

Spartan Virtual Learning Newsletter

West Springfield High School

Volume 2, Issue #11 October 16, 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.

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-spree>

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

West Springfield High School has been selected as a pilot location for a very small group of students to return for in-person instruction beginning October 21st and 23rd. The pilot enables us to blend in-person and virtual instruction for one class of students. We plan to bring some students into the classroom for in-person instruction, while at the same time, the rest of their classmates will continue to participate virtually from home. We hope to demonstrate the success of this model of instruction in a manner that maximizes safety and learning and enhances opportunities for students to socially engage.

The health and safety of all FCPS students and staff remains our top priority. All health and safety precautions will be shared with those participating in the pilot, as well as with our community. To learn more, visit [here](#).

At this time, only three classes of 10-15 students each has been selected to participate in the in-person pilot. We do not plan to expand the pilot to larger groups of students until the safety and success of teaching in this manner have been demonstrated.

We are very excited about the opportunity to demonstrate how to safely and effectively deliver in-person classroom instruction, while also engaging our young learners who will continue to access the classroom from home.

The families of the classroom that was selected have all been notified and we are eager to start this next phase of learning for our students.

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

New FCPS On 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 **gpupdate** 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/>