

# Wahkiakum High School



Home of the Mules

**Today's decisions create tomorrow's successes!**

***Students will graduate from Wahkiakum High School with the tools and skills necessary to persevere in their pursuit of a successful life.***

***Being Different, Belonging Together!***

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November 4, 2016

## **Report Cards**

Your student's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report card is enclosed. Please take a minute and reflect on your child's successes! These grades are just a mid-semester report and do not go on high school transcripts. Grades are posted to the transcripts at the end of each semester in January and June. High School transcripts are critical to a student's future. Please help your child understand this and set goals for the future.

## **Conferences**

***Please join us for student led conferences. Teachers will be waiting to meet with you on November 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-6:00 and November 9<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-4:00.*** Conferences will be at the HS – Come when it is convenient for you, no appointment is needed. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to come hear all the wonderful things your student is doing in school!

## **Tutors Available**

Teachers and volunteers are available to tutor students every night after school. Our library is open until 4:30 Monday through Thursday and until 3:30 on Fridays. Please help and encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity. As soon as students start to struggle, they need to advocate for themselves and seek help from adults or peers. Students who attend school and turn in all their assignments will pass their classes. Celebrate school success; education is key to a productive and meaningful future!

## **Skyward**

All families and students have access to student grades, attendance and lunch accounts using our **Skyward** system – there is also a **mobile application** that can easily be downloaded to your phone. If you do not have access or have misplaced your password, please call the high school for help or check with the office during conferences. Grades should never be a surprise. If you do not have internet access, there are computers available for parent use in the lobby of the grade school, at the public library (open 1-5 Tuesday-Saturday) and at the new community center which is located under the library in the old fire department. **Please make sure your email is updated in our system. We are now sending information electronically.**

### **Mule Success Time**

At WHS, we have **Mule Success** which is a 28 minute period four days a week occurring between 2nd and 3rd periods. All students are required to attend and will receive a letter grade for the work they do during this time. The assignments focus on goal setting, organization and note taking. During Mule Success, students with successful grades have flex time and self-select how to spend their time – for example, the library and cafeteria will be open for studying and project work, ASB, Link Crew and other student leadership groups will meet and students will be able to tutor. Students with grades of C- and below will be asked to remain with their assigned teacher to work on missing assignments and difficult concepts. On Fridays, all students will attend advisory alternating with club time. Ask your child what they do during Mule Success. ☺

### **Highly Capable Nominations**

WHS has a **Highly Capable Program**. Highly capable students are students who perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environments. To qualify, students must score in the 97<sup>th</sup> percentile or above on a norm-referenced and standardized intelligence quotient assessment. Students are nominated by teachers and/or parents. Applications for the 2017-2018 school year are available at the office and due by January 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Winter Sports**

Encourage your child to participate in extra-curricular activities. Research reminds us that involved students tend to do better in school. Basketball, Wrestling and Cheerleading all started soon. Call the office for more information.

### **Late Students/Detention**

Learning to be on time is critical to future success. At WHS, students can be tardy to class twice each quarter without a consequence, then every additional tardy is a thirty minute detention. When students are late, they miss important instructional time and often earn lower grades. If your child owes detention time for being late or for behavior issues, a detention report is attached. All detention time must be made up before Thanksgiving break to avoid further consequences. Thank-you for your help!

### **All Academic State Champions**

Congratulations to this year's volleyball team. They are the 2B All Academic State Champions, meaning they have the highest GPA in the state out of all the 2B schools! ☺

As a staff, we appreciate your continued support as we strive to provide your student with the best education possible. Please call or email me anytime with questions or concerns 360-795-3271 or [sleitz@wahksd.k12.wa.us](mailto:sleitz@wahksd.k12.wa.us). Also, remember to check our website, [www.wahksd.k12.wa.us](http://www.wahksd.k12.wa.us) for updated and current information.

**Go Mules!**  
Stephanie Leitz  
Principal

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## Important Dates

November 8<sup>th</sup>– 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 Early Release

**November 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences**

November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 – Veterans Day Assembly

November 11<sup>th</sup> – No School, Veterans Day

November 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:30 dismissal, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Vacation

December 19<sup>th</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christmas Vacation

January 16<sup>th</sup> - No School, Martin Luther King Day

January 18<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Online Class Applications Due

January 18<sup>th</sup> - Last Day for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Schedule Changes

January 23<sup>rd</sup> - No School, In-Service Day

January 24<sup>th</sup> - End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

Breakfast \$1.50 Lunch \$2.80

ASB Cards \$40.00

Pay to Participate \$60