



# William Byrd High School

## TERRIER TRIBUNE



### Special points of interest:

- Athletes of the Month
- Attendance Policy
- Dates to Remember
- Dress Code
- Driving Test
- Navy ROTC
- Volleyball Senior Night
- And more...



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### Attention Seniors:

Photographers from Prestige will be at school on Nov 19th to take formal senior portraits for the yearbook and graduation slide show. Prestige will provide suits and drapes for the photos. There is no sitting fee. Sign up now in your English class. If you do not have an English class, please sign up with your guidance counselor or with Mrs. Acker in RM 267.



## Join us!

### Blue Ridge Festival of the Bands

**Saturday, October 26, 2024**

Performances begin 2:20

Marching Terriers play at 6:45pm

Maroon Regiment plays at 7pm

Awards approximately 7:30pm

### Entry:

12 & up - \$10

6-11 - \$5

5 & under - free

Clear Bags, only!



# Thanksgiving Morning

**Downtown Roanoke!**



**5K Run / Family Walk**

**Go to [DrumstickDASH.net](https://DrumstickDASH.net) to sign up!**



**QUESTIONS? Contact us at**  
[dash@rescuemission.net](mailto:dash@rescuemission.net)

**Printing  
Sponsor**



**Register Now!**



**Do you have an American flag that is getting old and faded?  
William Byrd Navy NDCC will be conducting a flag retirement on November 11<sup>th</sup> and will be proud to retire it for you. Please drop off flags at the high school if you would like us to take care of it for you.**



# **RED RIBBON WEEK**

**OCT 28TH - NOV 1ST**

## **MONDAY**

**LIVE LIFE DRUG FREE**  
Dress like a movie character



## **TUESDAY**

Stay tuned for Tuesday's theme...

## **WEDNESDAY**

Stay tuned for Wednesday's theme...

## **THURSDAY**

**SAY BOO TO DRUGS**  
Wear a Halloween costume\*

\*no masks allowed



## **FRIDAY**

**WRAP UP RED RIBBON WEEK**  
Wear Red!





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, November 25th at 3:30 PM in the WBHS Library**

### **Steps to complete the process ·**

- Register for this test event at [https://vadmvexam.com/AT\\_Remote/ApplicantPortal/ApplicantPortal.aspx](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:**

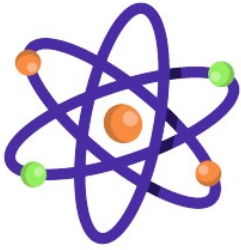
- Completed, and signed DTS 41 consent form. The form is available at <http://www.dmvnow.com/webdoc/pdf/dts41.pdf> or from the driver education teacher. This form has been attached to this email as well.
- A picture ID to verify identity. If the student does not have a picture ID, take a picture, write 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:**

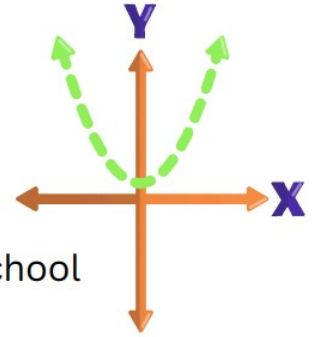
- the student must prove that they are 15 years and 6 months old
- pass a vision test
- provide DMV approved documents to prove residency and identity, [http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#applying\\_learners.asp](http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/drivers/#applying_learners.asp)
- take a picture
- pay the 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) 497-7100.

Allison Thornton



# RVGS



## Information Meetings for Roanoke Valley Governor's School 2025-26 Admissions

Tuesday, January 7, 6:30 pm  
 Thursday, January 9, 6:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 pm  
 Thursday, January 16, 6:30 pm  
 Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 pm

Application info meeting at RVGS  
 Application info meeting at Franklin County High School  
 Application info meeting at RVGS  
 Application info meeting at Staunton River High School  
 Application info meeting RVGS



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

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# 안녕하세요

Classes are open to anyone interested in learning the Korean language! Join us for the remaining fall class dates:

- ✓ Saturday, October 26th
- ✓ Saturday, November 2nd
- ✓ Saturday, November 9th
- ✓ Saturday, November 16th

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## FREE KOREAN LANGUAGE CLASS



Contact Us +540-521-1168

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@worldtrekkers



# Photos from Drivers Ed.



...sharing  
the road  
with Tractor  
Trailers

## Thunder Valley field trip pics





Graysen Divers



Payton Hall



Raelyn Lancaster



Kaylee Makuch



Maddie Pittman



Ava Ashworth

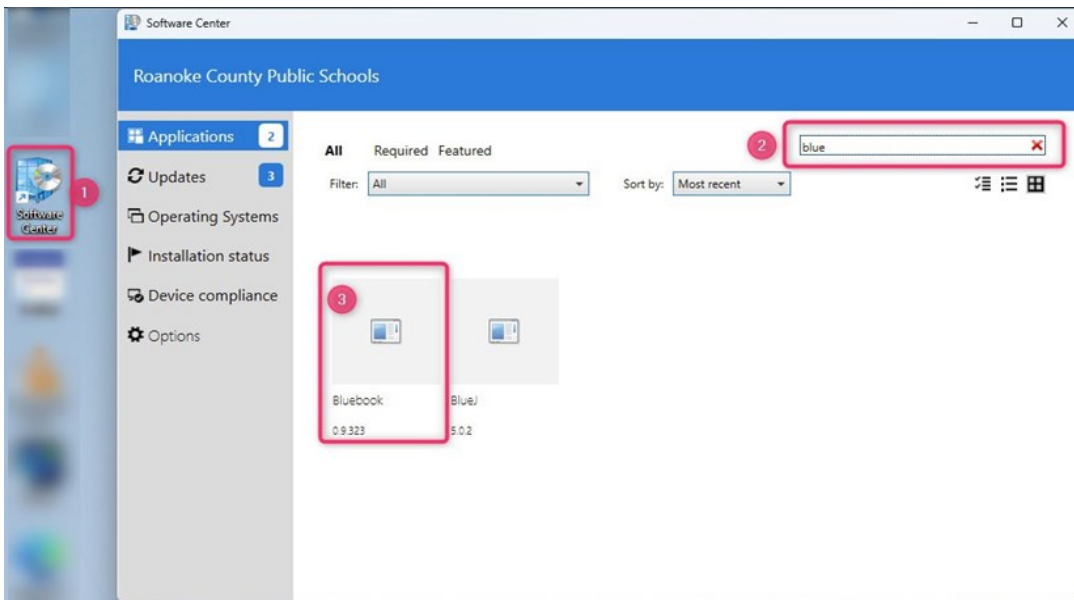
# Volleyball Senior Night 2024

# William Byrd High School Testing Information

On the student's computer desktop, [1] open **Software Center**.

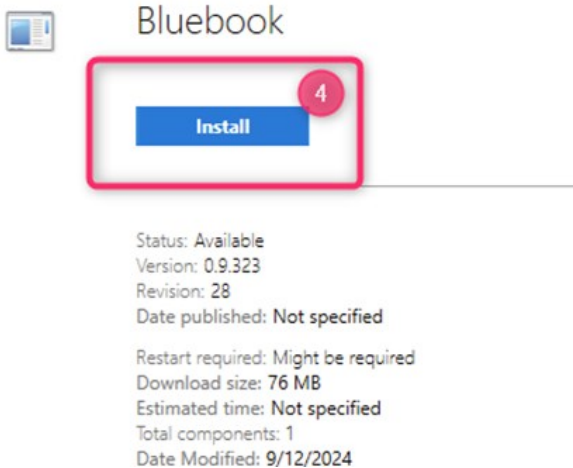
[2] In the search bar of the software center, **type Bluebook**. Bluebook should load on the screen.

[3] **Click Bluebook**.



Then, [4] **click Install**.

[Applications](#) > [Application details](#)



Once finished installing, you should see the Bluebook icon on their desktop.

\*Please note that students cannot access the software center unless they are on the RCPS network.

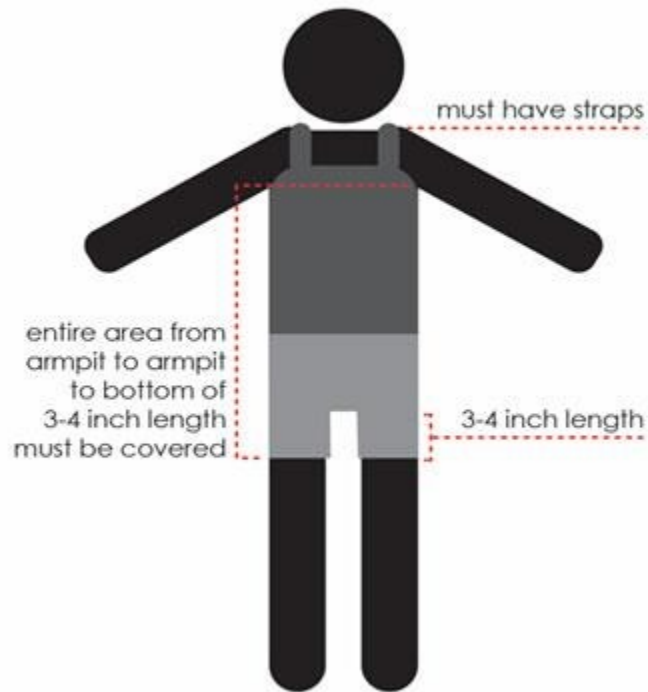
# STUDENT DRESS CODE

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..



A message from the  
**SCHOOL  
NURSE**

Alisha Wood, Rn, BSN

Don't forget to bring a water bottle to school daily! The filling stations/water fountains are open. Water helps with hydration, headaches, cough, some stomachaches, 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.

Remember, students in High School can carry a dose of OTC medication during the day. If you want your student to carry a dose of Tylenol, Motrin, Tums, etc., please stop by the nurse in the morning before school starts to get the form. Forms will not be given during class times. It will need to be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian and returned to the nurse. If there are any issues or concerns, we will notify you.

Students are NOT allowed to carry prescription medications on them in school. These medications need to be left in the clinic with the appropriate paperwork unless we have a doctor's note on file that you are able to carry.

**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 and the provider's findings. If you have any questions or concerns about the letter you have received, please call the school and ask to speak with the nurse.

**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 540-857-800. You may email your student's immunization record to [awood@rcps.us](mailto: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.



**Sketches:**

Mrs. Nichols is accepting submissions for Sketches, the Literary and Arts Magazine! This is a student-created publication used to showcase the talents of the student body. Please stop by room 271 with your poetry, short stories, photography, artwork, etc. to submit your creativity to Sketches!

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 29 after school in room 271



**Prism:**

Prism will meet again on Tuesday, November 12. It is art night! We'll be making snowflakes and ornaments for the holidays! Come to room 271 after school and bring your creativity!

# 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 student's 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](mailto:wbhsattendance@rcps.us)**

## CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

We prefer students not 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](mailto: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) Call the attendance office 540 890-3090 ext. 24008.
- 5) 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.



## Navy NDCC

What a way to spend a Fall day! The Navy cadets decided to start October off right with a hike on the Appalachian Trail. The weather was perfect to take on the challenge of the tough Dragon's Tooth trailhead. Those that took on the challenge were rewarded with spectacular views of the valley and the Fall colors just starting to peak.



Top of the Mountain  
Dragon's Tooth Conquered by the Navy!  
(Photos courtesy of SMSgt Richardson)

Upcoming Veterans Day Flag Retirement Ceremony: The Cadet Corps will be honoring veterans next month on November 11th. We are still accepting flags to be retired for the ceremony. Please drop off any worn, torn, or faded flags you have to the Navy classroom or drop them off at the office. If you have a veteran in your family that you would like to invite, just notify Chief Mike Dixon at [mdixon@rcps.us](mailto:mdixon@rcps.us).

# Regional Registered Apprenticeship Program



## Overview

The Registered Apprenticeship program was designed in the 1930's by the Roosevelt administration. Originally designed as an adult job preparation program, it has expanded over the years to encompass over 15,000 jobs (as of July 2023) in a variety of businesses and industries and the Registered Apprenticeship (RA) program. Managed by Virginia Works (previously known as the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) in Virginia) the RA program offers a unique work-based learning model for 16-18-year-old students. Student participants in the RA program work towards credentials associated with each business through employment training and instruction. This is not an internship - apprentices are employed by the company. Once the student completes the program, they are eligible for a Journeyman's license. This license is a portable and widely recognized credential that indicates the student has relevant training and is on the path to becoming a master in their industry.

- § Student apprentices work approximately 20 hours per week.
- § RA positions require a minimum of 2000 on the job hours and 144 hours per year of industry-related instruction.
- § After high school graduation, the hours accumulated as a student apprentice transfer directly to the adult apprenticeship program.
- § Students receive school credit for their apprenticeship.
- § Student schedules will be arranged in a manner agreed upon by the student, parent, school system, and employer.
- § The Virginia Dept. of Education (VDOE) has developed guidelines for work-based learning (WBL) that is followed by the school system.

## Students

- § Attend Business Partner showcase and decide if RA program is the right fit for their goals and school class schedule
- § Attend the company tour/meeting scheduled with parent/guardian
- § Attend the interview/resume writing workshop scheduled within your school division
- § Create your resume and submit your application
- § Respond to correspondence from business(s) or school division via email or text
- § Promptly attend interview if/when scheduled
- § If hired, contact your school counselor to review and adjust your schedule for the upcoming school year
- § Attend/participate in RA Signing Day

## Timeline for Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Program Fall 2024 through Spring 2025

**Now-December 2024** - Companies Register with Virginia Works and let school system(s) know how many apprentices they anticipate taking and in what occupational area(s)

**January 2025** (prior to Showcase) - Companies participate in a 15-minute virtual presentation about what to expect at each point of the timeline.

**Jan. 23, 2025** (snow date of Feb. 4, 2025) - 5:30-7:30pm Berglund Center -Special Events Center (light refreshments to be served) Regional RA Sponsor Showcase-sponsor videos posted to the RCPS CTE website

**By February 28, 2025** Sponsor companies conduct parent/student information meetings at their choice of dates/times. Students should apply to selected companies following information meeting(s)

**By March 21, 2025** - Sponsor companies conduct interviews of students

Following March 21, 2025 - deadline - Companies participate in a 15-minute virtual presentation about next steps

**By April 11, 2025** - Deadline for Sponsor companies to notify students/parents and schools of selections

**By May 2, 2025** - School counseling staff work with student schedules to maximize time for students at their sponsor business. Planning should consider the company's needs. This check is also used to ensure selected students are on track to graduate.

**Friday, May 2, 2025** - Registered Apprenticeship Signing Day event at Salem Red Sox game - Carilion Clinic Field at Salem Memorial Ballpark

Contact Information: Roanoke County Public Schools Amanda Painter - Work-Based Learning Coordinator, phone - 540-562-3900 ext. 10334 Email - [apainter@rcps.us](mailto:apainter@rcps.us)

Jason Suhr - Director of Career & Technical Ed, phone - 540-562-3900 ext. 10331 Email - [jsuhr@rcps.us](mailto:jsuhr@rcps.us)



If you are interested in talking to a College/University Representative listed below, please see Mrs. Boothe in the Career Center to sign up.

**LONGWOOD**  
UNIVERSITY



November 1st  
9:00 AM



November 6th  
8:30 AM



October 29th  
Workplace Readiness Representative  
During Lunches



November 13th  
10:00 AM



November 14th  
2:00 PM

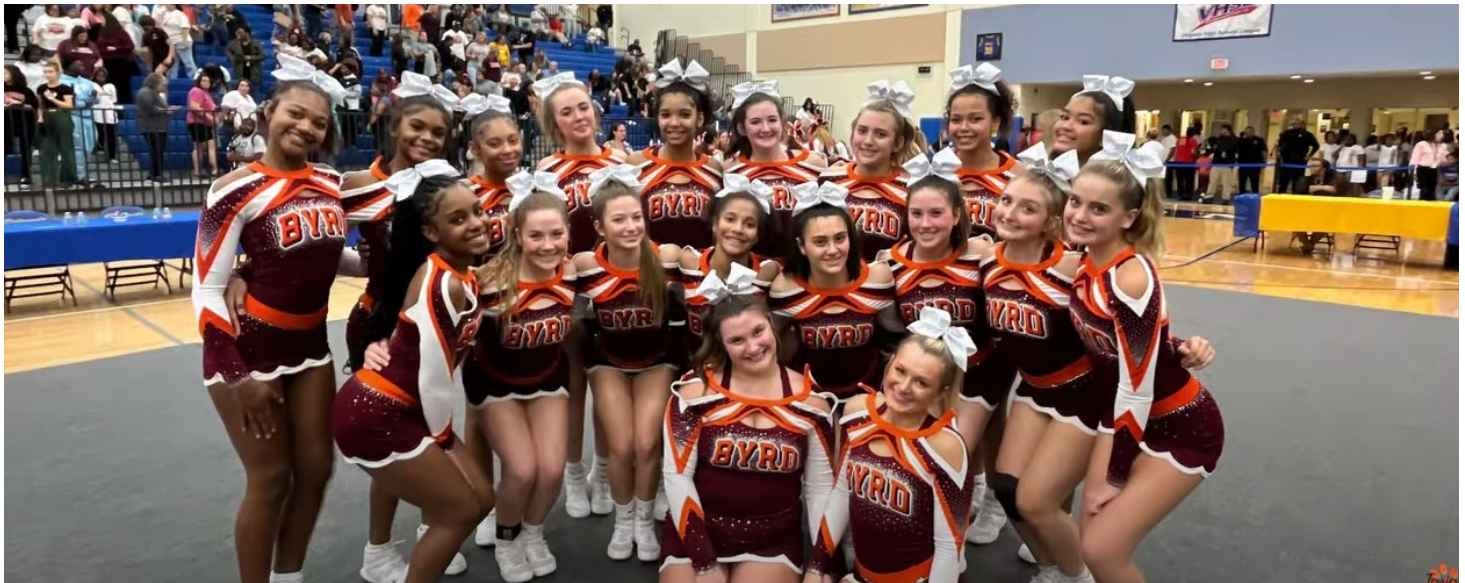
November 7th  
9:00 AM



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PLAYERS OF THE WEEK—THANK YOU KROGER AND JERSEY MIKES FOR SUPPORTING OUR ATHLETES.**



**Good Luck to the Competition Cheer Team as the Host Regional Competition on November 2nd**



# ZUMBA FUNDRAISER

FOR CAM'S PURPOSE

October 27, 2024 | 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

William Byrd High School Main Gym

\$10.00 Donation

Raffles!

Halloween  
Costume  
Contest!

Andrea



Brandy



Cherry



De Ann



Marina



Ronda





- November 1 Varsity Football—Staunton River—Away—7:00 PM  
Longwood College Representative—Career Center—9:00 AM
- November 2 Region 3 Cheer Competition  
Marching Band Competition—Pulaski Contest @ Pulaski  
Korean Language Class—11:00 AM  
SAT @ WBHS—7:45—1:00
- November 4 Parent/Teacher Conference Day—Schools Closed  
Cheer Boosters Meeting—Library—6:00 PM
- November 5 Election Day—Schools Closed  
Volleyball Regions—Place and Time TBA
- November 6 Bridgewater College Representative 8:30 AM  
10th grade PE Class—YOVASO Distracted Driver Simulator Presentation  
Drama Club Meeting—Auditorium—3:30—4:30  
TTRPG—Room 237—3:30—4:30 PM  
Cross Country WHSL 3D Championship—Smith River Complex—Martinsville—1:00 PM  
DECA Training—Room 256—7:45 AM  
Marching Band Practice—3:40 6:00 PM
- November 7 FCA—7:45 AM—Room 151  
FBLA Meeting—Room 250—7:45 AM or 3:30 PM  
Galen College of Nursing—9:00 AM—Career Center  
ACE practice—Room 115—3:30—4:30 PM  
FCA—Room 251—7:45 AM  
Girls Soccer Open Field—3:45—5:00 PM  
Boys Soccer Open Fields—4:00-5:30  
Terrier TV Club Meeting—Library—3:30—4:30  
JV Football—NHS—Away—6:00 PM  
10th grade PE Class—YOVASO Distracted Driver Simulator Presentation  
Band Grid Iron Performance 7:00 PM
- November 8 Varsity Football—NHS—Senior Night—Home 7:00 PM
- November 9 Competition Cheer—State competition—VCU—Time TBA  
Band—Veterans Day Parade—Downtown Roanoke—11:00 AM  
Korean Language Class—Library—11:00 AM  
State Cheerleading—VCU—Time TBA
- WINTER SPORTS DEAD PERIOD—NOVEMBER 10TH—NOVEMBER 21ST
- November 11 Navy JROTC Flag Retirement Ceremony—11:00 AM  
ACE practice—3:30—4:30 PM
- November 12 Mrs. Boush’s class to Bonsack Methodist Church—9:00-11:30 AM  
DECA Camp—Roanoke College—8:30—1:45 PM  
All County Band Event—Cave Spring High School—8:30 AM  
Pre Med Club Meeting—Room 222—3:30—4:30  
Claim your Campus Club—Room 107—7:50 AM  
Boys Soccer Open Fields—4:00—5:30 PM  
PRISM club meeting—Room 271—3:30 PM
- November 13 Boys Tennis Open Court—5:00—7:00 PM  
DECA Diamond Day throughout the day
- November 14 FCA—7:45 AM—Room 151  
VCU Representative—2:00 PM  
ACE practice—Room 115—3:30—4:30  
Terrier TV Meeting—3:30—4:30 PM  
Boys Soccer Open Field—4:00—5:30 PM
- November 15 Club Picture Day  
Interim Midpoint
- November 16 Cross Country VHSL 3A State Championship 2024—Time TBD  
Korean Class—Library—11:00 AM
- November 18-22 American Education Week  
ACE practice—Room 115—3:30-4:30 PM

- November 19 Senior Portraits—by appointment through Mrs. Acker  
WISE Test—8:30-10:00—Library  
Claim Your Campus—Room 107—7:50 AM  
Boys Soccer Open Field—4:00—5:30 PM
- November 20 Drama Club—Auditorium—3:30—4:30 PM  
Blood Drive—Annex Gym  
TTRPG Club Meeting—Room 237—3:30—5:00 PM
- November 21 FCA—7:45 AM  
ACE practice—Room 115—3:30—4:30 PM  
Girls Soccer Open Field—3:45-5:00  
Boys Soccer Open Field—4:00—5:30 PM
- November 22 Sports Marketing Field Trip - Washington, DC 7:45 AM—1:00 AM
- November 25 Driver Ed. Test—3:30—5:30 PM
- November 26 Claim your Campus Club—Room 107—7:45 AM  
ACE practice—Room 115—3:30—4:30 PM  
Girls Soccer Open Field—3:45—5:00
- November 27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday—Schools Closed
- December 12 Winter Band Concert—7PM
- December 14 Band All District—Home
- December 17 Choir Winter Concert—Auditorium
- December 20 End of 2nd Grading Period—End of 1st Semester
- December 21-23 Big Orange Wrestling Tournament
- January 6 Schools Closed for Winter Break
- January 20 Schools Closed for Martin Luther King Day
- January 29 Sophomore Class Ring Assembly—10 AM—Auditorium
- January 31 Band High School All District Event @ Liberty University
- February 1 Band High School All District Event @ Liberty University—TBA
- February 5 Jostens' Class Ring Orders taken during Lunches  
3:30—6:00 Class Ring Family Night
- February 7-8 Interim Midpoint  
Choir—All District High School Choir—Selected Students
- February 10 Schools Closed—Parent /Teacher Conference Day
- February 26 12:25 Early Dismissal
- February 27 High School Band Pre-Assessment Concert—7PM
- March 7 Band RC Concert Assessment—Hidden Valley H.S.—All day
- March 8 SATs at WBHS
- March 11 Jostens' Graduation Orders Delivery
- March 13 End of 3rd Grading Period
- March 14 Teacher Workday—Schools Closed
- March 18 Bus Evacuation Drill—AM
- March 21 Jazz Band BBQ Fundraiser—Thrasher 6:00-8:00 pm  
Report Cards Sent Home
- March 24-28 Spring Break
- April 17 12:25 Early Dismissal
- April 18 Schools Closed Easter Holiday
- May 1 Jostens Class—Ring Collection of Final Balances  
2:40—Class Ring Ceremony—Auditorium
- May 3 PROM—Hotel Roanoke—6:00 PM—10:00 PM
- May 5—16 AP Testing
- May 28 Graduation—Salem Civic Center—5:30 PM
- May 29 End of 2nd Semester

