

Washington High School

Home of the Patriots!

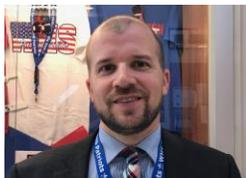
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Principal's Message



Dear Washington High School Families,

It's hard for me to believe that we are already a quarter of the way through the school year. If the start to the year is any indication of what to expect the rest of the way, this will certainly be a school year to remember. I'm excited to share with you some of the amazing things that have happened so far.

Each September, I look forward to the annual Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Award ceremony. The event recognizes African American students from Pierce County area high schools who were selected based on a minimum GPA requirement and completing an application process that requires them to provide three letters of recommendation and submit an essay on a current issue. I am happy to announce that 24 WHS students were recognized this year, the second most of any previous year (and the same number as all of the Tacoma schools combined!). This is an amazing accomplishment and one that we intend to improve upon next year.

Our fall sports season recently came to an end, but not before bringing a significant amount of pride and recognition to our school community. Where do I even start? Our second state appearance in football in the past three years? Our league and district championship volleyball team? Our three state cross country runners (9th grader MaryAlice Mitchell placed 5th!)? Our tennis doubles team that qualified for state in the spring? Our other athletes in golf and swim who qualified for post-season competition? Or all the athletes who were recognized with all-league honors (too many to name) for representing themselves and our school with such skill and class? And if that's not enough, our golf coaches (Coaches Caseman and Lundgren) and our volleyball coach (Coach Souza) were selected as coaches of the year by their peers. It was a season to remember, and I'm looking forward to a strong winter sports season.

Two final celebrations to note: 1) our AFJROTC recently earned an overall "Exceeds Standard" during their formal Unit Evaluation conducted by AFJROTC headquarters. This is the highest rating attainable, and it speaks to the quality of instruction by Maj. Riggle and MSgt. Fitzsimmons as well as exceptional cadet leadership. Our cadets followed the evaluation up with an amazing Veterans Day assembly. With their regional competitions beginning, we're excited to see this group perform against other units in the area. 2) On November 14th, Washington High School crowned our 2019 Daffodil Princess, Osheonna Green. It was an incredible evening, with six amazing candidates. I'm super proud of all those who competed, and we expect great things from Osheonna as she represents our school.

During this season of gratitude and joy, I want to thank you for sharing your amazing students with us; they certainly bring us much joy. I'll close by encouraging you to get involved by keeping up on your student's academics, reaching out to teachers and staff with questions, and attending events and activities as you are able. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming school event.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,
Brent Whitemarsh

PATS PRIDE

Perseverance Respect Integrity Dedication Excellence

COUNSELING CENTER NEWS

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
May 4, 2019	April 5, 2019	April 16, 2019 (for mailed registrations) April 24, 2019 (for registrations made online or by phone)
June 1, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 14, 2019 (for mailed registrations) May 22, 2019 (for registrations made online or by phone)

For fee, to register, and other information about the SAT, go to www.collegeboard.org. Students with free/reduced price lunch may get a fee waiver from the counseling center. Students using a fee waiver must register by the regular registration deadline.

2018-2019 ACT Test Dates (National)		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
February 9, 2019*	January 11, 2019	January 12-18, 2019
April 13, 2019	March 8, 2019	March 9-25, 2019
June 8, 2019	May 3, 2019	May 4-20, 2019
July 13, 2019*	June 14, 2019	June 15-24, 2019

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Scholarships: Students interested in applying for scholarships are encouraged to sign up with the following sites: www.thewashboard.org and www.fastweb.com or log in to online grades, click on “calendar”, and click on the green dollar signs that you see for scholarship information. The calendar is updated as more scholarships become available.

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON SUMMARY

This year’s team continued with the program’s traditions of excellence. And although they are losing 14 graduating seniors, including Francine Peredo and Darrick Dixon (who are both 4 Year Varsity Letter Recipients), the team looks to continue their successful ways as several talented and dedicated athletes are returning next year.

- For the 12th consecutive year, the team earned the Distinguished Academic Award from the WIAA.
- Over the course of the season, the girls’ team beat 115 other teams and the boys’ team beat 86 other teams.
- In the Division, the girls’ team placed 3rd and the boys’ team placed 4th.
- At the League Meet, the girls’ team placed 6th and the boys’ team placed 5th.
- At the District Meet, the girls’ team placed 7th and the boys’ team placed 10th.
- 18 athletes qualified for the District Meet.
- 3 athletes qualified for the State Meet.

JOSTENS...WE TAKE CARE OF YOUR GRADUATION NEEDS

We are happy to be able to spend another year with you as we partner together to “Celebrate Moments That Matter”. We realize there are many items you will need for your senior year and why wait when you can start displaying how proud you are of the class of 2019 right now. That is correct, you can already start ordering and wearing your senior gear to display your enthusiasm for the class of 2019. Your Cap & Gown Unit, Class Rings and other Jewelry, Hoodies, T-Shirts and introducing this year senior socks. Visit jostens.com and place your order. If you have any further questions, please email us at mortonoffice@jostens.com or call 1-800-Jostens.

JROTC NEWS

The Washington Patriot AFJROTC Squadron develops citizens of character, dedicated to serving their nation and community. Our unit has a total of 105 cadets and this year, the amount of cadet participation has been immense and fulfilling. One of the key components that allows our squadron to stand out and be successful is the idea of having a “Cadet Run” program. Cadets of any background are welcome to ask for a staff position and can always be welcomed to find guidance through our cadet staff and through our two instructors. This will build leadership and communication skills and help them achieve their goals. By having active participation, cadets will practice leadership skills as well as be able to work in a team that deepens their communication skills, allowing them to be well prepared for after graduation.

The goals we have set out for this school year falls under 3 categories: cadet, school, and community. For our Cadet Impact goal, we will have 100% of our cadet passing all their classes and 90% of cadets participating in a Leadership Development Requirement (LDR). Our squadron holds academic success very high and holds cadets accountable for their grades. We highly encourage cadets to participate in one of our thirteen LDR's in order to achieve a high retention rate in the program. For our School Impact goal, our Recruitment Team will conduct 4 recruiting events at both Ford and Keithley Middle School, as well as in our own high school this school year.

Also, in order to promote non-cadet participation, our squadron will host 3 events throughout the school year open to the whole school. Lastly, for our Community Impact goal the WA-083 squadron will complete a total of 2600 hours of community service by April 10th and each cadet will be required to complete a total of 8 hours in order to meet the grading requirement of the program. Our current count is 573.89 hours which included 82 events. This requirement will be beneficial to students because cadets will be able to also meet the graduation credit in completing 30 hours by their senior year.

One of the great additions this year we have started includes our CHAMPS after-school program that involves Keithley's students coming over every Monday after school to talk with the JROTC cadets. The participating students will be able to learn the basics of JROTC and engage in conversations with cadets who run different physical and learning activities. If students are struggling to receive graduation required credits, JROTC is a great program to be a part of. The program qualifies for all three PE, CTE, and Fine Arts. Students will be well prepared to graduate without the worry of not being able to balance different classes in their schedule. The classes that the program incorporates involve a wide range of leadership courses, a survival class, aerospace science, and more. Students are encouraged to practice note-taking and practice maintaining a professional appearance while in the uniform worn on Tuesdays. The program benefits students for well beyond high school as all cadets are given various leadership positions throughout the school year and are held accountable to practice presenting in front of their peers.

On November 1st, the WA-083 Patriot Squadron received a unit assessments score of "Exceeds Standards". Right from the start of the school year, the Senior Management class worked together to make sure that the inspection, conducted by COL Ben Young, went as smoothly as possible. This triennial inspection assigned from the Headquarters occurred 3 years ago, and in that year, we were also able to achieve the ratings of "Exceeds Standards", allowing our unit to carry on the streak of honor and notable achievement.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The WHS Music department invites you to their annual winter concert in our WHS Theatre on Monday, December 10th beginning at 6:30pm. The concert includes Concert and Chamber Choirs, Steel Drums, Drum lines, and Concert and Jazz bands. Come hear our AMAZING, talented PATS students!

ROBOTICS TEAM

Washington High School's first robotics team had its first competition November 30 at the Point Defiance Environmental Learning Center. Our rookie team learned a lot and had a great time working with and competing against 13 other teams. Our next competition will be on December 15 at St Martin's University in Olympia. The students are working on a challenge called 'Rover Ruckus,' which is offered through FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC). If you would like to see the animated challenge, please look on YouTube for the video. Students develop team building and leadership skills based on the program's motto of Gracious Professionalism. During the season, students design, re-design, build, re-build and program a robot that competes to score points during a very short time frame. This is a worldwide competition with the best teams meeting in Houston and St. Louis to compete next spring.

YEARBOOK SALES

- Yearbooks will go back on sale December 1st through January 15th = \$55.00
- Yearbooks will go on sale May 19th through June 18th = \$65.00
- Yearbook pages: ¼ page = \$40 ½ page = \$60 full page = \$100
- Advertisement page = \$50 each ad
- Full page formatted by parent = \$150

DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 90 MIN EARLY RELEASE (12:25P)	6	7 PANCAKE BREAKFAST \$5 PER STUDENT WINTERSPORTS KICKOFF ASSEMBLY	8
9	10 WINTER WISHES BEGINS	11 WINTER WISHES	12 WINTER WISHES 90 MIN EARLY RELEASE (12:25P)	13 WINTER WISHES	14 WINTER WISHES	15
16	17 WINTER WISHES	18 WINTER WISHES ASSEMBLY, 1:15PM	19 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	20 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	21 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	22
23/30	24/31 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	25 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	26 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	27 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	28 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	29

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	DEC. 31 NO SCHOOL	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED NO SCHOOL	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 90 MIN EARLY RELEASE (12:25P)	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 90 MIN EARLY RELEASE (12:25P)	17	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR ASSEMBLY	19
20	21 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY NO SCHOOL	22	23 END OF SEMESTER REPORT CARDS	24 3 HRS EARLY RELEASE (10:55A)	25 3 HRS EARLY RELEASE (10:55A)	26 
27	28 PRAD DAY NO SCHOOL	29	30	31		



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To provide students with an engaging educational environment, built upon proven academics and high standards, resulting in successful and contributing citizens.

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