

WEST SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL VIRTUAL LEARNING NEWSLETTER

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Happy Friday Spartans,

We are continuing to send updates through our Virtual Learning Newsletter. There is also a county [Return to School Countdown Newsletter](#). Fairfax County Public Schools is maintaining a [Return to School Website](#) that has a number of resources and answers to [Frequently Asked Questions for Families](#) .

The [virtual bell schedule](#) will be as follows:

Fully Virtual Secondary and High School Schedule (Grades 7-12 or 9-12)

Time	Mondays
Morning	Intervention/Enrichment: Select students scheduled for synchronous instruction based on need. Independent Work: Tasks assigned by classroom teachers.
Afternoon	Student independent work Teacher planning and professional development

	Tuesdays and Thursdays	Wednesdays and Fridays
8:10-9:30	Period 1	Period 2
9:45-11:05	Period 3	Period 4
11:15-11:50	Lunch	
12:00-1:20	Period 5	Period 6
1:35-2:55	Period 7	Period 8

Note: Students will enroll in 7 courses and 1 period will serve as an advisory with a focus on social emotional wellness, making connections, and time for interventions as needed.

Instructional blocks may include whole and small group lessons as well as teacher assigned collaborative and independent work.

West Springfield High School's remediation and social emotional learning will take place during the 4th period block.

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Laptop Distribution August 21st and August 25th

Prior to Pick up: Returning FCPS students should log into your fcpschools.net account (through Gmail or google drive). If the student forgot their password, students can reset at <https://mystudent.fcps.edu/login.jsp> . If a student is new to FCPS, we will have a station at pick up to set up the password.

Pick Up Location: Curbside Pick-up at Door 5 (Enter parking lot by Grigsby Drive entrance (by the crosswalk) to drive to the back of the school)

Pick Up Procedure:

1. A drive-thru line will be used to pick up laptops. You will not be entering the building. (Only FCPS staff are allowed in the school building.)
2. **Student must be present and masks** must be worn for laptop pick up.
3. **Write your name (first and last) and ID number on a piece of paper to hold up at station 1. If you are new and don't know your ID number yet, no problem, we will have a station to help.**
4. An FCPS staff member will bring you a laptop and instruction to complete prior to departing WSHS .
5. Once all tasks are complete you must exit the school grounds via the exit by the baseball field/Tuttle Road.

WELCOME SPARTANS!

TECH INFO FOR A SUCCESSFUL START TO THE 2020 – 2021 SCHOOL YEAR!

Rising 9th Graders and NEW Students Pick up your laptop August 21st or 25th Door 6

Last Name	Time
A – Bo	9:00 – 9:30
Br – Dav	9:30 – 10:00
Day – Gre	10:00 – 10:30
Gri – J	10:30 – 11:00
K – Max	11:00 – 11:30
May – O	12:00 – 12:30
P – San	12:30 – 1:00
Sar – Tom	1:00 – 1:30
Tor – Z	1:30 – 2:00
Walkers and any who could not make the time above	2:00 – 2:30

Returning 10th, 11th and 12th Graders

If you have a laptop

- Prior to the start of school go to any FCPS property (for example, sit in the parking lot at WSHS) and connect to the Fairfax Wi-Fi.
 - Restart your laptop
 - Log back into your laptop and log into your Google Drive
- At home plug the device and turn it on. Ensure it is connected to the internet at that location.
 - Let the device sit for 30 minutes. No additional log-in's or activities are required.
 - Do this once per week beginning in August to ensure the laptop has the latest updates.

If you are a returning student that needs a laptop come on August 21st OR 25th at the times to the left.

Need Tech Support?

Student & Parent Portal coming soon! Need help now? Call (703) 913 - 3800

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Book Collection- August 21st and 25th!

In order to prepare for the fall, we need to collect students' textbooks and library books.

Collection Dates: Friday, August 21st and Tuesday, August 25th

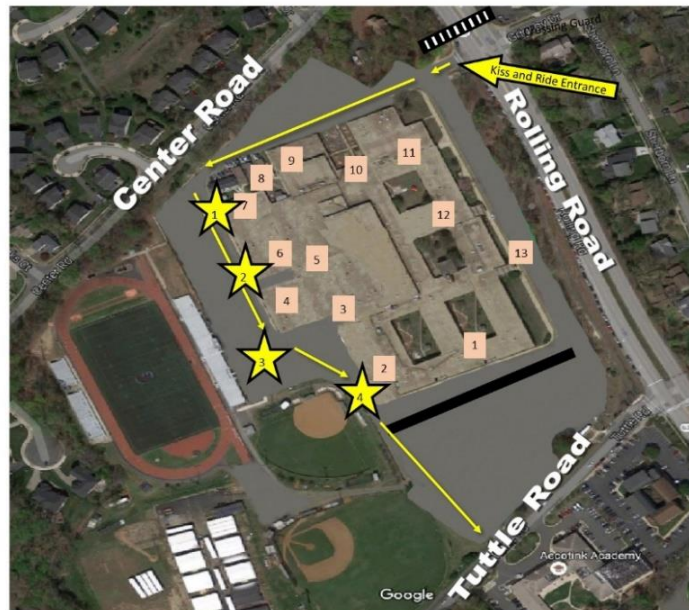
Time: 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Location: Curbside Pick-up at Door 6 (Enter parking lot by Grigsby Drive entrance by the crosswalk & to drive to the back of the school near the football field)

Procedure:

1. A drive-thru line will be used to drop off books. You will not be entering the building. (Only FCPS staff are allowed in the school building.)
2. **Masks** must be worn for book drop-off.
3. An FCPS staff member will collect your items from your car.
4. You must exit the school grounds via the exit by the baseball field/Tuttle Road immediately after dropping off items.

Computer Distribution



Step 1: Show your sheet of paper with name and ID and pick up your computer ID card

Step 2: Pick up your laptop and receive instructions on set up

Step 3: Find a parking spot and set up your lap top. Tech support will be available for new accounts or accounts with concerns.

Step 4: Show screen that you are logged into your Google account and check out

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How to Correctly Wear a Cloth Face Covering: A Student's Guide

Correctly wearing and removing a face covering is important information for all students. The following video addresses the steps that each student must take to keep themselves safe as they wear and remove their required face covering. Additional translations will be available soon.

<https://www.fcps.edu/resources/student-safety-and-wellness/school-health-services>

Tech Tips for Families

This year, there are new technology resources to support families during virtual instruction. Check out the Tech Tips for Families:

TIPS FOR ONLINE LEARNING SUCCESS



Dedicate a space for your child to do their work.

The computer needs to be on a level surface.

(Laptops should not be used on your child's lap.)

Everyone can see where your child is working when their camera is on.



Students can email teachers through their Gmail account.

(studentID@fcpschools.net).

Your child may also use this email to reach out to their counselor and other school staff.

Parent emails will not go through fcpschools.net



Check for assignments and announcements in **Schoology**



Help your child stick to a schedule.

Have your child follow the schedule for meeting with teachers.

Your child may use the other days to complete assigned work and check in when needed.

TECHNOLOGY TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

Accessing FCPS G Suite for Education

What do I need?



How do I login?

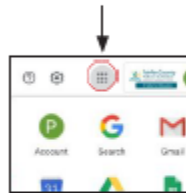


Open Google Chrome
Go to www.fcpschools.net

Enter your child's 7-digit studentID number and click Next

Enter your child's FCPS password and click Next

Access Gmail from the 3x3 apps grid in the upper-right



Accessing Blackboard Collaborate Ultra

What do students need?



How to join a session?

1. In Schoology, click on the Courses tab and select the course for which you want to join an online session.
2. Once in the class, click on Collaborate Ultra in the left column.
3. Click the name of the session you want to join.
4. A pop-up window will appear. Click on Join Session.

Accessing a website



1. Refresh the web page.
Click on the refresh icon.

2. Try using another browser.



3. Check your Internet connection.



Connecting to the internet

1. Disconnect, then reconnect to the Internet.
2. Restart your device.

NEED TECHNOLOGY HELP?

Try one of the options below.

Check with your school technology specialist (TSSpec) or teacher for help.

If you are having difficulty and need technology support please enter a request using the Family Tech Support online portal: <https://itweb.fcps.edu/itsupport/> (Launches August 26)

Call one of our FCPS Parent Information Phone Lines for assistance.

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Senior Spotlight!

Information for the Class of 2021

Class Administrator: Betsy Fawsett

Class Sponsors: Jennifer Davies and Josh Masley

SAT's on September 23rd:

On Wednesday, September 23, West Springfield High School twelfth graders will have the opportunity to take the SAT School Day test. FCPS will cover the cost for any twelfth-grade student to take the SAT. The optional essay component and subject tests will **not** be offered on this date.

To assist in planning for this test administration, and FCPS bus transportation, 12th grade students need to [complete this SAT School Day Intent to Participate form](#) **by Monday, August 24.**

Only those students wishing to test should complete the form. Please note students **must** be logged into their fcpschools.net account in order to complete the form. A translated version of the form content may be found on the [SAT School Day Intent](#) webpage.

General information about the SAT test format is available on the [College Board webpage](#). September 23 has been designated for asynchronous learning, so students who choose to take the SAT will not miss synchronous learning time with their teachers.

We will share more details about test day schedules, bus transportation, and specific safety protocols in the coming weeks. Final confirmation of SAT School Day testing will be based on health department guidance in September.

If you have questions about the SAT School Day administration, please contact Becky Brandt at rabrandt@fcps.edu.

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Graduation Date:

FCPS has tentatively planned the West Springfield graduation for June 1, 2021 at 9:30 am. More information to come!

Senior Pictures:

Out of an abundance of caution, we have not started to schedule senior pictures. We plan to utilize Monday afternoons and the weekends to schedule senior pictures. As soon as we have information, we will be sure to send it out!

Senior T-shirts:

We plan on ordering senior t-shirts this fall. Ordering timelines, how to order and cost of shirts will be distributed to seniors soon.

VIRTUAL ORIENTATION FOR ALL STUDENTS SEPTEMBER 3RD

West Springfield High School will be holding a virtual orientation for ALL STUDENTS on September 3rd. All students will log into their first period class link and meet with their teacher in preparation for classes starting on September 8th. Updates and additional information will be provided to students at that time. The time of the orientation and class links will be sent later. Please mark your calendars for the Spartan Virtual Orientation.

SAVE THE DATES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

August 31st - Virtual Orientation Video release for all students
September 1st – 3rd - Spartan Spree by grade level (drive through pick up event)

SPIRITWEAR FROM THE SPARTAN BOOSTERS

<https://wshsathleticboosters.com/>