



William Byrd High School

TERRIER TRIBUNE



**WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR
2023 BLUE RIDGE DISTRICT CHAMPIONS AND
OUR 2023 REGION 3D CHAMPIONS**



**The final Senior walk-off for the 2023
Football Season**

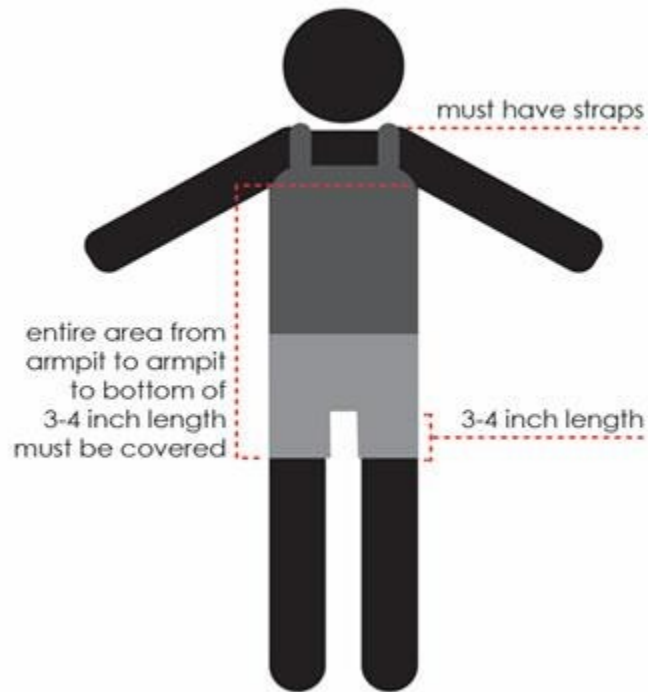
STUDENT DRESS CODE

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

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 Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology

2024-2025 Application Information Regional Meetings



Tuesday, January 9 th , 6:30 pm	Application info meeting at RVGS
Thursday, January 11 th , 6:30 p.m.	Application info meeting at FCHS
Tuesday, January 16 th , 6:30 pm	Application info meeting at RVGS
Thursday, January 18 th , 6:30 pm	Application info meeting at SRHS
Tuesday, January 23 rd , 6:30 pm	Application info meeting RVGS

What? Information meetings for students--and their parents--interested in applying for the 2024-25 academic year. Governor's School staff will present the unique features of the school and distribute application information required for selection and admission. RVGS is a regional, academic-year program for secondary school students in grades 9-12 who are highly motivated in science and mathematics. Selection for available spaces is competitive.

Who? Students and at least one parent or guardian must attend one of the above sessions in order to obtain an application for admission.

For additional information, call The Governor's School, 853-2116 or e-mail, ksebolt@rvgs.k12.va.us. The Governor's School is sponsored jointly by the Virginia Department of Education and participating public school districts including Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Roanoke City, Roanoke County, and the City of Salem. Students must be enrolled in one of these districts in order to attend RVGS.

COLLEGE CAREER & COLLEGE REP visits

PLEASE SEE MRS BOOTHE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP FOR THE COLLEGE VISITS

Virginia Western Community College—Application Assistance -January 17th—9:00-3:30 PM

Liberty University—January 18th—10:00 AM

Radford University—January 29th—2:00—3:00 PM

PLEASE VISIT BLACKBOARD UNDER WBHS COUNSELING AND CAREER CENTER COLLEGE VISITS/JOBS FOR UPCOMING VISITS AND MORE INFO



See Mrs. Booth in the Career Center for more details

Guidance Department

 Scholarships

Interested in Scholarships?

Check the counseling page on the WBHS website!



Visit: virginiawestern.edu/ccap for complete details

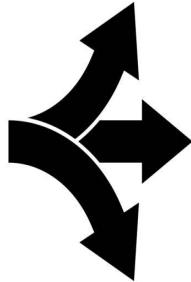
Email: ccap@virginiaestern

Visit our Facebook @ [facebook.com/vwccap](https://www.facebook.com/vwccap)

Ph: 540 857-7544



Esports meet on
Tuesdays,
Wednesdays and
Thursdays in
Room 245 from
3:30—5:30



Tuesdays: League of Legends,
Splatoon™ 3



Wednesdays: Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate,
NBA 2K



Thursdays: Rocket League, Madden, Mario Kart™ 8

Japanese Language and Culture Class
Free and open to all.

Dates for this class are:

- January 22nd
- February 19th
- March 18th
- April 8th
- In the WBHS Library



Winter Weight Room Schedule:		
Monday:	Wrestling: 3:30 - 4:15	Football and Lacrosse: 4:15 - 5:30
Tuesday:	Football: 3:30 - 4:45	Indoor Track: 4:45 or 5:00 - 5:30
Wednesday:	Wrestling: 3:30 - 4:15	Football and Lacrosse: 4:15 - 5:30
Thursday:	Football and Lacrosse: 3:30 - 4:45	Indoor Track: 4:45 or 5:00 - 5:30
Friday:	Wrestling: 3:30 - 4:15	
Saturday:	Boys Basketball: (depends on practice)	



#ShowUp4Success

Virginia defines **chronic absenteeism** as missing 10% or more of the school year, regardless of the reason for the absence.

Parents and guardians, thank you for working with us to make sure children are in school each day. Being present positively correlates to academic success and develops an Opportunity Ready habit of showing up to school and work on time.

THE VIRGINIA SCHOOL SURVEY OF CLIMATE AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Our school, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services and the Virginia Department of Education, is conducting the Virginia School Survey of Climate and Working Conditions. We will survey students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12, as well as classroom instructors and staff, beginning in January 2024. The purpose of the student survey is to measure student support, student engagement, school discipline, and safety conditions in each school. This information will be used to guide educational practices that produce a safe and supportive school environment.

The student survey will be completed between **1/22/2024 – 1/26/2024**. The survey does not ask for your child's name and all answers are anonymous. No one, including teachers and administrators, will know how your child answered the survey questions. You will not have access to your child's survey answers. You may preview the questions asked in the student survey at this website: <https://tinyurl.com/VaSchoolSurvey>.

The survey will ask questions such as how students feel about their school, how students get along with one another and their teachers, how students feel about school rules, and their perceptions of their teachers' willingness to help them. Please note that there are questions about topics that may be sensitive to some, including questions about bullying, mental health, and suicide. This is a great time to talk to your child about these important issues. For guidance and more resources on these topics, please see <https://tinyurl.com/MentalHealthdcjs> or <https://tinyurl.com/VDOEstudentservices>.

All students in your child's grade level are eligible to participate in the survey. The survey is voluntary and you and/or your child can decide they prefer not to participate. No action will be taken against you, your child, or the school if your child does not participate. **If you do not wish for your child to participate, please notify the school testing coordinator by email at hprater@rcps.us by 1/15/2024.**

The Virginia School Survey results are provided to the school around the end of the school year. You can find survey results for your school and division here: <https://tinyurl.com/VaSchoolSurvey>. The results are used by the school, the division, and the state to identify strengths and to address relevant needs to improve learning environments for your child as well as students across the state.



Christmas cards for the residents at Springfield Health & Rehab Center. Next week we will be making sugar cookies and tree ornaments. We hope through our activities to be examples of giving to others during this holiday season!

FCCLA and our Adulting 101 classes have been working to spread holiday cheer in our community. **FCCLA** club members are making glove snowmen (with Hershey bars) to deliver to the Roanoke Rescue Mission so that they can be given to the children that will be their guests during the Christmas holidays. Adulting 101 students assisted with the snowmen and learned how to address envelopes by creating and addressing



VISITING
HOTEL ROANOKE

MRS. BOUSH'S CLASS IN ACTION



BYRD BUDDIES PAINT NIGHT



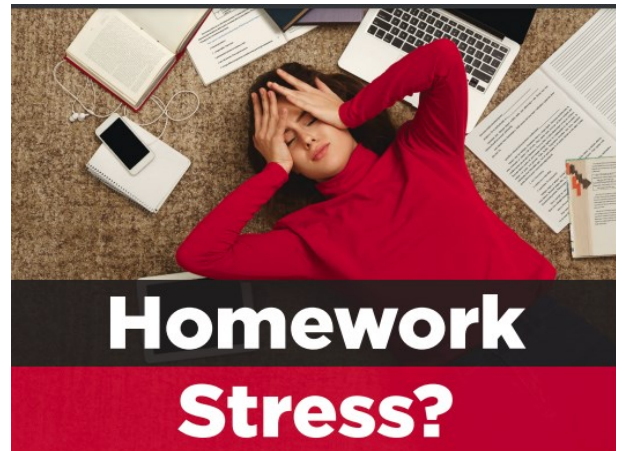
Filling bags for the Kids-backpack program



Tutor.com

This is available to all students in Classlink. They can get 24/7 live tutoring help with a real person in almost any subject, can have their papers proofread, and get Princeton Review SAT prep courses for free. Kids who have used it rave about how helpful it is!

Ben Williams
Director of Assessment & Research
Roanoke County Public Schools



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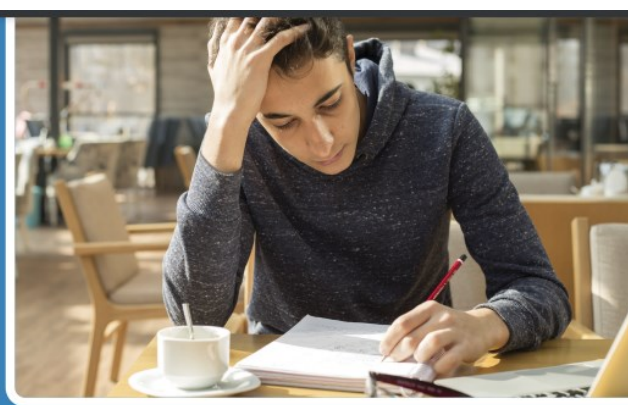
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Seniors:

The final call for formal senior portraits is Thursday, Jan 4th. Photographers from Prestige will be here for a short time that day to take pictures. There is no fee. Sign up with your English teacher, guidance counselor or see Mrs. Acker in RM 267 before this date. This is the portrait that will be in the yearbook. There will be no possibility to get a portrait from Prestige after this date.

WBHS Graduation Orders Delivery Date—March 19th



A message from the **SCHOOL NURSE**

Alisha Wood, RN, BSN



10th graders and New to Roanoke County Public School Students:

We had Hearing and Vision Screenings in September. If you received a letter in the mail from the school about a concern, please send the letter back signed by parent/guardian with the appropriate box checked or call the clinic and let the nurse know if you have an upcoming appointment or are already being followed by an eye specialist.

Starting in January, if we have not heard from you or received the letter back, we will be following up with parents/guardians regarding the concerns found.

Current 11th graders:

Before your student can start their senior year, he/she will need to get the Meningococcal ACWY vaccine. There is more than one kind of meningitis vaccine, so it is important that you indicate this exact one. Your PCP can provide this vaccine or the Vinton Health Department at 540-857-7800. You may email your student's immunization record to awood@rcps.us, fax it to 540-890-7568 or your student can drop it off at the clinic or front office to be placed in the nurse mailbox. Do not wait till the last minute to get this vaccine. It can be difficult at times to get appointments, especially at the last minute. This vaccine can be given after the 16th birthday. If your student is 16 years old, reach out to their provider or the Health Department to get this vaccine.

During the Holiday Break is a great time to reach out to your provider or Health Department to get this vaccine. We will start contacting those that have not received/turned in their vaccines starting in January.

Beginning Korean



with Roanoke Valley Sister Cities, Inc.
WBHS International Club & Vinton WorldTrekkers

Classes are FREE to all. However, students must purchase their own copies of "Talk to me in Korean - Level 1" textbook

Begins Saturday, February 17, 2024

William Byrd High School Library

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

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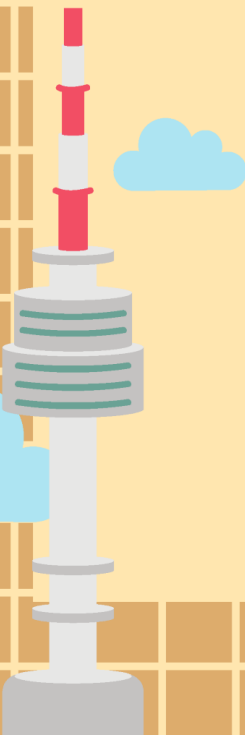
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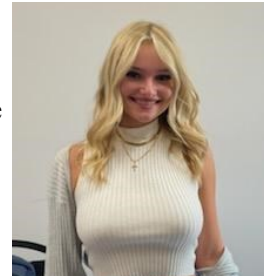
Email or call for more information or to sign up:
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cfarrington@rcps.us
(540) 521-1168



Students OF THE MONTH



Student #1—B.J. Cheatwood B.J. Cheatwood is a Junior and member of the Football Team who was nominated for his strong work ethic and excellent participation in class. The teacher that nominated B.J. said, “he is an exceptional student who always participates in class and is willing to help others understand the content...he is one of the most hardworking students I have ever seen...class would not be the same without him in it.” Congratulations to Terrier of the Month, B.J. Cheatwood!



Student #2—Ashley Begasse Ashley is a Senior and member of the Girl’s Tennis Team who was nominated for her emotional maturity and positivity. The staff member that nominated Ashley said, “she is always smiling and saying hello to students and staff in the hallway. Her positivity is infectious and exactly what we love to see in our young adults.” Congratulations to Terrier of the Month, Ashley Begasse!



Student #3—Hunter Burgess Hunter is a Senior and member of the Boy’s Soccer Team who was nominated for showing kindness and consideration towards others. The staff member that nominated Hunter said, “he went out of his way at the Pep Rally to greet students who might have felt isolated and made them feel part of the celebration.” Congratulations to Terrier of the Month, Hunter Burgess!



Student #4—Titus Beatty Titus is a Sophomore and member of the Football team who was nominated for being respectful and for his strong work ethic. The teacher that nominated Titus said, “Titus is a wonderful student athlete. He is responsible by working very hard to maintain good grades. He is always respectful to his teachers and peers...he is a role model in our class!” Congratulations to Terrier of the Month, Titus Beatty!

Teacher of the Month

Teacher #1—Mrs. Hetherington Mrs. Hetherington teaches Psychology and Sociology, Advanced World History I, and World History II. The students that nominated her highlighted her kindness, positive energy, and willingness to help students. As one student said, “she is

always willing to help when students need it. Her class is like a family.” Or as another student said, “Mrs. Hetherington is always smiling and greeting her student as they walk in the door. She cares about every one of her students.” Thank you to Mrs. Hetherington and congratulations for being recognized as Terrier of the Month!



Teacher #2—Mr. Richardson Mr. Richardson teaches Woodshop I and II, and Design and Fabrication. The students that nominated him highlighted how much he cares for his students, as well as his ability to make class fun. As one student said, “He is one of the best teachers I've ever had, I wish everyone taught and cared for their students the way J Rich does.” Or as another student simply said, “he is a very fun teacher and very engaged with the student in class.” Thank you to Mr. Richardson and congratulations for being recognized as Terrier of the Month!