

# SPARTAN VIRTUAL LEARNING NEWSLETTER

WEST SPRINGFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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## VIRTUAL LEARNING UPDATES

See the latest [RETURN TO SCHOOL COUNTDOWN NEWSLETTER](#) from Fairfax County Public Schools.

You may also find additional resources on the [RETURN TO SCHOOL WEBSITE](#) that includes a [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES](#) section.

The [VIRTUAL BELL SCHEDULE AND ATTENDANCE](#) information is also available on the website.

If you need tech assistance, parent and students may request help through the [PARENT AND STUDENT IT SUPPORT PORTAL](#).

## SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 LIVE VIRTUAL ORIENTATION

On September 3, 2020, all students will be expected to log into their first period class to meet their teacher and receive instructional updates.

Students will access the links to their first period class through their Schoology accounts.

A Schoology Orientation flier will be sent on September 1<sup>st</sup> and students will be able to access their Schoology accounts and see courses on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Students who have difficulty accessing their first period class should submit a help request through the [PARENT AND STUDENT IT SUPPORT PORTAL](#).

September 3<sup>rd</sup> is an opportunity to verify that students can access Schoology and the class links.

Students without a first period class may access the Library Group in Schoology to check-in and hear updates.

The September 3<sup>rd</sup> orientation will run live from 8:10 – 9:00 am.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Virtual Welcome Orientation Video  
August 31, 2020**

**Virtual LIVE Orientation  
September 3, 2020  
8:10 – 9:00  
1<sup>st</sup> Period**

**ALL STUDENTS  
SHOULD LOG  
INTO THEIR 1<sup>st</sup>  
PERIOD CLASS  
ON  
SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>  
AT 8:10 AM  
USING  
SCHOOLGY**



# LAPTOP DISTRIBUTION SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

**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.)

### Pick Up Procedure (continued)

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.

### FORMS

The Health Information Form (HIF) (SS/SE -71) and the Emergency Care Information form (SS/SE-3) provide valuable information regarding student health conditions. As the school year begins virtually, both these forms are required for all students for SY 20-21 and are available for electronic submission by parents via their [FCPS 24/7](#) (Blackboard) accounts within the weCare@school (weCare) module.

### STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student schedules will be available in SIS AND SCHOOLGY on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

More information may be found on our [SPARTAN SPREE UPDATES WEBPAGE](#).



## SPARTAN SPREE

Spartan Spree will be held virtually this year. We will not have an in-person event. See the [SPARTAN SPREE UPDATES WEBPAGE](#) for more information.

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

West Springfield will present an introduction video on August 31<sup>st</sup> to welcome our Spartans and school community to the 2020-2021 school year. We will share some new faces, technologies, and upcoming school initiatives. We will briefly describe how we will support our students and families and how we plan provide new ways for you to be an active participant in our school community.

## A SCHOOLY GUIDE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

West Springfield High School will be transitioning to Schoology this year for our learning management platform. (This is a changeover from Blackboard 24-7 Learning)

On September 1, 2020, West Springfield High School will be sharing a Schoology Guide that will have links to training videos for students and parents, Schoology resources with tech tips for students, and school level videos and resources to prepare students for the new platform.

Students will be able to access their courses in Schoology on September 2, 2020. Students should log into Schoology on September 2, 2020 to check their schedules.

All students will then need to log into their first period class using the BBCU links in Schoology.

Students that do not have a 1<sup>st</sup> period class will log into the Library Group through Schoology.

Any student that cannot log into Schoology should submit a help request through the [PARENT AND STUDENT IT SUPPORT PORTAL](#).



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 31<sup>st</sup> – Welcome Video**

**September 1<sup>st</sup> – Schoology Guide**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Student Schedules  
available in Schoology**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> - LIVE Orientation**

## STUDENTS CAN LOG INTO SCHOOLY TO CHECK SCHEDULES STARTING SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>



## VIRTUAL CLASSES

The first day of virtual classes will be on September 8, 2020.

West Springfield High School has changed its learning management platform from Blackboard to Schoology. Students will access all their courses through Schoology:

Log into Schoology: <https://lms.fcps.edu/>

We will follow the following schedule:

**Monday** – Asynchronous time and scheduled remediation for students

**Tuesday & Thursday** – **Orange Day** – Periods 1, 3, 5, & 7

**Wednesday & Friday** – **Blue Day** – Periods 2, 4, 6, & 8

4<sup>th</sup> period will be used for Learning Seminar (LS), Social Emotional Learning (SEL), and remediation time for students.

The daily bell schedule for Tuesday – Friday will be as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Period**

8:10 – 9:30

**3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Period**

9:45 – 11:05

**LUNCH**

11:15 – 11:50

**5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Period**

12:00 – 1:20

**7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup>**

1:35 – 2:55

Students should log into their classes starting on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

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## SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

The West Springfield Department of Student Services is hosting our annual Senior Student & Parent Night for parents, guardians, and students. The event will highlight resources regarding post-secondary options, financial aid, application processes/requirements, and more. More details regarding the event are to come.

Save the Date:

Thursday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>

(Both sessions will repeat the same information)

- **Session 1: 12:30 pm**
- **Session 2: 6:00 pm**



## VIRTUAL TOWN HALL LINK

Here is the link to the August 27<sup>th</sup> Town Hall recording:

[TOWN HALL LINK](#)

You may need to use Chrome as it will not launch in Explorer.

# 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, 12<sup>th</sup> grade students need to [complete this SAT School Day Intent to Participate form](#) by **Monday, August 31st**.

**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 [rbrandt@fcps.edu](mailto:rbrandt@fcps.edu).

### *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.