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WAR EAGLE MONTHLY

THE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER OF SFHS

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NOTEWORTHY DATES

CURRICULUM NIGHT
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11
4:30-6:00 P.M.

CLASS PICTURES, 9TH-11TH
AUG. 30 & 31
MAKEUPS- SEPT. 21

For a full list of extracurricular meeting dates and school events, please use the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/mryzdf7r>

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WILSON'S WAR EAGLE UPDATE

Greetings, War Eagle faithful.

As we begin a new school year, I want to take a moment to share with you some of the practical, operational sides of school so that we all operate in a safe and efficient manner maximizing time for quality instruction and with a focus on our students.

Welcome back to our returning families and welcome to our newest War Eagles. Do not ever hesitate to reach out if we can be of service. As always, we are here to support you and your student. Please be patient if you call administrators; your call will be returned as soon as possible. We will all be away from our offices for the first few days to help our students as they transition between classes, find their way around campus, and become accustomed to new procedures.

WAR EAGLE WAY

First and foremost, I would like to share our War Eagle Way. As a school, we believe we all – staff and students – function optimally when we know and understand (and abide by) the expectations. Several members of our staff, including teachers, administrators, as well as a district office person or two, worked for an entire year to clearly express those expectations concisely in one document. Students will begin hearing about the expectations from day 1. Class meetings next week will add clarity, and mini videos will continue to explain and clarify what the War Eagle Way is all about. Suffice it to say, kindness and promptness top the list. It is who we are...it is what we do.

 WAR EAGLE WAY CONNECT. ACHIEVE. LEAD.	CLASSROOM	COMMON AREAS	COMMUNITY
CONNECT	BE ENGAGED. PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY & APPROPRIATELY BE INTENTIONAL. CULTIVATE & MAINTAIN POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS	BE PRESENT. PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS BE INVOLVED. PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	BE PROUD. DISPLAY WAR EAGLE PRIDE BE ACTIVE. PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY SPONSORED ACTIVITIES
ACHIEVE	BE PROMPT. ARRIVE ON TIME BE ACCOUNTABLE. MEET DEADLINES & ADHERE TO THE HONOR CODE	BE HONEST. USE PASSES APPROPRIATELY BE HELPFUL. CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF	BE INCLUSIVE. VALUE DIVERSITY & BE KIND TO OTHERS BE SUPPORTIVE. SERVE THE COMMUNITY
LEAD	BE ASSERTIVE. ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF BE POSITIVE. COMMUNICATE RESPECTFULLY	BE RESPONSIBLE. SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING BE UPSTANDING. DISPLAY GOOD CHARACTER	BE INSPIRATIONAL. ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO CONNECT BE CONSIDERATE. RESPECT PEOPLE, PROPERTY, & IDEAS

ARRIVAL

Arrival to campus and to class each period sets the tone for the day. Students who are late arrivals begin the day in a deficit. Our daily schedule will remain the same as last year – all seven periods on Monday with alternating odd and even period block days Tuesday through Friday. Whether a student drives or is a car rider, they must be in a class in a seat ready to go at 8:25 am. Traffic or Chick-fil-A and Starbucks lines are not excuses to be late. WE KNOW there is traffic around SFHS. Heavy traffic typically does not become "a thing" before 8 a.m. or after 4 p.m. If you wait to arrive at 8:20 a.m. or attempt to pick up or depart at 3:45 p.m., there will be traffic. I can almost guarantee it.

TARDINESS

Students who are late will be marked tardy; if lateness becomes a pattern, they will serve detention with progressive consequences if the lateness continues. Student drivers who are routinely late will have their parking privileges suspended for a brief period. Chronic repeat offenders could lose their privilege to park. If weather or an accident causes a traffic snarl, the school always has and will continue to adjust and excuse a late arrival.

TRANSPORTATION

School bus transportation is another story. If a bus is late, and we are present for arrival, an email is sent to staff to excuse late arrival to class. Bus transportation is ALWAYS a bit rough the first day or so of school until drivers get routes set and know who is riding to and from what location. Your patience is greatly appreciated. If you are at a bus stop and your child's bus is late, you can call, and we will attempt to tell you the disposition of the bus, but that will take a bit of time. Again, patience is appreciated. According to our transportation department, it is best if your student rides the bus from day one so that their stop is a known part of the route.

Condensed version: be prompt. Learning cannot occur if the student is not present; disrupted learning for classmates is inconsiderate.

LEAVING CAMPUS

Once a student is on campus, regardless of how they arrive (car, bus, self-driven), they may not leave campus to grab a coffee, donut, or chicken biscuit. That behavior is considered skipping and will earn a response. We can't keep your students safe if they are not on campus.

DISMISSAL

Dismissal is by bell at 3:40 pm. If your student has an after-school job or appointment, please consider travel time to the car and traffic in creating those appointment times. The attendance office lists the last check out as 3:10 pm because the car rider line is already forming and getting stuck in the line can be an issue and cause an issue. Please see the attendance page for the most efficient check-out practices. Thank you for your assistance with this. Patience is critical in traffic. Remember, there are many student drivers.

Many families have found that pulling into a vacant space in the main lot to wait on their child is easier than waiting in line. If you are picking up your student, please ask them to move quickly to the front of campus and to actively look for your vehicle. We have a double-lane car line. Typically, the outside lane is reserved for cars exiting campus. If you are dropping off or picking up and find yourself in the outside lane, please be aware of your surroundings. For drop-off, students should always exit the side closest to the school and look before they swing the door open to ensure safety. Drivers should be vigilant in looking for students crossing from the parking lot (often distracted) and students entering or exiting vehicles.

Short version: do not be in a hurry on campus. Let's keep everyone safe. As a side note, the safety of your student does not extend to local businesses. It is our preference that you do not arrange to meet your child at a local business at dismissal or drop them there on arrival. That choice is of course yours. If you make that decision, consider patronizing the business as you are impacting their customers' access to the property.

The loop around the front of the school is one way ALL THE TIME. Please make certain your teen driver and you understand that early morning practices when few cars are on campus are never a reason to drive against traffic and go the wrong way.

SAFETY

Safety on school campuses has been in the news quite a bit recently. We work hard every day to ensure our students, visitors, faculty, and staff are safe on campus. This year the main doors to main buildings (West, East, Main) will be unlocked in the morning until 8:25 am when the day begins. From that point forward, all external doors will be locked throughout the day. Students will need to move efficiently from class to class as exterior doors will be staffed by a faculty member until the tardy bell for class rings and teachers return to class to begin instruction. Everyone will have through the first full week of school to figure out travel routes and adjust to these new procedures. After that time, tardiness to class will be counted.

This will not prevent everything possible from happening, but it goes a long way to detouring unauthorized access. Propping of doors by anyone will be addressed. Students in the hall during class time who see someone at an exterior door should ignore that person or motion them toward the main hall "ring doorbell" entrance. As you can see, promptness will matter this year more than ever. Thank you for your support.

LUNCH

We will be reviewing with students the supervised areas of the campus where lunch may be eaten. Patience is always needed during the first week of school until everyone understands the flow of the dining hall. Your student will have ample time to eat lunch. The free meal for everyone federal program has ended. If your family needs assistance, please complete the free and reduced lunch application which can be found electronically on the district website. If you prefer a paper copy, please have your student ask my dining hall manager, Ms. Dawn Garrett-Martin, or any of the cash register operators.

There is an expectation that students clean up after themselves by placing trash in the trash receptacles located all over the café. This ensures we can clean the space for the next lunch shift efficiently. There is also an expectation that food is not thrown during lunch. (I know, right?) Parent drop-offs of lunch, Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc. are forbidden. Meeting students in the parking lot to hand off lunch is a safety concern for the entire campus. If your student forgets lunch, we will provide sustenance for that day. Your student may not be thrilled with the choice (special dietary needs will be met if shared), but that should help discourage forgetfulness in the future. Thank you for helping us keep your student safe.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedule change requests will be honored if space permits. Patience and kindness matter in this process. Counselors are still registering new students who need a full schedule and will assist all students as quickly as possible. Not all requests will be honored. Students must continue to attend the schedule they see in their campus portal account until a formal change is made. The schedule change form is accessible from our school website and will close promptly at 4 pm on Friday, August 5. Students not attending school on Thursday, August 4 will be withdrawn as a no-show and schedules removed. This is state policy.

To minimize class sizes where possible, class loads will be balanced through the first full week of school. Please encourage students to keep an eye on their schedules on the campus app. Thank you for your understanding. Additionally, please see the counseling corner to review your student's counselor assignment for this year.

IMMUNIZATIONS

If you have an 11th grader, you have been receiving and seeing information about the MCV4 immunization that is required for school attendance by the state of Georgia. Those of you whose student is still in need of this vaccine will receive a message from the district this week and will also receive a call from our Nurse Kelly. Information pertaining to deadlines and exclusions will be shared at that time. For all families, any student turning 16 after the first day of school will have 30 days to comply with the MCV4 immunization requirement. There is an immunization clinic on Saturday, August 6. We appreciate all of you as we work to be in compliance as a school.

PICTURES

Underclass school pictures will be taken on August 30 and 31 with September 21 as the makeup or retake date.

504s & IEPs

Mr. Scott Morlanne handles 504s and Dr. Wendy Shrader (formerly Rhodes) handles IEPs. They are your contacts for any questions regarding accommodations for your student and/or to schedule a meeting outside your 504 or IEP annual meeting time.

LOCKERS

Lockers are not required. Those who wish to use a locker may purchase one for \$10.00 through the West Hall Main Office.

PARKING

Parking passes for students are currently being distributed. Please contact Melissa McGregor if you have a special pick-up situation.

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Curriculum night will be held Thursday, August 11 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. All teachers will create and place a video explaining their class procedures, contact information, etc., on the main webpage to go active that evening. The visit to campus is a meet and greet so that you can put a face with a name. Time will be short, so longer, student-specific conversations will require a scheduled meeting.

DROP-OFFS

As in past years, we will not accept drop-offs for students in the offices. This is a safety practice. It is impossible for us to know what is contained in bags and challenging to verify if the drop-off person should have access to your student. As all teachers will accept work from students, it is not impeding your student's education. Athletic equipment, instruments, project boards, etc. are included in this process. Meeting your student immediately after school works for us if it works for you.

CLINIC

Medication of any sort (OTC or prescription) should not be carried by the student unless prior permission has been given by the school nurse and documentation received. If medication needs to be dropped off, the front office will direct you to the clinic. If glasses or a necessary item is forgotten at home, please stop in the main office and we will assist.

COVID UPDATE

Please inform us if your student is positive for Covid. We will report to the Department of Public Health as legally required. Nurse Kelly will share quarantine dates, return to school dates, and precautions to be taken upon return. We will not be contact tracing in classrooms or through clubs and organizations. We will note if a particular classroom, group, or team has an outbreak and send a letter notifying all involved. Thank you for helping us keep everyone healthy. This requires us all to work together.

P3-SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

Students and parents (as well as staff) should abide by the "See Something, Say Something" practice. Information can be shared via P3 (<https://tinyurl.com/58rk5hvk>)– our anonymous district reporting system or with a trusted adult in person or via email. We appreciate your partnership in this most important endeavor.

I realize this letter contains a wealth of information and you may still require clarity around all our procedures. We are always happy to answer questions. We are working toward providing the safest environment possible for our students.

Wishing you and yours a fabulous 2022-23 school year. See you around campus.

War Eagle Way- who we are...what we do.

Warmest regards,
Laura Wilson, Principal



COUNSELING corner

The Counseling Office welcomes you to the 2022-2023 school year! We are excited to support all students in their academic, career, and personal/social needs as they navigate their high school years.

New this year, we are excited to announce we have dedicated one School Counselor specifically to our 9th-grade students to serve as their School Counselor throughout this important first year of high school. Ms. Michele Vargas will work directly with the Class of 2026 to focus on a successful transition to high school, building connections at South Forsyth, and establishing the skills necessary for success in their courses and in life.

Students in grades 10-12 will be assigned to their counselor based on their last time and will be their point of contact for all of their counseling-related needs as we continue the strong foundation built in 9th grade.

Please see the counselor assignments for the 2022-2023 school year listed below. In addition, we are thrilled to welcome Mrs. Korri Iracondo to the South Forsyth Counseling Department as the new College and Career Center (CCC) Coordinator.

Check out the SFHS Counseling website for many resources available to students and families, including the CCC in Room 653.

***Please note, Mrs. Tonia Campobenedetto is out on maternity leave through September 11th. We are pleased to have former SFHS Counselor Mrs. Stacye Fickle return to support her students in her absence.

Counselors	Serving Students with Last Names	Phone Extensions	Email (all addresses end with @forsyth.k12.ga.us)
Michele Vargas	all 9th grade students	101120	mvargas@
Courtney Johnson	A-DE (10th-12th)	100624	cjohnson44@
Aaron Pileggi	DF-KAR (10th-12th)	100628	apileggi@
Tonia Campobenedetto	KAS-NG (10th-12th)	100626	tcampobenedetto@ *Stacye Fickle can be reached at f20148@
Shari Frankel	NH-SR, (10th -12th)	100625	sfrankel@
Amy Short Lead Counselor	ST-Z (10th-12th)	100622	amshort@



FORSYTH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SATURDAY WALK-IN CLINIC AUGUST 6, 8AM-12PM

Offering completion of
GA Form 3300 and GA Form 3231
(Required for new student registration)

Immunizations will be offered to both
uninsured and insured children
(Please bring your insurance card.)

Location:

Forsyth County Health Department
428 Canton Road Cumming, GA 30040
Tel: 770-781-6900

**In-State Immunizations only.
Please call the number above
for Out-of-State Immunizations

