



William Byrd High School

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**FRESHMEN
&
NEW STUDENT
ORIENTATION**

*Open house for Freshmen
and students new to
William Byrd High School*

August 3, 2023

4pm—6pm

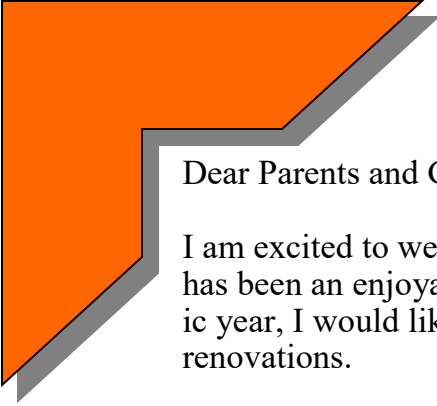
**4pm General Meeting FOR
FRESHMEN AND NEW STU-
DENTS TO WBHS**

In the auditorium

*Fees may be paid at this
time.*



Please note that due to construction again this year, some of our locations may have to change to accommodate completion of work in our gyms, various classrooms and hallways. Safety is our first concern and we will take all necessary precautions to ensure your child is not in any unsafe area.



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am excited to welcome you and your children back to school after what I hope has been an enjoyable and fulfilling summer. As we prepare for the new academic year, I would like to provide you with some updates about our school's recent renovations.

Our school has undergone extensive renovations over the last two years to create a modern and state-of-the-art learning environment. The upgrades include new learning technologies, upgraded facilities, and state-of-the-art infrastructure.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue work on the renovation, and we apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Once complete, the improvements will provide our students with an optimal learning environment that aligns with our school's mission and vision.

Safety always remains a top priority for us, and we have put all necessary measures in place to make sure that our students and staff are safe and secure while in school. These include access control measures, security cameras and ongoing training for our staff members. Please remember if you or your child see or hear something you must say something.

As we embark on this new academic year, it is essential to remember that we are one big community. As parents and guardians, you play a critical role in your child's development and success in school. We encourage you to get involved, engage with your child's teachers, and participate in school activities and events.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support for our school community. Together, we will provide our students with an outstanding learning experience.

Best Regards,
Mrs. Newcomb
Principal



GRADUATION for the class of 2024 is May 21st
@ 2:30 PM at the Salem Civic Center



*William Byrd
High School*



ROANOKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Director of Administration

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Schedule of Student Fees for 2023-2024

The Code of Virginia (8VAC20-720-80) states that “no fees or charges may be levied on any pupil by any school board unless authorized by regulation of the Board of Education or by the General Assembly.” The following schedule of fees are authorized by 8VAC20-720-80 and have been approved by the Roanoke County School Board in accordance with Policy 4.12. Requests for reduction or waiver fees are via the school principal.

Lunch	\$3.00
Breakfast	\$1.50
Nonresident employee students grade 9-12	\$371.00
Nonresident non-employee students	\$1,000.00
High School Student parking (Seniors, Gov. School, BCAT, Marketing co-op students only.) Must present a valid drivers license to purchase a permit	\$40.00
BCAT parking (If you are driving to BCAT you must pay both fees.)	\$15.00
High School class dues	\$10.00 (grades 9-11) \$20.00 (grade 12)



VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 12TH GRADE STUDENTS



March 13, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian of 12th Grade Students:

In 2020, the Virginia General Assembly passed House Bill 1090 which effectively requires Virginia's immunization recommendations and requirements to coincide with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). This legislation becomes effective July 1, 2021 and amends the code of Virginia 32.1-46.

Students entering 12th grade can meet the vaccination requirement by presenting proof of a booster dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). Even though you child may have had a dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine at 11 years of age, they will still need to have the second dose at age 16 or older.

You can make an appointment with your child's healthcare provider. The local health departments will administer school required vaccines at no charge. The health department requires a copy of your child's immunization record. Roanoke County Health Department information follows:

Roanoke County/Salem Health Department
105 E. Calhoun St.
Salem, VA 24153
(540) 387-5530

Roanoke County/Vinton Health Department
227 S. Pollard St.
Vinton, VA 24179
(540) 857-7800

Regardless of the chosen location to receive the vaccines, please obtain documentation and take it to William Byrd High School.

Sincerely,

Charlene Vail MBA, BSN, RN
Coordinator of Health Services
Roanoke County Public Schools

STUDENT DRESS CODE

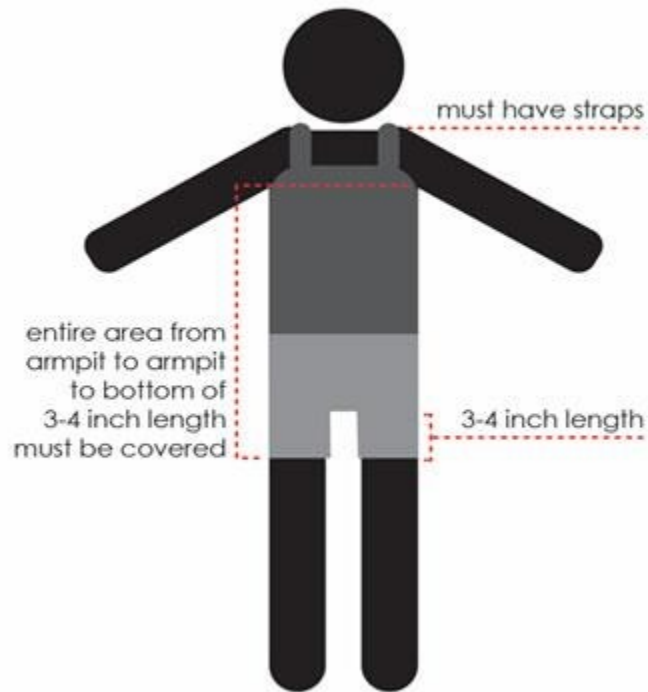
Roanoke County Public Schools respects students' rights to express themselves in the way they dress.

All students who attend Roanoke County Public Schools are also expected to respect the school community by dressing appropriately for a K-12 educational environment. Student attire should facilitate participation in learning as well as the health and safety of students and the adults that supervise them.

This policy is intended to provide guidance for students, staff, and parents.

Minimum Requirements:

1. Clothing must cover areas from one armpit across to the other armpit, down to approximately 3 to 4 inches in length on the upper thighs (see images below). Tops must have shoulder straps. Rips or tears in clothing should be lower than the 3 to 4 inches in length.
2. Shoes must be worn at all times and should be safe for the school environment (pajamas, bedroom shoes or slippers shall not be worn, except for school activities approved by the principal).
3. See-through or mesh garments must not be worn without appropriate coverage underneath that meet the minimum requirements of the dress code.
4. Headgear including hats, hoodies, and caps are not allowed unless permitted for religious, medical, or other reason by school administration.
5. Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.



Additional Requirements:

1. Clothing may not depict, imply, advertise, or advocate illegal, violent, or lewd conduct, weapons, or the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances.
2. Clothing may not depict or imply pornography, nudity, or sexual acts.
3. Clothing may not display or imply vulgar, discriminatory, or obscene language or images.
4. Clothing may not state, imply, or depict hate speech/imagery targeting groups based on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, or any other protected classification.
5. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.
6. Clothing and accessories that endanger student or staff safety may not be worn.
7. Apparel, jewelry, accessories, tattoos, or manner of grooming that, by virtue of its color, arrangement, trademark or any other attribute, denotes membership in a gang that advocates illegal or disruptive behavior is prohibited.

The administration at each school reserves the right to determine what constitutes appropriate dress. Students who do not adhere to these guidelines will not be allowed to attend class. Parents will be called if appropriate clothing is not available or the student refuses dress-code appropriate clothing..

The dress code will be enforced the first day of school

Annual Verification (ANVER) formerly Student First Day Online Forms

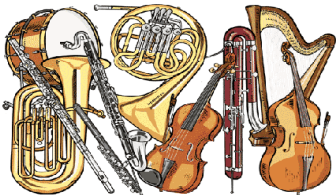
First day school forms must be completed online using Annual Verification (ANVER) which is accessed through your ParentVUE account. Parents will receive an alert on July 7th to log into their ParentVUE account to complete the Annual Verification for their children. In order for your child to receive their laptop these forms must be completed.

Please contact your child's school if you are having any difficulty



REMEMBER ALL ATHLETES MUST HAVE AN UPDATED VHSL SPORTS PHYSICAL FORM DATED AFTER MAY 1ST, 2023 ON FILE BEFORE PARTICIPATING IN ANY SPORTING EVENT. THIS INCLUDES OPEN GYMS, OPEN MATS, WEIGHT-LIFTING, ETC.

If you are interested in purchasing a Parent's Ad for the Fall Sports Program, please contact the WBHS Football Boosters at : info@terrierfootball.org
Be sure you put in the subject line what information you are looking for.



For Football Reserved Seating and Parking, please contact the WBHS Football Boosters at :
info@terrierfootball.org

Be sure you put in the subject line what information you are looking for.

Current reserved seat and parking pass holders will be contacted in July for renewals.



Sports Passes

Adult \$70

(Adult 18 year of age (non-student) or older.

Sr. Citizen 65 yrs. and over \$60

Student \$50 (WBHS only)

Good for all home athletic events excluding tournament

Please note: Parents must accompany all students in grades K–8th. These students will not be permitted without adult supervision and must accompany them the entire event. Tickets will need to be purchased for students in these grade levels.

Email additions
and/or corrections

If you wish to have your email listing updated to include another parent or family member, please email the new or additional email address to vcarrrell@rcps.us. Please include the name of the student(s) and grade level(s) the email should be assigned to.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Everyone will receive a schedule on the first day of school on **Purple Paper**. Everyone must follow this new Schedule.

On the first day of school, all students will report to the following locations to pick up their schedule:

Seniors—Wrestling Room

Juniors—Annex Gym

Sophomores—Cafeteria

Freshmen—Auditorium

After picking up your schedule, you should report to your 1A class.

All Governor School/BCAT/Virginia Western students should report to William Byrd High School on the first day to receive all first day information in the Library and attend our opening day assembly and class meetings.

After picking up your schedule in the assigned locations, please report to the Library.

Attendance Procedures

*Refer to RCPS policy for Excused Absences and Tardies

To notify the school of an absence, you may call 562-3700 ext. 24008 and leave a voice message with the students name, grade and reason for absence. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PHONE CALL DOES NOT EXCUSE THE ABSENCE! The call lets us know you are aware of your child's absence and prevents us from calling you. A written acceptable excuse (in compliance with RCPS policy) must be submitted to the attendance office when the student returns to school.

You may also email the attendance office at wbhsattendance@rcps.us

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

Please note that students cannot be checked out of school per a phone call. In order to check your student out, you must use one of the following options:

- 1) Send a written note to the school with the student that indicates the student name, reason for check out and the time to be dismissed along with the parent/guardian's contact number and signature. The note should be turned in to the attendance office when the student arrives at school. At that time, a check out pass will be issued that allows the student to leave at the designated time.
- 2) Send an email to wbhsattendance@rcps.us that includes the information in bullet #1.
- 3) Send a fax to 540-890-7568 that includes the information in bullet #1.
- 4) An authorized emergency contact may come to the school with a PHOTO ID and sign the student out at the attendance window. Only persons listed on the student's emergency card will be allowed to sign the student out.

COLLEGE VISITS/OUT OF TOWN TRIPS

A minimum of two days prior written notice must be submitted to the attendance office for college visits or out of town trips to be considered excused. Once submitted, the student will be issued a Prior Notice Form that must be signed by all teachers and returned to the attendance office prior to the absence. Failure to follow these procedures will result in the absence(s) being unexcused.



The officers for 2023-2024 PTSO are as follows:

Kori Webb, President

Shae Davis, After Prom/Concessions

Wendy Niday, Hospitality

Kim Younce, Membership/Social Media

Jennifer Sink, Secretary

Jeanette Leonard, Treasurer

Alicia Spangler, School Liaison

We hope you have had a great summer break and are excited to start the new school year!

During Business Day on August 3rd, you will have the opportunity to become a member of the WBHS PTSO. All of the money from membership dues will stay at our school!! Dues are \$5 per person or \$15 per family.. Make checks payable to WBHS PTSO. Also as you join PTSO you may want to purchase a Dog Pound t-shirt for \$10 while supplies last.

Here are just a few ways PTSO helps to support our school, students and staff:

After-prom party, teacher appreciation, matching funds to the school, supporting senior day, Boys and Girls State and homecoming as well as senior scholarships. We will need your help this year! Our main fundraiser is selling concessions at the football games. We will need your help to make this a success as well as a variety of other things throughout the year. Please fill out the volunteer sheet that will come home at the beginning of school if you are willing to help us!

Please feel free to contact Kori Webb, through email at kori.webb.va@gmail.com. Let's have a great year!

Sincerely,
Kori Webb, PTSO, WBHS President



BUSINESS DAY/BACK TO SCHOOL DAY

AUGUST 3RD, 2023

2:00 PM—6:00 PM

1. YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR SCHEDULE IN THE MAIL PRIOR TO AUGUST 3RD. PLEASE BRING THIS SCHEDULE WITH YOU IN ORDER TO MEET YOUR TEACHERS

2. PAY FEES

3. PURCHASE A 2023-2024 YEARBOOK—
COST IS \$60 UNTIL AUGUST 11th

4. PURCHASE SPORTS PASSES
SEE PAGE 6 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR PRICES

5. JOIN PTSO
COST \$5 PER PERSON OR \$15 FOR FAMILY

We encourage you to pay class dues and nonresident fees Online through My School Bucks starting July 5th

9th—11th grade Class Dues—\$10

12th grade Class Dues—\$20

Nonresident fees vary and are noted in your approval letter from Roanoke County Schools



NEW! Pay for Student Fees Online



William Byrd High School is excited to offer **MySchoolBucks©School Store!** This online payment service provides an easy way to pay for items such as <<store items>> using your credit/debit card or electronic check.

MySchoolBucks provides:

- Convenience—Available 24/7 on the web.
- Efficiency-Make purchases for all your students, even if they attend different schools within the district. Eliminate the need for your students to take money to school.
- Flexibility-Make payments using credit/debit cards and electronic checks.
- Security-**MySchoolBucks** adheres to the highest security standards.

Enrollment is easy!

If you don't have an account follow the steps below:

1. Go to www.MySchoolBucks.com and register for a free account.
2. Add your students using their school name and student ID.
3. Make purchases with your credit/debit card or electronic check.

A program fee may apply. You will have the opportunity to review any fees .
Cancel if you choose, before you are charged.

If you have any questions, contact **MySchoolBucks** directly:

- support@myschoolbucks.com
- (855) 832-5226
- Visit myschoolbucks.com and click Help

Thank you!



Guidance News...

The case load for our guidance department is as follows:

Ms. Arrieta	— Students with last names A-D
Mrs. Taylor	— Students with last names E-K
Ms. Lohr	— Students with last names L-R
Mrs. Nance	— Students with last names of S-Z
Mrs. Pomeroy	— Life Counselor



Welcome to the Counselor's Corner!

Mrs. Pomeroy, the Life Counselor will be starting small group counseling in September. Groups will focus on social, emotional, and academic growth of students. Groups focus on coping, anxiety, organization, study skills, social skills, depression, wellness, substance use, life skills, and friendship. If you believe your child would benefit from a group, please reach out to Mrs. Pomeroy at lpomeroy@reps.us. To learn more about the Life Counseling program, please visit the counseling section of the WBHS website.



If you know of anyone interested in working in the cafeteria in one of the Roanoke County Schools, please have them call Jaime Estrada in the Nutrition Department at (540)562-3900 ext. 10211.

Starting July 11th Cross County will have Open Runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm. Be sure you have a VHSL sports physical on file to participate. Meet us at the island between the High School and Middle School.



Mark Your Calendar



- July 24** - **Golf Begins**
- July 27** - **Cheer, and Football begins**
- July 31** - **Cross Country and Volleyball begins**
- July 31-August 1-** **Competition Cheer Choreography Camp**
- August 1** - **Drum Corp Show—Salem Stadium 5:15**
- August 3** - **Back to School Night/Business Day/Freshman-New Student Orientation**
- August 9** - **1st Day of school**
- August 22** - **Volleyball—Cave Spring—Away—5:30/7:00 pm**
- August 24** - **Volleyball—Magna Vista-Away-5:30/7:00 pm**
- August 24** - **JV Football—Liberty—Away—6:00 pm**
- August 25** - **Football vs Liberty—Home—7:00 pm**
- August 28** - **Volleyball—Hidden Valley—Home 5:30/7:00 pm**
- August 29** - **Volleyball—Liberty—Home 5:30/7:00 pm**
- August 31** - **Volleyball—Glenvar—Away 5:30/7:00 pm**
- August 31** - **JV Football—Hidden Valley—Away 6:00 pm**
- September 1** - **Football—Hidden Valley—Home 7:00 pm**
- September 4** - **School is closed in observance of Labor Day**
- September 5** - **Volleyball—Liberty—Away 5:30/7:00 pm**
- September 7** - **Volleyball—Hidden Valley—Away 5:30/7:00 pm**
- September 7** - **JV Football—Christiansburg—Home 6:00 pm**
- September 8** - **Interim Midpoint**
- September 8** - **Football—Christiansburg—Away 7:00 pm**
- September 12** - **Volleyball—Glenvar—Home—5:30/7:00 pm**
- September 14** - **JV Football - Bassett—Home—6:00 pm**
- September 15** - **Interim Reports Sent Home**
- September 15** - **Football—Bassett—Away**
- September 16** - **Cheer Competition—River City Rumble**
- September 19** - **Volleyball—Lord Botetourt—Home—5:30/7:00 pm**
- September 20** - **3 hour early dismissal**



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Future important Dates to Remember

- September 21 - Volleyball—Staunton River—Away 5:30/7:00 pm**
- September 23 - Regional Marching Band Contest—Salem**
- September 23 - Competition Cheer—Cosby Cheer Challenge**
- September 25 - Volleyball—Magna Vista—Home—5:30/7:00 pm**
- September 26 - Volleyball—Franklin County—Away—5:30/7:00**
- September 28 - Volleyball—Northside—Home 5:30/7:00**
- September 28 - JV Football—Cave Spring—Away 6:00 pm**
- September 29 - Football—Cave Spring—Home—7:00 pm**
- September 30 - Band—Star City Classic—PH Stadium**
- September 30 - Cheer Competition—Battle at Byrd—Home**
- October 3 - Volleyball—Wm. Fleming—Away—5:30/7:00pm**
- October 5 - Volleyball—Lord Botetourt—Away—5:30/7:00 pm**
- October 5 - JV Football—Wm. Fleming—Home—6pm**
- October 6 - Football—Wm. Fleming—Away—7pm**
- October 6 - End of First Grading Period**
- October 9 - Schools closed for teacher workday**
- October 10 - Volleyball—Staunton River—Home 5:30/7:00**
- October 11 - Powder Puff Game**
- October 12 - JV Football—Lord Botetourt—Away—6pm**
- October 12 - Volleyball—Franklin County—Home— 5:30/7:00 pm**
- October 13 - Homecoming—Football vs Lord Botetourt**
- October 14 - Homecoming dance**
- October 14 - PSAT**
- October 16 - Volleyball—Cave Spring—Home—5:30/7:00 pm**
- October 17 - Volleyball—Northside—away—5:30/7:00 pm**
- October 18 - Report Cards Sent Home**
- October 19 - JV Football—Home—Franklin Co.**
- October 19 - Volleyball—Wm. Fleming—Home— 5:30/7:00 pm**
- October 20 - Football—Away—Franklin Co.**



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- October 25 - 3 hour early dismissal**
- October 26 - JV Football—Staunton River—Away—6pm**
- October 27 - Football—Staunton River—Home—7pm**
- October 23-31 - Red Ribbon Week**
- November 1 - Schools closed for Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- November 2 - JV Football—Northside—Home—6pm**
- November 3 - Football—Northside—Away—7pm**
- November 4 - SAT at Hidden Valley High School**
- November 7 - Schools Closed for Election Day**
- November 6 - Winter Sports Begin**
- November 10 - Interim Midpoint**
- November 17 - Interim Reports Sent Home**
- November 19 - Band—Grid Iron Review performance**
- November 24 - 3 hour early dismissal**
- November 22/24 - Schools closed for Thanksgiving**
- December 2 - Vinton Parade**
- December 2 - SAT—WBHS**
- December 9 - Band Concert**
- December 15 - End of 2nd grading period**
- December 17 - End of 2nd Nine Weeks**
- December 18–31 - Winter Break**
- December 22-23 - Big Orange Wrestling Tournament**
- June 1 - SAT @ WBHS**

***All of the above dates are tentative and subject to change**



Mark Your Calendar



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- January 2** - **School closed for Teacher Workday**
- January 12** - **Report Cards Sent Home**
- January 15** - **Schools closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- January 31** - **12:25—Early Dismissal**
- February 5** - **Interim Midpoint**
- February 12** - **Schools closed—Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- February 13** - **Interim Reports Sent Home**
- March 9** - **SAT at WBHS and Hidden Valley High School**
- March 5** - **Schools Closed—Presidential Primary**
- March 8** - **End of 3rd Grading Period**
- March 11** - **Schools are closed for Teacher Workday**
- March** - **SAT at WBHS**
- March 22** - **Report Cards sent home**
- March 25-29** - **Schools closed for Spring Break**
- April 17** - **12:45 Dismissal**
- April 19** - **Interim Midpoint**
- April 26** - **Interim Reports Sent Home**
- May 21** - **GRADUATION—2:30 PM**
- May 23** - **End of 2nd Semester—12:25 dismissal**