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Events to Remember

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- 12/5: Requests for Transcripts/ Letters of Recommendation Must Be Received By Guidance
 - 12/12: Winter Pep Rally
 - 12/19: Last Day to sign Senior sign-out sheet, submit Senior quotes, and submit formal photos for yearbook
 - 12/22-1/2: Winter Break
 - 1/14: End of third grading period
 - 1/15-16: No school for students
 - 1/19: Mentorship applications due
 - 1/23: Report cards distributed to students

FFA

Our FFA chapter has been very busy in the past month. We sold fruit that will be delivered the second week of December, be sure to pick yours up! Our chapter FFA shirts are now in as well and may be picked up if you paid with your dues. In our November meeting, our chapter signed Christmas cards that we sent to a Marine Unit serving in Afghanistan over the holidays.

Also, in our December meeting, we made Butterfly Hugs that were taken to Augusta Health for cancer patients.

In January, we will be donating items to the Valley Mission in January. Coming up at the beginning of second semester is National FFA week is February 21-28, 2015!

TSA

WHAT IS TSA?

The **Technology Student Association** is a student run organization based on competing in **STEM**; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics competitions.

It promotes **leadership** on local, state, and national levels while building **confidence** and **knowledge** for the future.

OUR MOTTO

Learning to live in a technical world.



Thank you for supporting TSA and Firehouses everywhere!



EVERY THURSDAY 4-8 PM

A Word from the School Counseling

Scholarship Information

All seniors and their parents are reminded that scholarship information is posted on the WMHS School Counseling Web Page. The scholarship forms are in the School Counseling Office lobby in the filing cabinet near Mrs. Landes' desk. If you have any questions or concerns, please see your counselor. WMHS administers several scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships are chosen exclusively from our WMHS seniors. One application places a student in consideration for all the scholarships. The WMHS Scholarship application is located in the School Counseling Office and via the WMHS webpage under the School Counseling tab. Deadline for completion of this application is Friday, 4/24. No late applications will be accepted!

Registration for 2015-2016

Counselors have begun meeting with students to talk about classes for next year. Parents/guardians who would like to discuss their child's course selections are encouraged to contact their child's school counselor.

Several of the classes/programs require an application. In addition, schedules can be accessed online via [Parent/Student Portal](#).

Application deadlines for the 2015-16 school year are listed below:

- Valley Vocational Technical Center — Due to the School Counseling Office Friday, 1/30: Late applications accepted, but could impact students' first choice.
- Shenandoah Valley Governor's School — Due to the School Counseling Office Monday, 2/2: Late applications will not be accepted.
- BRCC Career Academy — Friday, 2/13: Late applications will not be accepted. Due to the BRCC Office.
- Mentorship - Late applications will not be accepted. Due to the School Counseling Office by Friday, 1/16.

College Information

There are several things to be aware of during the spring semester of your junior year and going forward as you approach senior year. Please plan to take the ACT and/or SAT sometime this spring or early summer. If needed, a re-take can occur at the beginning of your senior year.



Seniors: Make sure that you keep up with scholarships and registration for college!



On the right, there are some suggestions to consider when you visit a college campus.

**PART-TIME
HELP
WANTED**

Come to Mr. Melvin's office today to see the applications.

A Word from the School Counseling

Information about testing dates and times can be found on the School Counseling Web Page. Also, more and more colleges are requesting standardized test scores be sent directly from the testing institution. Please send the scores directly from ACT or SAT to your desired college choices. This can be set up when registering online at collegeboard.org or actstudent.org. This will not only save you time, but also money!

This is also an excellent time to start planning college visits. You should start narrowing your list of college choices to around five schools. (You have started to think about this – right????) Make a list of questions to ask while on your visit and keep a chart comparing the pros and cons of each college.

Things to consider on your visit:

- Call or register online with the college to take the official general tour
- Visit classes – specifically something in your intended major
- Talk with several students
- Eat on campus.
- Grab a student newspaper and read the bulletin boards
- Talk to an advisor or admissions counselor
- Take pictures and notes
- Explore on your own

Part Time Jobs Available

There are listings of part time jobs for students outside Mr. Melvin's (the Career Coach) office. Jobs range from Dock Worker, Administrative Assistant,

Senior Care Assistant to Dog Grooming. Please stop by and see Mr. Melvin for any information or help filling out applications.

WMHS SOL/EXAM TESTING SCHEDULE Jan 2015

<u>Jan 5</u>	<u>Jan 6</u>	<u>Jan 7</u>	<u>Jan 8</u> <i>Reading SOLs</i>	<u>Jan 9</u> <i>Social Studies SOLs</i>
<u>Jan 12</u> <i>Earth Science & Biology SOLs</i>	<u>Jan 13</u> <i>2nd & 4th Exams Math/Chemistry SOLs</i>	<u>Jan 14</u> <i>1st & 3rd Exams Math/Chemistry SOLs</i>	<u>Jan 15</u> TEACHER WORK DAY Make-up SOLs - SOL Remediation - SOL Retakes	<u>Jan 16</u> TEACHER WORK DAY Make-up SOLs - SOL Remediation - SOL Retakes

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 -- 2nd and 4th BLOCK EXAMS

8:10		First Bell	
8:15	8:20	1st Block	5 minutes
8:25	11:10	2nd Block Exam	165 minutes
11:10	11:35	1st Lunch (A)	25 minutes
11:40	12:20	3rd Block A	35 minutes
11:15	11:55	3rd Block B	40 minutes
11:55	12:20	2nd Lunch (B)	25 minutes
12:25	3:10	4th Block Exam	165 minutes

AM Tech students report to their regular rooms when they return.

PM Tech students eat 1st lunch and stay in the cafeteria with Mr. Haskins and Mr. Steele until bus arrives.

PM Tech students report to their regularly assigned room when they return.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14 -- 1st and 3rd BLOCK EXAMS

8:10		First Bell	
8:15	11:10	1st Block Exam	175 minutes
11:10	11:35	1st Lunch (A)	25 minutes
11:40	12:20	4th Block A	35 minutes
11:15	11:55	4th Block B	40 minutes
11:55	12:20	2nd Lunch (B)	25 minutes
12:25	3:10	3rd Block Exam	165 minutes

AM Tech students report to the cafeteria upon return and will be supervised by Mrs. Hostetter.

PM Tech students eat 1st lunch and stay in the cafeteria with Mr. Robinson.

PM Tech students report to the cafeteria to be supervised by Mr. Schuler (L. Grove Sub)

Congratulations Jenna Benzing!

WMHS Freshman Jenna Benzing was recently honored as one of the brightest middle school students in the world at a national awards ceremony sponsored by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY). The Center honored Jenna for her exceptional performance as a middle school student on the college SAT as part of the 2013-2014 CTY Talent Search.

This year there were more than 33,470 second-through-eighth grade participants in the CTY Talent Search, which identifies and recognizes the academic capabilities of advanced students around the world. Students from 50 states and 67 countries participated. Of the 16,459 seventh and eighth grade

participants, only 960 U.S. and international middle school students scored high enough on their above-grade-level tests to be invited to the ceremony on the Johns Hopkins University campus.

Students honored at the 2014 Grand Ceremony qualified for CTY's residential summer programs, online classes, and family programs. "Academic talent knows no geographic, cultural, or socioeconomic boundaries," said Elaine Tuttle Hansen, executive director of CTY. "We are so pleased to take a moment to recognize these academically talented students for their remarkable achievements, and to honor the parents and educators who have guided them along the way."



Congratulations Jenna for receiving the Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Award.

Non-Discrimination Statement

The Augusta County School Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, disability, or gender in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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