

Wilson Memorial High School

Hornet News

February 2016

What's Happening at the HIVE

February 19

Gold Clubs

February 26

Hornet Clubs

March 1

PARENT/TEACHER
CONFERENCE DAY

No School for Students-
Parent Conferences 2-5 pm
and 6-8 pm

March 4

Green Clubs

March 8

End of Grading Period

March 11

Gold Clubs

March 17

Report Cards

March 18

Honor Roll Celebration and
Gifted/Talented Seminar
during Return Block

March 25

Hornet Clubs

March 28-April

No school-Spring Break

April 25

Now a Regular School Day

April 26

End of 5th Six Weeks

Thank you Students, Parents, and Faculty for making the first semester a great one! It's hard to believe that we are half-way through the year. We are pleased with the progress our students are making and we encourage everyone to continue to put forth their best efforts to ensure a successful second semester.

Congratulations to students and teachers on our Fall 2015 SOL Scores. Last week we held our first door prize drawing of the year. Students with passing scores were entered in the drawing and won some really great prizes. Special thanks to Interstate Battery, Fishersville 7-11, WMHS SCA, and the WMHS Athletics Department for the prizes. Plans are also underway for a recognition banner to showcase students who have achieved a perfect score (600).

If you have visited the school since the winter break, you have been greeted at the door by an administrator or faculty member. This was done out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to monitor all school visitors. Earlier this week, the installation of our school's buzz-in system was completed. All school visitors should still access the main entrance and press the call button for assistance. For the safety of our students and faculty, all doors will remain locked at all times with the exception of the front door from 7:25-8:10 a.m. each day. Parents are asked not to drop students off until 7:45 a.m. at which time the cafeteria is supervised by school staff.

Thank you, again, for all you do for WMHS!

Sincerely, Kelly Troxell, Principal

First Semester Re-cap!!!

*Return Block—everyone seems to be settling in to new routines. Return block is a way for students to receive enrichment, extra-practice, remediation, and time to make up assignments. Teachers may also assign new work, when needed. Students are able to re-visit each of their 4 classes for an extra 40 minutes each week. Student attendance and participation is an expectation. We hope you continue to make the best use of this time and reap the benefits of your efforts.

*Club Day—there are 3 club cycles at WMHS that meet monthly. Clubs will resume this month (see Hive Happenings). Club meetings are held during return block on Fridays. When there are no club meetings, there may be other school-wide assemblies. If no events are scheduled, students remain in 2nd block class.

*Parking—While our lots are filling up, we still have some spaces remaining. Parking is open to all juniors and seniors who complete a parking application and pay the parking fee. Students are reminded to place their parking hanger so that it is visible and the parking number is facing outward. Please be sure to park in your assigned spot. Students who do not follow the parking procedures will receive written notification. If a student receives a parking violation, it must be signed and returned to school within two days. Failure to follow the parking procedures could result in the loss of privilege.



ATTENDANCE:
Late arrivals, Early dismissals, and Absences

As a goal this school year, WMHS is working to improve and increase student attendance. When compared to other schools in our district we fall in the mid to low range of attendance percentages. Therefore... **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!** Please encourage your student to be at school all day, every day...that creates the best learning opportunity for the student. Should you child need to be absent please review the following procedures that were announced and shared at the start of the school. We appreciate your efforts in helping to make WMHS #1 in Student Attendance!!

Student Absences:

If your child will be out all day...

- ✓ Call or email the school by 9:30 am
wmhsattendance@augusta.k12.va.us
- ✓ Follow up with a written note within 3 days of your child returning to school
- ✓ If your child has seen a doctor, send a copy of the doctor's note

Late Arrivals:

If your child will be arriving late...

- ✓ Call or email the school by 9:30 am
wmhsattendance@augusta.k12.va.us
- ✓ Send a written note with your child
- ✓ If your child has seen a doctor, send a copy of the doctor's note

Early Dismissals:

If your child will be leaving early...

- ✓ Send a written note documenting the time your child needs to leave and for what reason

Pre-Arranged Absences:

- ✓ Send a written note as soon as possible documenting the dates your child will be absent.
- ✓ Dr. Troxell will approve all pre-arranged absences

FLOW CHART OF ATTENDANCE

<p>ABSENCES</p> <p><u>Unexcused</u> 3, 5, & 8 =====</p> <p><u>Excused</u> 10 total=====</p>	Attendance Letter & meeting (after 10)	3 rd party note required	Truancy Referral if deemed necessary
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UNEXCUSED
Tardies/Early Dismissals
 3=Warning 4=Detention (before/after school) 5=ISS 6 and beyond-OSS 10=poor school standing

**Please refer to the student handbook for additional information.

Parent Portal: It's not too late!! If you have not signed up for access to the parent portal, please plan to do so. Stop by the office and pick up your access code. The portal allows you access to student attendance, fees, and grades.



Attention Students: SOMETHING NEW!!!

Free Admission to Sporting Events: Mr. Flesher will identify one game every three weeks as an “attendance game.” The class with the highest attendance percentage will earn **free admission** to the selected event.

FAN OF THE MONTH: Show your spirit and be showcased as our *Fan of the Month*. Receive special recognition and a prize!!!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH: Teachers will nominate students showing great progress and work ethic. The *Students of the Month* will receive special recognition and a prize!!

**First Attendance
Game:
MARCH 22**

Attendance counts
taken March 2-21

Join the **PRIDE OF THE HIVE:**

- *Pick up your **PRIDE OF THE HIVE** card in the office.
- *Get an initial from the gate for each event you attend (sporting, fine arts, etc)
- *Away events are worth double!!!
- *Fill your card and get Free Admission to one event
- *Your Card gets entered for a special drawing
- *Pick up a new card...start all over!!!

FFA NEWS...

The FFA has been very busy the past few months and will continue to be busy throughout the semester. In February we will kick off FFA week with a movie night on February 23rd at the school in the auditorium. It will cost \$1 to get in and this will be open to the whole student body. We will be placing a survey on the WMHS website for our students to vote on what movie they want to watch. For Valentine's day the FFA will be selling carnations February 9th-11th and delivering them on Friday the 12th. Strawberries will be sold throughout January and February. Orders and money are due February 19th and strawberries will be delivered to school on March 14th. During National Ag Week the FFA officers will partner with the Farm Bureau Young Farmers on March 1st to build a Learning Barn. A Learning Barn is a bookshelf colored and shaped like a barn that students and teachers can fill with educational and fun books about agriculture. The barn will be delivered on National Ag Day, March 15th, to Westwood Hills Elementary School. We are very excited about all of our upcoming activities this semester and feel free to join us in any of our celebrations.



YEARBOOK TIME...

Attention Parents and Students! Yearbooks are selling for \$65 until Friday, 3/25! On Saturday, 3/26, they will be \$70! So buy your child's yearbook today using the Yearbook link on the school website or purchasing it from Mrs. Lilley in Room 42.

The Hornet Hive Yearbook Staff would like to remind you of the Replay-It program! Every student who purchases a yearbook will receive a code to unlock the Replay-It's online time capsule. This digital time capsule is our school's home for all the photos uploaded by the school community including photos from sports, hobbies, clubs or even photos with friends. The photos will be accessible as soon as the student purchases their yearbook so they can flip through Wilson's most recent memories before they receive their yearbook! Pictures remain available for 10 years. Go to <http://www.replayit.com/r/8845400/> to register and you can see the 2016 Hornet Hive Yearbook pictures now!

Senior Recognition Ads



Would you like to show your love for your senior in the yearbook?

Purchase a Senior Recognition Ad!

These can contain a baby/early childhood photo, senior portrait, special note, or a memorable

http://www.jostens.com/apps/shop/yrbk_ra_flash.asp?CID=156367&PFID=2015091804224593058 .