



PARENT NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019

TELL ME ABOUT... DIGITAL PORTFOLIOS

Every WCPSS student is expected to create a digital learning portfolio by Spring of 2020. Students are expected to regularly add and reflect upon meaningful learning artifacts from a variety of classes. Students are creating the portfolios through their WCPSS Google account using Google Sites and customizing the sharing settings based on their needs. For example, underclassmen may just be sharing their portfolios with specific teachers, but seniors may need to make their portfolio public so they can share with colleges and/or potential employers.

Students will use their portfolio to showcase samples of their best work from a variety of classes. In addition, students will add evidence of their activities outside of the classroom and use the portfolio to highlight their participation in clubs, athletics, specific interests, and/or work in the community. Every student's portfolio will look different as it is meant to highlight his/her own unique talents and skills.

If your students have questions about the creation of the portfolio or how to add artifacts to it, please encourage them to reach out to any of their classroom teachers or the Media Center staff.

2019-2020 SCHEDULE: TESTING & EXAMS

1st semester final exams will be January 21-27

2nd semester final exams will be June 8-12

As per State Legislation – Final exams MUST be the last five school days of the semester.

- Students should plan on having exams on any/all of those dates. Please plan appointments accordingly.
- No Educational Leave requests will be approved for exam dates.
- A schedule of days on which classes will be tested has yet to be determined.

The ACT is Tuesday, February 25 for all juniors

- Make-Up ACT is March 10

ACT WorkKeys Testing Window: March 30 - April 3

- Exact day TBD at a later date

If your senior is graduating early, speak to a guidance counselor about testing dates.

HAMLER'S HIGHLIGHTS



Happy Holidays!

As your family gathers for the holiday, please find time and ask your student to log in to their Google account to show you the work they have done on their digital portfolio. All WFHS teachers have been working hard during the fall semester to help students create their portfolio and add samples of their work to showcase their skills and talents.

Please see the Digital Learning Portfolio section of the newsletter for more information about the new WCPSS initiative.

- Patti Hamler, Principal

STUDENT SERVICES

Parents are always encouraged to follow their student's academic progress on Powerschool. If your student is not performing well in one class, feel free to reach out to that teacher via email. Teacher email addresses may be found on the WFHS website under Our School, Faculty. If you have concerns about all of your student's classes, you should contact their school counselor to schedule a conference between 7AM and 2:30PM. In order to help at home with study skills, you are encouraged to:

- Create a designated space for your student to study.
- Encourage your student to keep a planner.
- Encourage your student to take effective notes.
- Practice for tests by highlighting notes, making flash cards, completing practice tests and study guides.
- Avoid cramming by studying a little bit every day.
- Teach your child how to ask for help when needed.
- Avoid distractions by putting cell phone away and focusing on one subject at a time.

(Source: Edmentum)

UPCOMING EVENTS

• DECEMBER 7: DANCE CONCERT

Auditorium, 7:00 PM

• DECEMBER 12: SENIOR CLASS PHOTO

Lindsey Gymnasium, 1st period

• DECEMBER 12: CHORUS CONCERT

Auditorium, 7:00 PM

• DECEMBER 13: CHORUS CONCERT MATINEE

Auditorium, 10:30 AM

• DECEMBER 14: "FRUITCAKES" MATINEE

Drama Department, 10:00 AM

• DECEMBER 14: WF CHRISTMAS PARADE

• DECEMBER 17: LUMPY'S ICE CREAM SPIRIT DAY

Band event, all day during operating hours

• DECEMBER 17: BAND CONCERT

Auditorium, 7:00 PM

• DECEMBER 18-19: MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Location will be announced

• DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 3: WINTER BREAK

• JANUARY 10: AP Q&A SESSION

Is your student thinking of taking their first AP

class or wondering about upcoming AP classes? A panel of current and former students will answer questions. Sign up for the session.

• JANUARY 16: BUSINESS ALLIANCE MEETING

Media Center, 7:35 - 8:30 AM

Parents, are you interested in learning more about assisting students in their school to career/college transition? Join us at our next meeting.

• JANUARY 16: TRI-M HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

Auditorium, 7:00 PM

• JANUARY 21-27: FINAL EXAMS

• JANUARY 28: SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS

Does your student need a resume? (The answer is yes!) Sign up for our next Cougar Time information session, "Resume 101." No resume required to attend, but bring one if you have one.