

Spartan Virtual Learning Newsletter

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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

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<u>Period</u>	<u>Begins</u>	<u>Ends</u>
2nd Period	8:10	9:25
6th Period	9:40	10:55
Lunch	11:00	11:30
8th Period	11:40	12:55

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).

11th Grade Parent Coffee

Parents and guardians of 11th graders are invited to join the Student Services department for a Parent Coffee on Monday, November 2nd from 8:30 am-9:30 am. A representative from Common App, a widely used college admissions application, will be joining us to give an overview of the application portal.

To RSVP, please fill out this [google form](#). A Blackboard link will be emailed to you closer to the event. We hope to “see” you there!

Small Group Instruction Groups

We are planning for students with intellectual disabilities (ID) to return next week, starting on October 27, 2020. In addition, our concurrent pilot has been extended by one week to allow for additional feedback and data to be collected.

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 **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:

We are pleased to inform you that we have established dates and times for our senior portraits. We will once again be working with Lifetouch Photography. We will be mailing out appointment cards with information or if you want to book an appointment now you can log into the following link.

- Log onto [PrestigePortraits.com](https://www.PrestigePortraits.com)
- Search by city/state (Springfield, VA)
- West Springfield should then come up, enter your name and you will be able to set-up an appointment. If a student cannot find their name on the site the student needs to contact Customer Service Dept - 800-445-1189 or email Answers@Lifetouch.com to make an appointment.

Our initial picture dates are as follows:

- Nov. 19: 9:30am-5pm
- Nov. 20: 9:30am-5pm
- Nov. 21 (**Sat**): 10:00am-4pm
- Dec. 12 (**Sat**): 10:00am-4pm
- Dec. 14: 9:30am-5pm
- Dec. 15: 9:30am-5pm
- Dec. 16: 9:30am-5pm
- Dec. 17: 9:30am-5pm
- Dec. 18: 9:30am-5pm
- Dec. 19 (**Sat**): 10:00am-4pm

There are multiple options for families to choose from at the website portal. For those who do not want to purchase a packet but would like to have their picture taken for the yearbook you need select the Basic session at prestigeportraits.com , but do not pay online, this will allow you to get 2 yearbook poses for yearbook use at no cost. The appointment will be scheduled and when you arrive for their scheduled appointment, notify the Lifetouch photography assistant that you would like the Yearbook only session.

Clothing Attire

At this time due to Covid protocols that we must follow we will not be able to provide traditional Tuxedo's or drapes. We ask that you arrive for your appointment with your own semi-formal outfits for your senior yearbook portraits. It is suggested that a collared shirt and tie with optional suit coat /jacket or a solid colored blouse or dress.

Photography protocols

Photographers have completed training to offer 'No-Touch' posing ensuring they will not make any physical contact with customers. They have been equipped with personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitization products to properly clean and disinfect equipment after each session. They must complete checklists before, during and after each session to ensure a safe and positive photography session.

Senior T-shirts: First Round of Orders to be picked up on Monday 2 – 5 pm!

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 from 2 – 5 pm. Details are posted in Schoology under the Class of 2021 group and emails were sent to your fcpschool.net gmail account. If you still want to order, senior T-shirts can be purchased at MySchoolBucks. 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/>