

WMHS HORNET NEWS

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Happenings at THE HIVE...

August

25 Club Sign-ups and Fees

29 SCHOOL PICTURES!!!

SEPTEMBER

1 Welcome Back Ice Cream Social

1 Student Tailgate-6pm

4 Labor Day-No School

8 Green Clubs

11 Progress Reports

15 Gold Clubs

21 Parent Conferences (6-8 p.m.)

22 Parent Conferences-No School
(8:30-11:30 a.m.)

29 Hornet Clubs

OCTOBER

6 Green Clubs

9 All County/City Choir

11 End of 9 Weeks

13 Make-up Pictures, 1:15 Early
Release

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear WMHS Students, Parents, and Supporters:

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! We are off to a great start thanks to each of you.

Wilson Memorial High School is fully-accredited by the Virginia Department of Education for the 2017-18 school year, having met all state benchmarks. We are proud of this accomplishment and know that it is made possible through high quality teaching, hard-working students, and supportive families. **Thank you** for your part in making this happen. We are also very proud of the daily achievements of our students both in and out of the classroom. Please take a moment to learn about the many activities going on here at The Hive and consider adding a few events to your calendar.

School Pictures will be taken on Tuesday, August 29th. Please also note that Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, 9/21 (6:00-8:00 PM) and Friday, 9/22 (8:30-11:30 AM). We value these opportunities to meet with parents and strongly encourage you to stop by to talk with your student's teachers.

This year marks 70 years in our school's history! We are proud of our past and present, and will continue looking to the future to provide the very best to our students and families. We look forward to working with all of you this year. We will continue to keep you up-to-date with our activities through phone calls, emails and a newsletter each quarter. Please call us or stop in anytime if you need assistance or have questions. Thank you for your continued support of WMHS.

Sincerely yours,

Kelly F. Troxell, Ed.D. Principal

HELP US GO DIGITAL!

For many years, WMHS has used a sign at the entrance to the complex to communicate with the public. The sign is utilized to advertise athletic events, concerts, and special announcements that affect Green Hornets past and present. As the years have progressed, our sign has sustained minor damage. Coupled with the fact that the school now offers a multitude of activities that deserve to be highlighted, we feel we have outgrown our current sign. As a result, we are sponsoring a fundraising campaign to raise money to support the installation of a new digital sign. The benefits of such a change will allow the school to communicate more events to the public at a single time. The sign can be changed quickly - using modern technology - rather than manually inputting messages. Furthermore, a digital sign will be able to promote numerous school events so that the hard work of our students, teachers, club sponsors, and coaches can be enjoyed by our extended Green Hornet family. Please consider making a donation toward this important project. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Troxell or Mr. Flesher.



WMHS SCHOOL NEWS AND NOTES

Quarterly Newsletter

A quarterly Newsletter will be posted so that families are able to familiarize themselves with upcoming events and happenings at *THE HIVE*. We will also use this time to re-cap and summarize the great accomplishments of our staff and students. Look for our newsletters to be mailed using the Infinite Campus system. You can also access the newsletter on our webpage.

Join the SWARM...

We realize that our WMHS staff and students are something to be proud of. This year we are looking to take our achievements to the next level. The focus of our year will be all Hornets displaying **S**uccess, **W**isdom, **A**ttitude, **R**espect, and **M**otivation. Please encourage your student to make this their motto as they embark on a new year. We invite you to visit our school, see our new banners, and be a part of the SWARM. We are the Hornets and we bring the Sting!!

SWARM SPIRIT SHIRTS

SWARM spirit shirts will be on sale for all Hornet Fans! Student shirts for grades K-12 will be sold offering students a \$2 admission price for every home game when they wear their spirit shirt. Adult size shirts are \$20; youth sizes are \$15. All youth size shirts must be pre-ordered. Adult fan shirts are on sale for \$15 as well. When purchasing a shirt, your name will be entered in to a drawing for a free year long home event pass. Shirts will be on sale at several Varsity home events in the coming weeks. Please contact the school to purchase your spirit shirt.

Progress Reports

Our first Progress Report date is Monday, September 11th. This is the mid-point of our nine-week grading period. All students will have their grades available on Parent Portal. Only those families without internet access will receive a paper print out of the report. If you did not sign up during registration to receive a print out, please contact our guidance department. All students who have a D or an F in a class will receive a phone call home notifying the parent/guardian.

SCHOOL STORE

DECA will continue to operate the "Hornet School Store" this year. We have school supplies, Wilson apparel, and snacks for that after-school treat. Send money with your students so they can take advantage of this opportunity! The School store is open before and after school each day.

CHORAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

It's an exciting year for the WMHS choral department! For the first time in many, many years, WMHS will produce a holiday musical, and plans are well underway. "It's A Wonderful Life" will be presented on Dec. 8, 9, and 10. We hope you'll plan now to attend! *Mrs. Edwards has added 2 piano classes that are at capacity. We have 3 new digital pianos as well as a newly donated acoustic piano for students to enjoy learning and playing. *Choirs are ready to get into rehearsal mode; choir officers & section leaders will be selected soon. *All parents of choral students are encouraged to become involved in the choral boosters. Contact Shelby Apple shelbyapple1@gmail.com or Kristina McClung mcclungkristina@gmail.com to learn more. *District Choir auditions (for Singing Sgts) will be held on Tues., Nov. 7.