

Spartan Virtual Learning Newsletter

West Springfield High School

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Happy New Year

We hope everyone had a safe and restful break. As many already know, Dr. Brabrand presented the return to school plan to the school board. The board voted to pause the plan until February 2nd. This has resulted a number of changes in schedules and plans. Below are some of the updates we have at this time.

- New Bell Schedule
 - The new bell schedule was to be implemented January 12th and is now paused
 - A date for the new bell schedule will be set after the February 2nd board meeting
- January 11th Independent Student Workday
 - The day will be asynchronous
 - Students will work independently
- January 18th Holiday
- January 19th Orange Day (1, 3, 5, 7)
- January 20th Holiday
- January 21st Orange Day (1, 3, 5, 7)
- January 22nd Early Release Blue Day (2, 6, 8)
 - 2nd Period 8:10 – 9:25
 - 6th Period 9:40 – 10:55
 - LUNCH 11:00 – 11:30
 - 8th Period 11:40 – 12:55
- February 2nd Board Meeting – Return to School Plan

Dr. Brabrand's Message January 6, 2021

Dear FCPS Family,

We are deeply troubled by the upsetting events at the U.S. Capitol today.

We know that many people are feeling confusion, fear and anger. FCPS stands ready to support all of our students, staff, and families who may need to talk and process these events. Students and families can contact their school counselors, school social workers, and school psychologists.

Families and students experiencing stress are encouraged to utilize supportive resources [here](#).

We will continue to monitor these unfolding events and provide necessary supports to our families and staff.

Sincerely,

Scott Brabrand,

FCPS Superintendent

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).

School Counseling News

Ms. Hunter will be on maternity leave from November 9, 2020 until January 2021. For questions or concerns regarding students in her caseload (last name SAR – Tom) please email Ms. Braxton, Director of Student Services at Mybraxton@fcps.edu or your student's grade level administrator. *Seniors (Class of 2021)* - Please contact Ms. Kurth (LAKurth@fcps.edu) regarding your college application, letter of recommendation and transcript questions, as she will be able to assist.

Student Services Programming

Below you will find the program recordings that have occurred this this with the Student Services Department. At any time, if you have questions, please reach out to your student's counselor, or the Director of Student Services directly. Please know that this information can also be found on West Springfield's website.

[Meet Your School Counselors 2020 - 2021](#)
[October Video Programming Announcement](#)
[November Video Programming Announcement](#)

Grade Level Programming

Class of 2021 (Seniors):

- Senior Student & Parent Night September 2020
 - [Session 1: College Panel - UMD Eastern Shore, VCU, Univ of Kentucky, JMU, Hampton Univ.](#)
 - [Session 2: College Panel - UMD Eastern Shore, VCU, Univ of Kentucky, Hampton Univ.](#)
- [Career Exploration Workshop Sept 2020 & Career/Major Exploration Resource Sheet](#)
- [Transcript Workshop Oct 2020](#)

Class of 2022 (Juniors):

- [11th Grade Parent Coffee \(Nov. 2, 2020\)](#)

Class of 2023

- 10th Grade Parent Coffee (COMING SOON - JAN 2021)

Class of 2024

- [WSHS Student Services Freshman Welcome Video](#)
- [9th Grade Parent Coffee \(Nov. 2, 2020\)](#)

School-Wide Programming

[Welcome Video for New Transfer Students \(10 – 12th grade\)](#)

Counselor Café

- September 30th, 2020
 - 11th & 12th Grade: [How To's: College, Career and Volunteer Opportunities through Naviance Student](#)
- October 19th, 2020
 - 9th – 11th Grade: [Graduation Requirements](#)
 - 12th Grade: [Graduation Requirements & College Application Process](#)

Annual Career Fair (COMING SOON)

Wellness Week (COMING SOON)

Curriculum Fair

On Wednesday, January 15th student will be able to access West Springfield's Curriculum Fair Goggle Site. Information will be provided by their LS teacher on the 13th. The curriculum fair is an opportunity to gather information about the courses students are thinking of taking for the upcoming school year. Students will be able to view videos and hear brief information about each course. Additionally, students will be able to ask questions through Schoology. Additional information is forthcoming regarding course registration.

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.

Welcome back Spartan Student Athletes!

Our goal is to continue providing athletic opportunities for our students in the safest possible manner. To that end, we ask for your help in a couple of critically important areas:

Please, do not send your child to practice or workouts if:

- *He/she complains of not feeling well and/or has any of the following:*
 - *Feeling feverish and/or having chills (if documented temperature/fever of 100.4F or greater)*
 - *A new cough not due to another health condition*
 - *Fatigue (more tired than usual)*
 - *Nasal congestion or runny nose*
 - *Headache*
 - *A new sore throat not due to another health condition*
 - *New chills not due to another health condition*
 - *New muscle pain not due to another health condition or that may have been caused by a specific activity such as physical exercise*
 - *New loss of taste or smell, new onset of poor appetite or poor feeding Abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting*
- *He/she has been exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 or displays signs or symptoms associated with COVID-19*
- *He/she has been tested for COVID-19 and is awaiting results OR another family residing in the same house has been tested and is awaiting results*

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) recently recommended the following: [*“During times of substantial COVID-19 activity VDH strongly advises athletes to wear masks at all times during group training, competition, and on the sidelines.”*](#)

Beginning Friday, December 11, students participating in FCPS athletic programs, to include in-season practices and competitions as well as out-of-season workouts, are required to wear masks during all aspects of athletic participation in all sports with the exception of wrestling, gymnastics and swim and dive.

With everyone's help, we look forward to a successful season.

Dream Big, Work Hard, Be Proud
SPARTAN STRONG!



Senior Spotlight!

Information for the Class of 2021

Senior Administrator: Betsy Fawsett, ewfawsett@fcps.edu

Save the DATE: Senior Event on January 21st!

We are partnering with the PTSA and All Night Grad Party to host a drive thru event for our seniors on January 21st from 3:15 – 5:00 pm. This is a chance to pick up a gift for all seniors, get more information about ANGP, and pick up a decal or t-shirt. Shirts ordered by January 19th will not be at this pick up event.

FINAL Senior T-shirts Orders due Tuesday, January 19th!



This is our LAST order for the year! If you still want to order, senior T-shirts can be purchased at [MySchoolBucks](https://www.myschoolbucks.com). The next orders will close on Tuesday, January 19th! We will have a pickup time in February and information will be sent to your fcpschools.net email accounts. If you already ordered your t-shirt but have not picked it up, please come to the event on January 21st.

Class of '21 Decal Sales now on MSB (myschoolbucks)!

'21 Decals can be purchased at [MySchoolBucks](https://www.myschoolbucks.com). We will offer a January curbside pick up and another one in February with the senior tshirt pick up. !

Senior Pictures Information, new dates added!

We will once again be working with Lifetouch Photography. 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.

Note: The deadline to select a yearbook photo has been extended to February 15th.

The following dates have been added:

- January 30th
- February 1st

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. have. They must complete checklists before, during and after each session to ensure a safe and positive photography session.

All Night Grad Party Update:

Check out updates in the News You Choose email and check out the website to learn more: <https://wshs-angp.square.site/>