counts toward graduation as an elective credit.

College Readiness Assessments

Students who are interested in attending college after graduation need to take college readiness assessments – the PSAT, SAT/ACT. We encourage all sophomores and juniors to take the PSAT and juniors and seniors need to take the SAT. The PSAT will be given at WHS in October. Fall registration for the SAT closes on September 1st and the test is given October 1st at various sites. Visit collegeboard.com for more information.

Graduation

At WHS, we want all students to graduate on time and with a plan for their future. The beginning of the year is the perfect time to start fresh with a positive and focused attitude. We want our students to be goal oriented and to believe in themselves. Mr. Niemeyer will be meeting with all students to help them create a vision for their future. To us, “College” is a plan for the future. No longer is a high school diploma enough to ensure a successful future. Our goal is to expose students to a variety of possibilities and help them form a plan. College can include a four year university, community college, a trade school, internships, certifications, etc. ***We want all students to graduate from WHS with the tools and skills necessary to persevere in their pursuit of a successful life!***

Go Mules

Set a goal, get involved and make Wahkiakum High School the best it can be!

We are here to support you in all that you do. We are excited to begin a new year.

Please call or email me anytime with questions, concerns or ideas.

360-795-3271 or sleitz@wahksd.k12.wa.us

Stephanie Leitz

Principal

Important Dates & Fees

August 22nd Online Applications Due

August 25th 9:00 Freshman & New Student Orientation

August 25th Last Day for Schedule Changes

August 29th 8:30-3:05 1st Day of School

School Starts at 9:30 on all Thursdays

September 2nd Home Football Game vs. Naselle

September 5th – Labor Day, No School

September 6th Home Volleyball vs. RA Long

TBA - Home Cross Country

September 9th School Pictures

ASB Cards are \$40.00

Breakfast \$1.50 Lunch \$2.85