

Wilson Memorial High School

Hornet News

August 2013

Dates to Remember

July 23-24 Camp Wilson

9:00-3:00 pm

July 29-30 Senior Portraits

Aug. 7 Schedules are ready, Fee Collections 8:30AM - 4:00PM

Aug. 13 9th Grade and New Student Orientation 7 PM; Dessert Social 6:30, Fees collection 8:30 AM - 7 PM

Aug. 14 Meet the Team Night, 7 PM

Sept. 2 Labor Day Holiday-

Sept. 11 D, F Progress Reports Distributed

Sept. 27 National Honor Society Application Deadline

Mentorship students report to WMHS for the first day of school in time for homeroom



The administration and staff of WMHS welcomes all students, both returning and new, back to the Hive for another great year. It is always exciting to start a new year, and we hope that this year will be the best ever for our students, our staff, and all those parents and community leaders who support opportunities at WMHS. Please read this Hornet News carefully and watch for other important information to be brought

home by your student the first few days of school. The Augusta County Handbook for Students and Parents contains lots of important information you will need throughout the school year. The Wilson Supplement to the handbook gives you more precise information that relates specifically to WMHS. Each teacher will also be sending home his or her course requirements and syllabus along with their classroom discipline plans. Both students and parents are asked to sign the WMHS Honor Code. Emergency Care Cards must be completed, signed and returned. Students new to WMHS must sign the Acceptable Use Policy before they can access any computers. The most important thing that you can do as a parent is to get involved. Mark your calendar for Parent Teacher Conferences on **Oct. 23rd 6:00-8:00 pm and Oct. 25th 8:30-11:30 am.**

Start the New Year Off Right

Be on time! School starts Monday, August 19. The first bell will ring **ORIENTATION** for all new Wilson Memorial High School students is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 13** at **7:00 PM in the WMHS auditorium.** Students and their parents are invited to join our staff for a dessert social in the WMHS cafeteria at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be brief, leaving lots of time for students/parents to tour the building, meet with teachers and counselors, and find their classrooms, restrooms, cafeteria, etc. *A special thanks to the Achievement Boosters' Club for providing the food!*

at 8:10. This is a change in our bell schedule. The tardy bell will ring at 8:15. Our dismissal time will change to 3:10, so please plan accordingly.

- ✓ **Dress for Success!** School is your primary job for the next 180 days. Don't make inappropriate dress a barrier to your success. The major dress code changes may be found on the school web site PowerPoint
- ✓ **Be Prepared!** You'll need two 3-ring binders, paper, pencil, pen, and anything else you normally use on the first day. Individual teachers will let you know if you need any additional materials.
- ✓ **Bring a Little Money!** Breakfast costs \$1.35. Lunch cost \$2.45. This a ten cent increase from 2012-13. Reduced breakfast and lunch prices will not increase for this year. Students needing free/reduced prices will be accommodated for the first 10 days of school while forms are being processed.
- ✓ **Park Where You Want!** Parking passes will be sold to seniors on the first three days of school, then to juniors the next two days. **The cost is \$50.00.** Sorry, but no parking passes for sophomores.

Happening at the Hive...

All students are encouraged to join at least one club each year at WMHS. These clubs offer leadership opportunities and unique ways to extend classroom experiences into a more social realm. Please check the list of club opportunities available and begin thinking about your club choices. Clubs begin meeting Sept.4th.

<i>Art Club/Art Honor Society</i>
<i>Chess Club</i>
<i>SADD Student Against Destructive Decisions</i>
<i>FCCLA</i>
<i>Fins, Feathers, and Fur (Triple F)</i>
<i>French</i>
<i>Future Farmers of America (FFA)</i>
<i>Tri-M</i>
<i>Go Green Club</i>
<i>Improv Club</i>
<i>Science Investigation</i>
<i>Latin</i>
<i>Board No More</i>
<i>W-2 Wellness</i>

<i>Technology Students Association (TSA)</i>
<i>Reading Plus</i>
<i>Spanish Club</i>
<i>Issues</i>
<i>NHS</i>
<i>Sign Language</i>
<i>Math Honor Society</i>
<i>Clubs Meeting Before or After School</i>
<i>Debate</i>
<i>Forensics</i>
<i>Academic Challenge</i>
<i>FCA</i>
<i>SADD</i>

National Honor Society

*2013 Induction News: The National Honor Society will hold its annual induction ceremony in October. Any junior or senior with at least a 3.5 GPA, who demonstrates outstanding leadership, service, and character, may obtain a Student Activity Information Form from Mrs. Jordan. **This form must be completed and submitted with a cover letter no later than 3:30 pm. on Friday, September 27th, 2013 if a student wishes to be considered for membership.***

Hornet Newsletters for 13-14

This edition of the Hornet Newsletter will be the only edition that will be mailed home to parents. The remaining editions will be posted on our webpage under Hornet News. Parents who wish to have a published edition may pick up hardcopies in the main office upon request. Upcoming electronic editions will be posted on our webpage in October, November, February and April.

It's Academic



Tutoring

It is our focus to provide more opportunities for all students to be successful during school. Tutoring will be restructured for this year. We will no longer offer tutoring after school. Tutoring will be offered twice a month during the school day following an activity schedule. The focus will be on peer to peer tutoring, makeup work and SOL remediation.

Report Cards

Report cards are distributed every 6 weeks and Progress Reports are distributed at the interim. All teachers distribute progress reports during class. D/F progress reports will be distributed directly to the students and the progress reports will not be mailed home. Check the Hornet News for the dates.

Cell Phones/iPods & other electronic devices

The electronic device policy will be conducted under a pilot program first semester. Students will be able to access their electronic devices until 8:10. It will be the student's responsibility to turn off their devices at 8:10. Students will not be able to access their electronic devices during classes or class changes. Students will be able to access their electronic devices during their assigned lunch period in the cafeteria only. The electronic device pilot program will be re-evaluated at the end of first semester to consider continuing this program under the current guidelines. The discipline for violating this policy will remain as listed.

1st Offense: Phone or other device is confiscated and student receives warning.

2nd Offense: Phone or other device is confiscated and student receives 3 days out-of-school suspension (OSS). **Use of any electronic device for filming:** 5 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

Dress Code

The dress code for school is included in the WMHS Supplement and a power point can be viewed at our website. Please encourage your student to dress for success and not make fashion choices that are inappropriate for the school setting. The major change with the new dress code policy will begin the first day of school: shirts and blouses must be constructed to cover the top of the shoulder. Tops with a 2" to 3" straps are too small and not appropriate for school. Males may not wear tank tops unless worn with another shirt. Necklines cannot be lower than a straight line from the top of the underarm across the chest to opposite underarm.

Honor Code

The WMHS Honor Code is the cornerstone of our discipline code. Students pledge not to lie, cheat, or steal. Those violating this pledge are appropriately disciplined. Students and parents are asked to sign this Honor Code indicating their support of our efforts to ensure an orderly environment based on trust and honorable conduct.

Attendance Regular prompt attendance at school is the first step towards insuring academic success. Please reference the WMHS Supplement for specific attendance procedures.

Displaying Affection

Holding hands is considered to be an appropriate display of affection between students. All other forms of physical touching are not acceptable.

Grading Scale

The Augusta County School Board has approved a change in the grading policy for the 2013-2014 school year. The grading scale beginning this year will be changed from a seven point grading scale to a ten point grading scale. The new grading scale is also listed in the 2013-14 Handbook.

Grading Scale

All classes are on a 10-point grading scale.

98-100	A+
92-97	A
90-91	A-
88-89	B+
82-87	B
80-81	B-
78-79	C+
72-77	C
70-71	C-
68-69	D+
62-67	D
60-61	D-
50-59	F

- A student should not receive below a 50, unless they did not turn in the assignment/complete the work/take the test or quiz.
 - Example: If a student “earned” a 33%, the grade should be recorded as a 50.
 - Example: If a student does not turn in an assignment, the grade should be recorded as a 0 (zero).
 - Example: If a student does not turn in a project, the grade should be recorded as Incomplete.
 - *Student’s can still earn “Incompletes” with this grading system if they fail to turn in required work.*

Class of 2014

Congratulations on now having a senior in your home! You will have many tasks to accomplish this year as you prepare for graduation. We need you to think about senior portraits this summer. Senior graduation pictures need to be taken this summer to be sure that senior photos are in the yearbook.

The school photographer will be at WMHS on Monday, 7/29 and Tuesday, 7/30 to take senior photographs. For more information about senior portraits contact Lifetouch/Prestige Studios at 1-866-587-1081. Formal senior portraits and senior inspirational quotes are due to the yearbook by Wednesday, December 18th the last day before Christmas Break.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Schedules will be ready for students on Aug. 7th, and will be released to students when fees are paid (Please see section, **School Fees**, for dates, times, and costs). Students who cannot get their schedules early will get them in homeroom the first day of school. Homeroom assignments will be posted on the walls near the Guidance Department.

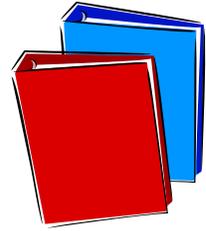
Students are reminded that their printed schedule reflects their schedules for both first and second semesters. If you need assistance reading your schedules, the secretaries will be glad to help you.

Student schedules are arranged based on graduation requirements and elective choices reflecting student's career pathways. Conflicts in scheduling may result in students being assigned to their alternate choices in elective classes. All students make alternate course selections at the time of registration and these choices are honored, if possible. Forms for requesting schedule changes will be available in homeroom on the opening day of school. Counselors will see students as quickly as possible, but students must follow their printed schedules until a change is approved by a counselor.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each student is asked to purchase two three-ring binder notebooks. Please have these with you on your first day of school.



SCHOOL FEES

The fee structure adopted for Augusta County Public Schools for the 2013-14 school year is included in this issue.

Fees must be paid before schedules are released. If your student still owes fees or fines from last year, that total will be added to this year's charges. Partial payment schedules can be arranged with the bookkeeper, Ms. Carter. There will be no fee reimbursement when a student transfers after the beginning of a semester, sorry. School fees may be paid during the following dates and times in WMHS office.

Aug. 7th – Aug. 16 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Aug. 13th 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

WMHS Achievement Boosters

The purpose of the Achievement Boosters Club:

- To promote and improve scholarship, as well as students, teachers, and parents commitment to excellence.
- To promote and improve the many fine educational programs at WMHS.
- To advise and support the faculty and administration at WMHS.

If you have any questions about the Achievement Boosters or would like to volunteer please contact Dr. Shifflett at 886-4286 or dwshiffl@augusta.k12.va.

FEE STRUCTURE Augusta County Public Schools	
Locker Fee (All Students)	10.00
AP English	35.00
Dual Enrollment English	Variable
Art (per course)	15.00
Band Instrumental Rentals	50.00
Extra-Curricular Athletics per season	25.00
Foreign Language (Levels 4 & 5)	10.00
Drama	10.00
Vocational Classes (per course)	15.00
Student Parking (Seniors & Juniors)	50.00
AP Exam Fee (per course)	87.00
P.E. Locker Fee	5.00
P. E. Uniforms: optional for school issued	20.00
Athletic Training Course (per course)	25.00
Advanced Biology II	15.00
Transcript Request	2.00

VVTC FEES

Valley Vocational Technical Center requires students to have their own tools, protective clothing, and materials. Students are expected to purchase their own items. If you have questions about VVTC charges, please contact VVTC at 245-5002.

FIRST DAY SCHEDULE

8:10 First Bell
 8:15 – 8:35 Homeroom
 8:40 – 10:05 1st Block
 10:10- 11:35 2nd Block
 11:40 – 1:35 3rd Block 1st Lunch 11:35-12:00
 2nd Lunch 12:25-12:50
 3rd Lunch 1:10-1:35
 1:40– 3:10 4th Block At the end of Reading Block students should report to their 3rd block class to learn their lunch schedule.

One Hour Delay

First Bell 9:10
 1st Block 9:15-10:35
 2nd Block 10:40-12:00
 1st Lunch 12:00-12:25
 3rd Block A 12:30-1:50
 3rd Block B (split) 12:05-12:45; 1:10-1:50
 2nd Lunch B 12:45-1:10
 3rd Block C 12:05-1:25
 3rd Lunch C 1:25- 1:50
 4th Block 1:55-3:10
 VVTC (morning) 9:25-11:15
 VVTC (afternoon) 12:30-2:45

Two Hour Delay Schedule

First Bell 10:10
 1st Block 10:15-11:20
 2nd Block 11:25-12:30
 1st Lunch A 12:30-12:55
 3rd Block A 1:00-2:00
 3rd Block B (split) 12:35-1:05; 1:35-2:00
 2nd Lunch B 1:05-1:30
 3rd Block C 12:35-1:35
 3rd Lunch C 1:35-2:00
 4th Block 2:05-3:10
 VVTC (morning) No Morning Classes
 VVTC (afternoon) 1:00-2:45

Student Parking

Students are required to purchase parking hangers which are **\$50.00**. Students will be issued a parking hanger number, which will also be that student’s assigned parking space for the year. Seniors will be given first opportunity to purchase hangers, and then the juniors. Students will not be allowed to park in the back of the school, in areas designated No Parking, Staff Parking, Visitors Parking or in another student’s assigned parking space.



Guidance News

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Adequate time will be given for adjusting student schedules.

Students requesting a change are reminded that a parent **must** sign the Request for Schedule Change form before a counselor can schedule an appointment to discuss the request. New students registering at WMHS for the first time will be given priority the first days of school. All students will follow their schedules until called to the guidance office by their counselor. **Schedule changes will be kept to a minimum.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 26 **College Night** for seniors and juniors at
Buffalo Gap High School, 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Oct. 16 **PSAT** – Required for Governor’s School applicants and students taking English 11AA and AP classes.

not a senior needs to take the SAT II. **SAT information is also available on-line, collegeboard.com.** ACT information is available at www.act.org. Student should check all registration deadlines for testing dates.

SAT DATES

The registration bulletins for the 2013-14 SAT I, II and ACT are available in guidance. These bulletins contain all the information a student needs to register for the SAT or ACT. SAT II tests are subject area test which may or may not be required by a college. Please check with your guidance counselor or the college catalog about whether or

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

SENIORS and their parents should be aware of this suggested timeline for students who plan to attend a four-year college.

SAT Test Dates	ACT Test Dates
Oct. 5, 2013	Sept. 21, 2013
Nov. 2, 2013	Oct. 26, 2013
Dec. 7, 2013	Dec. 14, 2013
Jan. 25, 2014	Feb. 8, 2014
March 8, 2014	Apr. 12, 2014
May 3, 2014	June 14, 2014
June 7, 2014	

BY THIS TIME ...	DO THIS ...
Halloween	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Decide on three to five colleges ➤ View applications on-line ➤ Begin work on the application forms
Thanksgiving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continue college application process ➤ Complete college applications
2 Weeks <u>Before</u> Winter Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Submit counselor recommendation forms ➤ Submit transcript request form to WMHS Guidance ➤ Mail applications (recommended)
Winter Break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Complete applications for student &/or financial aid ➤ Starting Jan. 1st, fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
Valentine’s Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mail Federal (and other) Application for student aid
April 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Colleges will notify students of their decisions about acceptance
May 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students send in deposit and acceptance notice to school choice. Notify colleges you won’t ➤ Notify the colleges you will not attend

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS, cont'd.

On-line

Since most schools are now encouraging students to submit the application on-line, the procedure for requesting transcripts and counselor recommendations has changed.

- The application, essay, and other letters of recommendation **do not** have to go through the guidance office.
- The guidance staff will be available to assist seniors with questions. **It will be the senior's responsibility to get the application mailed or submitted electronically by the deadline.** Please note that the guidance office will mail out a copy of transcript and test scores (if available).

Transcripts

- A **transcript request** form must still be completed and appropriate fees paid. A mid-year transcript will be sent.
- **Transcript requests** for colleges with a January deadline must be submitted two weeks prior to winter break.
- **If** the college requires/requests a counselor recommendation, then the senior **must** submit the form (downloaded from the application website or from the application packet) at the time the transcript request is made.
- **If no** college-required counselor form is submitted or requested by the student, the application review may be delayed, but a transcript request form and fees must still be supplied.
- A **final** transcript will be sent to the chosen college at the end of the year. The fee for a final transcript is \$2.00. This fee will be collected with the first transcript request.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION*

October 9, 2013
 November 25, 2013
 January 21, 2014
 March 11, 2014
 May 2, 2014
 June 18, 2014

* Please note that dates listed for holidays and report card distributions are based on the projected school calendar. Changes may be made due to unanticipated weather-related school closings.

STUDENT HOLIDAYS During the 2013-2014 School Year

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
September 2	Labor Day
October 7	Teacher Workday
October 23 & 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 5	Teacher Workday
November 27-29	Thanksgiving
December 23 – Jan 1	Winter Break
January 13 & 14	Teacher Workdays
February 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 14-18	Spring Break
April 28	Teacher Workday
May 26	Memorial Da

CAFETERIA CHARGES!

We do not want any student to be hungry at school! Students who cannot afford to pay full price for breakfast or lunch may complete an application for free or reduced price meals. Forms are available in the office. Students will not be allowed to charge lunches. Students may pay for meals in advance. For questions or concerns regarding meal charges, please contact Mrs. Robertson at WMHS or the School Food Service Office at 245-5159.

Athletic News

*FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
FALL 2013*

Hello, it is hard to believe that another school year will soon be here. Last year we enjoyed another outstanding season in Single A. With our success Wilson won the Region B Cup and finished 4th in the state in the VHSL Wells Fargo Cup. This cup is based on post season success. Our coaches are looking forward to another exciting and very competitive year in the Shenandoah District, arguably one of the toughest districts in the state. We look forward to seeing everyone at the games.

Just a reminder of some important Augusta County policies:

- 1) There is a \$25.00 Activity fee each time an athlete makes a team. This fee will be due by Meet the Team Night of each season.**
- 2) All athletes are required to have a Doctor's physical to attend any Wilson athletic activity starting July 1, 2013. (That includes all out of season open gyms.)**

Admission prices for the Shenandoah District will remain the same as last year, along with starting times. We still offer many pass plans and the very popular punch card. You can visit our web page for details.

Listed below are some of the more important sports dates for the 13-14 year:

Wednesday August 14	Fall Picture Day (Starting at 1:30)
Wednesday August 14	Fall Meet the Team 7:00pm Auditorium
Monday November 11	Winter Sports Tryouts begin
Wednesday November 20	Fall Sports Awards 7:00pm Auditorium
Thursday November 21	Winter Picture Day (Starting at 3:30)
Thursday November 21	Winter Meet the Team 7:00pm Auditorium
Monday February 24	Spring Sports Tryouts begin
Wednesday March 5	Winter Sports Awards 7:00pm Auditorium
Thursday March 6	Spring Meet the Team 7:00pm Auditorium
Thursday March 6	Spring Picture Day (Starting at 3:30)
Tuesday June 3	Spring Sports Awards 7:00pm Auditorium

*Please remember that dates are subject to change and for the most current schedule visit our school web page.

Thanks again for your continue support of Wilson Athletics and welcome to another exciting year.

Greg Troxell
Athletic Director

WMHS Athletic Boosters support our athletes by attending events, promoting good sportsmanship, character and by fundraising. Our mission is to provide our athletic teams with new uniforms on a rotating basis. There is no uniform funding provided by Augusta County Public Schools. We also assist the athletic department with funding some operational expenses of conducting an athletic program.

This year, we will provide support through the AD sales generated by our Sports Program and by running the concessions. Please consider joining the "Hornet Hive" for \$25 and volunteer in one of our concessions stands. We meet monthly for about an hour and everyone is invited to attend. Check the school website for meeting times or contact a Booster member for details.

Joining the Hornet Hive- WMHS Athletic Boosters' Goal is to have 100% membership in the Hornet Hive! Forms are available for download via the WMHS Website under "Athletics" and "Boosters" or pick one up in the office. You may also send your 30 character message (below) and \$25 to the school to the attention of "Athletic Boosters". (Checks can be made payable to WMHS Athletic Boosters)

Purchasing an Ad in the 2013-14 Sports Program- There is still ad space available for the fall, winter and spring issues of the WMHS Sports Program. These programs are sold at all sporting events for \$1 throughout the school year. This is a GREAT way to promote your business! Call 540-241-2831 for details.

- WMHS Program Prices**
- WMHS Business Cards- \$ 50**
- WMHS ¼ Page- \$75**
- WMHS ½ Page- \$100**
- WMHS Full Page- \$200**
- WMHS Center Right/Left Ad-\$ 300 contact 241-2831 for availability**
- WMHS Back Cover-Sold**
- WMHS Inside Back Cover-\$250 contact 241-2831 for availability**
- WMHS Inside Front Cover-Sold**
- WMHS List your business in the Hornet Hive section for- \$25**
- WMHS Volunteering to help in concessions**

Support our Athletes! Please join the Hive, place an AD, and/or volunteer to help in concessions!

The deadline to join the **Hornet Hive** to purchase an AD for the fall issue is **August 15th**.

2013-14 WMHS

Athletic Booster Board Members

- ❖ Heather Hensell- President
- ❖ Mark Hatfield-Vice President
- ❖ Mark and Ileta Sondrol-Treasurers
- ❖ Gretchen Abshire -Secretary
- ❖ Liz Cook-Concessions
- ❖ Cara Moore-At Large/Sports Program

 Click here for the [School Calendar](#) to get the most recent updates.

 Click here to go the [Athletics Page](#) to get team calendars.

SEPTEMBER 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS.	FRI	SAT
Sept. 1	2 Labor Day No School	3	4 Green Clubs	5	6 School Pictures	7
8	9	10	11 Quest Progress Reports	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Gold Clubs D,F Progress Reports Distributed	19 Health Screenings	20	21
22	23	24	25 Quest	26	27 National Honor Society Application Deadline 3:30	28 Home- coming Dance 8- 11:00
29	30 End of 1 st Marking Period					

OCTOBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS.	FRI	SAT
Sept 29	Sept 30	October 1	2 Green Clubs	3	4	5
6	7 Teacher Workday	8	9 Quest Report Cards Distributed Honor Roll Celebration	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Gold Clubs	17	18	19
20	21	22 H S Parent Conf. 6-8	23 Quest	24	25 Parent Conf. 8:30-11:30 am	26
27	28	29	30	31		

NOVEMBER 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS.	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5 Teacher Workday	6 Green Clubs	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Quest	14 End of 2 nd Marking Period	15	16
17	18	19	20 Gold Clubs	21	22	23
24	25 Report Cards Distributed Honor Roll Celebration	26 Talent Show	27 Thanksgiving Break	28	29	30