

Westminster High School

FALL 2026 Newsletter



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To Report a Student Absence

Email us at:

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Or call us at 410-751-3641

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From the Principal's Desk

CCPS

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Dear Students and Families,

Welcome back to another school year. We are excited to see our new Owls starting their high school careers and support our upper classmen as they continue to become college and career ready. There are so many great opportunities for students at Westminster High School. I want to encourage all students to take advantage of the opportunities in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. Westminster has a long history of having a strong and supportive school community. We can continue this tradition with student buy-in and engagement. I hope that parents will encourage their students to stay involved and committed to all aspects of their school time this year. Parents can also stay involved in our school community by joining a parent booster group, attending conferences, or supporting our students at a fine arts performance or athletic event.

There is a large amount of information included in this newsletter. I want to draw your attention to two important dates during the first quarter of the school year. First, **Homecoming activities will be October 2nd and 3rd**. The Homecoming Pep Rally and Football Game will be Friday, October 2nd. The Homecoming Dance will be Saturday, October 3rd. Tickets for the dance will go on sale September 8th. Just like last year, students must have 85% attendance to buy their Homecoming ticket. More information will come home soon about ticket sales and Homecoming activities. Second, **Fall Parent Conferences will be on Thursday, October 8th**. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to come meet with your students' teacher and discuss their academic progress.

Our focus, as always, is on increasing student achievement. To do this, we ask families to reinforce student ownership of learning. This means a few things. First, encourage regular and strong attendance. Students should be in class ready to learn each day. Remember that classes start at 7:30 am. Second, remind students to check Schoology and Home Access Center to keep up to date on their grades and assignments. Encourage your students to turn in assignments at their due date. Third, keep open and respectful lines of communication with teachers, counselors, and administrators. Encourage your students to advocate for themselves and ask an adult for help if they need it. All WHS faculty and staff are committed to helping your student achieve and are excited to have parents as a part of their child's educational team.

I hope that all our students, staff, and families have a successful and rewarding school year. It's a great year to be a Westminster Owl.

Tom Riddle, Principal

WHS 2026-2027 Dates to Remember - Subject to change

August

27 (Th) Back to School Night 4PM-7PM

31 (M) Schools Open – First Day for Students

September

1 (T) CTC New Student Orientation 3:00PM-6:00PM

7 (M) Schools/Offices closed – Labor Day

9-11 (W-F) Underclass portraits

16 (W) Senior Parent Meeting 6:30PM

18 (F) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Professional Development Day

26 (S) Senior Crab Feast 4:00PM- 7:00PM

October

2 (F) Homecoming Pep Rally

2 (F) Homecoming Football Game

3 (S) SAT Testing 7:30AM

3 (S) Homecoming Dance 7PM-10PM

8 (Th) Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00PM—7:00PM

10 (S) Marching Band Home Show

12 (M) Underclass Portraits

15 (Th) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Professional Development Day

15 (Th) CCCTC Open House 5PM-7:30PM

16 (F) School Closed for Students – Professional Learning/Meeting Day for Teachers

21 (W) PSAT Testing

21-22 (W-Th) Senior Portraits

November

3 (T) Schools/Offices Closed – Election Day

4 (W) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Marking Period 1 ends

9 (M) Senior Portraits

12-14 (Th-S) Fall Play 7:00PM

14 (S) First day of Winter sports

Dates to Remember (continued)

20 (F) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Professional Development Day

23 (M) Winter Meet the Coaches Night 6:30PM

24 (T) Winter Sports Photos

25 (W) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Schools/Offices

26-27 (Th-F) Schools/Offices closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

December

7 (M) Orchestra concert 7:00PM

9 (W) Band and Percussion concert 7:00PM

14 (M) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Professional Development Day

15 (T) Chorus concert 7:00PM

23 (W) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Schools/Offices

24-31 (Th-Th) Schools/Offices closed – Winter Break

January

1 (F) Schools/Offices closed – Winter Break

4 (M) Schools/Offices reopen

7 (Th) Programs and Pathways & 8th Grade Night 4PM-6:30PM

13 (W) Senior Meeting during Advisory

18 (M) Schools/Offices closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

22 (F) Schools closed for students – Marking Period 2/Semester 1 ends

25 (M) Semester 2, Marking Period 3 begins

29-30 (Th-S) Winter One Acts 7:00PM, 2PM Saturday Matinee

February

12 (F) Two hours and forty-five minutes early dismissal – Professional Development Day

15 (M) Schools/Offices closed – Presidents' Day

17 (W) Area Side-By-Side Concert 7PM

25 (Th) Spring Parent/Teacher Conference Night 4PM-7PM

March

1 (M) Schools Closed for Students – Professional Development Day

1 (M) First day of Spring sports

4 (Th) Instrumental Music Festival concert

6 (S) SAT Testing

9 (Tu) Spring Meet the Coaches night 6:30PM

10 (W) Spring Sports Photos

Dates to Remember (continued)

12 (F) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Professional Development Day

13 (S) Spring Formal 7PM-10PM

18 (Th) Mock Interviews for 10th graders

19 (F) Eisteddfod concert

25-30 (Th-T) Schools/Offices Closed – Spring Break

April

1 (Th) Jazz Night

7 (W) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Marking Period 3 Ends

10 (S) Junior Prom 7-10PM

22-24 (Th-S) Spring Musical 7:00PM, Saturday Matinee 2PM

30 (M) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Professional Development Day

May

1 (S) SAT Testing

6 (Th) NHS Inductions (tentative)

7 (F) LFI Prom (South Carroll HS)

10 (M) Spring Orchestra concert 7:00PM

12 (W) Spring Band concert 7:00PM

15 (S) Senior Prom @ Sheraton Towson 7:00PM – 10:00PM

18 (T) Spring Chorus concert 7:00PM

20 (Th) WIMB Banquet

28 (F) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Professional Development Day

31 (M) Schools/Offices closed – Memorial Day

June

1 (Tu) BEST Graduation (12:00pm)

2 (W) Farewell Assembly (9:00am)

3 (Th) Community Awards (6:30pm)

4 (F) Graduation (1:00pm)

3 (Th) WHS Graduation at McDaniel College (tentative)

11 (F) Two hours and forty-five minutes Early Dismissal – Last Day for students & teachers (Tentative)

18 (Th) Schools/Offices closed – Juneteenth

Back to School/Meet the Teacher Night

Westminster High School

Thursday August 27, 2026

5:15 pm – 7:00 pm

For all students, all grades

We are excited to welcome all our students and their families to our Back to School/Meet the Teacher Night on August 27, 2026. The timeline for the evening is below. We encourage ALL students to explore our club fair that evening to find ways to get more involved in our school.

Agenda:

- 5:15 – 6:45 **Club Fair** – 2nd Floor Cafeteria will be open with club/class informational tables
- 5:15 – 5:45 **New Student Presentation** for incoming 9th graders, new WHS students, and their parents in the auditorium.
- 5:15 – 7:00 Open House Format
Find student schedules on TAC (Assistance Available)
Walk the school to find classrooms
Meet and greet with Advisors
Check in with teachers
Go at your own pace

In addition, Westminster High School is pleased to offer a **Sensory-Friendly Back-to-School Night** for incoming 9th grade students, students who are new to WHS, and their families. **This RSVP-only event is designed for students who may benefit from a quieter, less crowded introduction to our school** before the general Back-to-School Night begins. Families will have the opportunity to learn about Westminster High School, meet their student's Advisory teacher, walk their class schedule, and explore the building at a comfortable pace. Students may also choose to visit the Club Fair before the larger crowds arrive. This event is open to any incoming 9th grade or new WHS student and family who feel a sensory-friendly environment would be helpful. No diagnosis or special education status is required to attend.

*****Note: RSVP is required** from attending families so we can plan accordingly. We want to have plenty of space in the auditorium to spread out should we need to do so. Please complete the following survey to RSVP if you would like to attend. [WHS Sensory Friendly Back to School Night - RSVP – Fill out form](#)

Sensory Friendly Back to School/Meet the Teacher Night – RSVP Only

Westminster High School

Thursday August 27, 2026

- 3:45 – 4:15 New Student Presentation** for incoming 9th graders, new students, and families (Auditorium)
- 4:15 – 4:45 - NHS student helpers guide students/families to their Advisory.**
Meet and Greet with the Advisor
Distribution of information/materials (emergency card, etc.)
Tour of the building
Walk the student schedule

School ID's

Students are required to carry school ID's in the building at all times. These will be issued on picture day. Please remind your student(s) to keep their WHS school ID in their backpack, wallet, phone case, or any place where they will always have it at school. This is especially important to expedite the process of students signing in through Visitor Management if they arrive late.

WHS Provides Online Donation Initiative for Parent and Community Support

Westminster High School would like to thank our students, parents, and Westminster community for being partners in our student's learning. We are proud to represent a community that values the ever-changing needs and demands of our high school students. With the support of our friends and neighbors like you, our students have shown consistently high academic achievement and are able to enjoy a broad array of extracurricular activities.

We're happy to share that students, families, and community members can assist with the many needs of our students and faculty through a MySchoolBucks online donation page. School donations are used to cover clothing and school supplies for students in need, faculty appreciation, and much more. Our success depends in large part on the support of the local community we serve. Your contribution will be essential for us to expand the learning opportunities available for our students.

Thank you in advance for your support. Visit our donation page at https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZHVZLQ2RN05854_ZZ5XK7TK07ITU74 to get started.

LOST & FOUND

The Lost and Found will be located outside the attendance office before and during school. Valuables such as jewelry, cell phones and earbuds will be claimed in the main office. Unclaimed items will be donated after each semester.

Counseling News

Counselor Contact Information:

Office Phone Number: (410) 751-3636

Mr. Steve Byrnes (Student Last Names **A-C**): scbyrne@carrollk12.org

Ms. Taylor Dudley (Student Last Names **D - HE**): tjdudle@carrollk12.org

Ms. Ashley Lindsay (Student Last Names **HF-ME**): allinds@carrollk12.org

Ms. Lindsay Dixon (Student Last Names **MF-SA**): lldixon@carrollk12.org

Ms. Heather Bott (Student Last Names **SC-Z**): hebott@carrollk12.org

Schedule Changes

Westminster High School offers a variety of programs and courses, with registration choices affecting teacher and section needs. The Master Schedule is created in spring to optimize academic strength. Last-minute schedule changes can lead to ineffective use of teachers and classrooms, impacting all students. Careful course selections are essential for everyone's benefit.

In the Schedule Change Guidelines (see below), you will find the conditions under which a student may request a schedule change. **A schedule change will only be honored if the student meets the criteria specified on the schedule change form.** If a student wishes to change levels, they must attend the class for the first four meeting days as well as communicate with their teacher.

Schedule Change Requests May be Made for the Following Reasons:

- ☐ I am enrolled in a course but have not completed the prerequisite.
- ☐ I am enrolled in a course that I have already taken and passed.
- ☐ I am unable to participate in a course due to physical limitations.
- ☐ I am a senior who requires a specific course for graduation.
- ☐ I have been approved for an internship, release time, or dual enrollment, but it has not yet been scheduled.
- ☐ I am missing a course that is essential for a completer or CCCTC program.
- ☐ I am requesting a schedule to enhance the rigor of my educational program (e.g., Honors or AP course).
- ☐ I am academically misplaced e.g., in a course that is too challenging for me (requires teacher verification).

Dual Enrollment

All students must sign out in the attendance office prior to leaving for dual enrollment each day. Students are not permitted to remain at WHS during their dual enrollment mods and should plan accordingly.

Counseling News Continued



Seniors

Senior Schoology page:

All seniors should make sure that they are a member of the school counseling Schoology page for the class of 2027. The counseling office will use this page throughout the school year to post important information for seniors.

The College Application Process:

The school counseling office will be offering workshops in August and at the beginning of the school year to assist students with the college application process. More information will be sent via School Messenger and posted on the school counseling Schoology page. Additional resources can also be found on the College and Career Planning portion of the WHS website: College and Career Planning - Westminster High. This past spring students had an advisory lesson on the college search process. That presentation can be found here: Junior Naviance Presentation- Advisory (1).pptx

WHS Career Connections Needs Your Help!

We are seeking local businesses and nonprofit organizations to host qualified high school seniors in semester-long, credit-bearing internships.

Students are selected for internships based on their academic performance, coursework, attendance, and readiness for the workplace.

We are also looking for professionals to volunteer as mock interviewers for our sophomore students. Mock interviews for sophomores will be held on March 18th, 2027 from 8:00 – 11:30 am.

If you or your organization would like to get involved, and for more information, please contact Career Coordinator Kim Johnson at kajohns@carrollk12.org.



Attention 10th and 11th grade students!

2026-PSAT INFORMATION!

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be offered on

Wednesday, October 21st.

Taking the PSAT/NMSQT as a Junior may meet the requirements to enter the National Merit Scholarship Program. This is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The test will be offered in a digital format.

Registration will open at 3pm on Tuesday, August 25th, and close at 3pm on Wednesday, September 30th.

Cost for the exam is \$20 per student and can be paid when you register through MySchoolBucks. Fees are waived for students who participate in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. MySchoolBucks is not an option for Free and Reduced Lunch students. Those students must register through the School Counseling Office.

QR Code and Link for MySchoolBucks



[https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?
ref=ZZHVZLQ2RN05854_ZZ5RXQJ38N5SC9D](https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/prdembd?ref=ZZHVZLQ2RN05854_ZZ5RXQJ38N5SC9D)

Registration is final, there are no refunds for students who do not attend the PSAT.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Byrnes or Mrs. Nowosielski, in the counseling office at 410-751-3636 or sbyrne@carrollk12.org / kanowos@carrollk12.org



LET'S GET READY FOR

SENIOR PHOTOS



Legacy Studios is the official photographer for

WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL



Schedule your Senior Portrait session at:
Seniors.LegacyStudios.com

Class of 2027 Photo Dates Currently Available:

AUGUST 11-12
OCTOBER 21-22

All information needed is on your school's page. Simply enter your school name in the search bar at the top of the website.

On your school's page, you will find a calendar where you will be able to choose your sitting type and appointment time. Please note that we are not able to schedule appointments once the photo shoot has begun.

***If your senior has not been photographed,
don't miss this opportunity!***

Questions? Ask at LegacyStudios.com

Picture Day is coming!

¡Se acerca el día de la fotografía!

September 9,10, and 11 2026

9, 10 y 11 de septiembre de 2026



Order your fall photos today!

¡Ordene sus fotos de otoño hoy!

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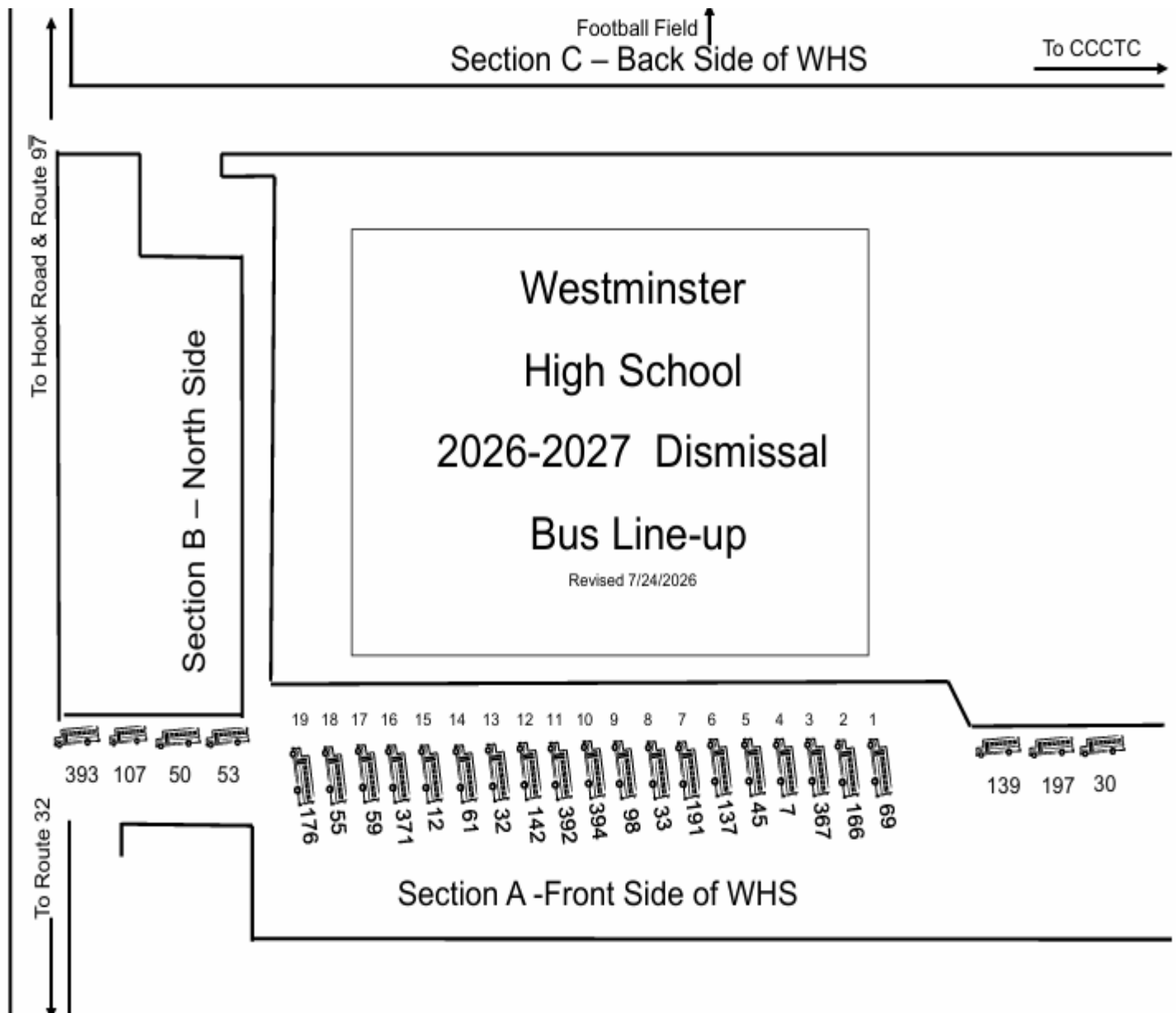


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<https://www.legacystudios.com/viewandorder>

BUS ROUTES are published on the web using Infofinder. Parents can access Infofinder to view bus stop information which is updated weekly on Fridays. This data will be updated daily from August through September.

Link: [Infofinder i](#)

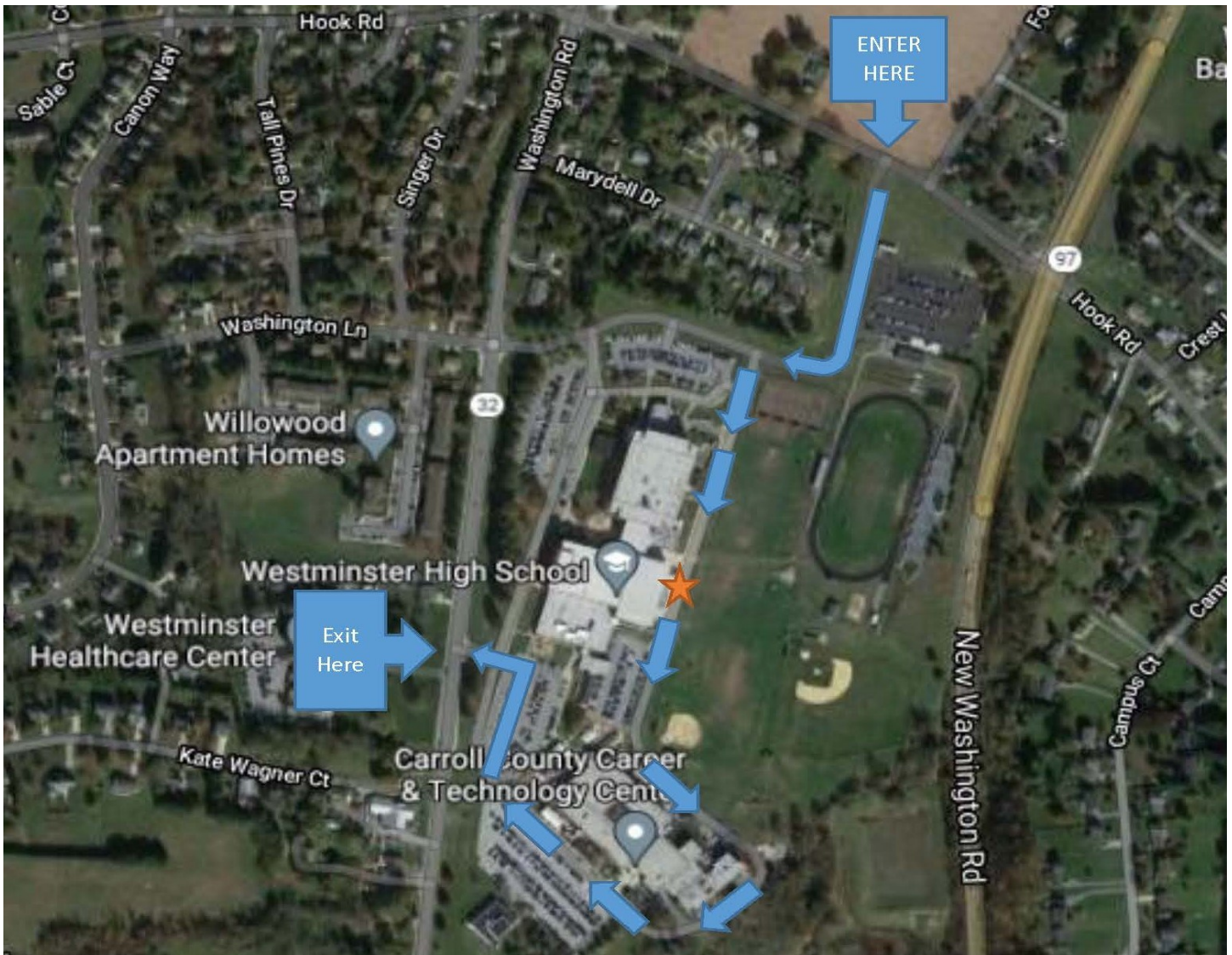


Don't forget to note your bus number the first day of school. This helps you find where your bus lines up at dismissal! (above)

Parent Drop Off/Pick Up

Parent drop off and pick up will only take place in the rear of the building. Look for the orange star in the map below. There will be no parent drop off or pick up in the front of the school, in the bus loop, "A" lot, faculty lot, or "C"/"jock" lot.

Parents should enter campus via the Hook Road/Stadium lot entrance. Parents will then proceed along the drive and turn left after the tennis courts. Traffic will continue along the back drive. Drop off and pick up will take place at the back entrance. Traffic along the back drive is one-way and proceeds around behind CCCTC and out the exit at the front side of the building, on to Washington Road. This is a one-way loop designed to expedite drop off and pick up without impeding bus traffic.



CCPS regulations specify that “pupils may not ride buses other than those to which they are regularly assigned, without approval by the principal, following a written request by the parent.”

In an effort to ensure that buses are not overcrowded, we work to limit students from riding other buses unless it is for specific supervision purposes.

If your student needs to ride another student’s bus please ensure the following:

- Both students must bring in a written note signed by their guardian explaining the reason for the bus switch and giving their consent.
- Include the student’s full name and the bus number of the bus the student wishes to ride with the appropriate bus stop location (street address) in the note.
- Bring both written notes to main office BEFORE the 7:30 bell to get approval from an administrator.
- Pick up the approved bus slip from the main office by the end of the day.
- Give the bus driver the bus slip when you board the bus.
- **We cannot accommodate email or phone requests for bus changes.**



This serves as a reminder for students crossing Route 32 on Washington Road: Please stop and wait until the lights begin flashing before walking into the street. There is a short delay from when you push the button to when the lights flash, and WAIT until you notice the cars have stopped before proceeding – FOR YOUR SAFETY!



To achieve Honor Roll status:

A student must be enrolled in a minimum of two (2) classes and two credits.

Honor roll is based on weighted marking period grades and students cannot have a grade below a "C". Students will be recognized as being on the Honor roll with the following achievements.

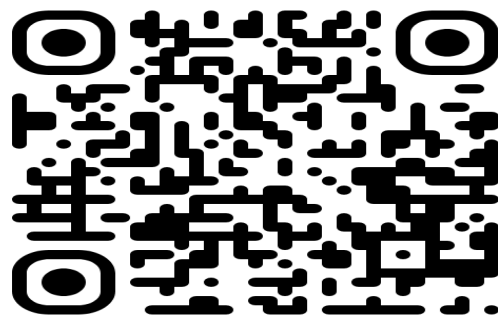
Standard Honor Roll -3.0 G.P. A.

Distinguished Honor Roll- 3.75 G.P.A.

Straight A Honor Roll- All "A"s on Report Card

Bullying:

With the new school year upon us, this a good opportunity to remind our parents/guardians and students of our procedures related to reporting bullying, harassment, or intimidation. Our school is committed to establishing and promoting a safe, non-threatening environment for all students to learn. The Bullying Reporting System or the Bullying, Harassment, or Intimidation Reporting Form should be used to report alleged incidents of bullying, harassment, or intimidation that occurred during the current school year on school property, at a school-sponsored activity or event off school property, on a school bus, on the way to and/or from school, or through electronic communication on or off school property. Please see the QR code below to access the reporting system.



Attendance Information

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Whenever a student is absent, verification must be made by the biological parent/court-appointed guardian via a written note, fax, email, or parent phone call. Regardless of the form of the notification, it must include the following: (1) Student's legal name, (2) Student's Grade, (3) Reason for absence, and (4) Phone number where biological parent/court-appointed guardian can be reached for verification, if needed.

- 1. Written Note:** If you send a written note, please have your student bring it to the attendance office upon return to school prior to Mod 1.
- 2. Fax:** Please fax notes to 410-751-3640 on the day of the absence.
- 3. Email:** Please email notes to the following address: whsattendance@carrollk12.org on the day of the absence.
- 4. Phone Call:** Please phone in your student's absence to **410-751-3641** on the day of the absence.

If your method of reporting your student's absence is fax, email, or a phone call, no further written notification is required. Please note that the school may call the biological parent/court-appointed guardian to verify the authenticity of an absence notification. Current policy states that if verification of an absence is not received within 5 days of the student's return to school, the absence will be considered unlawful. In addition, students who are absent three or more consecutive days are expected to provide documentation from a physician.

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL AND EARLY DISMISSALS

The school day begins at 7:30 a.m. Students who arrive to school after 7:30 a.m. must first report to the Attendance Office to be recorded as tardy to school and to receive a tardy pass admitting them to class.

The school day concludes at 2:20 p.m. Students that request an early dismissal from school should bring a written note from a biological parent/court-appointed guardian requesting an early dismissal to the attendance office prior to mod 1 to receive an early dismissal pass.

ATTENDANCE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Athletes and other students who participate in extracurricular activities are to be present for the entire school day to participate (practice, play, or perform) that day.

Students who are tardy to school or leave early are not eligible to participate in extracurricular activities.

The only exceptions to this rule are for the following items, which must be processed thru our Attendance office and occasionally also require an Administrator's approval:

- ♦ Doctor/Dentist appointments = you must present documentation from the physician's office for approval upon returning to school.
- ♦ MVA appointment = you must provide documentation from MVA (Drive time with a driving instructor is NOT an acceptable excuse).
- ♦ Death in the family & college visits = pre-approval is required for documentation purposes.

If you are late to school and simply provide a parent note that you are tardy that day, you may not practice or play.

ATTENDANCE CUT-OFF TIMES

A student who arrives between 7:30 and 10:49 will be marked tardy in the a.m.

A student who arrives after 10:50 will be marked absent ½ day in the a.m.

A student who arrives after 1:36 will be marked absent for the full day.

A student who leaves before 8:14 will be marked absent for the full day.

Westminster HS Athletics Information for 2026-27

Registering your son/daughter on Family ID is now a requirement for all sports seasons as well as any out of season conditioning or team activities. If your student intends to participate in any out-of-season conditioning or team activities prior to their official season's start, be sure to have the Family ID registration process completed, which includes uploading a valid physical. You need to be registered in Family ID in order to tryout. Prospective student-athletes need to be registered in FamilyID with a current CCPS approved physical uploaded into FamilyID in order to participate in tryouts. We need a valid CCPS Physical that indicates cleared with no restrictions to proceed.

Start Dates for Sports

Fall Sports– August 12, 2026

Winter Sports– November 14, 2026

Spring Sports– March 1, 2027

Fall Coaches:

Corollary Sports / Natasha Costley / NCCOSTL@carrollk12.org

Football / Chris Bassler / RCBASSL@carrollk12.org

Boys Soccer / Jim Reigel / JDREIGE@carrollk12.org

Girls Soccer / Shawn Taylor / Sbtaylo@carrollk12.org

Volleyball / Bridget Griffin / bmgriff@carrollk12.org

Field Hockey / Laurie Naill / LMNAILL@carrollk12.org

Boys Cross Country / Ryan Dulaney / rtdulaney@gmail.com —Girls Cross Country Colleen Kernan / CMKERNA@carrollk12.org

Cheerleading (Fall) / Alex Taylor / antayl2@carrollk12.org

Golf / Palmer Phillips / palmerhphillips@gmail.com

Winter Coaches:

Boys Basketball / Johnathan Forster / jforst@carrollk12.org

Girls Basketball / Dave Urban / dmurban@carrollk12.org

Boys Wrestling / Garrett Vandervalk / GTVANDE@carrollk12.org

Girls Wrestling / Sean Ensign / SPENSIG@carrollk12.org

Indoor Track & Field / Colleen Kernan / CMKERNA@carrollk12.org

Cheerleading (Winter) / Alex Taylor / antayl2@carrollk12.org

Athletic Information for 2026-27 Continued

Family ID Registration:

[Student Registration](#)

Athletic Physicals:

Physicals cover athletes for a 13-month period and current valid physicals within that date range can be uploaded directly into the Family ID site. Athletes should pay close attention to the 13-month expiration date and be sure that your physical will not expire before the season ends. If you've previously registered with Family ID, we recommend you log in to verify your physical's date. As you get your physical renewed, please use the new form available [Athletics - Carroll County Public School District \(carrollk12.org\)](#).

Eligibility Policy:

Students eligible to participate in high school athletics and other extracurricular activities at the high school level may lose their eligibility if found to be in violation of the policies and administrative regulations of Carroll County Public Schools. Students who represent Carroll County Public Schools through involvement or performance in an extracurricular activity are held to high standards in three areas: Academics, Attendance, and Conduct. The eligibility regulations are included in detail on the Carroll County Public Schools website at [Policy and Procedure - Carroll County Public School District](#)

Athletics schedules: www.whsowlsathletics.com

Jim Reigel / Director of Athletics and Facilities JDREIGE@CARROLLK12.ORG



Advanced Placement (AP)

- **Rigorous** Curriculum accessible to high school students.
- Students can potentially earn **college credit** by taking the AP Exam.
- Register for the AP Exam during the course. Each AP teacher will provide information.
- **NEW this year** – CCPS will pay for the exam for any 11th or 12th grader that has attained CCR status. 9th and 10th graders may take AP Exams but will need to pay the fee.
- There is a \$40 fee for any student who signs up for an AP Exam but does not take it or who signs up late.



Dress Code Policy

Tops: reasonably cover the back, the cleavage area, and entire midriff. See-through not permitted w/o undershirt.

Bottoms: Cover entire buttocks and private areas while student is sitting, standing, bending over.

Hats/Hoods: not allowed anywhere during school hours.

No profanity, symbols of hate (swastikas and Confederate battle flag).

If the violation cannot be fixed, we will give the student another shirt or shorts. Failure to correct the violation will result in administrative action including removal from class.

Cell Phone Policy



No cell phones and/or earbuds are permitted in class as students have access to their 1 to 1 laptop.

Students who are on their phones or have earbuds in during class will receive a Technology Violation by the classroom teacher and will be sent to the office to speak with an administrator. Administrators will follow progressive discipline for students if they continue to have their devices out in the classroom. Students may only use their personal devices before and after school, during lunch, and class transitions. Students are not permitted to record peers/staff at any time during the school day, unless given approval. Students that record and disseminate video footage of peers will receive consequences, up to and including out of school suspension. Lastly, if an emergency occurs, parents/guardians should call the main office to get in contact with their student.

Notice from IT

This is a reminder that parents should be directed to the [Family Web Support Form](#) for technology support requests instead of contacting Tech Services directly.

Using the Family Web Support Form ensures that family support requests are properly tracked and routed to the appropriate team for follow up.

If a parent calls or emails your school for assistance with access issues or issues when using a family-facing application (Home Access Center | Microsoft 365 | Clever | Schoology | SchoolMessenger | Online Permission Form | Student Laptop Agreement), please provide them with the link to the Family Web Support Form and encourage them to submit a request there.

Thank you for helping us streamline support for our families.

CONSENT AND RELEASE

Permission to Photograph, Videotape or Audiotape

Throughout the school year, the Carroll County Public School System frequently covers school activities and may use your child's photograph, video image, or voice for educational, informational, or public relations purposes, with or without identification by name.

If you do not wish to have your child's voice reproduced on tape or to have his/her image appear in such things as a video or a photograph, or on the school or school system website or social media, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their children being audiotaped, photographed, videotaped, or having their image placed on a school website or social media by the school system unless such notification is received.

There are also occasions when the media cover certain school events (such as when a government leader visits a school). If you do not wish to have your child's name or likeness published by the media, you should address your concerns directly to the school involved so that the media is so advised. Please be advised that the school system has no control over the media when they are covering activities such as sporting events and musical programs that are open to the public.

Use of Student Work on Websites or in Publications

There may be times throughout the year when the Carroll County Public School System wishes to display student work on school websites, social media, or in publications. If you do not wish to have your child's art, poetry, writing, etc. appear on school websites, social media, or in publications, please notify the school principal in writing. It is assumed that parents and guardians consent to their child's work being displayed on school websites, social media, or in publications unless such notification is received.

BOARD POLICIES

[Policy and Procedure - Carroll County Public School District \(carrollk12.org\)](#)

CCPS Informational Calendar Student/Parent Handbook

[Communications Office - Carroll County Public School District \(carrollk12.org\)](#)

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEGAL NOTICES IN PUBLICATIONS

Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) is required to include one or more legal notices in publications and handbooks. A Notice of Non-discrimination is required in publications for distribution. In addition, the ADA Accessibility Statement is required in all publications pertaining to events to which the general public, including parents/guardians, is invited.

The following statement should be included in all publications:

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Board of Education of Carroll County does not engage in discrimination that is unlawful or contrary to Maryland State Department of Education guidance on the basis of age, color, genetic information, marital status, mental or physical disability, ancestry or national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

The Board of Education of Carroll County is firmly committed to creating equal employment and educational opportunities for all persons by providing an environment that supports optimal academic achievement and productive work and is free from any form of unlawful discrimination, including access to school facilities, educational programs, and extracurricular activities.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Human Resources, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157, (410) 751-3070.

The following statement about program accessibility should be used in advertisements, brochures and flyers publicizing events to which the general public, including parents/guardians, is invited:

ADA ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) does not discriminate on the basis of disability in employment or the provision of services, programs or activities. Persons needing auxiliary aids and services for communication should contact the Communications Office at 410-751-3020 or publicinfo@carrollk12.org, or write to Carroll County Public Schools, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may use Relay or 7-1-1. Please contact the school system at least one (1) week in advance of the date the special accommodation is needed.

Information concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act is available from the Director of Facilities Management, (410) 751-3177, or the Communications Officer, (410) 751-3020, 125 North Court Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157.