



8/30/24

## Dear Wyoming Families,

We've now completed two and a half weeks of school and it is clear that everyone is finding a groove and settling into their routines. Our students continue to do a fabulous job of adjusting to being back in school. Our clubs and organizations are getting back into the full swing of things and students are finding ways to get involved in extracurricular activities. Thank you to our families who were able to make it to curriculum night this week. It was great to see everyone experiencing a small portion of what our students get to enjoy every day.

### **Apply Now for Free and Reduced School Meals**

Free and reduced meal applications are available online in the [Payschools Parent Portal](#). Additionally, paper applications are available in the school front offices. A new application is required each school year to determine eligibility for free or reduced meals; there is only a 30-day grace period from last school year's approval.

**Instructional Fee Waiver:** Prior to electronically signing and submitting the online application, please make sure to "check" the boxes in the disclosure section if you are also requesting an instructional fee waiver. This is an important step, as fees will not be waived without this authorization.

For families who are directly certified for free or reduced meals due to their eligibility through SNAP, TANF or Medicaid, you will receive a Direct Certification Notification from our Nutrition Services Partner, Milford Exempted Village Schools.

Please note that action is required - you must sign and return the Fee Waiver Permission on the bottom of that form - in order for instructional fees to be waived.

**For questions or assistance, please contact Milford Nutrition Services at 513-576-2290 or [foodservices@milfordschools.org](mailto:foodservices@milfordschools.org).**

As always, thank you for your continued support. We appreciate your partnership and we wish everyone a wonderful extended weekend!

## **District Update:**

[Click here for more Events and Information from around WCS & the community](#), including:

- Wyoming Primary Schools Bond Levy on November Ballot
- Wyoming Primary Schools Community Forum #4 at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday, September 3
- Finance Friday: WHS Bond Issue Will Be Paid Off Early, Lessening Net Impact of November's WPS Levy
- Share Your Expertise With WHS Students
- Upcoming Events
- WyoShop Spirit Store open 3-6 p.m. Thursdays in September
- JWC Mum Sale

## **Below you will find important dates and information for the future:**

**Monday, September 2 - Friday, September 6, 2024**

<b><u>Upcoming Weekly Events:</u></b>	
9/2/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY</b></li></ul>
9/3/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Flex Bell Schedule</li></ul>
9/4/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Regular Bell Schedule</li></ul>
9/5/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Flex Bell Schedule</li></ul>
9/6/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Regular Bell Schedule</li></ul>
<b>Quick Reminders</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Harvest Fest at WHS cafeteria - September 14th (9 a.m.)</li><li>● Practice ACT Test - September 19th</li><li>● Homecoming Game - September 27th</li><li>● Homecoming Dance - September 28th (8-10 p.m.)</li><li>● NO SCHOOL - October 3rd and October 4th</li><li>● WHS &amp; WMS Choir Concert - October 8th (7:30 p.m.)</li><li>● WHS &amp; WMS Strings Concert - October 9th (7:30 p.m.)</li><li>● WHS Picture Retake Day - October 10th (7:30-9:30 a.m.)</li><li>● Thursday Night Football Game vs. Mariemont - October 10th</li><li>● WHS &amp; WMS Band Concert- October 22nd (7:30 p.m.)</li><li>● WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction at halftime - October 25th</li></ul>

## **WHS Class of 2028 (Freshmen):**

Your 8th grade class picture has arrived at the high school and will be available next week. Thank you!

## **Yearbook:**

Please access the link below to purchase a yearbook for the 2023-2024 school year:

[2023-2024 yearbook purchase information](#)

## Counselor's Update:

### COLLEGE COUNSELING/TESTING

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### SENIORS:

- This is our first [Weekly Application Update](#) that has also been shared with Seniors via Canvas. The [Weekly Application Update](#) helps seniors and their families navigate the college application process and highlights time-sensitive information and deadlines. The [College Application Guide](#) is also an extremely helpful resource.
- Please note that the two programs scheduled for Tuesday, September 24th: **College Application Process at 6:30 PM and College Financial Aid Information Session at 7:30 PM have been rescheduled to a week earlier, September 17th** to accommodate Homecoming Week festivities. Every Senior (guardians too) that plans to apply to college should attend the session on the college application process. The financial aid session is only for students and guardians who plan to apply for financial aid. Both events will be held in Penedery Auditorium. Please contact Cynthia Meis, Director of College Counseling at [meisc@wyomingcityschool.org](mailto:meisc@wyomingcityschool.org) should you have questions about either of these events.
- **Parent/Guardian Letters of Recommendation for the College Application Process are due to Mrs. Meis and Mrs. Bunton by October 1st.** To help the College Counselors advocate as strongly as possible for students as part of the college application process, parents or guardians are encouraged to write a parent/guardian letter of recommendation. By highlighting their student's best qualities & characteristics, this letter helps the counselors write *their* letters of recommendation. These letters are completely confidential – they will not be shared with the student or admission officers and substance is more important than style. In other words, feel free to craft the letter in whatever format you choose, and you may be as informal or formal as you like. Some information to consider and questions to get you started is linked [HERE](#).
- For Seniors, the beginning of the school year also means we need to start thinking about next year! Please encourage your student to sign up for their appointment by September 15th. **For Seniors, Mrs. Meis works with last names A-K** and meetings with her can be scheduled [HERE](#). **Mrs. Bunton works with last names L-Z** and meetings with her can be scheduled [HERE](#).

### ALL STUDENTS

- Please make note that the **Financial Aid Workshop** initially scheduled for September 24th has been rescheduled to a week earlier, September 17th. While geared to Seniors, it will provide ALL families with an overview of the college financial aid process. This event starts at 7:30 PM on September 17th and will be held in Penedery Auditorium.

- Wyoming High School ACES in partnership with WCIA is facilitating a trip in March of 2025 to visit HBCU's (Historically Black and Universities). More information can be found [HERE](#). Questions or concerns regarding the tour, can be directed to Ms. Elise Bowen at 513-402-0155. Registration Link: <https://nexcollegetours.grcoll.co/v2/go/btwct2025>

Trip Code: BTWCT2025

- **College rep visits begin September 5th!** Each year Wyoming High School has over 50 colleges and universities visit with our 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. This is a great opportunity for students to engage with representatives from their prospective schools. If your **sophomore, junior, or senior student** is interested in attending a session, please have them sign up in SCOIR. The initial list of scheduled schools is [HERE](#) and is updated in SCOIR as schools schedule.

### SCHOOL COUNSELING

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- Individual student check-ins and graduation plan reviews will be starting soon! We will begin with seniors in early September and meet with all students by the end of 1st semester.
- **CCP classes** are getting started, please be aware of **course drop deadlines** at your college/university. You must communicate any changes in your college schedule to your High School Counselor. You must be enrolled in enough classes to be a full time student for the year especially for athletics!
- The School Counseling Department will host therapy dogs/animals for students and staff during the 24-25 School Year. Due to the success of these events, students will be required to sign up for time with the therapy animals during Flex, with options for visits twice a month. Occasionally a teacher may invite the dogs into their classroom for a walk around.
  - Not all dogs are hypoallergenic. There is no food or drink allowed in the Pendery Lobby with the dogs. Therapy dogs are not the responsibility of Wyoming City Schools, and the student and family accept all liability in having their student participate.
  - *If you do not want your student to interact with the dogs, or if your student is afraid or concerned around the dogs, we certainly understand, and want to keep the school environment safe and comfortable. Please contact your student's school counselor and we will work to ensure distance is kept.*

The school's annual club and activity fair was held on 8/23. Representatives from each club and activity were available at both lunches for students to explore a wide variety of extracurricular

opportunities and interests. Check out the [school's clubs and activities page](#) for more information about getting connected!

Don't forget to check out our monthly newsletter, [Counselor Corner](#), to stay informed about the exciting things happening in the Counseling Office.

### **Seniors - WHS Class of 2025:**

- [Senior Portrait information](#)
- [Senior Class Trip information](#)

### **Attendance:**

To report a student absence, a parent or guardian should send the dates and reason for the absence to [whsattendance@wyomingcityschools.org](mailto:whsattendance@wyomingcityschools.org) or call 513-206-7062. More information about attendance procedures and much more can be found in the [2024-2025 Wyoming High School Student and Parent Handbook](#).

### **Student Drivers:**

Please continue to remind student drivers to plan accordingly and leave with enough time to drive safely to school and arrive on time without violating any traffic laws. Thank you.

### **A typical day at Wyoming High School:**

Below you will find information about what a typical day looks like at WHS. Please consider reviewing this information with your student and reach out if you have any questions. Thank you.

- **WHS Main Office Hours:** WHS Office Hours are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Arrival:** We will open the doors for students daily at 7:40 a.m.
- **School Hours:** Our school day runs between 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **Tardy Bell:** The tardy bell rings to start the day at 8:00 a.m.
- **Flex:** Flex days will be on Tuesday and Thursday
- **Cell Phones:** All student cell phones must be placed in the teacher designated area during academic times (i.e., instructional class periods and study halls). Students are permitted to have phones during Flex, in the hallways during class changes and in the cafeteria during lunch.
- **Updated Schedules:** All students received an updated schedule on Wednesday, August 14th. Our counselors are working diligently to process any recent requests. Thank you for your patience.
- **Student Drivers:** Drive safely and only park in a lot if a pass has been purchased and displayed.
- **Building Map:** Link for [WHS - Building Map \(24-25\)](#)

## **Student Attendance and the 2024-2025 School Calendar:**

To help families stay organized when planning events, included below is a link to the school calendar so you know the days Wyoming City Schools are in session. Please make every effort to schedule trips, appointments, etc. outside of the school day. Attendance is a key component to students' academic success! [WCS - School Calendar \(24-25\)](#) and [WCS - Printed School Calendar \(24-25\)](#)

## **WHS Student Handbook:**

### **[WHS Student Handbook \(24-25\)](#)**

The Student Handbook will also be shared with students via email and is posted on the [Wyoming City School Website](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Voynovich or Mrs. McMullen.

Thank you and we hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!

Your Proud Wyoming High School Administrative Team,

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