

# COMMUNITY COMPASS

SEPTEMBER 2025

Welcome back to school! We hope you are having a great start of the year. Before we get deeper into the semester, we want to make sure you have access to different community resources and information that you can utilize.

## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Attendance is expected each instructional day of the year. Excused absences must be followed up with a written or digital note.

To review the full WCPSS policy [look here](#).

## MEET YOUR SOCIAL WORKER

Raquel Brooks is in her 5<sup>th</sup> year as the School Social Worker at Phillips! Brooks is originally from Brooklyn, New York. Before coming to Phillips, she worked as an Employee Assistance Counselor.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT

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First Day of Clubs

SEPT

8

Beginning of Grade Level Family Meetings

SEPT

11

Fall Open House

SEPT

23

Teacher Work Day

## MENTAL HEALTH 365

Taking care of your mental health is important YEAR-LONG.

Take the time this month to reflect on how you practice self-care and start building these positive habits early-on.

If you want to learn more about what this looks like, reach out to your counselor or to Mr. Hudson ([jhudson2@wcpss.net](mailto:jhudson2@wcpss.net))

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## **BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR AND HEALTH CLINIC**

The UNC Mobile Health Clinic is providing no-cost health assessments and vaccinations along with other resources on **September 13 from 9:00am-3:00pm** at **Roberts Park (1300 E. Martin St., Raleigh)**.

[Register here!](#)

There will be food, music and family-friendly activities.

## **"THE CLUB" TEEN CENTER**

The Boys & Girls Club has a Teen Center for all high-school students.

To register for the club or get more information call (919) 250-3595. The annual member fee is \$7.50

### **Visit the center at**

721 N. Raleigh Blvd, Raleigh 27160  
from 2:00pm-8:00pm  
Monday through Friday

MARY E PHILLIPS HIGH SCHOOL

# Food Pantry

OPEN DURING  
SCHOOL HOURS  
7:30 AM - 2:00 PM

1923 Milburnie Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610

Canned food, fresh produce, staple goods, and toiletries (shampoo, soap, detergent, etc) available each day with new deliveries the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month

### **Questions?**

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## **MEET YOUR SOCIAL WORKER**



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