

Spartan Virtual Learning Newsletter

West Springfield High School

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Monday October 12, 2020 is a Student Holiday

Monday, October 12, 2020, is a student holiday. Students do not need to complete the Monday attendance forms on Monday October 12, 2020.

Asynchronous Learning on October 29th for PSAT Day

The Junior PSAT will be implemented on October 29th. The day will be a time for asynchronous work for all students not taking the PSAT. Students will not need to check-in to virtual classes and student attendance will be mark accordingly by the school.

Friday October 30, 2020 is a 2-Hour Early Release Day

Friday October 30, 2020 will be a 2-hour early release day for the end of the first quarter. School will end at 12:55. A specific schedule will be sent next week.

PSAT Opt-In (LAST DAY TO OPT IN)

On Thursday, October 29, West Springfield High School 11th graders will have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT in school. FCPS will cover the cost for any 11th grade student to take this test. October 29th will be an asynchronous learning day for all high school students and 11th graders participating in the PSAT will be excused from those asynchronous lessons.

To help the school prepare for testing, **11th graders** are asked to complete the form below **by Friday, October 9**. This form asks about participation in the test, the need or bus transportation, and interest in free breakfast or lunch on the day of the test.

[West Springfield HS: PSAT/NMSQT Intent to Participate Form](#)

FCPS students in Grade 11 should use their @fcpschools.net accounts to complete this form to indicate if they intend to take the PSAT/NMSQT on Thursday, October 29, 2020.

Orange/Blue Calendar with LS Rotations

<https://westspringfieldhs.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/inline-files/2020-2021%20Calendar%20Days%20%284%29.pdf>

Forms

<https://westspringfieldhs.fcps.edu/announcements/virtual-spartan-sprees>

Monday Attendance Form

Students will fill out this google survey **every** Monday, except holidays.

- <https://forms.gle/JVnQp1paqZSSpfz87>
- Students will need to be logged into their FCPS Google Account to access it.
- Going forward reminders to fill out the Monday form will go out to students from Schoology.

Students who have been assigned or request remediation will have been contacted by a teacher before Monday. If there are any questions about the Monday Attendance Form, please reach out to Elizabeth Wahl (ewahl@fcps.edu).

Small Group Instruction Groups

In the next few weeks, FCPS is planning to begin in-person instruction for small groups of students who might be experiencing the greatest challenges with distance learning. We will follow strict safety and health protocols to minimize health risks for students and staff. To learn more, visit [here](#).

We are planning for students with intellectual disabilities (ID) to return tentatively on October 27, 2020.

Potential Concurrent Instructional Pilot

West Springfield High School is hoping to be considered for a concurrent instruction pilot. This opportunity would have a small number of students come to school for in-person instruction in a hybrid concurrent model. The target is for there to be a two-day test period. Parent permission will be required for students selected into the pilot. Strict safety and health protocols to minimize health risks for students and staff will be implemented. To learn more, visit [here](#). Additional updates will be sent to identified students, if approved.

New FCPSOn at home policy

- Restrictions have been removed that deny access to the Windows Control Panel
- All “roadblocks” for **printing** at home have been removed.
- There still may have issues where one device gets pre-loaded driver that works and another doesn’t
- **What is needed to update computers to new policy**
 - Bring the laptop to any FCPS school
 - reboot 3 times,
 - Log in.
 - Search for **cmd**. It should find **Command Prompt** app. Open it. A black window should appear.
 - Type in **gupdate** then press Enter. When it is completed, you can shut down and go home.

Google Resource App in Schoology

The [Google Resource App](#) will be available for students by **8 am on October 5, 2020**. Students will have the ability to connect their Google Drives within Schoology. This will give students the ability to select Google Drive items to submit as part of assignments.

When students click **Submit Assignment**, they have three options in the new window:

- **Upload** - paste in a link to an existing file or create an audio/video recording
- **Create** - enter text directly into the text box
- **Resources** - select a Google Drive item directly from their Google Drives to import, or create new Google Drive items from within Schoology

Reminder: Students must [approve and connect](#) their FCPS Google Drive (fcpschools.net) with Schoology.

Restart, restart, restart

- Most all software issues can be fixed by Restarting. This is not necessarily the same as Shutting Down and Starting up. The first trouble-shooting step for any software issue should be to restart. Press CTRL+ALT+DEL. Select the power button icon from the very bottom right and choose **Restart**.
- If your computer is generally running slow, you should clean up Chrome and perform a command line restart.
 - **Clean up Chrome (should be your default browser)**
 - From the ... menu in Chrome, select **Settings**
 - Select **Advanced**
 - Select **Reset and clean up**
 - Select **Restore settings to their original defaults**.
 - Restart Chrome
 - **Command line restart**
 - Search for **cmd**. It should find **Command Prompt** app. Open it. A black window should appear.
 - Type in the following then press Enter. **Shutdown -r -f -t 5** (there are spaces between commands)
 - Your computer should restart. Please note if it appears to take longer than normal to restart. Longer is good.
 - Repeat if you still have issues. Sometimes this is required to return to a normal working state.



Senior Spotlight!

Information for the Class of 2021

Graduation Date:

FCPS has tentatively planned graduation for WSHS on June 1, 2021 at 9:30 am.

Senior Pictures Update:

At this time, we have decided to delay senior pictures until the end of November and the beginning of December. Information will be coming out next week on how to book an appointment.

Senior T-shirts: First Round of Orders is closed!



If you ordered in the first round (orders were due Mon Sept 21), students will be able to pick up their shirts on October 26th (details to come!). If you still want to order, senior T-shirts can be purchased at [MySchoolBucks](https://www.myschoolbucks.com). The next orders will close on November 16th.

All Night Grad Party Update:

More information will be sent out in the News You Choose email. Check out the website to learn more! <https://wshs-angp.square.site/>