

Spartan Virtual Learning Newsletter

West Springfield High School

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First Quarter Extended

We recognize that many of our students are stressed and feeling overwhelmed, trying to manage their workload in the virtual environment. As one step to help reduce stress at the end of the quarter, FCPS is extending the first quarter, allowing students additional time to complete assignments. The quarter end is now Monday, November 2nd at 5 p.m.

We have also asked teachers to look at ways to reduce assignments given to students outside of class time, and to provide more time during school hours to work on assignments. This short video includes more information about what you and your students should expect.

[Watch Video](#)

Thank you for all that you have been doing to support your students during this difficult time.

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.

<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).

9th Grade Parent Coffee

Parents and guardians of 9th graders are invited to attend the Student Services Department's Virtual Parent Coffee on Monday, November 2nd from 9:30 am-10:30 am. Come and learn strategies to best support your student with the transition to high school and adapting to virtual learning in the current season.

To RSVP, please complete the following form: [CLICK HERE](#). A Blackboard link will be emailed to you prior to the event. We hope to “see” you there!

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!

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.

Item Pick Up (see attached flier for map)

Items for the second Quarter are going to be distributed on November 9th and November 16th.

Individual teachers will notify the students in their class if materials need to be collected for their class. Students who are not notified by a teacher do not need to participate in this process.

When you arrive

- Enter at the **Tuttle Road entrance** near the baseball field and follow signs up the hill
- Wear a mask
- Write your ID number and name on a sheet of paper

Book Collection

If you have textbooks from last year still to return you can drop those of at the same time as collecting any new material you have to collect.



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:

If you ordered in the first round (orders were due Mon Sept 21) and have not picked up your shirt yet, shirts will be available to pick up on November 9th and 16th at the item pick up. Details are posted in Schoology under the Class of 2021 group. 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/>