

Washington High School

Home of the Patriots!

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Principal Whitemarsh's Message

It's hard for me to believe the spring is upon us, both because of how fast the year has gone by and the fact that we're just now recovering from all of the February snow. Second semester is now underway, and I look forward to a strong finish to the school year. I am excited to share some of the recent highlights for our school.

Our incredible STEM building is finally complete, and classes moved into the newly constructed classrooms during the final week of February. While much of the building costs were covered from an OSPI grant, some of the funding came from our recent bond measure. There will be a special Grand Opening event on Thursday, March 7th from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, and I'd love to see you there (check out our district website for more details). This building has numerous technology features that will contribute significantly to improved learning experiences for our students. A special thanks goes out to our support services and IT departments who coordinated their efforts with various community contractors to bring this all together. I'm very excited for what this facility will do for our students.

Our extra-curricular activities continue to be in full swing. Our chamber choir was invited to perform musical selections as part of a Black History Month celebration in Olympia. While I wasn't able to attend the performance, I did get a chance to watch them rehearse; it was incredible. Winter sports season has just concluded and once again, WHS athletics continued to represent our school well. Some highlights include our girls' basketball team completing another successful year, qualifying for post-season play. Our wrestling team sent a number of athletes to Mat Classic in the Tacoma Dome. Of those wrestlers, four of them placed in state. Congratulations to Javar Crockett (8th), Kobe Andrews (8th), Braxton Seaich (5th), and our Daffodil Princess, Osheonna Green (6th). Our boys' swim team sent two athletes (Nathan Herde and Cuauhtemoc Garcia Garcia) to the state meet, and our girls' bowling team qualified for the district tournament and sent one bowler, Julie Holm, to compete at the state tournament. We are so proud of all of our athletes who participated this winter and look forward to an exciting spring season.

Speaking of sports, on Friday, March 8th at 7:00 pm, our powder puff football team will defend their crown against the Franklin Pierce Cardinals at the annual Princess Bowl at FP Stadium. Proceeds from the event help fund our district float for the Daffodil Parade. This is always a great event, and I hope to see you there. Thank you to Coach Miles and Coach Robinson for your service and dedication to help make this such a fun experience for our students.

Finally, I want to celebrate four of our seniors who were recently recognized by various colleges in the state through the Act Six scholarship program. Each of the students were selected through a rigorous, multi-stage process in a highly-competitive field. Because of their selection Yuliya Yantselovskaya (semifinalist for PLU) and Fernando Trujillo Zuniga (semifinalist for St. Martins) were both granted admittance to their respective schools, and Armando Jurado Beltran (finalist for St. Martins) and Adrian Alvarez (finalist for Whitworth) have been offered leadership scholarships that are essentially full-ride scholarships. It has been a number of years since we have had students selected for this honor, so we are extremely proud of each of them.

As always, I consider it an absolute privilege to work with our amazing students and staff. I encourage you to stay involved in your student's academics and attendance at WHS. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, suggestions, or concerns you may have. Go PATS!

Sincerely,
Brent

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
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

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.

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.

DRAMA CLUB INVITES EVERYONE TO CHECK OUT OUR ESCAPE ROOM FUNDRAISER

Activities will be held Friday and Saturday evenings March 8th and 9th from 5:00pm until 8:30pm. Entrance into the Escape Room are \$5.00 per person over 5. Please be aware that this event is much better suited for older children (those who could manage the Haunted Theater will be just fine). For more information, contact Ms. Towne at: towne@fpschools.org or (253) 298-4816. **Are you coming to the party?**

MR. PATRIOT

Mr. Patriot will be held in the WHS Theatre on Thursday, April 4th at 6pm. This is a fundraiser for the Class of 2019. Admission is \$3 with ASB and \$5 without ASB. Mr. Patriot is a fun and humorous contest where the boys of WHS will compete in several events to determine who is the truest Patriot among them. Competition events include: Talent, Culture walk, Interview, Game Competition, Formal Wear, and Lip Sync. Please join us for this fun night!

PROM DANCE

Prom will be held on Saturday, May 18th at Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup from 8-11pm. Tickets will be \$25 each. More information to come as we get closer to the event.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES, MARCH 19-22, 3.5 EARLY RELEASE

By now, your teen has asked you to attend a very important conference. During this conference, he or she will review with you class selections for next year and evaluate his or her culminating project progress. Student Led Conference attendance is a requirement for earning the .25 PATs credit. If you have questions, please contact your student's PATs advisor.

Tuesday March 19	Wednesday March 20	Thursday March 21	Friday March 22
Period 1 7:25-8:20	Period 4 7:25-8:20	Period 1 7:25-8:20	Period 4 7:25-8:20
Period 2 8:25-9:20	Period 5 8:25-9:20	Period 2 8:25-9:20	Period 5 8:25-9:20
Period 3 9:25-10:25	Period 6 9:25-10:25	Period 3 9:25-10:25	Period 6 9:25-10:25

TRACK & FIELD NEWS

Welcome to the 2019 Boys and Girls Track Season. It's off to a great start with motivated athletes and coaching staff. This year we welcome Coach Ferrell and Coach Marton as our new Head Coaches for the Patriots. Both previously were Assistant Coaches and we know they will continue to do great things with the program. Working alongside Coach Ferrell and Coach Marton we have Coach Talbert, Coach Culp, Coach McElvain, Coach Krick and Coach Keys. Please take time to come out and support these Athletes and Coaches at any of our track meets.

GO PATS!!



<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sat	16-Mar	Patriot Time Trial	1:00	Washington High School
Thu	21-Mar	vs. White River	3:30	White River High School
Thu	28-Mar	vs. Orting	3:30	Cardinal Stadium
Thu	4-Apr	vs. Renton	3:30	Washington High School
Sat	6-Apr	Amie Young Invitational	10:30	Renton Memorial Stadium
Sat	13-Apr	8th Annual Add It Up Invitational	10:00	Franklin Pierce Stadium
Thu	18-Apr	vs. Eatonville	3:30	Washington High School
Thu	25-Apr	vs. Renton & Clover Park	3:30	Henry Lang Stadium
Sat	27-Apr	Shoreline Invitational (COED) (Qualifiers Only)	9:00	Shoreline Stadium
Thu	2-May	vs. Franklin Pierce	3:30	Washington High School
Sat	4-May	Freshman Invitational	9:30	Centralia High School
Fri	10-May	2A Subdistrict Meet	TBD	Franklin Pierce Stadium
Fri-Sat	17-18 May	2A West Central District III Championship Meet	TBD	Renton Memorial Stadium
Thu-Sat	23-25 May	WIAA 2A, 3A, 4A State Championship Meet (HS)	TBD	Mt. Tahoma High School

YEARBOOK COST AND PURCHASING WINDOW

Yearbooks are on sale for \$55 now through the month of March. On April 1st, they will increase to \$60 so make sure to buy your copy now! See Ms. Pedrique in the main office to purchase your yearbook today or Mr. Coumbs in room 222 if you have any questions.

March 1-29 \$55
 April 1-30 \$60

After June 1st they will cost \$65.

MARCH EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 ELL State Testing All Day; Ridgeway Room	5	6 Schedule B 90-Min Early Release 7:25AM-12:25PM	7	8 ELL State Testing All Day; Ridgeway Room Winter Sports/Princess Bowl Assembly; 9:15am-9:40am
11 ELL State Testing All Day; Ridgeway Room	12	13	14	15 ELL State Testing All Day; Ridgeway Room
Science Fair in the library				
18 Schedule A 7:25AM-1:55PM	19	20	21	22
Student Led Conferences * 3.5 Hr. Early Release * Students dismissed at 10:25PM 7:25AM-10:25AM				
	Periods 1-3	Periods 4-6	Periods 1-3	Periods 4-6
25	26	27 Schedule B 90-Min Early Release 7:25AM-12:25PM	28	29 Diversity Assembly, 9:15AM-9:40AM
Celebrating Diversity Week				

Franklin Pierce Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Questions and complaints of alleged discrimination should be directed to **James Hester**, Compliance Coordinator for State and Civil Rights Laws; **Wendy Malich**, Title IX Officer; or **John Sander**, 504/ADA Coordinator at 315 129th ST S, Tacoma, WA 98444-5099 or at (253)298-3000.

Senior Information

JOSTENS INFORMATION

Questions you may have:

What's the latest we can place an order?

Technically, you have until June 30th. However, we suggest if you want to order just a cap and gown unit, do so by June 1st. The deadline to order all other graduation products is May 1st.

When do we have to make a final payment?

The final payment for orders placed in the fall is March 1, 2019 to avoid a potential 10% late payment fee assessed to the order.

When will our cap and gown along with graduation products delivery occur?

All orders that were made prior to the December deadline date will be delivered during the lunches on Monday, April 1, 2019. Caps and gowns ordered after the December deadline and prior to March 25, 2019 will also try to be delivered on that date.

Can I use or borrow a cap and gown from a previous year?

Yes, as long as the cap and gown is from Jostens. You will still need to order a class stole and classic souvenir tassel by calling Jostens at 1-800-Jostens.

Can I purchase a cap/gown/tassel/stole unit at graduation?

Yes; the cost is \$74 and must be exact change. We do not carry cash on that day.

Can I purchase a stole and tassel at graduation?

Yes; the cost is \$30 and must be exact change. We do not carry cash on that day.

NOTE: Jostens will be here on Monday, April 1st to deliver graduation orders that have been paid in full. If you haven't ordered a cap, gown, tassel and stole yet, the price is now \$74.00 and can be ordered online. Order online by March 26th and your items will be delivered on April 1st. Bring cash or a debit/credit card on delivery day and Jostens may have a small selection of cap and gown units on-hand to give you. The last delivery day will be May 15.

SENIOR ADS IN YEARBOOK

Seniors, Senior ads are available now through the month of March. Celebrate your graduation and accomplishments with a quarter, half, or full page dedicated to just you! See Miss Pedrique in the main office to purchase your senior page and Mr. Coumbs in room 222 if you have any questions.



Seniors

Mark Your Calendar!



March 2019

- Deadline to purchase senior pages for yearbook Mar 29
(See Ms. Pedrique in the cashier's office.)

April 2019

- Jostens is delivering graduation orders that have been paid in full Apr 1
- Prom Guest Dance Request forms become available at the Student Information Center Apr 2
- Purchase Prom Tickets at the cashier's window during lunch or after school Apr 14-May 15
(May also be purchased online if senior does not have a fine.)

May 2019

- Senior Class meeting during Pats in theater to talk about prom May 2
- AP Exam Testing May 6-10; May 13-17
- Purchase graduation tickets at cashier's window for \$7 per ticket May 7-Jun 8
- Deadline to turn in Guest Dance Request forms May 10
- Senior Portfolio Presentations (graduation requirement) May 13-17
- Final sales for Prom May 15
- Senior Prom at the Pioneer Pavilion May 18; 8:00a-11:00p
- Senior Class meeting during Pats in theater to talk about awards ceremony & graduation May 23
- Senior Awards assembly May 30; 8:55a
- Moving Up Assembly May 31; 1:00a
- Last day of school for seniors May 31

June 2019

- Senior Finals **TBD**
- Senior Meeting after Finals *(Attendance is mandatory)* **TBD**
- Graduation Rehearsal at the Western Washington Puyallup Fairgrounds Jun 07; 10:35a-1:00p
(Seniors will receive six free tickets at the end of rehearsal. Attendance is mandatory)
- Graduation Ceremony *(Seniors arrive at the Western Washington Puyallup Fairgrounds by 12:15 p.m.)* Jun 08; 1:30p
- First day to pick up your diploma in the main office Jun 12