WHHS School Newsletter VOL. II, ISSUE 1



TIGER NEWS

We Have P.R.I.D.E. - Personal Responsibility in Delivering Excellence!

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School Hours

Breakfast:

9th and 10th Grade Breakfast 7:30a-7:45a.m. 11-12th Grade Breakfast 7:45a-8:00a.m.

End of Day:

School ends at 3:00p.m.

Cell Phone Policy

Usage is permitted in the classroom if the teacher is using them for instructional/ learning purposes. Cell phones are allowed during lunch for Seniors only. If scholars do not comply with our cell phone policy, the cell phone will be confiscated.



CLAP IN!

Students were greeted by enthusiastic staff, politicians, and community members on the first day of school this year. The clap in signifies our ongoing celebration of student learning in a positive school setting, as well as our efforts to promote an engaging school culture. Staff was also celebrated earlier in the week with a carnival themed lunch. Special thanks to our office staff for helping make and serve lunches.

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Character Word GRIT

"Since grit is the tendency to maintain an extended amount of interest in a goal, it's important to have grit because this is required in order to keep going after your goals until you complete them. Without grit, you lose interest in anything you are currently pursuing, and you end up giving up on your main goal. As a youth learning about the world, you need all the grit you can get if you plan to succeed!" - Brian S.

"[Having] grit is a positive trait based on someone's passion for their long-term goals." - Alexis T.

"It's important to have grit as you pursue your education and dreams because you have to set things aside to finish what life has for you now. If you have a dream that you want to accomplish, and you're failing your classes, you have to get back on track." - Davion J.

"Grit is to be able to keep going even after setbacks happen. This is an important trait to have as a growing adult – not to let yourself be deterred by any person, thing, or idea. To be confident in oneself, to be able to do what needs to be done to reach your goal." - Marvin T.

"Grit is important because it's motivational and makes you want to achieve something." - Requan F.

"Grit is important because grit is a word that means so much for our future. It is important for now because while we are in school we need to finish and move on to the next big step in our lives, even though we might not want to be there, but we still will finish. It is important for the future because if we have a career we might have an assignment we need to finish ... It's important to finish out your tasks which means having grit." - Makenna K.

Thanks to Mr. Keeton's US History class for sharing their thoughts on this month's character education word!



NEW WHHS COURSE OFFERINGS

At WHHS, we celebrate and encourage innovation in our classrooms. We know that bringing real-world experiences to our school will help students think critically while applying what they've learned. The high school is proud to introduce two new academies: the Fire Tech Academy and the Tri-C Health Academy. Students who successfully complete the two-year firefighter program will be eligible for their firefighters certification. Students in the Health Academy can earn up to 23 credits toward college with successful completion of the program. WHHS is also offering a college course, English 1010, taught by Tri-C visiting professor Ms. Vara. So far, 14 students are enrolled in the course. The firefighter class is taught by Warrensville Heights firemen Mr. Crews and Mr. Barnes.

WHHS Celebrates 95 Percent Graduation Rate, Aims to Improve Overall Student Attendance

Thanks to the hard work of our students and staff, we had a successful 2015-16 school year, in terms of our graduation rate. We want to maintain the same high rate this year with our Senior Class of 121 students. However, the road to graduation starts with maintaining excellent daily attendance. Our school attendance goal is 93% this year. We need the help of all parents in making sure students are at school on time, on a daily basis.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tues, Sept. 13

PTO MEETING

Tues, Sept. 20

SAT Test Late Registration (online or phone only) ends today. The test is Oct. 1, 2016.

Thurs, Sept. 22

PARENT EVENING CONFERENCES from 4-7pm

Fri, Sept. 23

Deadline for Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SAC) applications

Wed, Sept. 28

TWO HOUR EARLY RELEASE DAY -1pm dismissal

SEPTEMBER

The entire month of September is **Fine Forgiveness Month** for the Warrensville Heights Public Library. All students can go to the library with their library cards to get fines wiped out, no matter how much.



Students Lauryn and Aaleyah recently explored exhibits at the Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA. The girls were part of a field trip provided by our partners at College Now.

WHCSD Superintendent Seeks Students for Advisory Council

The purpose of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SAC) is to serve as a liaison between students, schools, and central office in order to identify, express, and resolve system-wide concerns. If you are a WHHS student who would like to make a difference in your community, improve collaboration, and raise awareness of the positive aspects of our schools, please complete an application (found in the high school main office) and submit it to: Mattie Lockett, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent or send via email to Mattie.Lockett@whcsd.org. Applications must be submitted no later than September 23, 2016.

Welcome New Staff!

The high school welcomes new Science teachers Ms. Persinger and Ms. Scimone; new Math teachers Ms. Coulter and Ms. Campbell; new Social Studies teachers Mr. Ali and Ms. Shelley-Brown; and new intervention specialist Mr. Morrissette.