

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 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

Orange/Blue Calendar with LS Rotations

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

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](#)

Curriculum Fair

To support the virtual environment, we have created a [Google Site](#) for our Course Curriculum. This site contains information on course offerings, Academy classes, and FCPS Online campus. Please take time to peruse the site, as it is a tool for identifying courses for the upcoming school year. Please note that you will need an @fcpsschools.net email address to access this site.

Academic Advising

This year counselors will be meeting with their students virtually during designated class time (Health and PE 9, 10, or US History) to confirm their course selection and discuss academic goals. Please reference the calendar that is on the Google Site to know when your student will be meeting with their counselor. Additionally, communication will be sent in the coming weeks regarding a Pre-Advising lesson conducted by School Counselors and teacher recommendations.

In preparation for the individual meeting please take time to explore the [WSHS Curriculum Fair Site](#) and enter your course selections in your SIS StudentVue account. The schedule for these meetings can be found on the site. Course selection sheets are available on the site for reference only and will not be collected. Parents will be able to view the courses students have selected using their ParentVue account. [CLICK HERE](#) if you need help accessing your ParentVue account.

To further assist with course selections, below is additional information regarding online campus, Dual Enrollment courses, and academy classes.

As you select classes for the upcoming school year, please consider the time commitment and expectations for each course that your student wants to take and your student's additional interest, activities and responsibilities. Balance is important to consider when striving for academic and personal success. Course selection is a collaborative process; students will need to seek the advice of their parents, teachers and school counselor to plan appropriately for the upcoming year in order to ensure success.

For general questions about courses please submit them through Schoology. To access the group please log into your Schoology account. The group is titled "WSHS Curriculum Fair". If you are a family coming from Lake Braddock or if West Springfield High School is not your base school, please submit your questions to WSStudentservices@fcps.edu.

If you need a SIS Parent/Schoology account or are having trouble accessing your account please submit a ticket through this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/v6jttxTueZFCf1BF2>

For specific questions about a course placement for next year, please consult with the current teacher in that subject area. We look forward to working with you to design an educational plan that will meet the needs of your student.

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

Senior Drive Thru Event on January 21st from 3:15 – 5:00 pm!



- ★ Senior T-shirt or Decal Pick Up stop 1 (door 11)
- ★ Senior T-shirt or Decal Pick Up stop 2 (door 12)
- ★ Pick up Mug (door 13)
- ★ Pick up Treat from the PTSA (door 1)
- All Night Grad Party table (door 2)

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 21st will not be at this pick-up event.

For the Event:

- **Enter at the Grigsby Drive/Crossing Guard Entrance.** You will turn left as soon as you enter.
- **Write your ID number in large font on a sheet of paper.** The bigger the better.
- Questions or concerns? Email Mrs. Fawsett

FINAL Senior T-shirts Orders due Thursday, January 21st!



This is our LAST order for the year! We moved it back a few days to align with our drive thru event. If you still want to order, senior T-shirts can be purchased at [MySchoolBucks](https://www.myschoolbucks.com). The next orders will close on Thursday, January 21st! 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
- 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/>