



Wilson Memorial High School

Hornet News

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We hope the first marking period ends on a high mark for all students! Report cards will be distributed on Thursday, October 8th. Please ask your student to share the good news!

Dates to Remember

October 7

VA Last day to Register for PSATs (\$15.00 fee)

October 8

VA Parent Information Meeting—6:00 pm
I Survived Middle School...Now What?

October 13

VA Picture Retake Day

October 14

VA PSAT Testing

October 15

VA Parent Conferences 6-8 PM

October 16

VA Parent Conferences 8:30-11:30 AM

Tutoring Has Begun!

Every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, 3:30–4:30 PM, the tutoring program, for all students at WMHS, offers extra help in **English, Math, Social Studies**, and **Science**. Students are expected to stay until- 4:30 unless prior arrangements have been made by a parent or teacher. Contact WMHS about the limited bus route.



Attention: College-Bound Seniors

Be certain to check your calendars and pace your progress in the college application process! Please use the timetable below as a reference.

BY THIS TIME ...	DO THIS ...
Halloween	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decide on three to five colleges <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Begin reviewing on-line applications
Thanksgiving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete on-line college applications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submit transcript request form to Guidance office
Winter Break	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Begin Completing applications for student &/or financial aid (FAFSA) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Begin completing 2008 tax forms
Valentine's Day	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Submit Federal (and other) application(s) for student financial aid
April 1st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Most Colleges will notify students of his or her acceptance
May 1st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students should send in deposit/acceptance notice to the school of choice. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students should notify other schools that you won't be attending

Guidance Counselor Assignments

Mrs. Lovell – Students A – F
 Mrs. Sparks – Students G – M
 Mrs. Myers – Students N - Z

National Honor Society News

The National Honor Society will induct new members on Thursday, 10/22 during their monthly club meeting. All students who have submitted a Student Activity Form will be notified of their membership status in early October. Students selected to join the National Honor Society will participate in the induction ceremony, and their parents will be invited to attend. The ceremony will begin at 11:30 AM in the auditorium. A reception for new members and their guests will follow in the New Gym Lobby. NHS officers will conduct the candlelight ceremony and current members will provide refreshments.

Forensics News

Calling all public speakers! The WMHS Forensics team is forming for the 2010 year! Forensics is a speaking competition team of the following categories: extemporaneous speaking, duo interpretation, short story telling, poetry, prose, serious and dramatic interpretations, and original oratory. If you are interested to find out more information about Forensics and how to proclaim your spot on the team, see Mr. Flippin in Room 34 for more details. Competitions begin shortly after Christmas break! More information will follow within upcoming months!

Ecology Class Reaches Out

Mr. Dane Barr's Ecology class will be hosting third graders from Ladd and Cassell Elementary Schools at the Augusta Springs Wetlands on Thursday, 10/29. The elementary students will visit eight different stations around the wetland, and the high school students will teach them the importance and function of wetlands. The class also did this event on Tuesday, 9/29 and it was enjoyed by all. Learning can be fun!



09-10 Social Studies Textbook Adoption

WMHS has received preview copies of the Social Studies textbooks that are being considered for adoption. We are seeking parent and community involvement in the process so feel free to look through the texts and submit any comments or opinions. Please call the school at (540) 886-4286 to set up a time to preview the textbooks.

Math Honor Society 2009-10

The first meeting was an introduction to all the club activities accompanied with the opportunity to sign up. The membership can stay active with tutoring, volunteering monthly, and participating when we have a speaker or project program in the evenings.

The executive council members are:

WA Mary Hull

WA Hayley Squier

WA Matt Wertman

WA JP Locketell

WA Nick Franz

WA Club Sponsor: Cory Berg May

The membership loves to play high level math games for fun. The first meeting's "game" was to play picture cards to see who had good insight and could think out of the box! A monthly "green" e-mail newsletter keeps the members informed. Again this year, members can buy a club t-shirt with WMHS written in Greek letters and stating "It's hip to b²" for just \$5.00. **Next month on Wednesday, 10/14, members will come in for an evening meeting to listen to a speaker.**

Membership is based on being in Algebra 2/Trig or a higher math class and maintaining an A/B average in math classes. Applications are still being accepted. See Mrs. May in room 58 or pick up an application and current newsletter outside the door. **Dues are \$5.00.**

FCCLA News

By Ashleigh Harris

FCCLA has new officers for the 2009-10 school year.

WVA President: Tori Amato

WVA First Vice President: Hannah Shields

WVA Second Vice President: Cheyenne Benson

WVA Treasurer/ Reporter: Ashleigh Harris

WVA Photographer: Courtney Whetzel

FCCLA has some exciting things coming up for the next couple of months. We are starting several fundraisers which include making *Thanksgiving Pies* to sell. We are participating in our annual dressing of the Salvation Army Bears. We will deliver Thanksgiving boxes with the SCA. Lastly, we are preparing and serving a meal at the Valley Mission. FCCLA has a lot of thrilling things prepared for the months ahead.

ICARE Staff Development Update

Congratulations to Coach Cullen and Coach Grove who are the first recipients of this year's ICARE ~ I TEACH t-shirts for their lesson on using Flip Cameras to demonstrate correct weight training techniques on various pieces of equipment in the weight room.

Ms. Michelle Hutchens presented an after school workshop on Wednesday, 9/16 on using *Games and Manipulatives* in the classroom. She demonstrated how to use such things as ABC Books Brainstorming, Slap Happy, Line 'Em Up, I Got Your Back and Pairs Check. Teachers attending were able to play the games themselves and then were given examples to use in their individual content areas. Just like students, teachers were given a homework assignment to use one or more of the activities in their classrooms and to report back to Ms. Hutchens.

ART NEWS 2009

The WMHS ART department is sponsoring our semi-annual DC field trip for Friday, 10/9. The students always love going to DC and visiting the art museums. It is open to art classes first, then to Art Club and National Art Honor Society members. The first 47 students to bring in forms and fees will have a seat on the bus. We leave at 7 AM and return at 8 PM. Next semester, we will be tentatively traveling to Roanoke to the Taubman Museum of Art. The students really enjoyed this new destination last semester and are looking forward to going back. The architecture of the Taubman is very contemporary and futuristic-looking. The NAHS and the ART Club will have a combined Homecoming Float this year with the theme, "Metallic Ice." Homecoming weekend is 10/2-3. The parade will begin at 6:15 PM. We always have a very neat float and will continue with that for this year.

The Art classes are working on recycled art projects for our upcoming "TRASH BASH II". This is a Fine Arts Department event that includes choral, band, drama and art. It will take place Thursday, 11/12 at 6:30 PM. There will be a "Recycled Art Exhibit", a Percussion Ensemble utilizing trash for instruments, and the choral students will be performing as well. The cost of the event is \$3.00. We are still trying to "GO GREEN" with our artistic endeavors. So, please come out and join us on Thursday, 11/12.

The National Art Honor Society is also waiting to hear about the Second CANdemonium project. It is tentatively slated for the spring. The Staunton Augusta Art Center sponsors the project and proceeds of donated canned goods are given to the Blue Ridge Food Bank in Verona. If you would like to help with this humanitarian event, PLEASE DONATE CANNED GOODS to WMHS. You may drop them off in Room 26 – Art Room and we will use your cans in the CANSTRUCTION sculpture.

Library News

School districts and nonprofit organizations across the county have been dealing with huge budget cuts, but we've found a way to supplement our finances.

WMHS is participating in the Funding Factory ® Recycling Program! This fundraiser is FREE and simple because there's nothing to sell, no paperwork to fill out and no deadline. The program runs year-round, accumulating constant income for our efforts. But we won't get very far without your support. Please donate your empty printer cartridges and used cell phones to our school, and we'll take it from there! We will recycle the cartridges and cell phones through Funding Factory.

Mark your calendars for October 24, 2009. Visit Books-A-Million in Waynesboro and your purchases at our Bookfair will benefit the Media Center. Vouchers for this event will be given to students, and will be available in the front office and media center.

Each month Ms. Obaugh and Mrs. Coffey will have a list of books that they have read and highly recommend. Listed below are those books for the month.

- WA A Child Called It
- WA The Boy Book
- WA The Story of Blima
- WA Follow the River
- WA Cold Sassy Tree
- WA Wood Song

ICARE & Technology Team UP

ICARE and Technology with ITRT specialist Jane Hinz teamed up this year to present joint workshops for the faculty. Teachers are able to gain recertification points by participating in these activities. The first joint endeavor was to present a SchoolWires Webpage Design Workshop during preschool in-service. Teachers spent time leaning how to update their individual webpages and also learned how to upload images, pictures, and documents to their webpages.

Teachers also experimented with webpage design by using backgrounds, fonts and advanced SchoolWires features. In the age of Twitter, Blackberries, and iPhones, WMHS teachers hope to improve communication and make course information more accessible to parents and students. Check out the "new and improved" staff webpages when you have a chance.

The next joint workshop between ICARE and Technology will be on Games and Technology. ITRT Jane Hinz will provide teachers with opportunities to learn how to use games and technology in their classrooms. *Jeopardy* and *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* are just two of the many games that teachers may choose from to incorporate in their classrooms. Alex Trebek and Meredith Vieira are nowhere to be found in the building, but you can still find teachers and students actively engaged in playing these games as part of review activities in vocabulary, literature, math, science, history and many other subjects. Using technology, such as, SMART boards, InterWrite boards and individual computer stations, teachers are able to use games in classrooms to reinforce learning.

Chorus News

This October, Singing Sergeants will once again be participating in the All County Chorus on Monday, 10/5. The concert will be at 7:00 PM at Stuarts Draft High School. Admission is free, so please come and support our students! The Fine Arts Department will be having our second annual Trash Bash on Thursday, 11/12 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. Like last year, art work will be on display and the band and chorus will provide a short performance. Tickets for the performance will be on sale at the event and all proceeds will go to benefit the WMHS fine arts programs.



WMHS Band October News: By Walter Carter

Welcome to the 2009-2010 year with the WMHS Band! Last year was great for the Emerald Regiment with good scores at the JMU Parade of Champions and a successful trip to Disney. The band is poised to build on that success and is enthusiastic to begin this year's exciting journey.

Throughout October, there are evening rehearsals for the guard only on Mondays and the entire marching band on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These practices are from 3:30-5:30 PM. Here are some important dates for your calendars:

October

- 3 – Monticello Competition (Morning Only)
- 6 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM in the band room
- 10 – Lynchburg Competition
- 12 – Augusta County Showcase of Bands @ Draft 7:00 PM
- 24 – JMU Parade of Champions
- 31 & 11/ 1 – Hagerstown Mummer's Parade

November

- 2 – All County Band auditions at Fort
- 3 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM in the band room
- 12 – Fine Arts Dept. Trash Bash 6:30 PM
- 14 – Veteran's Day Parade Meet 8:30 AM
- 23 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 4:30
- 24 – After school rehearsal – 3:30 – 4:30
- 30 – Staunton Christmas Parade

December

- 1 – Band Booster meeting – 6:30 PM
- 5 – Waynesboro Christmas Parade
- 12 – All District Band auditions @ WMHS – Doors open at 8:30 AM
- 16 – Christmas Concert – 7:00 PM

All dates are on the band's web site at <http://www.wmhsband.org/>. Our Monthly Booster meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the band room. We are always happy to see new parents involved with our program and look forward to seeing you there. It is a great opportunity to be involved with the students and contribute to the success of these fun and talented young men and women.





Italy and Greece in 2011

Take the trip of a lifetime and give your student an experience they will never forget! Mrs. Carter will be taking a group in July of 2011 to these beautiful Mediterranean countries. We will visit the famous cities of Rome and Athens, as well as the ruins of Pompeii and the island of Capri. There are numerous other stops planned. Our trip is all-inclusive and will include transportation, hotels, breakfast, dinner and admission into the sites plus a full-time tour guide! Register now and save! Find more information and details on registration on [Mrs. Carter's school website](#).

FFA Report

The WMHS FFA Dairy Cattle Evaluation team competed at the Big E in Massachusetts on Saturday, 9/19. The team represented the state of Virginia and placed third out of eight states including Delaware, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Maine, and Pennsylvania.

Team members consisted of:

-  Jordan Ambler
-  Chloe Cawizell
-  Josh Phillips
-  Chaz Ramsey



Business Speakers Needed

Dear Business Owner/Community Member,

Wilson Memorial High School's "MARCH TEAM" is making plans to have a "March into Careers" Month starting on Career Day, March 3, 2010 and lasting throughout the entire month of March. We would like you to join us for this special event in whatever capacity you feel comfortable in participating. We hope to have speakers who will share their career pathways with our student population; career booths set up within our school building; and hands-on activities that will allow the students to participate in various career choices.

That is where you come in. It may seem early, but we all know from experience that it is never too early to plan for such an event. As educators and business owners, we want our youth to make connections within our communities and observe positive role models. We want them to become informed, productive members of our society. What better way to accomplish this goal than by giving them an opportunity to spend a day with you, to gain knowledge about your business, your career path, and the choices you made that have brought you to where you are today?

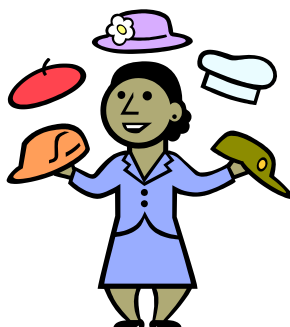
We hope you will consider one of the following options and return the attached form to:

Mr. Shaun Sparks
Director of Guidance
Wilson Memorial High School
189 Hornet Road
Fishersville, VA 22939
(540)-886-4286
ssparks@augusta.k12.va.us

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- 1) I will be happy to set up a booth on Career Day, March 3, 2010 _____
 - 2) I will be happy to be a guest speaker on Career Day, March 3, 2010 _____
 - 3) I will be able to set up a booth during lunch period or for a whole day some time in the month of March, but not on March 3, 2010 _____
 - 4) I will be able to come as a guest speaker some time in the month of March, but not on March 3, 2010 _____
 - 5) I am unable to help with the Career Day activities but keep me in mind for future activities _____

Name _____
E-mail address _____

Phone# _____
Business _____



Varsity Football

Head Coach: Derek McDaniel

Oct. 2	vs. Luray 7:00 (Homecoming)
Oct. 9	@ Waynesboro 7:00**
Oct. 16	@ Rockbridge 7:00**
Oct. 23	@ Stuarts Draft 7:00**
Oct. 30	vs. Fort Defiance 7:00**
Nov. 6	vs. Robert E. Lee 7:00**
Note ** District Games	

Junior Varsity

Head Coach: Andrew Grove

Oct. 7	vs. Waynesboro 6:00
Oct. 14	vs. Rockbridge 6:00
Oct. 21	vs. Stuarts Draft 6:00
Oct. 28	@ Fort Defiance 6:00
Nov. 4	@ Robert E. Lee 6:00

Competition Cheer

Oct. 3	Waynesboro Invitational, Waynesboro High School 2:00 PM
Oct. 10	Buffalo Gap Classic 3:30 PM
Oct. 24	Southern Valley District Tournament 2:00 PM

JV & Varsity Volleyball

Oct. 6	vs. Stuarts Draft 5:30**
Oct. 13	@ Stuarts Draft 5:30**
Oct. 20	@ Fort Defiance 5:30**
Oct. 22	@ Waynesboro 5:30**
Oct. 27	vs. Rockbridge 5:30**
Oct. 29	@ Robert E. Lee 5:30**
Nov. 2	District Tour. Qrt's (Higher Seed)
Nov. 3	District Tour. Semi's (Higher Seed)
Nov. 5	District Tour. Finals (Higher Seed)
Note ** District Games	

Cross Country Coach: Gary Kessler

Oct. 7	@ SHS "Valley Challenge" 5:00
Oct. 21	District Finals @ Lee
Oct. 29	Regional Finals

Schedules are subject to change.



Theatre Arts Students Rewrite Shakespeare

Ever wonder what it would be like to take on of Shakespeare's classic plays and condense them? Well, Theatre Arts I – III students have taken on the challenge of taking one of Shakespeare's plays and reducing in to 60 seconds. Students began their 60 Second Shakespeare Projects by designing story boards and planning out scenes. Next, using Flip cameras, students began filming adding costume and props. What they came up with is often a blend of slapstick comedy, melodrama, and farce. Caesar's final moments find him ambushed by cowboys and a football player, Romeo and Tybalt fight with light sabers and the shipwreck in the *Twelfth Night* involves a sink and a toy boat. Finally, using Movie Maker, students added titles, credits, music, sound, and edited their works. It may not have been what Shakespeare was thinking as his ink stained fingers wrote each play, but it was a fun assignment that required creativity and skill to tell the tale of Shakespeare's timeless works.



Shakespeare

Get your pictures in the yearbook!

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online –

- WA Log on to: images.jostens.com
- WA Enter Login ID: 400002251
- WA Password: Yearbook
- WA Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Image Share".
- WA Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- WA Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

**The last day to submit photos is:
February 22, 2010**



Augusta County's Special Education Advisory Committee

The Special Education Advisory Committee of Augusta County wants you to be informed parent. This committee meets monthly to discuss issues regarding children with disabilities in the Augusta County schools. Each school has a representative assigned to assist parents with questions and concerns. Sharing your concerns with your school's representative will help the committee to see whether there is a system-wide problem that should be addressed. Our school representative is Debbie Rexrode. She can be reached evenings at (540) 943-6526 or email her at Debbie.rexrode@gmail.com.

In addition, any parent or teacher is welcome to attend the SEAC meetings. The meetings will be during the 2009-2010 school year on the fourth Tuesday of each month. An open comment period will be held 6:15-6:30 and committee meetings 6:30-8:00 PM. Childcare will be provided for those attending the meeting. Please notify Eve Sapps at least 2 days prior to the meeting childcare is needed. She can be reached at krasnacroi@gmail.com.






Upcoming meetings will be held at Verona Elementary School Media center on Tuesday, 10/27 and Tuesday, 11/27. In addition we will have a dynamite meetings on Thursday, 10/8 from 12:00-1:00 PM at the Pupil Services Conference Room located at the Augusta County Government Center for those unable to attend evening meetings. Bring your lunch and find out more about SEAC and how you can be involved. Watch future newsletter for additional information or contact your SEAC representatives for more information.



WMHS Athletic Boosters







WMHS Athletic Boosters support our athletes by attending events, promoting good sportsmanship and character, providing financial support, volunteering to help in the concessions stands and volunteering to help with the other needs associated with our athletic teams. The Athletic Boosters' primary purpose is to supply every team with new uniforms on a rotating basis. Our second priority is to provide grants to WMHS to assist in the operating expenses of conducting an athletic program.

Please consider supporting the WMHS Athletes by...

-  Joining the Hornet Hive - WMHS Athletic Boosters' Goal is to have 100% membership in Hornet Hive! If you are not listed above, and are interested in becoming a member for the 2009/2010 school year, please contact one of the WMHS Booster Board members 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 Sports Program - **The deadline to purchase an AD or Join Hornet Hive for the Winter issue is Monday, 11/23.**
 -  Business Card - \$50
 -  ¼ Page - \$75
 -  ½ Page - \$100

If you have any questions or would like to purchase an AD, Join the Hornet Hive, or volunteer in concessions please contact one of the Booster members listed below.

2009/2010 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 Program

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				6:30 Powder Puff Football Game No Tutoring	No School Last Day to Register for PSAT! 6:15-6:50 P.M. Homecoming Parade 7:00 Varsity Football vs. Luray	9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M Saturday School with Mr. Biggs 8:00 P.M.-11:00 P.M. Homecoming Dance
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	6:00 PM Scholastic Bowl @ Fort Defiance 7:00 PM All County Chorus Concert, Stuarts Draft High School	6:30 PM Wilson Memorial High School Band Boosters Meeting		Report Cards Distributed TODAY! 6:00 PM Parent Information Meeting: I Survived Middle School...Now What? 12:00 PM-1:00 PM Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, Government Center Pupil Services Conference Room	7:00 AM- 8:00 PM Art Field Trip to Washington, D.C.	12:00 PM Band Competition Day: Lynchburg
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	6:00 PM Scholastic Bowl @ Stuart Draft	Picture Retake Day	PSAT Will be Administered TODAY!	6:00 PM- 8:00 PM Parent-Teacher Conferences No Tutoring	No School 8:30 AM- 11:30 AM Parent-Teacher Conferences	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Saturday School with Mr. Biggs
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				11:30 AM – 12:25 PM National Honor Society Induction Ceremony		10:00 AM- 9:00 PM WMHS Media Center Benefit: Books-A-Million Waynesboro
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	6:00 PM Scholastic Bowl @ Turner Ashby (Big Meet)	6:15 PM- 8:00PM Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, Verona Elementary School		Ecology Class to Augusta Springs Wetlands		9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Saturday School with Mrs. Lilley

November 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:00 PM Scholastic Bowl @ Waynesboro	3 No School Election Day 6:30 PM Wilson Memorial High School Boosters Meeting	4	5	6	7 9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M Saturday School with Mr. Biggs
8	9 6:00 PM Scholastic Bowl @Wilson	10	11	12 6:30 PM Trash Bash II	13	14
15	16 6:00 PM Scholastic Bowl @ Lee	17	18 7:00 PM Fall Sports Awards Program	19	20	21 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM Saturday School with Mr. Biggs
22	23 3:30 PM Winter Student-Athlete Picture Day 6:00 PM Scholastic Bowl @Fort Defiance (Big Meet) 7:00 PM Meet the Team Night	24 Report Cards are Distributed 6:15 PM- 8:00PM Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, Verona Elementary School No Tutoring	25 No School	26 No School Thanksgiving	27 Black Friday No School	28
29	30 Cyber Monday					

For up-to-date calendar information, [click here!](#)