# WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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#### **ADDRESS**

1225 Washington Road

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#### **MAIN OFFICE**

410-751-3630- phone

410-751-3640 - fax

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

7:30-3:30 p.m.

#### **COUNSELING OFFICE**

410-751-3636-phone

#### **HEALTH ROOM**

410-751-3958 - phone

#### **SPECIAL ED OFFICE**

410-751-3644 - phone

#### **WEBSITE**

https://whs.carrollk12.org/

### **To Report a Student Absence**

Email us at:

#### WHSattendance@carrollk12.org

410-751-3641 - phone

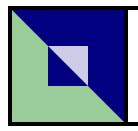
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is required of all visitors.



WE ARE WESTMINSTER WE ARE ONE!

End of Year 2023-2024



# From the Principal's Desk

**WHS** 

June 10, 2024

#### WHS Families,

It is hard to believe that the 2023-24 school year is coming to an end. I would like to thank the students, staff, and parents for making this an outstanding year at Westminster High School. I am proud of what our students have accomplished in the classroom, on the field, on the stage, and in the workplace.

As with every end of the school year, we say goodbye to our graduating seniors. They have achieved great things in their years of schooling. They left their mark on WHS and made it a better school for all of us that remain. We will miss all our Owls who are leaving the nest and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Schedules will be available in Home Access this summer starting around August 1st. We have counselors available on a limited basis during the summer to help with any scheduling needs or issues. Please call the counseling office at 410-751-3636 to schedule a meeting with your counselor. As a reminder, there are only a limited number of reasons to request a schedule change. The procedures for requesting a schedule change can be found on the WHS webpage at <a href="Scheduling and Course Selection">Scheduling and Course Selection</a> - <a href="Westminster High">Westminster High</a> (carrollk12.org)

The construction at the Career and Tech Center that has blocked the back drive for the last two years should be wrapping up this summer. This will impact traffic patterns and parking at WHS for the next school year. Once we have confirmation of the road re-opening, we will finalize the new traffic pattern and share this information, along with maps, so that everyone can be prepared. I encourage all students to ride the bus, if at all possible. Parking spaces will continue to be limited next year, so parking on campus is permitted for **Juniors and Seniors ONLY**. Parking passes will go on sale this summer starting in July. More detailed information is included in this newsletter.

We will again be offering summer open house tours for incoming 9th graders and any new students. These are great opportunities for students to come into the building to walk through the school, find their classrooms, and speak with current students about all that Westminster has to offer. The tour dates are listed on the following page of this newsletter.

I encourage you to maintain communication with the school by checking your email regularly, as well as calling or e-mailing the school when you have questions. Our <u>website</u> is updated regularly during the school year and can be an excellent source of information. We wish each of you a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you back in September. The first day of school for the 2024-25 school year is September 3rd. We will see you all then!

Sincerely,

Katie Nefflen

Principal

#### SUMMER DATES to REMEMBER

June

11 (T) Last Day for Students, Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes Early

Dismissal System-wide

19 (W) Schools/Offices closed for Juneteenth

July

4 (Th) Schools/Offices Closed for Independence Day

8 (M) WHS Student Parking registration opens 9-10 (T – W) Legacy Studios senior portraits—see page 5

August

Tours for incoming 9th graders and new students 9:00AM—11:00AM Tours for incoming 9th graders and new students 1:00PM—3:00PM Tours for incoming 9th graders and new students 1:00PM—3:00PM

26 (M) Pre-Service Professional days begin for teachers

29 (Th) Back to School Night. Evening presentation with administration for parents

new to WHS ---6:00PM

September

2 (M) Labor Day—Schools/Offices Closed

3 (T) 1st day of school



#### **HEALTHROOM INFORMATION**

#### Medication During the School Day:

In order for a student to receive medication during the school day, a CCPS medication form signed by a licensed health care provider must be provided each school year. A signed order form is required for both prescription and over-the-counter medications. Please review the forms carefully for details related to medication procedures and contact the school nurse with any questions. **CCPS Medication Form** and **Allergic Reaction** 

#### **Emergency Plan & Medication Orders**

#### Returning to School After Injury or Illness:

If your child sustains an injury over the summer and requires the use of assistive devices (crutches, etc.) and/or use of the elevator, please have their health care provider provide documentation describing the accommodations needed along with a start and stop date. If your child is enrolled in a Physical Education class and requires modifications, the <a href="CCPS Physical Education Modification">CCPS Physical Education Modification</a> letter should be completed by a health care provider and submitted to the school nurse.

Frequently used forms can be found on the WHS website under **Parent Resources – School Health Office** 



## **Counseling News**

#### **Counseling Office Summer Schedule:**

School counselors will be available on a limited basis throughout the summer. If you would like to meet with your counselor over the summer, please contact the counseling office at 410-751-3636 to schedule an appointment. Counselors are also available via email for questions.

#### **Counseling Office Contact Information:**

Office Phone Number: (410) 751-3636

Ms. Erin Williams (Counseling Secretary): <u>Eewilli@carrollk12.org</u>

Ms. Karen Nowosielski (Counseling Secretary): Kanowos@carrollk12.org

Ms. Karen Lehr (Registrar): Kllehr@carrollk12.org

#### **School Counselor Contact Information:**

Mr. Steve Byrnes (Student Last Names A-C): scbyrne@carrollk12.org

Ms. Taylor Dudley (Student Last Names **D - HE**): tjdudle@carrollk12.org

Ms. Ashley Lindsay (Student Last Names HF-ME): allinds@carrollk12.org

Ms. Lindsay Dixon (Student Last Names MF-SC): <a href="mailto:lmdixon@carrollk12.org">lmdixon@carrollk12.org</a>

Ms. Heather Bott (Student Last Names SC-Z): hebott@carrollk12.org

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#### **Summer Tours**

We will host summer tours in August from 9:00 am – 11:00 am on August 13, and from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm on August 14 and August 22. No preregistration is required for the tours. We encourage all incoming 9th grade students and any student new to WHS to attend one of the tour dates to become familiar with the building prior to the start of the 2024 – 2025 school year. Administration will host a presentation for parents new to WHS as part of the Back to School Night on August 29. More details about these events will be shared later in the summer.

# WHS Provides Online Donation Initiative for Parent and Community Support

Westminster High School would like to thank our students, parents, and Westminster community for being partners in our student's learning. We are proud to represent a community that values the ever-changing needs and demands of our high school students. With the support of our friends and neighbors like you, our students have shown consistently high academic achievement and are able to enjoy a broad array of extracurricular activities.

We're happy to share that students, families, and community members can assist with the many needs of our students and faculty through a MySchoolBucks online donation page. School donations are used to cover clothing and school supplies for students in need, faculty appreciation, and much more. Our success depends in large part on the support of the local community we serve. Your contribution will be essential for us to expand the learning opportunities available for our students.

Thank you in advance for your support. Visit our donation page at <a href="https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZHVZLQ2RN05854\_ZZ5XK7TK07ITU74">https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZHVZLQ2RN05854\_ZZ5XK7TK07ITU74</a> to get started.

#### Senior Portraits - Legacy Studios

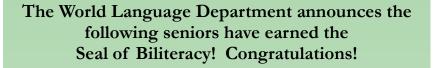
The Class of 2025 senior portrait scheduling page is now active and open for seniors to select their July appointment dates and times. The link for seniors to schedule their appointments is below. Just a few tips about scheduling:

- Legacy has contacted seniors via email to alert them that the scheduling site is open. Please check your Spam folders as sometimes emails are sent to Spam.
- The link below will be the same for all senior portrait dates. Seniors looking to schedule an appointment for a later date can do so through this same link once the later dates open.
- Seniors can access the scheduling site either through the customized link provided below or by visiting the Legacy Studios website and searching by school.

Legacy Studios website: <a href="https://seniors.legacystudios.com/">https://seniors.legacystudios.com/</a>
WHS Custom Site: <a href="https://seniors.legacystudios.com/westminster-hs-md/">https://seniors.legacystudios.com/westminster-hs-md/</a>
If you require additional assistance, please contact the Legacy Customer Care

Service Team

- Phone: 716-512-6336
- Email: <u>customercare@legacystudios.com</u>
- Chat: <a href="https://seniors.legacystudios.com">https://seniors.legacystudios.com</a>



#### Spanish and English:

Alejandro Hernandez Fernandez Alizeh Khan Amelia Reed Daphnee Whitmore Elsie Kate Auckerman Grace Sivigny Leslie Hernandez Maddison Bunting Makenna Steele Megan McCampbell Olivia Skozilas Samrine Shoha Alondra Lopez Vilma Arias Mendoza Angie Lemus Dominguez Sindy Moreira

Ariya Thammovongsa: Thai and English

Arturo Rojas Cova

Beatrice Ceraolo: Global Seal in Spanish, Italian, and English

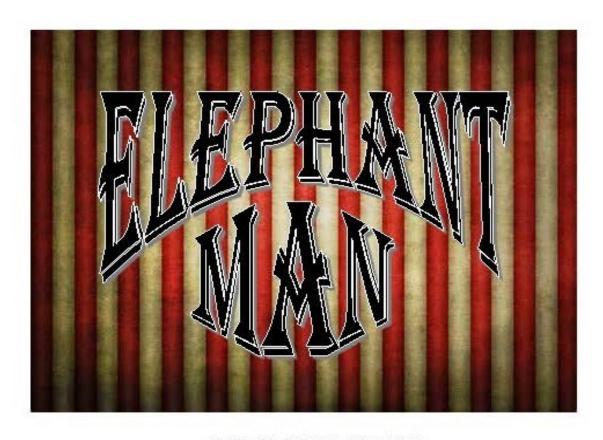




On July 8th, parking applications will be available for Juniors and Seniors only.

Parking passes are \$20 for the year and can be purchased via

MySchoolBucks, check, or exact cash. If approved, you will be contacted from the Main Office for pickup. A QR Code will be sent out via email over the Summer.



## BY DEL MARTIN

Freely adapted from

The Elephant Man & Other Reminiscences by Sir Frederick Treves

Auditions: The first week back in September Rehearsals: Monday - Friday 2:30 to 5pm

Production: November 14, 15 & 16

Anyone with questions about the production can contact Ms Purdy

### **CCPS Graduation Requirements for all Students**

Please find information that outlines CCPS Graduation Requirements for all students below. Please note: A letter will be included with report cards that will outline your student's individual progress towards their graduation requirements.

<u>Credit Requirements</u>: A minimum of 25 total credits must be earned to meet graduation requirements. Many of these credits are required in specific areas as outlined in the chart below.

Class of 2025, Class of 2026, Class of 2027		
Subject	Required Credits	Required Courses
English	4	English 9
		English 10 <b>OR</b> AP Seminar  English 11 <b>OR</b> AP Language and Composition and/ or AP Seminar
		English 12 <b>OR</b> AP Literature and Composition and/or AP Research*  (AP Seminar or AP Language and Composition may be taken as well)
Social Studies	3	Government <b>OR</b> AP United States Government and Politics
		United States History <b>OR</b> AP United States History
		World History <b>OR</b> AP World History
Science	3	Conceptual Physics
		Chemistry of Earth and Space Science (formerly Chemistry I)
		Biology
		Algebra I
	4	Geometry
Mathematics	All students must enroll in a mathematics course each year of high school.	Other credits must be 1 credit in duration and may be selected from the Program of Studies Mathematics course offerings.
Physical Education	1	Physical Education I
		1/2 credit of any other Physical Education course to
Health	1	Health I (1/2 credit)
		Health II (1/2 credit)
Fine Arts	1	Completed credit in any Visual and Performing Arts course may be applied to the state Fine Arts graduation requirements unless otherwise indicated
Technology Education	1	Foundations of Technology, Exploring Computer Science, Principles of Engineering (part of Project Lead the Way completer program), <b>OR</b> AP Computer Science Principles

World Language	2	Two credits of the same World Language
OR American Sign Lan-	2	Sign Language I, II, III
guage	2	See Completer Programs in the Program of Studies
OR State Approved Career and Technology Completer		
Program	3-9	
Financial Literacy	1/2	Financial Literacy <b>OR</b> Managing Personal Finances Using Excel (1credit)
Electives	4 1/2 - 12	
Total Credits Required	25	

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate<sup>TM</sup>. Students who also earn scores of 3 or higher on four additional AP exams at any time in high school receive the AP Capstone Diploma<sup>TM</sup>.

#### Note:

- Credit will be awarded for high school courses completed successfully in middle school.
- Students who successfully complete high school level mathematics courses prior to high school can count the earned credits towards their requirement but still need to be enrolled in a mathematics course in each year of high school.

#### Student Service Requirement

The state mandated <u>75 hours</u> of service-learning requirement may be met by completing the course-related option and/or the exemplary service option. **Students must earn 55 service hours to earn senior status.** Additional information can be found on the <u>CCPS Service-Learning page</u>.

#### **Additional Requirements**

- Four years of approved study beyond the eighth grade.
- Four credits must be earned after the completion of grade 11.
- Students must meet the High School Assessment requirements for Algebra I, English 10, Biology, and Government. Testing requirements and passing scores vary based on the year of course completion. Details related to each content area are provided below.
- All students shall be assessed no later than grade 10 to determine if the student meets the Maryland State Department of Education criteria for College and Career Readiness in English Language Arts and Mathematics.
- Transition courses or other instructional opportunities will be provided to students who have not achieved College and Career Readiness by the end of grade 10. Additional information about College Career Readiness can be found at <u>College + Career Readiness - Blueprint</u> (marylandpublicschools.org).

#### **High School Assessment Requirements**

NOTE: These assessment requirements may be subject to change pending any Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) revisions.

#### Algebra I

• Students taking Algebra I will be required to participate in the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment (MCAP) for Algebra I and pass the Algebra I course to meet the graduation requirement.

#### English 10

• Students taking English 10, or AP Seminar (grade 10) will be required to participate in the MCAP for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) and pass the English 10 or AP Seminar course to meet the graduation requirement.

#### **Biology**

- Students in the 2025 and 2026 graduating classes taking Biology must participate in the MCAP Life Science Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (LS MISA) to meet the graduation requirement.
- Students in the class of 2027 and beyond will take the MCAP Life Science Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (LS MISA) for science as an end-of-course exam in Biology. The score will count for twenty percent of their final grade.

#### Government

- Students in the 2025 and 2026 graduating classes taking Government or AP Government & Politics must participate in the MCAP Government assessment to meet the graduation requirement.
- Students in the class of 2027 and beyond will take the MCAP Government as an end-of-course exam in Government or AP Government & Politics. The score will count for twenty percent of their final grade.

# Student Laptop Reminders

On June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, all WHS students, including ESY students, returned their schoolissued laptops to the library for Windows 11 updates.

Students who were not present on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, students taking CCPS summer school classes, or Session 1 Carroll Community Classes can return their laptops to WHS during regular business hours by July 31st. All laptops must receive the Windows 11 update!

Student laptops will be returned on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first day of school. Students taking Dual Enrollment classes will be able to pick up their laptops during regular business hours from August 26<sup>th</sup> – August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Students are responsible for keeping their laptop chargers in a safe place over summer break. Chargers cannot be kept at WHS over the summer.

Questions? Please contact Assistant Principal Ms. Krystal Gulden.

#### Westminster HS Athletics Information for 2024-25

Registering your son/daughter on Family ID is now a requirement for all sports seasons as well as any out of season conditioning or team activities. If your student intends to participate in any out-of-season conditioning or team activities prior to their official season's start, be sure to have the Family ID registration process completed, which includes uploading a valid physical. You need to be registered in Family ID in order to tryout.

#### **Start Dates for Sports**

Fall Sports - Wednesday August 14, 2024

Winter Sports - Friday November 15, 2024

Spring Sports – Saturday March 1, 2024

#### **Fall Coaches:**

Corollary Sports / Natasha Costley / NCCOSTL@carrollk12.org

Football / Chris Bassler / RCBASSL@carrollk12.org

Boys Soccer / Jim Reigel / JDREIGE@carrollk12.org

Girls Soccer / Shawn Taylor / SHTAYLOR@varcomac.com

Volleyball / Ben Lee / ben10921@gmail.com

Field Hockey / Laurie Naill / LMNAILL@carrollk12.org

Cross Country / Ryan Dulaney / <a href="mailto:rtdulaney@gmail.com">rtdulaney@gmail.com</a> / Jim Beacham / <a href="mailto:beacham-jim78@gmail.com">beacham-jim78@gmail.com</a> / Colleen Kernan / <a href="mailto:com/cMKERNA@carrollk12.org">CMKERNA@carrollk12.org</a>

Cheerleading (Fall) / Alex Taylor / antayl2@carrollk12.org

Golf / Palmer Phillips / palmerhphillips@gmail.com

#### Winter Coaches:

Boys Basketball / Johnathan Forster / johnathanf22@gmail.com

Girls Basketball / Dave Urban / dmurban@carrollk12.org

Boys Wrestling / Garrett Vandervalk / GTVANDE@carrollk12.org

Girls Wrestling / Sean Ensign / SPENSIG@carrollk12.org

Indoor Track & Field / Desmond Wars / <u>DLWARS@carrollk12.org</u>

Cheerleading (Winter) / Alex Taylor / antayl2@carrollk12.org

#### **Spring Coaches:**

Baseball / Brandon Taylor / BSTAYLO@carrollk12.org

Softball / TBD

Track & Field / Desmond Wars / <u>DLWARS@carrollk12.org</u>

Boys Lacrosse / Mike Flemming / MDFLEMM@carrollk12.org

Girls Lacrosse / Tori Georgius / <u>VLMCDO2@carrollk12.org</u>

Girls Tennis / TBD

Boys Tennis / Conor Riggin / CIRIGGI@carrollk12.org

#### Family ID Registration:

https://www.familyid.com/organizations/westminster-high-school

#### **Athletic Physicals:**

Physicals cover athletes for a 13-month period and current valid physicals within that date range can be uploaded directly into the Family ID site. Athletes should pay close attention to the 13-month expiration date and be sure that your physical will not expire before the season ends. If you've previously registered with Family ID, we recommend you log in to verify your physical's date. New physical forms are in effect for the 2022-2023 school year. As you get your physical renewed, please use the new form available Athletics - Carroll County Public School District (carrollk12.org).

#### **Eligibility Policy:**

Students eligible to participate in high school athletics and other extracurricular activities at the high school level may lose their eligibility if found to be in violation of the policies and administrative regulations of Carroll County Public Schools. Students who represent Carroll County Public Schools through involvement or performance in an extracurricular activity are held to high standards in three areas: Academics, Attendance, and Conduct. The eligibility regulations are included in detail on the Carroll County Public Schools website at Home - Carroll County Public School District (carrollk12.org).

Athletics schedules: https://www.carrollcountyathleticleague.org/

Brian Tombs / Director of Athletics and Facilities <u>bltombs@carrollk12.org</u> 410-751-3637

# Enjoy shopping for WHS Spirit Wear all year long at:

https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/ MD/Westminster/Westminster% 20High%20School

Your purchases will always benefit the WHS Educators Rising Club, Thank You!









### **Summer Days & Hours of Operation:**

9:00-10:00 am

on the following days-

6/20/2024

6/27/2024

7/11/2024

7/18/2024

7/25/2024

8/1/2024

8/8/2024

8/15/2024

8/29/2024

Afternoon appointments available upon request by calling 410-751-3630.

\*\*requires at least 24 hours notice \*\*

#### NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT INFORMATION

Non-custodial parents may receive school records and routine school information unless prohibited by court order. This information may be obtained in two ways; a non-custodial parent may register in the Home Access Center to receive electronic access to student information, or the non-custodial parent may make a request to the principal for information annually in writing. The request should include the non-custodial parent's name, address, student name, and the type of information requested. When a written request for information is submitted to the principal, the custodial parent shall be notified when such a request has been received by the school. However, the custodial parent may not 'veto' the non-custodial parent's request without a court order.

#### **NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not engage in discrimination that is unlawful or contrary to Maryland State Department of Education guidance on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

The Board of Education of Carroll County is firmly committed to creating equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons by providing an environment that supports optimal academic achievement and productive work and is free from any form of unlawful discrimination, including access to school facilities, educational programs, and extracurricular activities.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Human Resources, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, (410) 751-3070.

#### **ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT**

Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs or activities. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Communications Office at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities Management, (410) 751-3177, or the Communications Officer, (410) 751-3020, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157.

#### A.H.E.R.A.

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A.H.E.R.A.) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County are available for review at the individual Carroll County school locations and at the Office of Plant Operations located at: 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos-containing materials, if any are located in the school building.

#### CONSENT AND RELEASE

#### Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video or a photograph, or on the school or school system website or social media, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website or social media by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

#### Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites, social media, or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites, social media, or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites, social media, or in publications unless such notification is received.

CG/bb Revised 6/30/17

#### BOARD POLICY & ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Title: IKE Placement, Promotion, Intervention, Retention, and Acceleration

Policy and Procedure - Carroll County Public School District (carrollk12.org)