

Wahkiakum High School



Home of the Mules

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Friday, April 21, 2017

Progress Reports

Third quarter grade reports, owed detention time and fines if applicable are included in this mailing. With Mule Success, peer tutors, after school tutoring and in-class personalized instruction, students are succeeding at WHS! Please take the time to talk with your student about his/her grades and celebrate success, as it opens doors to the future. If your child is struggling, I encourage you to set aside some time to come and meet with us so we can work together to develop a plan. We are here to help. Student success is our number one priority and we are proud of our students. Go MULES! Please remember quarter grades are not final and credit is not issued until the end of the semester.

Awards & Student Portfolios

Each quarter we honor students for their effort, attendance and academic achievements at our quarter awards assemblies. Our 3rd quarter assembly will be next week. Teachers select a few students from each of their class periods to recognize and honor. Students then place these awards in their portfolios. In preparation for graduation, our senior class turned in their portfolios last week. It was fun to see their accomplishments over the last four year. Each student at WHS is asked to keep a portfolio and the required items that go into the portfolio are assigned and created during advisory. Our portfolio checklist along with additional information about high school graduation requirements can be found on our website.

<http://www.wahksd.k12.wa.us> Ask your student what he/she does during advisory! ☺

Attendance is Important

Attending school regularly and learning to be on time to all classes 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. Washington State has determined that if students miss more than 10% or 18 days in a school year, they are considered **chronically absent**. (This is just two days a month.) Chronically absent students are more likely to fall behind in reading and math and less likely to graduate from high school. Addressing chronic absenteeism and developing good attendance habits are solvable problems for which we all share responsibility. If your child has excessive absences or owes detention time for being late or for behavior issues, a report is attached. All detention time must be served the week it is issued unless other arrangements have been made. Thank-you for your help!

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Beginning with the class of 2017, Washington State requires students to pass the Smarter Balanced Assessments in Math and English along with the Biology EOC exam to graduate. We are proud to say all of our seniors have met this requirement - yay! There are two parts to both the math and English SBA tests. Please mark your calendars and ensure your child is here, well-rested and fed. Testing will occur the last two

weeks of May and the first two weeks of June. Thank-you for your support. Please see OSPI at <http://www.k12.wa.us/resources/default.aspx#2> for more information.

Senior Awards Assembly & Graduation

This year's seniors have been working all year to plan their senior week, awards assembly and graduation. Graduation will be June 9th at 7:00. We will also honor seniors at our Senior Scholarship and Awards Assembly on Thursday, June 8th at 1:30. We invite the community to join us in celebrating our seniors and all their amazing accomplishments. This was a change we made last year. Previously, these awards were given during graduation. We invite you to join us for both celebrations. Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

Next Year's Schedule

During advisory, students will begin making class selections for next year. Please take some time to talk to your child about their goals and graduation requirements. If you have questions about classes, please contact Marc Niemeyer at mniemeyer@wahksd.k12.wa.us.

Summer School

If your child has credits to make up from first semester or previous years, please consider summer school. We offer a variety of online options and want to ensure all students are earning the necessary credits to graduate. Credit recovery classes cost \$175 per semester. Scholarships are available. Please call the office or Mr. Niemeyer for more information or to sign up. niemeyer@esd112.wednet.edu

Email Addresses

All students in the Wahkiakum School District are assigned an email address when they enroll. Email is a great way for both students and parents to communicate with teachers. Teacher email addresses are listed on our website, but as a general rule the addresses are first initial, last name @wahksd.k12.wa.us. Please take time to make sure your email address is on file in Skyward to ensure you aren't missing any important information.

Skyward

All students have a Skyward account to easily access their grades and assignments. We also give out parent accounts. If you do not have one, please call the office to set one up. Skyward also has a downloadable app to make checking grades, attendance and lunch count balances easy! When looking at grades, you can click on the actual term grade and a list of assignments will come up. This is the best way to understand a student's grade and to check for missing assignments. Students are required to bring home a progress report midway through each quarter. If you are surprised by your child's grades on the enclosed progress report, please take a minute to look at Skyward. Coming to school and turning in all work is key to success. The Wahkiakum Skyward link can also be found on our website under Family Access.

Leadership Opportunities

ASB Officer Elections/Campaign week begins May 15th. All interested students are encouraged to sign up in the office to run. We have an ASB President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Public Relations, and Secretary. Officers are expected to be a part of our early morning leadership class which meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:15am. All students are welcome and encouraged to join Leadership! Go Mules!

Thank-You

Thank-you for supporting us as we strive to create a safe, caring environment that allows your child to be the best he/she can be. Please know we are here to help and want to see your child succeed!

Important Dates



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Exciting Upcoming Events!

April 29th ~ Prom, 8:00-11:00

May 1st - May 4th ~ Advanced Placement Testing

May 15th - May 19th ~ 2017 ASB Elections

May 16th & 17th ~ Senior Presentations

May 23rd ~ Dollars for Scholars Interviews

May 22nd - 26th ~ ELA Smarter Balanced Assessment

May 29th ~ Memorial Day - No School

May 31st- June 1st ~ Math Smarter Balanced Assessment

June 6th - Biology EOC

May 31st ~ National Honor Society Induction, 7:00 pm, HS Library

June 7th ~ Baccalaureate, 7:00 pm

June 8th ~ Senior Awards Assembly, 1:30 pm

June 9th ~ Class of 2017 Graduation, 7:00 pm

June 15th ~ Last Day of School - 11:30 Dismissal

Thank-you for giving us the opportunity to work with your child.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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