

9/6/24

Dear Wyoming Families,

Sometimes returning to school from a 3-day weekend can be challenging for students. However, our students at Wyoming High School did a beautiful job this week. Everyone was focused and attentive to the work that needed to be done. As we approach the 1st quarter interim mark, please continue having productive conversations with your students about the importance of giving their best effort and making sure they are staying on top of their academic needs. Thank you for your support in helping our students at WHS achieve their goals. We appreciate it! Hopefully everyone has a fabulous

weekend!





Many thanks to our counseling department for connecting with **Pet Partners** to bring therapy dogs and bunny (George) into our school for students to enjoy during Flex! The animals were a hit and much appreciated by all!

<u>District Update:</u>

Click here for more Events and Information from around WCS & the community, including:

- Finance Friday: WHS Bond Issue Will Be Paid Off Early, Lessening Net Impact of November's WPS Levy
- WPS Harvest Fest on September 14
- 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 9 - Friday, September 13, 2024

Upcoming Weekly Events:	
9/9/24	Regular Bell Schedule
9/10/24	 Flex Bell Schedule BOE Planning Meeting at Central Office (7:30 a.m.)
9/11/24	Regular Bell Schedule
9/12/24	Flex Bell Schedule
9/13/24	Regular Bell Schedule
Quick Reminders	 Harvest Fest at WHS cafetera - September 14th (9 a.m.) Practice ACT Test - September 19th Homecoming Game - September 27th Homecoming Dance - September 28th (8-10 p.m.) NO SCHOOL - October 3rd and October 4th WHS & WMS Choir Concert - October 8th (7:30 p.m.) WHS & WMS Strings Concert - October 9th (7:30 p.m.) WHS Picture Retake Day - October 10th (7:30-9:30 a.m.) Thursday Night Football Game vs. Mariemont - October 10th WHS & WMS Band Concert- October 22nd (7:30 p.m.) WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction at halftime - October 25th

Assessment Calendar:

Here is a link to our <u>district assessment calendar</u> for the 2024-2025 school year.

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 <u>Weekly Application Update</u> that has also been shared with Seniors via Canvas. The <u>Weekly Application Update</u> helps seniors and their families navigate the

- college application process and highlights time-sensitive information and deadlines. The <u>College Application Guide</u> 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 Pendery Auditorium. Please contact Cynthia Meis, Director of College Counseling at 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 <u>HERE</u>. Mrs. Bunton works with last names L-Z and meetings with her can be scheduled <u>HERE</u>.

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 have begun! If your sophomore, junior, or senior student is interested in attending a session, please have them sign up in SCOIR. Please remind them to make note of the date & time of the session they selected as no shows are problematic!

TESTING

Juniors- Practice ACT, sponsored by TorchPrep, will be administered September 19th at 8AM. Testing will take place in the gym, unless you're given a separate location from Mrs. Bunton. We will be on a regular schedule and all juniors will return to class at the conclusion of the practice test. *There is no early dismissal*.

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 Students classes have started, you must be aware of 100% course drop deadlines at your college/university. You must <u>communicate any changes in your college schedule</u> to your High School Counselor. You must <u>be enrolled in enough classes to be a full time</u> student for the year especially for athletics.
- Students had a great time visiting with the dogs and giant rabbit from Pet Partners on Thursday! Students were able to sign up to limited spots during FLEX bells, and 4th bell study hall teachers allowed interested students to visit.
 - Our next Pet Partners visit will be on Tuesday September 17th!
- 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 <u>school's clubs and activities</u> page for more information about getting connected!
- Our first <u>Sources of Strength</u> activity will be held next week, Thursday 9/12, during the first 15 minutes of FLEX. We will spend some time to review <u>Sources</u>, and recognize September as <u>Suicide Awareness Month</u>.

Don't forget to check out our monthly newsletter, <u>Counselor Corner</u>, to stay informed about the exciting things happening in the Counseling Office.

Attendance:

To report a student absence, a parent or guardian should send the dates and reason for the absence to 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
- <u>Cell Phones:</u> 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.
- **<u>Updated Schedules:</u>** 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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