



William Byrd High School

TERRIER TRIBUNE



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We will be using online ticketing for our events this year. Please pass the information to your friends and family.

Attached is the link and a QR code for your convenience.

<https://events.ticketspicket.com/agency/f51865cd-34df-4566-9fba-219405d02874>



Japanese Language and Culture Class **Free and open to all.**

Dates for this class are:

- November 6th**
 - December 11th**
 - January 8th**
 - February 19th**
 - March 18th**
 - April 8th**
- In the WBHS Library**





Welcome to a new school year!

Homecoming is right around the corner! The homecoming game is on **Friday, October 13th** against Lord Botetourt High School with the dance following on **Saturday, October 14th** at William Byrd High School from **6:00 pm until 10:00 pm**. We highly suggest wearing flat or other comfortable shoes and not going barefoot at any point during the event.

Tickets will go on sale on Monday, **October 2nd until Friday, October 13th** during lunches outside of the cafeteria. If a student is not in the building, please see Mrs. Damasco-Farrington to purchase your tickets. Tickets are **\$30 per person** and can be paid for in **cash or check payable to WBHS**.

Tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door the night of the dance. All students **MUST** have a ticket purchased by Friday, October 13th no later than 2:30 pm to attend the dance. No exceptions will be made.

If a student's guest does not currently attend WBHS, they will need to fill out a **Guest Approval Form** (available in the main office, on Blackboard Terrier Times and in the Library) and return it to Mrs. Damasco-Farrington by October 12th in the Library. This is a dance for high school students and recent graduates. Middle school students (6th thru 8th) and persons 21 years or older are not permitted to attend with a current WBHS student. Each WBHS student attending the dance is allowed **ONE** guest that does not attend WBHS. All school obligations, class dues and detentions must be satisfied **before** the dance to attend.

We do realize that sometimes the best laid plans can be thrown curveballs and we will need to adjust when the need arises. In all events, we strive to make each experience memorable and special in every way. As always, we appreciate all that you do for our students and if you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Damasco-Farrington at cfarrington@rcps.us or (540) 890-3090.

WBHS Student's Name: _____
(Last name, First name)

Admin Use only: WBHS Student ticket # _____ Guest ticket # _____

**WILLIAM BYRD HIGH SCHOOL
GUEST INFORMATION**

To: Parent/Guardian:

_____, has been invited to William Byrd High School's Homecoming Dance on **October 14, 2023** at William Byrd High School. For the guest to attend the dance, this form must be signed by the appropriate people and returned to Mrs. Damasco-Farrington in the Library or front office **no later than October 12, 2023**. **Guests**, (those that do **NOT** attend William Byrd High School) must satisfy **ONE of the following three criteria**.

1. The guest must be a member in good standing at an area high school. The guest may verify that they are a member in good standing by having **an administrator or designee of the high school**, sign this form.
2. The guest may be a graduate of an area **high** school or have graduated from William Byrd High School.
3. The guest has William Byrd High School student's **parental approval** to escort their child to dance.
4. Guests 21 years of age are will **NOT** admitted to the event.

**This is a dance for high school students and recent graduates.
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS (GRADES 6TH THRU 8TH) ARE NOT
PERMITTED TO ATTEND.**

_____ Guest Principal's signature
_____ Principal's School Phone Number

OR

_____ WBHS Parent's signature
_____ WBHS Parent's Phone Number

ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED.

Name of Non WBHS Guest: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

Name of the school/college that **non WBHS** student attends (*write **homeschool** or **N/A** if not applicable for the guest*): _____

Guest Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Signature of **Non WBHS** Student: _____

HOME COMING

SCHOOL SPIRITWEAR!

Tuesday: PJ Day

OCTOBER 10, 2023



Wednesday: Barbie vs. Ken

OCTOBER 11, 2023

(dress as Barbie or Ken or wear pink)

Thursday: Zoom day

October 12

(casual on the bottom, formal on the top)



Friday: Salad Dressing

October 13



***Seniors**

Caesar Dressing
(Wear togas)

***Juniors -**
Ranch Dressing
(Western theme)



***Sophomores -**
Thousand Island Dressing
(Hawaiian)



***Freshman -**
Blue Cheese Dressing
(Wear Blue)



Robert A Patterson Stadium



Good morning, Terrier families!

As we prepare for the upcoming football games, we wish to share expectations for Robert Patterson Stadium. Safety is a top priority for all. Thank you for taking the time to review and, more importantly, actively support these practices throughout the remainder of football season as well as future events held at Robert Patterson Stadium.

Elementary and Middle School fans are welcome!

We welcome elementary and middle school students to attend the games **with adult supervision**. Tickets will not be sold, however, to elementary and middle school students not accompanied by a supervising adult. Elementary and middle school students attending a game are expected to **stay** with their supervising adult during the entirety of game or event. This means these youngsters should refrain from congregating behind the stands, on the grassy areas, and/or roaming around the stadium. Our students should stay on the home side. We would love to pack the stands and support our Terriers together!

Bags, outside food/drink, skateboards, balls, etc.

Clear bags ONLY are permitted inside the stadium. Extra bags as well as bookbags are not permitted. Attendees should also refrain from bringing balls. Students will need to plan as game staff do not have the means to house and monitor these items. Additionally, outside food and drink, to include water bottles, are not allowed.

Sportsmanship

We want all Terriers and Terrier fans to cheer for our players and coaches! Being present and actively supporting their hard work means a great deal and makes a big difference. Avoid unsportsmanlike and unruly behaviors as they will result in dismissal from the game and potentially all future home events.

Keep our stadium clean!

We are fortunate to enjoy a nice facility. It is important we each do our part to take care of the stadium. Help keep our stadium clean by placing your trash in the trashcans when you leave the stadium. Remember to use restrooms as they were intended. Please report facility issues to an administrator or police officer should they arise.

Throughout the school year, our students are regularly reminded of our **Terrier Way: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe**. We appreciate you for actively promoting these traits while attending events at Patterson Stadium throughout the upcoming school year. This includes notifying a school administrator or police officer if you see something concerning while attending a game or event. Thank you for your support and let's have a great year supporting our Terriers.

GO Terriers!

– William Byrd High School Administration

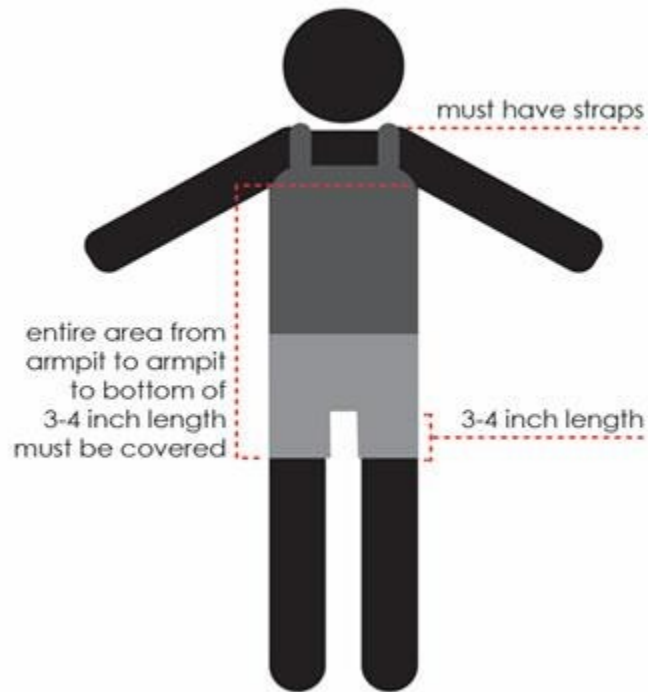
STUDENT DRESS CODE

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.



Habitat for Humanity

AVAILABLE VOLUNTEER HOURS

October 7th and 28th at the
ReStore - Habitat for Humanity in
the Roanoke Valley
3435 Melrose Ave NW,
Roanoke, VA 24017

November 4th at a
construction site
Check Re-mind page or Instagram
for more information!



Battle At Byrd SEPT. 30TH

Battle at Byrd is a cheerleading competition at
William Byrd High School in Roanoke, Virginia.
battleatbyrd.com

Dates of Competition:

Sept 30th - Battle at Byrd

Oct 7th - Harrisonburg

Oct 18th - Blue Ridge District at WBHS

ABOUT BATTLE AT BYRD

Battle at Byrd is one of the premier high school cheer competitions in the Commonwealth of Virginia, hosted by the William Byrd High School Cheer Team and Booster Club in Roanoke County.

Admission is \$10 for the day; tickets will be sold through Ticket Spicket. Children 5 and under are free.

Here is the website if you need it - <https://battleatbyrd.com/>



Come out to Martinsville speedway on Sunday, October 29th to support the William Byrd High School Navy Cadet Corps as they present the nations colors before the NASCAR Cup Series Xfinity 500!

Each ticket includes a \$5 donation back to the NNDCC program!

To purchase tickets, follow these steps

- 1. Select Race**
- 2. Select Seats**
- 3. Add to Cart**
- 4. Check Out**
- 5. Email confirmation will be sent with instructions on how to access your mobile tickets**

TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKET USE THE LINK BELOW:

<https://fevo.me/23mvswbnndc>



By Debbie Adams

William Byrd High School has welcomed several new faculty and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year – Aaron Book, Isabelle Cimala, Dan Faubel, Briona Hurt, Marissa Kopera, Shenan Lovern, Kinley Moore, Cassie Powell, Andrea Stevens, Katy Nance, Lauren Pomeroy, and Junius Panell.

William Byrd High School welcomed several new teachers and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year. Shown front row (left to right) are Cassie Powell, Andrea Stevens, Marissa Kopera, and Lauren Pomeroy; back row, Junius Pannell, Briona Hurt, Kinley Moore, Katy Nance, Dan Faubel, and Aaron Book. Shenan Lovern and Isabelle Cimala are not pictured. (photo by Debbie Adams)

Aaron Book is teaching 12 th grade AP Government and Politics and 12 th grade Virginia and U.S. Government at William Byrd High School and 6 th grade US History 1 at William Byrd Middle School. He is originally from Pennsylvania. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Politics from Ithaca College in New York and his Master’s degree in Education at Virginia Tech. Book is a proud Navy veteran. He has been working in the field of education for 23 years. He recently moved to the Roanoke area. He has been teaching at Tunstall High School in Pittsylvania County for the past seven years.

Isabelle Cimala is teaching at both Cave Spring and William Byrd High Schools. She teaches all levels of Latin. She is originally from Bloomington, Ill. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama and her Master’s in Classics from the University of Virginia. Her hobbies are “anything Classics-related,” along with hiking and reading.

Dan Faubel is teaching biology and ecology at William Byrd High School and 6 th grade science at William Byrd and Hidden Valley Middle Schools. He is originally from Pennsylvania but spent the past 12 years in Florida. He earned his BSED in biology from West Chester University and his MS in classroom technology from Wilkes University. He has been an educator for 16 years. “I chose to teach science to help promote scientific literacy in society,” Faubel said. He enjoys playing golf, camping, hiking, and “building things with my bare hands.”

Briona Hurt is teaching English 10 and English 12 at William Byrd High School. She is a Special Education co-teacher. She was “born and raised” in Vinton and is a graduate of WBHS. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Performance: Exercise Science from Ferrum College. This is her first year of teaching. “I worked as an Instructional Assistant last year at Byrd and worked with SPED and saw the difference the program made for the students, and it really encouraged me to want to be a part of that difference,” Hurt says. As for her interests outside of school, “I love to travel and spend time with my family and my two dogs.” She will be coaching basketball, volleyball, and track at WBHS.

William Byrd High School has welcomed several new faculty and staff members for the 2023-2024 school year – Continued

Marissa Kopera is teaching at both William Byrd and Hidden Valley High Schools. She teaches two different marketing classes—Advanced Marketing to seniors at WBHS, and Marketing with sophomores-through seniors at HVHS. She grew up in Vinton and graduated from William Byrd High School. She earned her degree in Management, Human Resources from Virginia Tech. This is her first year of teaching. “I was a long-term substitute last year and I fell in love with teaching!” Kopera says. “I ran into my former principal, Mrs. Newcomb, who asked me if I needed a job for the remainder of the school year last year. From there, I heard about full-time openings from former teachers and applied.” She will be one of the DECA sponsors at WBHS and HVHS.

Shenan Lovern is teaching Math 8 and Algebra I at William Byrd Middle School and William Byrd High School. She grew up in Roanoke County, graduated from WBHS, and has lived in Vinton most of her adult life. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Longwood University and her Master’s in Education and Administration from the University of Virginia. This is her 19th year in education – 11 years in Franklin County, six years in Roanoke City, and one year with Virtual Virginia. “I love MATH!” Lovern says. “I enjoy showing students that everyone can be successful in math. Those ‘I got it, Ms. Lovern,’ moments are the best!” She is excited to be in Roanoke County and on the same schedule as her daughter who is a seventh grader at William Byrd Middle. “I love doing arts and crafts with my daughter,” Lovern says. “I enjoy making floral arrangements and wedding flowers for family and friends.”

Kinley Moore is teaching Algebra 1 to ninth graders at WBHS as a Special Education co- teacher. She is from Vinton and a graduate of William Byrd. She earned her degree in Special Education K-12 Adapted and General Curriculum from James Madison University. She has worked for one year as a long-term and permanent substitute teacher and then was offered her current position. “I started substituting at William Byrd Middle School and High School and really enjoyed being back in the county where I graduated from,” Moore says. Moore says she loves to “do anything outdoors, traveling, and music.” She will be coaching cross country and track and Field at WBHS.

Cassie Powell is a first-year Special Education teacher at William Byrd and a co-teacher for Earth Science. She is from Vinton and a graduate of WBHS in 2017. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Sports Management and her Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Lynchburg. This is her first year in teaching. “I went back to school for my Master’s in Education and found a passion for education,” Powell says. “I originally applied for a Marketing teacher’s position in Roanoke County and was offered the Special Education position for this school year. “I played college softball and plan to assist with the varsity softball program this upcoming school season, along with coaching a 12U softball travel team. My free time in the spring will be spent at the softball field or with family and friends. My little sister and cousin both play softball at the University of Lynchburg. This is their senior year. So, I plan to attend as many games as possible.”

Powell will be assisting with William Byrd varsity softball for the upcoming school season. Andrea Stevens is teaching at William Byrd and Hidden Valley High schools – CTE classes, digital photography, robotics, CAD, and electronics – “I love hands-on learning experiences. She is originally from Philadelphia and graduated from WHS there. She is a graduate of Temple University. The “amazing staff” at both WBHS and HVHS urged her to apply for her position. “I love running and will be assistant cross country coach for HVHS. I have three high school students in the county, and I have an adorable French bulldog.”

Katy Nance “was at William Byrd Middle for five years and am thrilled to be continuing as aMTerrier at the high school. I will have last names starting with S-Z.” She is originally from Philadelphia. She earned her Master’s degree in Education from Wake Forest University. “My daughter, a 2019 WBHS alum, graduated from the University of Virginia this year with a degree in Cognitive Science. She is working at the Developmental Neuroanalytics Lab at the University of Virginia where she is continuing her undergraduate research. My son, a 2022 alum of WBHS, just completed the first year at Virginia Commonwealth University. My husband, Wes, is Commonwealth’s Attorney for Bedford County. I love spending time outside with my two pitbulls, Frank and Moe.” Nance will be continuing as the hurdle coach at WBHS. **Lauren Pomeroy** will be working with all grade levels at WBHS as the LIFE Counselor, doing individual counseling, group counseling, and providing support to students.” She is originally from Roanoke and a graduate of Cave Spring High School. She received her Bachelor’s degree at James Madison University and her Master’s in Counseling at Virginia Tech. She has spent the past five years working in school mental health. “I am a licensed counselor and absolutely love being able to provide my services to students while they are at school,” Pomeroy says. “I enjoy playing soccer, being active, and doing anything with my husband and our yellow lab, Ike.”

Teacher **Junius Pannell** is working with seniors this year at William Byrd High School and will continue coaching indoor and outdoor track & field.

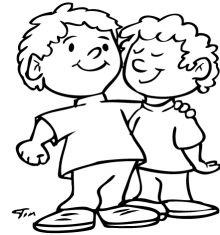
GIRLS SOCCER

Tuesday, October 3rd
Thursday, October 12th
Tuesday, October 17th
Thursday, October 26th
Thursday, November 2nd
Thursday, November 16th
Thursday, November 30th
Tuesday, December 5th
Thursday, December 14th
Tuesday, January 9th
Thursday, January 18th
Tuesday, January 23rd
Thursday, February 1st
Tuesday, February 6th
Thursday, February 15th

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3:45–5:00 ON THE PRACTICE FIELD

BYRD BUDDIES will have their next meeting on September 28th at 3:30.



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN ROOM 163



WBHS BAND FUNDRAISER

HURRY, SHOP CLOSES

September 29th



Terrier TV is the weekly Friday morning pre-recorded announcements with short segments by a student staff. Follow us on Instagram or YouTube for your weekly dose of news and fun! Terrier TV meets every Thursday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Library.



Captain Craig T. Mattingly

Commander, Naval Service Training Command

CAPT Mattingly will be visiting William Byrd High School NNDCC unit from Naval Station Great Lakes in his role as NSTC commander.

During his visit he will meet with school administrators and the NNDCC Corps of Cadets. The cadets will tour him around the NNDCC spaces and will provide a unit informational briefing detailing what the unit accomplished last year and our goals as we move forward in the 23/24 SY and beyond.

Additionally, the cadets will perform demonstrations in Basic Drill, 16 Count Manual of Arms, and Color Guard.

This is a great opportunity to put our William Byrd and county wide NNDCC program in the spotlight with a top-level Navy Official. This opportunity is truly a unique and unparalleled opportunity



Captain Craig T. Mattingly Commander, Naval Service Training Command

Captain Mattingly, a native of Austin, Kentucky, departed the family dairy farm in 1987 to enlist in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Anti-Submarine Warfare Operator. He is a 1991 Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) graduate and a 1995 U.S. Naval Academy graduate. He was designated as a Naval Flight Officer (NFO) in 1997. He holds a Master of Science degree in National Security Strategy from the National War College, Executive Leadership and Management certifications from the University of Notre Dame, is Joint Qualified and an alumnus of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI.

Mattingly's Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Force (MPRF) operational assignments include Patrol Squadron (VP) 50, Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field, CA; VP-8, NAS Brunswick, ME; and VP-26, NAS Brunswick, ME. He served as the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of VP-9, Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, HI. He led his squadron on deployment supporting EUCOM, AFRICOM, and CENTCOM Areas of Responsibility (AOR) as Commander of multiple Task Groups (CTG). His major command tour was Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing ELEVEN (CPRW-11), NAS Jacksonville, FL. During his tenure as Commodore, CPRW-11 supported global initiatives to include the inaugural INDOPACOM deployments of the MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aerial System and P-8A Poseidon Advanced Airborne Sensor as well as the P-3C Littoral Surveillance Radar System; P-8A deployments supporting all Geographic Combatant Commanders; Commander, Task Force 47 supporting SOUTHCOM; and Task Group 84 supporting NORTHCOM.

Mattingly's overseas tours include U.S. SIXTH Fleet N5 Theater Security Cooperation Officer, Gaeta, Italy; Flag Aide to Commander, U.S. SIXTH Fleet/Commander, Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO/Commander, Allied Joint Force Command Lisbon; Special Assistant/Aide de Camp to the Commander, Naval Forces Europe and Africa/Commander, Allied Joint Force Command, Naples; and N3 Operations Officer/Chief Staff Officer for Commander, Task Force 72, Misawa, Japan where he conducted MPRF operations including support of Operation Dama-yan, a humanitarian response to the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Republic of the Philippines.

Other assignments include VP-30 Fleet Replacement Squadron NFO Instructor, Fleet NATOPS Evaluator; Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft (PMA-290) and Naval Aviation Training Systems and Ranges (PMA-205) P-8A Poseidon, P-3C Orion and EP-3 Ariet Training Systems Assistant Program Manager at Naval Air Systems Command where he earned Acquisition Program Management Level III; and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans and Strategy (OPNAV N3/N5).

Mattingly's most recent assignment was serving as Senior Military Advisor to the Secretary of the Navy

He has accumulated more than 3,900 flight hours in the P-3C Orion and P-8A Poseidon aircraft and served on teams that have received various awards and recognition.

Partners for Safe Teen Driving:

A Community Health Initiative

Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are receiving this mailing because your son or daughter is currently completing the classroom component of driver education in Health and PE 10. As your teen prepares for the privilege of driving, it's imperative that we do all we can to ensure their safety and the safety of those with whom they share the road. Nine out of ten teen drivers identify their parents as having the greatest influence on their driving behaviors. With that in mind, you and the future teen driver in your home are invited to attend together one of the **Partners for Safe Teen Driving** presentations offered at the Roanoke County high schools.

These presentations bring together parents, students, schools, law enforcement, and community resources to promote safe and responsible driving. The programs are open to the public, but the target audience includes students who are taking Driver Education or those preparing for the licensing process this school year and their parents/guardians. Offering this program to every student is now state legislation.

The program agenda will include:

- The unique characteristics and risks of teen drivers
- The important role parents play in the teen driving experience
- An overview of the driver education program
- Teen traffic laws and the graduated licensing restrictions
- Insuring the teen driver
- A parent's perspective of a teen crash

You are invited to attend a presentation on any of the following dates. If the meeting at your child's school is not convenient, you are encouraged to attend a meeting at another school. The programs begin at 7:00 p.m. and are approximately ninety minutes long. Your child is **REQUIRED** to attend a session based on state legislation (Code of Virginia: §22.1-205). If they do not attend one of the presentations, they will not be eligible to get their DEC-1 card and will be unable to take behind the wheel driver education training. This will prevent them from being eligible to get their driver's license. Parents must fill out an opt-out form that will be sent to you if you are not going to attend, but this does **NOT** opt your child out of their requirement.

Date	High School	Location
October 2 - Monday	Hidden Valley	HVHS Auditorium
October 4 - Wednesday	Northside	NHS Auditorium
October 17 - Tuesday	Cave Spring	CSHS Auditorium
October 24 - Tuesday October 25 - Wednesday	Glenvar William Byrd	GHS Auditorium WBHS Auditorium

Please feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Burcham

Supervisor for Health, Physical Education and Driver Education

Roanoke County Public Schools Phone: (540) 562-3900, ext. 10255 Email at kburcham@rcps.us

Car crashes are the leading cause of death among 16–19-year-olds. The fatal crash rate per mile driven for teens is nearly 3 x the rate for drivers ages 20 and over. Half of all teen drivers will be in a crash before they turn 20.



COLLEGE & CAREER

MILITARY



AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVE 9/29 @ 9:00

COLLEGE REP *visits*

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

RADFORD UNIVERSITY 9/25 @ 9:00
GREENSBORO COLLEGE 9/27 @ 2:15
BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE 10/03 @ 2:00
VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE 10/11 @ 9:00
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY—10/26 @ 9:00
BLUEFIELD UNIVERSITY 11/8 @ 2:15
MARY BALDWIN UNIVERSITY 11/16 @ 9:00
LIBERTY UNIVERSITY 11/30 @ 9:00

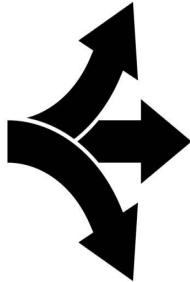
PLEASE VISIT BLACKBOARD UNDER WBHS COUNSELING AND CAREER CENTER COLLEGE VISITS/JOBS FOR UPCOMING VISITS AND MORE INFO



See Mrs. Booth in the
Career Center for
more details



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



SEE YOU AT THE POLE™ IS A TIME OF PRAYER ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF SEPTEMBER WHEN STUDENTS MEET AT THEIR SCHOOL FLAGPOLE, BEFORE SCHOOL, TO LIFT UP THEIR FRIENDS, FAMILIES, TEACHERS, SCHOOL, AND NATION TO GOD. IT IS STUDENT-INITIATED, STUDENT-ORGANIZED, AND STUDENT-LED.

Fall Weight Room Schedule:

Monday:	Football: 3:40 - 4:40	Cross Country: 4:45 - 5:30	Boys Basketball: 5:45 - 6:45	Baseball: 6:00 - 7:15
Tuesday:	Football: 3:40 - 4:40	Boys Basketball / Wrestling: 4:45 - 5:55	Baseball: 6:00 - 7:45	
Wednesday:	Football: 3:40 - 4:40	Cross Country: 4:45 - 5:30	Girls Lacrosse: 5:45 - 6:45	
Thursday:	Wrestling: 3:40 - 4:40	Boys Basketball: 4:45 - 5:55	Baseball: 6:00 - 7:45	
Friday:	JV Football: 3:40 - 4:15	Girls Lacrosse: 4:30 - 5:45		
Saturday:				



CLUB INFORMATION

October Meeting Dates

Book Club meeting—Tuesdays—Room 269 —3:30—4:00

Byrd Buddies meeting September 28th 3:30—4:30 in Room 163

Crochet Club meeting—October 2nd 3:30-4:30 Room 271

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) meeting in Room 247 on Thursday, Sept.28th .

FCA meets each Thursday @ 7:45 am in Room 251

Habitat for Humanity Club volunteer opportunities Oct. 7th & 28th

The Ham Radio Club meets on Tuesdays at WBMS from 3:30—4:30

Junior Class Representative Sept. 25th 3:30 pm & Sept. 26th—7:45 am

Prevention Club Meetings—October 10—Library—7:45 am

Prism Club will meet October 4th in Room 271 at 3:30

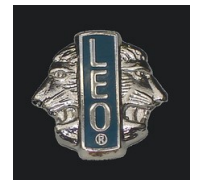
Sketches, Art & Literary Magazine—Sept.28—Room 267 @ 3:30

Terrier TV Club—Thursdays—3:30—4:30—Library

TTRPG Club meeting— September 27th -3:30—5:00—Room LC15



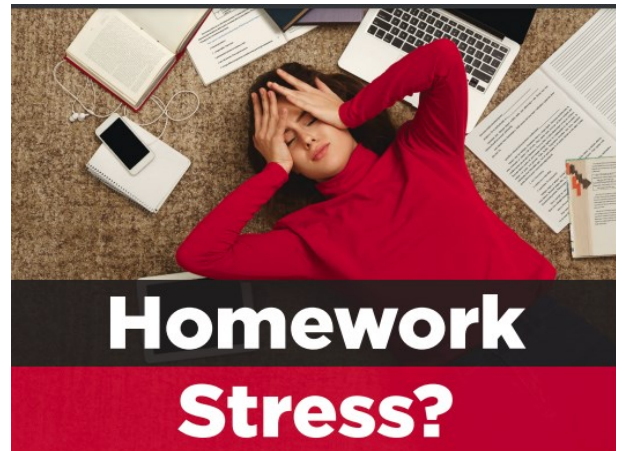
Crochet Clubs



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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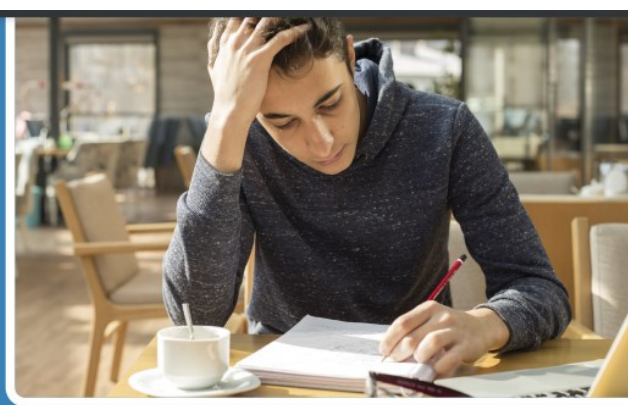


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Advanced Placement
Program

AP Information for Parents:

If this is your student's first AP course, they may need to establish a College Board Account. If they have previously taken the PSAT or SAT, they may have already created a College Board Account. Directions are on blackboard for each AP course.

Join the AP Class

After creating a College Board Account, students need to join their AP course with a "Join Code" their AP teacher will provide. Once they have joined the class, they will have access to additional academic resources specific to those AP classes. Teachers may use the AP Classroom platform to assign practice material.

Order your AP Exam

Through the College Board Account, students indicate whether they plan to order the AP Exam. If your student's AP course is not in person at WBHS, they can get a join code and ordering information from the Counseling Office. Please note, you must request your AP Exam through the College Board Account AND pay the fee before we place your order.

Cost/Payment

The cost of each Advanced Placement Exam is \$98.00. Parents may pay with credit card on myschoolbucks.com beginning August 7, 2023. WBHS will accept cash and check payments in person beginning September 11, 2023. Roanoke County has established a payment deadline of September 22, 2023. If the course is a second semester online course the deadline is later. The College Board charges a late fee of \$40 per exam ordered after their deadline.

Grant/Assistance

RCPS is pleased to announce a grant funded program that will cover the cost of AP Exams for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. To qualify for free/reduced lunch you must complete the application process. Information is on Roanoke County Schools website <https://www.rcps.us/>. If approved for free lunch, please reach out to your school counselor to sign-up.

We look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Thanks,
Margo Taylor
School Counseling Coordinator



The William Byrd NJROTC unit will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys Tots begins November 1st through December 7th.

Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas.

Boxes will be located outside the front office and in the NJROTC room #152 on 1 November. If you have questions, please see Senior Chief Perrin.



Fall Concert

WBHS CHOIR

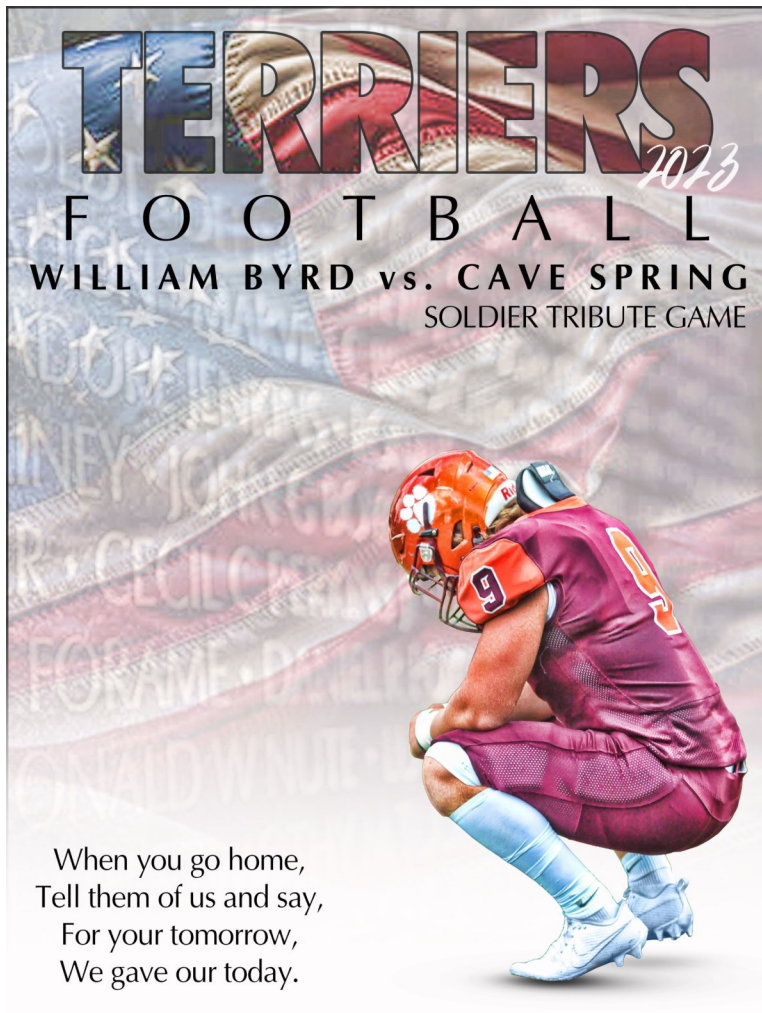
Tuesday October 3

WBHS Auditorium

7:00 pm

**FREE
ADMISSION**

This performance will feature selections designed to preview the strong year that our WBHS choral students are poised to have. Similar to athletes, performers step up to a supportive crowd. Help us fill the auditorium and recognize the best singers at WBHS.



When you go home,
Tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow,
We gave our today.

The Evening of September 29th at the Varsity Football Game we have dedicated a portion of our time to

Soldier Tribute night
at the **Robert A. Patterson Stadium**
at **William Byrd High School.**

Our five home games have been dedicated to five of our fallen heroes. Each game our players have pledged to give their all for their teammates, school community, and a soldier that gave their all in their service to our country. We hope you will join us as we honor these Servicemen.

- Bassett—Army SGT Alfredo Silva**
- Cave Spring—Army SPC Brian “Bucky” Anderson**
- Christiansburg—Army SPC. Clarence Adams III**
- Hidden Valley—Army 1st LT. Derek Hines**
- Liberty—Army Sgt. 1st Class Trevor Diesing**

WILLIAM BYRD TERRIERS vs LIBERTY

Tonight, I will give my all for my teammates, school, community, and Army Sgt. 1st Class Trevor Diesing.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

Tonight’s game will be played in honor of...



Army Sgt. 1st Class Trevor Diesing

Army Sgt. 1st Class Trevor Diesing died August 25th, 2005, in Husaybah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated. Diesing [was assigned to the Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.](#)

WILLIAM BYRD TERRIERS **vs BASSETT**

Tonight, I will give my all for my teammates, school, community, and Army SGT. Alfredo Silva.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

Tonight’s game will be played in honor of...



Army SGT Alfredo Silva

Army SGT Alfredo Silva died September 15th, 2005, in Baghdad, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during patrol operations. Silva [was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division, California Army National Guard, Modesto, California.](#)

WILLIAM BYRD TERRIERS **vs CAVE SPRING**

Tonight, I will give my all for my teammates, school, community, and Army SPC. Brian “Bucky” Anderson.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

Tonight’s game will be played in honor of...



Army SPC Brian “Bucky” Anderson

Bucky Anderson 24, of Harrisonburg, Va.; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.; died June 12, 2010 in Za Khel, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his vehicle using an improvised explosive device.

WILLIAM BYRD TERRIERS vs. CHRISTIANSBURG

Tonight, I will give my all for my teammates, school, community, and Army Spc. Clarence Adams III.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

Tonight’s game will be played in honor of...



Army SPC. Clarence Adams III

Army Spc. Clarence Adams III, 28, of Richmond, Va.; assigned to the 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; died Sept. 6, 2004 of injuries sustained Sept. 6 when his Humvee hit an improvised explosive device in Baghdad.

WILLIAM BYRD TERRIERS vs HIDDEN VALLEY

Tonight, I will give my all for my teammates, school, community, and Army 1st LT. Derek Hines.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

Tonight’s game will be played in honor of...



Army 1st LT. Derek Hines

Army 1st LT Derek Hines died September 1, 2005, in Baylough, Afghanistan, when his unit was conducting security operations and came under attack by enemy forces using small-arms fire. Hines [was assigned to the 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, Vicenza, Italy.](#)

Guidance Department



The PSAT will be given on October 14th at WBHS. Students will need to arrive before 7:45 AM for the test with their school issued laptops. The test costs \$32 and this money is due to the bookkeeper by September 27th. Sign up for this test is first come first serve.



SAT Dates at WBHS December 2, March 9th, June 1st. Other dates available at other locations for more information go to sat.collegeboard.org

Mrs. Pomeroy, the Life Counselor, will be starting small group counseling in September.



Group topics for Fall 2023 will be:

- Coping Skills & Wellness
- Anger Management
- Social Skills
- Overcoming Anxiety
- Substance Use

If you believe your child would benefit from one of these groups, please reach out to Mrs. Pomeroy at lpomeroy@rcps.us. To learn more about the Life Counseling program, please visit the counseling section of the WBHS website.



Red Ribbon Week, which is the nation's largest and longest-running drug-use prevention campaign, is October 23rd-27th. This year's theme is "Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free". Be on the lookout for school wide activities, including dress up days, to celebrate the week!



GET THE #FACTS

Silence serves stigma - let's speak up!

Join the conversation as we get the facts about **current substance trends** and **laws** in our area. Hear from those with **lived experience** and learn how we can **lead our kids with knowledge**.

Free event. Light dinner provided at each location. **Everyone is welcome.**

Brought to you by Partnership for Community Wellness, Roanoke County Public Schools and the Roanoke Valley Collective Response Peer Recovery Network.

More locations to be announced. Scan the QR code to stay informed or visit bit.ly/form-get-the-facts.



THC, FENTANYL & OUR KIDS

October 3
MELROSE BAPTIST

November 2
VINTON BAPTIST

time for each location: 6-7:30 p.m.

questions?
ask@thepcw.org



The Community College Access Program (CCAP) is a public/private tuition scholarship program administered by Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. Current-year high school graduates who meet program guidelines receive a combination of federal/state financial aid and donor funding up to the cost of tuition. The scholarship covers the cost of tuition for up to two (2) years while the CCAP student earns either an associate degree, a maximum of two certificates or two job-ready credentials at Virginia Western Community College. At the end of the two-year period, CCAP eligibility ends.

CCAP supports as many students as possible, based on student need and funds available for the program, but does not guarantee acceptance to every applicant. **Textbooks, class-specific fees and included fees are not included.**

IMPORTANCE OF CHECKING MESSAGE CENTER AND EMAIL

- **Students are required to provide a personal email address on the Virginia Western application.**
- CCAP applicants should frequently check for email communications from the Virginia Western Educational Foundation.
- Once the FAFSA has been submitted, CCAP applicants should check their VWCC student account Message Center and personal email account listed on the VWCC application for communications from the Office of Financial Aid.
- Failure to complete requests from the Office of Financial Aid will prevent financial aid review process to continue (or complete).
- Students will be notified of conditional CCAP acceptance by the Virginia Western Educational Foundation through their personal email.

CCAP PERFORMANCE/ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

- New CCAP students are required to complete the Virginia Western Discover orientation and the online CCAP CSI Survey in the summer after high school graduation before fall classes start.
- CCAP students must maintain a minimum Virginia Western **cumulative 2.5 GPA (2.0 GPA for Roanoke City)**. Students who do not maintain the minimum cumulative GPA at the end of any semester will not be eligible to receive CCAP funds during any future semester.
- Students must enroll in and complete a **minimum of 9 credit hours** in their program of study each semester of CCAP eligibility (not including summer). CCAP will pay for up to 15 credits if there is not sufficient financial aid to pay tuition. **CCAP will only pay tuition (up to 15 credits) for aid-eligible courses in a student's program of study.** CCAP does not pay for textbooks, class-specific fees or Included (Follett Access) course fees.
- If funding is available, students may enroll in a maximum of 6 credits during summer semester between first and 2nd year in CCAP. Students who do not maintain the minimum cumulative GPA at the end of the summer semester will not be eligible to receive CCAP funds during any subsequent semester.
- Students participating in CCAP are required to complete a **minimum 4-hour service learning opportunity** each fall and spring semester. Failure to fulfill this requirement may result in the loss of the CCAP scholarship.
- **2nd Year CCAP Acceptance:** 1st Year CCAP students **MUST submit a FAFSA** for their second academic year. The deadline to submit the FAFSA for CCAP eligibility for the next academic year is February 1st.

CONTACT

Visit viriniawestern.edu/ccap for complete details.

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

Email: ccap@viriniawestern.edu

Ph: 540-857-7544

Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation is a not-for-profit Virginia non-stock corporation (the "Foundation"). The Foundation is affiliated with, but independent from, Virginia Western Community College (VWCC). Determining eligibility and awarding of scholarships is at the sole discretion of the Foundation. VWCC, its administration and faculty work in partnership with the Foundation to provide eligibility information, but VWCC does not participate in determining applicant eligibility or awarding scholarship funds.



Who may apply for CCAP?

- Spring 2024 graduating seniors from Botetourt County, Craig County, Franklin County, Roanoke City, Roanoke County, and Salem City Public High Schools. Homeschool and private school 2024 graduating seniors from Botetourt County, Craig County, Franklin County, Roanoke County or Salem City.
- Graduating seniors must have resided in their school district and attended their division's high school during their junior and senior years. (*CCAP will not pay out-of-state tuition.*)
- Roanoke County residents graduating from any high school in the six localities served by Virginia Western may apply for CCAP. CCAP applicants must finish high school with a specific minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA). A minimum 2.5 GPA is required on final high school transcript. In Roanoke City, a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA is required on final high school transcript.

CCAP APPLICATION

Opens: October 1, 2023
Closes: February 1, 2024

1. SUBMIT VIRGINIA WESTERN APPLICATION at <http://www.virginiawestern.edu> before February 1, 2024.

- You must include **YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN)** on the Virginia Western application.
- You must qualify for Virginia in-state resident status. Have you taken dual-enrolled classes? Email enroll@virginiawestern.edu in the Virginia Western Recruitment Department to confirm your Virginia Western application is active and your Social Security Number (SSN) is on your application.

2. SUBMIT the 2024 – 2025 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) before the February 1, 2024 CCAP deadline at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>.

- Your **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) on the FAFSA MUST MATCH THE SSN** on your Virginia Western application.
- You **MUST** select Virginia Western (federal code: 003760) on the FAFSA as a school to receive your FAFSA information. **IMPORTANT: Submitting your FAFSA does not mean it is complete.** The VWCC Office of Financial Aid may have follow-up questions or requests for documentation for you or your parents/guardians to answer before determining the amount of financial aid you will be awarded. Determination of your financial aid award is a required part of the CCAP application process.
- **Starting February 1, 2024**, check messages and status of your VWCC financial aid application: Log into your MyVWCC account at <https://vw.my.vccs.edu>. Click on the Student Information Center (SIS) icon. Click on Student Center>Student Message Center for communication from VWCC Office of Financial Aid.
- Review and resolve items in your **To Do List** in the Student Message Center. When complete, you receive a "Financial Aid Award Determination" in your Student Message Center. **ALL questions/To-Do List items related to your FAFSA and VWCC financial aid process must be resolved by June 1, 2024 for your CCAP application to be considered complete.**

For assistance with the FAFSA or your financial aid process, call 1-855-874-6690 or email at finaid@virginiawestern.edu.

3. COMPLETE Direct Enrollment Survey for academic placement by February 1, 2024 CCAP deadline.

- After you submit the Virginia Western application (no. 1 above), go to desurvey.vccs.edu and log on using your MyVWCC username and password to complete survey.

4. COMPLETE CCAP APPLICATION at virginiawestern.edu/ccap between October 1, 2023 and February 1, 2024.

- Use your **"MyVWCC" login and password to access the application.**

(Note: the Virginia Western application and the CCAP application are two different applications. Both must be submitted for CCAP consideration.)

DEADLINE FOR ALL CCAP APPLICATION STEPS: FEBRUARY 1, 2024



VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SENIOR SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 4, 2023
10 AM - 2 PM

Get assistance with:
VWCC Application
Touring the Campus
CCAP Application
... and MORE!

Seniors: The photographers will be in the building, for formal portraits only, on November 15th to take pictures of students who did not get a studio appointment. Listen for an announcement to sign up for an appointment.



The Class of 2024 graduation assembly will be on October 2nd at 10:00 AM. At this time a representative from Jostens will be here to talk to you about the process of ordering your cap and gown, tassel and other graduation goods available. If you do not have a cap and gown from a previous graduate, you must purchase one from Jostens. Remember if you are planning to wear a previous graduates cap and gown, you must get it approved by Mrs. Prater, Senior sponsor.



**A message from the
SCHOOL
NURSE**

Don't forget to bring a water bottle to school daily! The filling stations/water fountains are open throughout the day. Water helps with hydration, headaches, cough, some stomach-aches, sore throats and so much more.

Students can carry cough drops at school. We have a limited amount in the clinic as we rely on donations of cough drops. If you would like to donate some cough drops to the clinic, please have your student bring them to the clinic.

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.

Underclassmen

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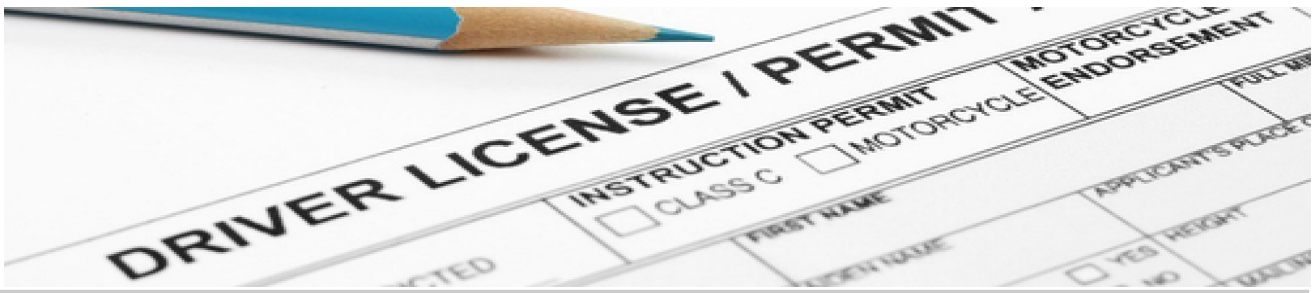
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day

will be

Oct 17th.



On September 27th, we will have our vision and hearing screenings for all 10th graders and students new to Roanoke County Public Schools. If there is a concern noted during that time, we will notify you. If you receive a letter, please have your student screened for further evaluation. If your student receives a letter of concern and already sees an eye or hearing specialist, please let us know.



Allison Thornton
William Byrd High School
athornton@rcps.us 562-3900 ext. 61042

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian: William Byrd High School is pleased to announce that students can take the Virginia DMV learner's permit test online at the school. Students will be eligible to test if they are 15 years 6 months or older on the following date:

Wednesday, September 27th 3:30pm in the WBHS Library

Steps to complete the process:

- ◆ Register for this test event at https://vadmvexam.com/AT_Remote/ApplicantPortal/ApplicantPortal.aspx (Internet Explorer 9 or higher or Safari).
 - A customer number is not required, but if you have a DMV ID card you must enter the name, DOB and customer number exactly as it appears on your DMV ID card. Otherwise, enter your full legal name and date of birth and leave the customer number field blank.
 - Please provide a parent or student's email to receive registration confirmation, test results, notification of changes to the date and time or cancellation of the test event.
 - Before taking the two part knowledge test, please STUDY the Driver's Manual located on DMV's web site using the following link:
<http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#manual.html>.

On the test date please bring:

- Completed, and signed DTS 41 consent form. The form is available at <http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/pdf/dts41.pdf> or from the driver education Teacher. **This form has been attached to this email as well.**
- A picture ID to verify identity. If the student does not have a picture ID, take a picture, write the student's full legal name under the picture, and have a teacher sign to verify the student's identity. (We will take care of this if student goes to WBHS).
- The student will be issued a test receipt after passing the learner's permit test. **Take this receipt to DMV to apply for the the learner's permit and to expedite the application process within 6 months or a retest is required.**
- **At the DMV customer service center:**
 - the student must prove that they are 15 years and 6 months old
 - pass a vision test
 - provide DMV approved documents to prove residency and identity, http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#applying_learners.asp
 - take a picture • pay the fee for the learner's permit and driver's license.

If you have any questions with the process, please contact DMV by phone at (804) 407-7100

Sincerely,
Allison Thornton William Byrd High School



SUPPORT WB CHOIRS

KROGER COMMUNITY
REWARDS

- Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards
- Create an account
- Add a Kroger plus card to your account
- Enroll in "Community Rewards"
- "VI988" for WBHS Choir
- Select the program and enroll!!

By enrolling and shopping at Kroger like normal, a percentage of their profit will come to us on a quarterly basis. It will make a big difference for us!

The WBHS choir has had a fast start to the year and can't wait for our first concert on Tuesday October 3 at 7pm in the WBHS auditorium. All concerts are free and open to the public. In the same way that athletes enjoy support from the stands, we also appreciate seats filled in the auditorium. Please consider being present to support the 2023-2024 choir students as well as experience a taste of our potential during the course of the year.

Also be on the lookout for our upcoming World's Finest Chocolates fundraiser. Choir students will be seen carrying boxes at various events and locations in the community. Please consider supporting our efforts by purchasing some tasty chocolates!

Matthew Bartley
Choral Director



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!



Pickleball club update:
With over 80 members
we are off to a great start.



ASVAB

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery

The **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military. It is administered annually to more than one million military applicants, high school, and post-secondary students.

To sign up for the ASVAB given at William Byrd High School on October 3rd, 2023, please see Mrs. Boothe in the Career Center or ask your counselor for more information by September 29th.

We will have representatives from the military here on October 3rd to give the ASVAB Test. This is a career exploration test to show you what future paths may be good for you. Representatives from the military will reach out to you after the test to discuss your results but you are not required to join the military. If you have any interest in the military, I would highly suggest doing the test.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM TRIP TO JMU TO WATCH THEM FACE VCU ON THE COURT.

We attended team camp at JMU this summer and we were able to see our court instructors in action.





Mark Your Calendar



Continued

- October 16 - Volleyball-Cave Spring—Home—5:30/7:00 pm
- October 17 - Volleyball-Northside-away-5:30/7:00 pm
- October 17 - Underclassmen Picture Retakes
- October 18 - Report Cards Sent Home
- October 18 - Cheer—Blue Ridge District—Home
- October 18 - Cross Country—Blacksburg—4:45 pm
- October 19 - JV Football—Home—Franklin Co. 6:00 pm
- October 19 - Volleyball-Wm. Fleming—Home—5:30/7:00 pm
- October 20 - Football—Away—Franklin Co. 7:00 pm
- October 21 - Band Contest - Lord Botetourt—Away
- October 23-31 - Red Ribbon Week
- October 24 - Cross Country—Blue Ridge District –Greenfield Recreation Park 5:00 pm
- October 25 - 3 hour early dismissal
- October 25 - Partnering for the Privilege presentation—6:00 pm
- October 26 - JMU Representative visit—9:00 am
- October 26 - JV Football—Staunton River—Away—6pm
- October 27 - Radford First Generation College Student Presentation
- October 27 - Football—Staunton River—Home—7pm Senior Night
- October 28 - Blue Ridge Festival of Bands—Home
- November 1 - Schools closed for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 2 - JV Football—Northside—Home—6pm
- November 2 - Cross Country Regionals—Christiansburg
- November 3 - Football—Northside—Away—7pm
- November 4 - Competition Cheer States @ VCU
- November 4 - SAT at Hidden Valley High School
- November 6 - Winter Sports Begin
- November 7 - Schools Closed for Election Day
- November 9 - All County Choir @ NHS
- November 9 - Band—Grid Iron Review Performance
- November 11 - Cross Country State Meet—Green Hill Park
- November 11 - Marching Band—Veterans Day Parade– Roanoke
- November 14 - Interim Midpoint
- November 15 - Senior Portrait Day
- November 15 - DECA District Leadership Conference-Roanoke College
- November 16 - Boys Basketball—Rockbridge—Scrimmage—Home
- November 17 - Club Picture Day
- November 20 - Boys Basketball—Roanoke Catholic—Away
- November 21 - Interim Reports Sent Home
- November 21 - Girls Basketball—Pulaski Co.—Home 5:00/6:30
- November 22/24 - Schools closed for Thanksgiving



Mark Your Calendar



Continued

- November 27 - ACE Competition—Hidden Valley—Away
- November 28 - Boys Basketball—Cave Spring—Home 5:30/7:00
- November 28 - ACE—William Fleming—Away—5:30 pm
- November 30 - Boys Basketball—Christiansburg—Home 5:30/7:00
- November 30 - Band—Holiday Parade—Downtown Roanoke
- December 1 - Boys Basketball—Glenvar—Away 5:30/7:00
- December 2 - Vinton Parade
- December 2 - SAT—WBHS
- December 4 - ACE—Cave Spring—Away—5:30 pm
- December 5 - Boys Basketball—Cave Spring—Away 5:30/7:00
- December 5 - ACE—Lord Botetourt—Home
- December 7 - Boys Basketball—Bassett—Away
- December 7 - Winter Band Concert—Home 7:00 pm
- December 8 - Boys Basketball—Hidden Valley—Home 5:30/7:00
- December 8 - Boys Basketball—Hidden Valley—Home 5:30/7:00
- December 9 - All District Band Auditions—Blacksburg
- December 12 - ACE—Franklin Co.—Away 5:30 pm
- December 12 - Choir Concert—7:00 pm
- December 13 - Wrestling Dual—Home
- December 15 - End of 2nd grading period
- December 15 - Boys Basketball—Glenvar—Home
- December 17 - End of 2nd Nine Weeks
- December 18–31 - Winter Break
- December 21 - Boys Basketball—Christiansburg—Away 5:30/7:00
- December 22-23 -- Big Orange Wrestling Tournament
- December 27-29- Boys Basketball—Northside Invitational
- January 1 - Schools Closed—Winter Break
- January 2 - School closed for Teacher Workday
- January 3 - Boys Basketball—Wm. Fleming—Away 5:30/7:00
- January 4 - Last Call for Senior Portraits
- January 5 - Boys Basketball—L. Botetourt—Home
- January 12 - Report Cards Sent Home
- January 15 - Schools closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 31 - 12:25—Early Dismissal
- January 2 - School closed for Teacher Workday
- January 12 - Report Cards Sent Home
- January 15 - Schools closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



<u>January 31</u>	-	12:25—Early Dismissal
January 2	-	School closed for Teacher Workday
January 9	-	ACE—Staunton River—Home 5:30 pm
January 9	-	Boys Basketball—Franklin Co.—Away 5:30/7:00
January 10	-	Wrestling—Dual Meet—Home
January 12	-	Report Cards Sent Home
January 12	-	Boys Basketball—Staunton River—Home 5:30/7:00
January 15	-	Schools closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16	-	Boys Basketball—NHS—Away 5:30/7:00
January 16	-	ACE Competition—Northside—Away 5:30pm
January 18	-	ACE—Patrick Henry—Away 5:30
January 19	-	Boys Basketball—William Fleming—Home 5:30/7:00
January 24	-	Boys Basketball—Hidden Valley—Away 5:30/7:00
January 26	-	Boys Basketball—Lord Botetourt - Away 5:30/7:00
January 30	-	Boys Basketball—Franklin County—Home 5:30/7:00
January 31	-	12:25—Early Dismissal
February 5	-	Interim Midpoint
<u>February 12</u>	-	Schools closed—Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 13	-	Interim Reports Sent Home
February 19	-	Spring Sports Begin
March 9	-	SAT at WBHS and Hidden Valley High School
March 5	-	Schools Closed—Presidential Primary
March 8	-	End of 3rd Grading Period
March 9	-	SAT at WBHS and Hidden Valley High School
March 11	-	Schools are closed for Teacher Workday
March	-	SAT at WBHS
March 19	-	Graduation Delivery during lunches—Trophy Lobby Area
March 22	-	Report Cards sent home
<u>March 25-29</u>	-	Schools closed for Spring Break
April 17	-	12:45 Dismissal
April 19	-	Interim Midpoint
April 26	-	Interim Reports Sent Home
May 1	-	Graduation Delivery Make up Day—Lunch—Trophy Lobby Area
May 4	-	PROM
May 10	-	Last Chance Grad Delivery—Trophy Lobby Area
<u>May 21</u>	-	GRADUATION—2:30 PM
May 23	-	End of 2nd Semester—12:25 dismissal
June 1	-	SAT @ WBHS

All of the above dates are tentative and subject to change . Not included on this schedule are the club meeting dates, Spring Sports, Prom, Testing Schedules and Fundraising events. This calendar will be updated with each newsletter.