

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.8th.

<i>Art Club</i>
<i>Chess Club</i>
<i>SADD Student Against Destructive Decisions</i>
<i>FCCLA</i>
<i>Fins, Feathers, and Fur</i>
<i>French</i>
<i>Future Farmers of America (FFA)</i>
<i>Tri-M</i>
<i>Green Club</i>
<i>Improv Club</i>
<i>Science Investigation</i>
<i>Latin</i>
<i>Math Club (24 Club)</i>
<i>W-2 Wellness</i>
<i>Technology Students Association (TSA)</i>
<i>Young Writers</i>

<i>Spanish Club</i>
<i>Art Honor Society</i>
<i>NHS</i>
<i>Assistive Technology</i>
<i>Math Honor Society</i>

SADD: Students-Against Destructive Decisions

Mrs. Myers and Mr. Cullen are excited to announce that SADD's mission is to "provide students with the best prevention and intervention tools possible to deal with issues of underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving, and other destructive decisions". We will be emphasizing all aspects of a healthy lifestyle, from saying "no" to substance abuse, to learning how to take care of yourself in a stressful world. There will be plenty of opportunities for service to peers and within the school for club members, as well as lots of fun activities! This club will meet every month. Parental and community involvement is welcome and encouraged as well. Contact Mrs. Myers at 886-4286 or jmyers@augusta.k12.va.us.

National Honor Society

*2010 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 or Mrs. Carter. **This form must be completed and submitted with a cover letter no later than 3:30 pm. on Thursday, September 30th, 2010 if a student wishes to be considered for membership.***



It's Academic

Reading

To promote life-long reading and the pleasures of leisure reading all students and staff will read for 15 minutes prior to the start of our first lunch period. Families wishing to donate reading materials may drop off their books, magazines, etc. in the basket located in the Media Center.

Tutoring

Beginning Sept. 14th, tutoring for all students will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Students may stay for assistance in any subject area. Students are expected to stay for the entire hour. Bus transportation is available on an abbreviated route. Please see Mr. Harrison for the bus route.

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 are mailed home. Check the Hornet News for the dates.

Cell Phones/iPods & other electronic devices

Cell phones are not allowed in school. We have discovered through experience that students have great difficulty making wise choices regarding the use of their devices. Understanding that families rely on cell phone communication for safety reasons, we allow students to carry phones and use them **after school hours**. If we see them during school hours, phones will be confiscated, and parents will be asked to pick them up from the office.

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 filming device:** 5 days out-of-school suspension (OSS)

Fees

The list of fees for this school year is included in this issue. Schedules may be picked up as fees are paid starting on **Aug. 5th**. The office will be open daily from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

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 can 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.

STUDENT SCHEDULES

Schedules will be ready for students on Aug. 5th, 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 2010-11 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, Mrs. Jennings. 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. 5th – Aug. 16th from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Aug. 10th 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM

WMHS Academic Boosters

The purpose of the Academic 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 Academic Boosters or would like to volunteer please contact Dr. Shifflett at 886-4286 or dwshiffl@augusta.k12.va.us.

FEE STRUCTURE Augusta County Public Schools	
Instructional Fee (All Students)	15.00
AP English	125.00
Dual Enrollment English	129.00
Art (per course)	15.00
Band (per course)	15.00
Choral Music (per course)	15.00
Foreign Language (per course)	10.00
Drama	10.00
Vocational Classes (per course)	10.00
Driver Education (Behind the Wheel)	250.00
Student Parking (Seniors & Juniors)	40.00
AP Exam Fee (per course)	90.00
P.E. Locker Fee	3.00
P. E. Uniforms	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

8:13	First Bell
8:17 – 8:37	Homeroom (20 min.)
8:42 – 10:02	1 st Block (80 min.)
10:07 – 11:27	2 nd Block (80 min.)
11:27 – 11:42	Reading Block** (15 min.)
11:47 – 1:42	3 rd Block (90 min.) / Lunch (25 min.)
1:47 – 3:17	4 th Block (90 min.)**At the end of Reading Block students should report to their 3 rd block class to learn their lunch schedule.

One Hour Delay

First Bell	9:13
1 st Block	9:17-10:38 (81 min)
2 nd Block	10:43-12:03 (80 min)
1 st Lunch	12:03-12:28 (25 min)
3 rd Block A	12:33-1:53 (80 min)
3 rd Block B (split)	12:08-12:48; 1:13-1:53 (80 min)
2 nd Lunch B	12:48-1:13 (25min)
3 rd Block C	12:08-1:28 (80 min)
3 rd Lunch C	1:28- 1:53 (25 min)
4 th Block	1:53-3:17 (79 min)
VVTC (morning)	9:30-11:05
VVTC (afternoon)	12:28-2:45

Two Hour Delay Schedule

First Bell	10:13
1 st Block	10:17-11:21 (64 min)
2 nd Block	11:26-12:30 (64 min)
1 st Lunch A	12:30-12:55 (25 min)
3 rd Block A	1:00-2:04 (64 min)
3 rd Block B (split)	12:35-1:07; 1:32-2:04 (64 min)
2 nd Lunch B	1:39-2:04 (25min)
3 rd Block C	12:35-1:39 (64 min)
3 rd Lunch C	1:39-2:04 (25 min)
4 th Block	2:09-3:17 (68 min)
VVTC (morning)	No Morning Classes
VVTC (afternoon)	1:00-2:45

Student Parking

Students are required to purchase parking hangers which have increased to **\$40.00**. 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.**

**Guidance Counselor
Assignments**

Mrs. Lovell – Grades 9-12, A-F
Mr. Sparks Grades 9-12, G-M
Mrs. Myers Grades 9-12, N –Z

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 30 College Night for seniors and juniors at
Stuarts Draft High School, 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Oct. 13 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 2010-11 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

SAT Test Dates	ACT Test Dates
Oct. 9	Sept. 11
Nov. 6	Oct. 23
Dec. 4	Dec. 11
Jan. 22	Feb. 12
March 12	Apr. 9
May 7	June 11
June 4	

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

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

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 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/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 7, 2010
 November 23, 2010
 January 24, 2011
 March 15, 2011
 May 3, 2011
 June 14, 2011

* 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 2010-2011 School Year

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Holiday</u>
September 6	Labor Day
October 1	Teacher Workday
October 12 & 15	Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 2	Teacher Workday
November 24-26	Thanksgiving
December 18 - January 2	Winter Break
January 14 & 17	Teacher Workdays
February 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 7	Teacher Workday
April 21	Teacher Workday
April 22-25	Spring Break
May 30	Memorial Day

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.

Class of '11 Senior Portraits



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 Thursday, 7/29 and Friday, 7/30 to take senior photographs. For more information about senior portraits contact Lifetouch National Studios at 1-866-587-1081. Formal senior portraits are due to the yearbook by Friday, December 17th: the last Friday before Christmas Break.

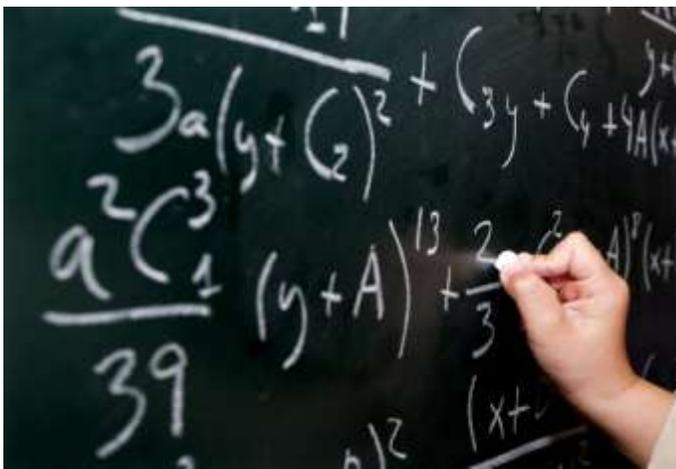
Calling All Math Students

Did you know that we have a Math Honors Club at WMHS?

You are eligible to join our exciting club if you are enrolled in Algebra 2/Trig., or Algebra 2 Trig. Part 1 and you have B+ average. We are a service oriented club in partnership with the SPCA. Meetings are on Club Day along with some evening activities. The Math Club participates in the Virginia Math League, peer tutoring during Reading Block, games and other activities.

Campbell in Room 27, or any member of the executive committee. The executive committee members are Jimmy Frisbee, Sarah Thibodeau, Grace Day and Carter Moore.

If you are interested please pick up an application from your 1st semester math teacher, from Ms.



ICARE Continues to Reward Teachers

The ICARE staff development program continues to reward teachers who have embraced technology, differentiation and the use of other instructional strategies in their classrooms. Spring 2010 ICARE semester winners were awarded Technology Grants sponsored by the Wilson Memorial Achievement Booster Club. The Achievement Booster Club has dedicated resources to help meet the technology needs of teachers in their classroom and is committed to acknowledging teachers who strive to improve instruction through the use of technology, differentiation and the use of other instructional strategies.

The Spring 2010 semester winners were: Mr. Don Biggs (Spanish) was recognized as the ICARE Overall Winner and received a \$500 Technology Grant for his use of multiple instructional strategies and the incorporation of technology. Mr. Joe Morris (Chemistry) and Mrs. Diana Beam (English) were recognized for their classroom Webpage designs. Mrs. Lisa Jordan (English) and Mrs. Melissa Carter (Social Studies) were recognized for their innovative use of differentiation strategies in their classrooms. Each received a \$250 Technology Grant to purchase resources for their classrooms.

ICARE, with the help of the Achievement Booster Club, will continue to reward teachers for their work throughout the 2010-2011 school- year.



Lisa Jordan

Differentiation Winner

Melissa Carter

Differentiation Winner



WebPage Winners

Joe Morris



Diana Beam



Overall ICARE Winner

Don Biggs



Athletic News

*FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
FALL 2010*

Hello, it is hard to believe that another school year will soon be here. The 2009-10 year marked our first year in AA and we had many team and individuals successes and we are looking forward to another great year in 10-11. Our coaches, players, and staff are worked hard this summer getting ready for the upcoming year. **Please remember that all athletes must have a current doctor's physical to try-out for a team.**

Admission prices for the Southern Valley 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 10-11 year:

Monday August 2	Fall Sports Tryouts Begin
Wednesday August 11	Fall Picture Day (Starting at 2:00)
Wednesday August 11	Fall Meet the Team 7:00pm Auditorium
Monday November 15	Winter Sports Tryouts begin
Wednesday November 17	Fall Sports Awards 7:00pm Auditorium
Monday November 22	Winter Picture Day (Starting at 3:30)
Monday November 22	Winter Meet the Team 7:00pm Auditorium
Monday February 21	Spring Sports Tryouts begin
Wednesday March 2	Winter Sports Awards 7:00pm Auditorium
Thursday March 3	Spring Picture Day (Starting at 3:30)
Thursday March 3	Spring Meet the Team 7:00pm Auditorium
Wednesday June 1	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 and character. One of our purposes is to provide financial support, volunteering to help in the concessions stands and volunteering to help with the other needs associated with our athletic teams.

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.

Joining the Hornet Hive- WMHS Athletic Boosters' Goal is to have 100% membership in the Hornet Hive! If you are interested in becoming a member for 2010-11 school year please contact one of the WMHS Booster Board listed below to find out how to have your name added as a member to the winter and spring issues of the sports program.

Purchasing an Ad in the 2010-11 Sports Program- There is still ad space available for the fall, winter and spring issues of the WMHS Sports Program.

-  **Program Prices**
-  **Business Cards- \$ 50**
-  **¼ Page- \$75**
-  **½ Page- \$100**
-  **Full Page- \$200**
-  **Volunteering to help in concessions**

If you have any questions or would like to purchase an ad, join the Hornet Hive, or volunteer contact one of the Board member listed below.

The deadline to purchase an ad for the fall, winter or spring issues is Monday, **August 2nd**.

The deadline to join the **Hornet Hive** for the fall, winter or spring is Wednesday, **August 11th**.
2010-2011 WMHS Athletic Booster Board Members

- ❖ Tim Swortzel- President
- ❖ Shari Sauer-Vice President
- ❖ Diane and Jeff Huss-Treasurer
- ❖ Cara Moore-Secretary
- ❖ Laura Boward-Concessions
- ❖ Laura Knott-At Large /Sports Programs

2010 Fall Sports Schedule Wilson Memorial High School

Varsity Football

Aug. 13 Scrimmage @ Bath 5:00
 Aug. 20 Benefit Game vs. Spotswood 7:00
 Sept. 3 vs. Stonewall Jackson 7:00 (L.L. Night)
 Sept. 10 @ Page 7:30
 Sept. 17 vs. Buffalo Gap 7:00 (Hall of Fame)
 Sept. 24 @ Riverheads 7:30
 Oct. 1 @ Luray 7:30
 Oct. 8 vs. Waynesboro 7:00**(Homecoming)
 Oct. 15 vs. Rockbridge 7:00**
 Oct. 22 vs. Stuarts Draft 7:00**(Senior N.)
 Oct. 29 @ Fort Defiance 7:00**
 Nov. 5 @ Robert E. Lee 7:00**

Note ** District Games

JV Football

Sept. 1 @ Stonewall 6:30
 Sept. 8 vs. Page 6:00
 Sept. 15 @ Buffalo Gap 6:30
 Sept. 22 vs. Riverheads 6:00
 Sept. 29 vs. Luray 6:00
 Oct. 6 @ Waynesboro 6:00
 Oct. 13 @ Rockbridge 6:00
 Oct. 20 @ Stuarts Draft 6:00
 Oct. 27 vs. Fort Defiance 6:00
 Nov. 3 vs. Robert E. Lee 6:00

Golf

Aug. 4 Golf Rules Meet @ Lexington 8:15
 Aug. 4 District Mini @ Lexington 8:30am
 Aug. 5 District Mini @ Gypsy Hill 9:00am
 Aug. 9 District Mini @ Staunton C.C 9:00 am
 Aug. 10 District Mini @ Ingleside 8:30 am
 Aug. 11 District Mini @ Waynesboro C.C.9:00
 Aug. 16 District Mini @ Waynesboro CC 9:00
 Aug. 26 @ Lakeview vs. Spotswood 4:30
 Aug. 30 Augusta Co. Shootout @ SCC 3:30
 Sept. 2 @ Waynesboro C.C. 4:00
 Sept. 13 @ Ingleside vs. SDHS & BGHS 4:30
 Sept. 22 District Golf @ Waynesboro CC

Competition Cheer

Sept. 11 Fort Defiance Invitational
 Sept. 15 Spotswood Invitational 4:00
 Sept. 25 Wilson Invitational 5:00
 Oct. 9 Buffalo Gap Classic 2:00
 Oct. 16 Waynesboro Invitational
 Oct. 23 Southern Valley District Tour
 @ Waynesboro 3:00pm

JV & Varsity Volleyball

Aug. 16 Scrim @ Luray 5:00
 Aug. 19 Scrim. vs Western 5:30 both gyms
 Aug. 31 vs. Riverheads 5:30
 Sept. 2 @ Buffalo Gap 6:00
 Sept. 7 @ Riverheads 6:00
 Sept. 9 vs. Buffalo Gap 5:30
 Sept. 14 @ Fort Defiance 5:30**
 Sept. 16 @ Waynesboro 5:30**
 Sept. 21 vs. Rockbridge* 5:30**
 Sept. 23 vs. Turner Ashby 5:30
 Sept. 28 @ Robert E. Lee 5:30**
 Oct. 5 @ Stuarts Draft 5:30**
 Oct. 11 vs. Stuarts Draft 5:30**
 Oct. 14 @ Harrisonburg 5:30
 Oct. 19 vs. Fort Defiance 5:30**
 Oct. 21 vs. Waynesboro 5:30**
 Oct. 26 @ Rockbridge 5:30**
 Oct. 28 vs. Robert E. Lee 5:30**
 Nov. 1 District Tour. Qrt's (Higher Seed)
 Nov. 2 District Tour. Semi's (Higher Seed)
 Nov. 4 District Tour. Finals (Higher Seed)
 Note ** District Games

Cross Country

Sept. 1 @ SDHS with Waynesboro 5:00
 Sept. 8 @ Wilson vs. SHS, FDHS 5:00
 Sept. 15 @ HHS with SHS, Lee, TA 5:00
 Sept. 18 Augusta Co. Invitational 10:00am
 Sept. 22 @ Lee with WHS 5:00
 Sept. 29 @ Rockbridge with SDHS, WHS
 HHS 5:00
 Oct. 5 @ SHS "Valley Challenge" 5:00
 Oct. 13 @ TA Invitational (Rockingham
 Fair Grounds 5:00
 Oct. 27 District Finals @ Wilson 4:30
 Nov. 2 Regional Finals @ TA 12:00

Scholastic Bowl

Oct. 4 @ Fort Defiance 6:00
 Oct. 11 @ Stuart Draft 6:00
 Oct. 18 @ Rockbridge 6:00
 Oct. 25 @ Turner Ashby (Big Meet) 6:00
 Nov. 1 @ Waynesboro 6:00
 Nov. 8 @ Wilson 6:00
 Nov. 15 @ Lee 6:00
 Nov. 22 @ Fort Defiance (Big Meet) 6:00
 Dec. 6 District Finals @ Lee High 6:00

Teamwork is the Only Way

It is an honor to serve as the athletic director at Wilson Memorial High School. With each passing year, I become more amazed by the men and women who choose to give their time to coach our student-athletes. Most are full-time teachers, while others are community members who have full-time jobs outside the school. After working all day in their primary jobs, these individuals stay extra hours on practice days, and even longer on game days, to provide our student-athletes a chance to compete and enjoy the athletic experience. Our coaches also contribute many off-season hours to ensure the continual improvement of our athletes' skills.

Today's college and professional coaches make incredible salaries. Coaching is their only job, and they are very good at what they do. But even at those levels, we (the spectators) sit in the stands (and in front of our televisions) and think we have more knowledge than these talented men and women who do nothing but coach for a living. In high school, coaching is not a primary job. High school coaches are motivated by what they teach their student-athletes, not by the small stipends they receive. Often that stipend does not cover what coaches spend from their own pockets to support their teams.

As WMHS athletic director, I expect specific things from our coaches. I expect them to treat each student-athlete fairly and with an even hand. Conscientious supervision and their best efforts at all times are expected. We trust that our coaches will learn and grow just as well as our student-athletes.

Each year it becomes more and more difficult to find teachers or community members willing to give up their time to coach one of our teams. We should treat our coaches with the same respect we wish for ourselves. A growing concern is the collection of attacks made about our coaches on various internet blog sites. Twenty years ago, you knew who your critics were because they looked you in the eye when they had a complaint. Today, our coaches' personal character and abilities are attacked on these blogs...with no signature in sight. This weakens us..... and to those that read these attacks, it appears that we are divided. No one benefits from this. If you have a concern, come to the administration – not the internet.

Not only should we support Wilson's teams and coaches, but we should also extend our respect to game officials, as well as our opposing coaches and players. Without them, there would be no game.

As you enjoy high school athletic events, please take a moment to remember all of those who give their time and effort to make the event possible. Please think before you speak. Sitting next to you might be the mother or father, husband or wife, sister or brother, or daughter or son of the player, coach or official you are lashing with your words. Let us put ourselves in their shoes and always remain positive with our words and actions.

Let's seek to make sportsmanship the winner at every WMHS game.

GO HORNETS!

Greg Troxell
WMHS Athletic Director

JULY/AUGUST 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS.	FRI	SAT
July 25	July 26	July 27 Camp Wilson 9-3:00	July 28 Camp Wilson 9-3:00	July 29 Sr Portraits	July 30 Sr Portraits	July 31
Aug. 1	August 2 Fall Sports Tryouts Deadline for Fall Sports Program Ads	3	4	5 Schedules and Fees Collections 8:00-4:00	6	7
8	9	10 Freshmen Orientation Night Dessert Social 6:30 Orientation Aud. 7:00 pm	11 Meet The Team Night 7:00 pm Deadline For Hornet Hive Fall Membership	12	13	14
15	16	17 First Day of School	18	19	20	21
22	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS.	FRI	SAT
			1 Team Day	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day No School	7	8 Club Day	9	10	11 Saturday School
12	13 Progress Reports	14 Tutoring	15 Club Day	16 Tutoring	17	18
19	20	21 Tutoring	22	23 Tutoring	24	25 Saturday School
26	27	28 End of 1 st Six Weeks	29	30 College Night Stuarts Draft HS 6:30-8:00 pm NHS Application Deadline 3:30 pm		

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

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

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. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies:

Title IX Coordinator

Eric W. Bond, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Personnel
6 John Lewis Road
Fishersville, VA 22939
(540) 245-5100

Section 504 Coordinator

George Earhart
Assistant Superintendent for Administration
6 John Lewis Road
Fishersville, VA 22939
(540) 245-5100