



Parent Newsletter

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LION PRIDE RUNS DEEP!

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From the desk of James Stewart, WHS Principal



Greetings Lion Nation,

Dr. Kincannon has issued a letter celebrating graduating seniors and details about the Waco ISD graduation. Please visit <https://bit.ly/2L9zz9f> for details.

The news that we are not returning this year is disappointing. We all held on to great faith that we would be returning sometime in May but Governor Abbot's message was difficult to receive. We will continue to look for the blessings in all situations and do what's best for students' health during this time.

This time has been difficult for all of us in different ways. COVID-19 has put a strain on everyone in some way. It has affected people's finances, safety, and health. Our students and families are facing challenges and feeling the pressure of these events. We want you to know that we are here for you. This time away from our students has been difficult for all of us. Please reach out to us if you need our help. You can contact any of your students' teachers or counselors by email (firstname.lastname@wacoisd.org).

Students, know your worth and the greatness you possess. Put yourself into a position to succeed. You are here to win! You are born to win! If I have to care more about you than you care about yourself, then that's the way it will be! Welcome to success and say goodbye to failure, because you are not going to fail!

Parents, students, and staff: Thank you for all that you do!

Blessings,

James E. Stewart, Jr. (Principal)

Counselor's Message

Notes from the WHS Counseling Team:

Students have the opportunity to participate in Virtual Saturday school for previous semester/year attendance recovery. Please fill out the google form at <https://forms.gle/Qn5iXL6KSDdHDocB8> for your child to sign up to participate. Students who need to participate should have received a phone call from the school as well.

Juniors- summer is a great time to start your college research and applications. Most colleges have virtual tours set up that you can take and links where you can find their admission information. Many colleges have waived the national testing requirements. Check and see if your college is one via their admission information and if it is not be checking at collegeboard.org and act.org for upcoming testing dates. Make sure your attendance is taken care of so that when you have transcripts sent in the fall with your application everything will look as needed! Many applications open on August 1st.

The WHS counseling team is working hard to reach out to students and parents each day. If you email us and don't hear back please give us at least 24 hours to reply. We understand there continue to be many questions at this time and we work to get everyone the answers they are looking for in a timely manner. If you have questions about grades or how your student is doing in a class please contact the teacher directly. A list of emails can be found on the Waco ISD at home learning website.

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(Assigned to students last names)

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Alfred Freeman (College and Career): alfred.freeman@wacoisd.org

Cap & Gown Information from Herff Jones

If you still need to order your cap & gown for graduation here are the steps:

- 1) Please go to www.texashj.com
- 2) Select **Graduation Products**
- 3) Enter School Name: **WACO SR HIGH SCHOOL**
- 4) Click on **Shop Graduation Products**
- 5) You can either
 - A) Order a package with announcements and your cap and gown or
 - B) Go to the bottom and click on **Green** Button – **Shop Individuals Products**
Select CAP, GOWN, AND TASSEL – You MUST know your height and weight. Please be as accurate as possible.
- 6) Go to **Checkout** – Enter your information.
- 7) Continue to **Shipping and Billing Information**
- 8) Enter your credit card information
- 9) Hit submit. You will receive a confirmation of your order.


NOTE: Your gown is NOT SHIPPING to your home.

You MUST make appointment with ValerieM@texashj.com to pick your items.

Orders will NOT BE at school for pick up.



Faculty & Staff Virtual Work Hours

A red poster with a gold border and decorative flourishes. The title 'Waco High School Virtual Office Hours' is in a large, white, stylized font. A gold lion is on the right. A trail of gold paw prints leads from the lion towards the center. The schedule is listed in white text: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 1 pm - 3 pm, Tuesday/Thursday 9 am - 12 pm, and CTE Teacher Office Hours Wednesday 1 pm - 3 pm. A paragraph explains that teachers will be available for contact during these times through Google Classroom and/or e-mail. A note at the bottom says 'We will keep you posted on any additions.'

**Waco High School/
Virtual Office Hours**

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday
1 pm - 3 pm**

**Tuesday/Thursday
9 am - 12 pm**

**CTE Teacher Office Hours
Wednesday
1 pm - 3 pm**

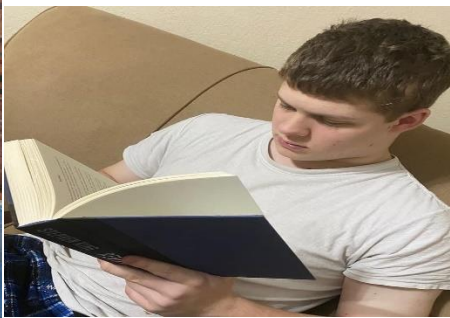
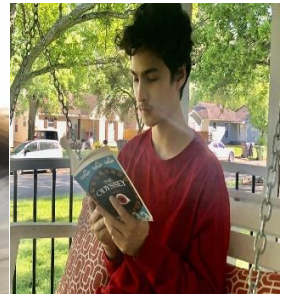
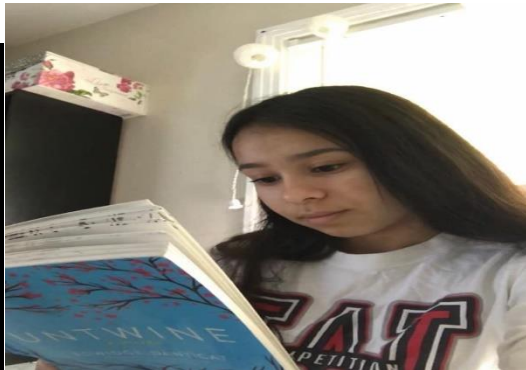
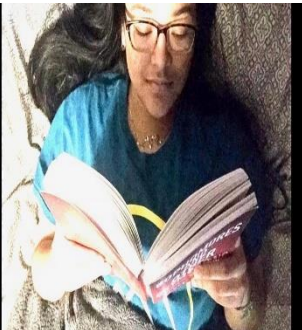
Teachers will be available for contact during these times to continue with the at-home instruction. You can contact them through Google Classroom and/or e-mail.

We will keep you posted on any additions.

Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Julie Richardson on being the Outstanding Secondary Teacher of the Year for WISD!!! We appreciate all your hard work and dedication... #LionPrideRunsDeep



WHS Students Reading at home!!!! #WacoISDReads #May2020



Congratulations to Sophia Swenke!!!She was selected 2020 Smoaky Academic All-Star. We are proud of you Sophia!!!
#LionPrideRunsDeep



Congratulations to our Senior Class President Hope Aguilar for being KWTX Classroom Champion. We are proud of you! #LionPrideRunsDeep



WHS Drive-Thru Cap & Gown Celebration



Attention All Parents

Please Visit the websites below to answer a short survey about Parent and Family Engagement at WHS.

It will only take about 5 minutes to complete. We really need & appreciate your support!!! Thank You!!

Link for Spanish survey: <https://forms.gle/NaDaCR2nyM2UHPDD7>

Link for English survey: <https://forms.gle/taqMp1E8uF343HF68>

WHS Parents: We Are Here For You!



If you are interested in volunteering next school year at Waco High School or would like to attend Parent Involvement Meetings, please contact our Parent Involvement Specialist.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns during these trying times.

Please stay safe!!!!

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