



# WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

## NEWS FROM THE NEST

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JULY 2020

Dear WYWLA Parents, Students, and Families:

Welcome Back!! We hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer vacation. In a few short weeks, we will be celebrating a new school year. The 2020 – 2021 school year will bring new students, new staff, new friends, and new experiences for all students. Whether you are a new or a continuing student, we welcome you to what will be another exciting and successful year.

This newsletter is designed to help you prepare for the new school year. You will find information about athletics, uniforms, transportation, and information from our PTSA. Please review the entire newsletter to make sure you are ready to start the new year.

If you are new to WYWLA, please mark your calendars and plan to attend our New Student Orientation on Thursday, July 23, 2020. This will be a virtual event. We are also planning a virtual open house for all families on Thursday, July 30, 2020. These events are two ways you can learn more about our school and how to be involved. These events will also give you an opportunity to ask questions about Plan B, Virtual Academy, and safety guidelines for reopening.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Monday, August 3, 2020 will be here before you know it!

Sincerely,  
*Carla Jernigan-Baker*

### NEW STUDENT VIRTUAL ORIENTATION!

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Middle School, 9:00am

High School, 1:00pm

Welcome to WYWLA! New students and parents are invited to join us virtually on Thursday, July 23, 2020 for our New Student Virtual Orientation. This orientation is designed to prepare you for your transition to WYWLA. We know you have lots of questions. Join us July 23rd, and we will answer your questions and help you get off to a great start. The link to join the virtual orientation will be emailed to all families who register. **Please visit our website to register!**

#### MISSION

*Wake County Public School System will provide a relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators, and critical thinkers.*

#### VISION

*Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy will inspire a community of college-ready, career-focused young women who are ready to learn, lead, and serve.*

## Meet the Staff!

We are staffed by a team of educators who are dedicated to the academic and social progress of all children.

Adeley, Christy	MS Math/Science 6
Allen, Lindsay	Social Worker
Barnes, Sharmaine	Receptionist, SAU
Bonin, Christine	MS Math7/Science 7- 8
Bryant, Kisha	MS Counselor
Copeland, Mary Beth*	Receptionist, Main Campus
Cuffee, Sharon	HS Social Studies
di Carlo, James	HS Spanish/Yearbook
di Carlo, Katie	HS Counselor
Edmondson, LaCrysha	Nurse
Franklin, Tracey	ESL
Greene Flowers, Andrea	Assistant Principal, SAU
Hanna, Elizabeth	Assistant Principal, Main Campus
Hatlen, Roger	HS Math, SAU
Hoyt, Cindy	HS Special Education
Jernigan-Baker, Carla	Principal
Knox, Angela	Intervention Coordinator
Lowry, Shannon*	MS ELA/Social Studies 8
Mabe, Meredith	CTE Business
McMahon, Gina	MS Math I (7-8)
Meister, Emily	HS Healthful Living
Nelson, Jodi	Lead Secretary
Nelson-Johnson, Domonique	HS CTE Business
Nieh, Elisha*	HS Math
Reed, Frank	Career Development Coordinator
Richardson, Laura	Media Specialist
Shope, Madison*	HS Math
Simmons, Olivia*	MS Spanish
Smith, Keisha	MS Special Education
Solomon, Melody	HS Social Studies, SAU
Stearns, Genevieve	MS Healthful Living
Sulzbach, Liz	Psychologist
Sumner, Beatice	PowerSchool Data Manager
Terry, Shanta	MS ELA/Social Studies 7
Thrasher, Jan	AIG
Watkins, Asha	HS English
Williams, Spencer	MS ELA/Social Studies 6
Wormald, Ruth	HS Science

*\*Indicates new staff members*

**We will update our website with email addresses and website links during the first week of school.**

## GENERAL SUPPLY LIST

- 3-ring binders
- College-ruled notebook paper
- Dividers
- Marbled composition notebooks
- 2 Spiral-bound 5 Subject Notebooks
- 2 Single-subject notebooks
- Highlighters
- #2 pencils
- Blue ink pens
- Black ink pens
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- 2 pocket folders
- Index cards
- Graphing calculator\* (TI-84)
- Graph paper
- Scissors
- Flash drive
- 3x3 inch Post-It notes
- Headphones/Earbuds\*\*
- Mini stapler and staples

*Some extra supplies may be needed, but this list includes items that are commonly requested by teachers. Specific requirements will differ from course to course. Teachers will provide detailed supply lists prior to the first day of school.*

*\*All students are enrolled in advanced level math, and will need to purchase a personal graphing calculator.*

*\*\*Students will need personal headphones/earbuds that are compatible with school or personal laptops.*

**DUE TO COVID-19, STUDENTS WILL NOT SHARE CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.**

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!!

### VIRTUAL YELLOW ROSE CEREMONY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

We are excited to welcome our new students on the first day of school. Unfortunately, we will not have our traditional assembly and friendship tunnel. We are planning a virtual welcome and will continue our tradition of presenting a yellow rose to each new student.



## 2020—2021 WYWLA DRAFT BELL SCHEDULE

MIDDLE SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE		HIGH SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULE	
1 <sup>ST</sup> PERIOD	7:35 – 8:50 (75)	1 <sup>ST</sup> PERIOD	7:35 – 8:50 (75)
2 <sup>ND</sup> PERIOD	9:00 – 10:15 (75)	2 <sup>ND</sup> PERIOD	9:00 – 10:15 (75)
LUNCH	10:17 – 10: 47 (30)	OWL TIME	10:25 – 10: 55 (30)
OWL TIME	10: 52 – 11: 22 (30)	LUNCH	10: 57 – 11: 22 (25)
3 <sup>RD</sup> PERIOD	11:30 - 12:45 (75)	3 <sup>RD</sup> PERIOD	11:30 - 12:45 (75)
4 <sup>TH</sup> PERIOD	12: 55 - 2:10 (75)	4 <sup>TH</sup> PERIOD	12: 55 - 2:10 (75)

### EXPECT SOME CHANGES

We know the last few months have been challenging for our families. We have made a few adjustments to maintain a safe environment during this pandemic. The following adjustments that have been made to ensure your child's safety:

- Students lockers will not be assigned until social distancing guidelines have been lifted. All students need to plan accordingly.
- Assemblies, field trips, school dances, and club activities have been temporarily suspended until social distancing guidelines have been lifted. We will explore virtual options for clubs at a later date.
- Student agendas will not be issued this year. All handbooks can be viewed online. We will encourage students to utilize electronic planners to record homework and upcoming due dates.
- The regular bell schedule has been adjusted to accommodate the time needed to clean and sanitize desks between classes.
- New dismissal procedures will be implemented to maintain social distancing at the end of the school day. All students (in-person and online) will attend classes at the designated class time for the block.
- Students will report directly to first period classes upon arrival each morning. The auditorium and media center will not be open for students each morning. Students who eat breakfast will report to the dining hall upon arrival. Safety procedures will be in place.

*You are invited to*

## WYWLA VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Thursday, July 30, 2020  
9:00AM

**HIGH SCHOOL (9—10)**  
Thursday, July 30, 2020  
1:00PM

**EARLY COLLEGE**  
Friday, July 31, 2020  
Juniors at 9:00AM  
Seniors at 11:00AM

Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy students and parents are invited to join us for a Virtual Open House on Thursday, July 30th or Friday, July 31st. Students and parents will meet teachers and receive course specific information to prepare for the new school year. We will email the link to join us virtually a few days prior to the event.

### ATHLETICS

#### ATHLETICS AND AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD

When it is safe to resume play, WYWLA students who are eligible may try out and participate in interscholastic athletic programs at Broughton High School and Oberlin Middle School. Interested students should visit each school's website for more information. Students must complete a physical form prior to the start of tryouts and must meet all WCPSS athletic eligibility standards.

To learn more visit <https://www.wcpss.net/oberlinms> or <http://broughton.wcpss.net>

## MESSAGE FROM THE WYWLA PTSA

Dear WYWLA Family,

My name is Carol Winter. I have the great opportunity to serve as President of the WYWLA Parent Teacher Student Association. This is my second year. I'm writing to encourage you and your student to become active members.

First, this is the weirdest time of my life. I feel heartbroken that most of us may never meet face-to-face. So this is the best I can do to welcome all new members to the WYWLA family. I wish I could see you in person, at school. <Sigh.> Also, I say hello to all returning families. I miss seeing you! As we struggle with this new reality, I'm still determined to get to know as many of you as our upside down lives will permit. Even if it's from a distance, WYWLA is an exciting institution. I'm forever privileged to be a part of this dedicated community.

The WYWLA Parent Teacher Student Association is an advocacy organization. Its mission is to positively impact the education, and wellbeing of our students. By partnering with parents, teachers, staff and community we bring fun and educational programs, events, services, resources, and opportunities to our students to enrich their academic experience.

To our gifted teachers, staff, and administration: please know that the PTSA believes supporting you is one of the very best ways we can advocate for our students. We are tireless in our commitment of support. We appreciate all that you do.

Families: with your participation, we build on WYWLA's strengths. Your contributions of time, knowledge, and resources, make all the difference.

So whether you are a new family or returning one, I invite you to join the PTSA and, hopefully, become an active member. Why? To positively affect *The WYWLA Parliament of Owls*\*! When you pitch in, you connect with others, you build influence, you make friends and demonstrate leadership skills: You *model the way*.

Please accept my sincere invitation to become a part of the WYWLA PTSA. A strong connection is your greatest contribution of all.

Kind Regards,  
Carol Winter, President  
WYWLA PTSA and parent of Jett Winter '25  
[carol@winterfamily.org](mailto:carol@winterfamily.org)

Now, administrative details.

Here's where you can join: <https://wywlaptsa.memberhub.store/>

Ways you can get involved: This will be very different from previous years! Stay tuned!

This is the only paper correspondence you'll receive from the PTSA. We'll use email from now on. Emails may be sent from Ms. Jernigan-Baker, from MemberHub (the official form of communication for all state and county PTA's), or from a PTSA member.

The kick-off General Meeting is Tuesday, August 4th at 5pm, via Zoom. The meeting ID/password will be sent to you by email.

Board meetings will take place virtually for the foreseeable future. They are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month (except for February and March) at 5pm. I try to keep them to one hour. The exact dates are 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15, 1/19, 2/23, 3/23, 4/20, 5/18, and possibly 6/15. All are welcome. Zoom meetings have been fun with great participation.

\*Owls are generally solitary, but when seen together the group is called a "parliament" as they have long been considered to be of a wise disposition. In Greek mythology, the owl is the symbol for Athena, the goddess of wisdom. (source: lenichoir.org)

## ATTENTION JUNIORS & SENIORS SAU UPDATE

SAU will open its campus in August to all students and will end the semester in November. All college courses will be on Blackboard, which will allow early college students to access courses from home if they are not comfortable attending in person.

SAU classes will begin in-person on Wednesday, August 12. Reading Day will be Friday, November 20. On-campus instruction will conclude on Wednesday, November 25. First semester final exams are November 23—25.

Fall classes will begin August 12, 2020, as previously scheduled, but fall break will be eliminated. The semester will end on November 25, 2020. Spring 2020 Classes will begin on January 6, 2021 and the academic calendar will continue as published, unless changes are warranted.

### UNIFORM DRESS CODE

Students in grades 6–10 are required to wear school uniforms to school each day. Please visit our website to review the complete uniform policy which contains guidelines for each uniform item and vendor information.

Early college students on the SAU campus will follow the WCPSS Dress Code Policy and the SAU Dress Code Policy.

Our uniform vendor is Flynn O'Hara. Please visit their website or store to purchase appropriate uniform items. <https://www.flynnohara.com/>

Some approved items are also available through Tee'd Up. <https://www.companycasuals.com/WYWLA/start.jsp>

**Please do not purchase PE uniforms until we have more information about PE classes and guidelines.**

### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Club sign-up week is usually the last week of August. We will postpone clubs and after school activities until further notice.

The staff will explore ways to offer extra-curricular activities. We will share information with students as we develop plans.

### LOCKERS & YEARBOOKS

We will NOT assign lockers when school reopens. Students who did not pick up locker items at the end of the school year, may stop by the main office before July 29th to collect items. Items have been bagged and labeled for pick-up.

If you ordered a yearbook and did not pick it up in May, you may also stop by the main office before July 29th to pick it up.

### PTSA UNIFORM SWAP & SALE

Saturday, July 25, 2020  
8:00—11:00am

### *Save the Date!*

We have rescheduled the PTSA Uniform Swap and Sale for Saturday, July 25th. We will continue to monitor COVID updates and will release more details as soon as we can. We are currently planning to host the event outdoors and require parents to sign up for time slots in advance.

### *Get Involved!*

Research shows that **family involvement** promotes student success. Students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and pass their classes
- Attend school regularly and have better social skills
- Go on to postsecondary education

When families, schools, and communities work together:

- Student achievement improves
- Teacher morale rises
- Communication increases
- Family, school, and community connections multiply

Involvement doesn't mean you have to be on every committee or attend lots of meetings. Connect with other parents, community members, and staff through the PTSA, Business Alliance, or School Improvement Team. Interacting with others in our school community will increase your engagement and awareness. It's a great way to learn about opportunities for involvement.

***"The school's best ally in the task of nurturing a student's innate 'urge to learn' is, first and foremost, the parents."***

***Bernie Poole***

## PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOKS

We believe that parents, students, and staff must work together to provide a quality educational experience. Students and parents should also become familiar with information contained in the WYWLA Student Handbook, the WCPSS Parent /Student Handbook, and the Saint Augustine's University Handbook. These documents are designed to provide support and assistance throughout the school year. We strongly encourage parents and students to review information contained in all Parent/Student Handbooks. By becoming acquainted with school policies, you will understand the high academic and behavioral expectations we hold for all of our students.

We will not distribute student agendas this year. The 2020—2021 WYWLA Parent/Student Handbook will be posted on our website prior to the start of school. To preview the handbook visit [www.wcpss.net/wywla](http://www.wcpss.net/wywla).

To preview the 2020—2021 WCPSS Parent/Student Handbook, visit <http://www.wcpss.net>.

Please visit <http://www.st-aug.edu/> to review the Saint Augustine's University Handbook.

## SCHEDULE CHANGES

Extensive time was spent developing a master schedule that provides the best educational opportunities for our students. Schedule changes have serious effects on staffing, class sizes, and academic programs and will only be made under certain conditions. The following is a list of these conditions:

- Incomplete schedules (missing a class)
- Failure of a prerequisite course or incorrect course (English II instead of English I)
- Completion of course during summer school
- Master schedule conflict (two courses in the same period in the same semester)

The following reasons are NOT considered appropriate reasons for schedule changes and will not be honored:

- Dropping or adding a course because you changed your mind
- Block (class period) preference
- Teacher preference

*Scheduling conflicts often result in incomplete schedules. We do our best to give every student a complete schedule. Please note that you may not get your ideal schedule, but you will have what you need to be eligible for graduation when the time comes. If you see a course in your schedule that you did not request, you probably had a conflict which resulted in an incomplete schedule. Please do not request a change unless it meets the conditions above.*

## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE WYWLA BUSINESS ALLIANCE?

WYWLA is dedicated to providing a quality education for our students that prepares them to meet the challenges of the future. We believe business and community involvement in our school will help us achieve this goal. The WYWLA Business Alliance partners with business and community leaders throughout Wake County. These partnerships provide human and material resources that enhance student learning and academic achievement. They also promote college and career readiness and support our school's mission.

If you or your business is interested in joining the Alliance, please email our Career Development Coordinator, Frank Reed at [freed@wcpss.net](mailto:freed@wcpss.net) for more information. The first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 9:00am. This will be a virtual meeting.

## DO YOU WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS?

The school improvement process provides schools with valuable and practical strategies to examine and respond to the needs of students and staff. This process requires both decision-making and action from a variety of stakeholders to reach our goal. We recognize that parents are key stakeholders and essential to our school's success. The WYWLA School Improvement Team is currently recruiting parents to serve on the team. If you are interested in participating, please email [cjernigan-baker@wcpss.net](mailto:cjernigan-baker@wcpss.net). The SIP team meets monthly. The dates of this year's meetings are listed below.

### SIP Meetings Dates\*

August 10, September 14, October 12, November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 3

*\*All meetings begin at 2:30pm and will be virtual until further notice.*

## TRANSPORTATION

The Wake County Public School System provides bus transportation to all eligible students based on their school assignment. The system's transportation department is committed to providing students with safe, efficient, and reliable transportation service that contributes to their overall academic success.

WYWLA students will use the Southeast Raleigh High School Express Bus transportation system. Each student will be assigned a bus and route number. **Students will only be allowed to ride the assigned bus.**

Please visit the WCPSS website and click on Transportation for more information.

Families can find up-to-date transportation information (including route number and stop location) in your student's Home Base/PowerSchool account.

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/41>



## CARPOOL PROCEDURES

WYWLA families must follow the designated carpool route from Western Boulevard onto the campus. Carpool riders will be released in front of Lineberry Hall during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal. Campus Security and WYWLA staff will direct traffic during drop-off and pick-up. Please follow their directions to insure the safety of all GMS community members. Families who do not comply will be addressed by WCPSS and GMS security officials.

To ensure the safety of WYWLA and GMS students, carpool drivers should follow the guidelines below:

- Drive slowly on campus and follow the directions of staff members who are assisting with carpool.
- Yield right-of-way to school buses and pedestrians moving about the campus.
- Follow the designated carpool routes; do not create different transportation routes to expedite your drop-off/pick-up. This is extremely important for the visually impaired GMS students who must adjust to our traffic routes as they are moving about campus.
- Pull around the entire circle as far as possible to allow as many cars to load/unload.

Carpool families should enter from the back of the GMS campus through the Western Boulevard entrance and exit through the same entrance. **Families should not park near the dining hall, gym, Currin, or the parking lot next to the Lineberry to pick up students.** It is important to follow these procedures in the morning during drop-off and in the afternoon for pick-up. These procedures should be followed even if staff members are not present to direct traffic. We will have special procedures for dismissal to allow for social distancing. Procedures will be shared before August 3rd.

Early college carpool students may arrive no earlier than 7:05am. Parents should enter through the main entrance and drop off in front of Robinson Library. SAU security officers will be on site to provide directions.

**Are you interested in sharing a ride to school? If so, please visit our website to complete the Carpool Request Form. Please complete before Friday, July 31st at 12:00pm. The information will be emailed to families on Friday, July 31st.**



## GET YOUR PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT!

Home Base gives parents and students access to real-time information including attendance, grades, and assignments. With Home Base, powered by PowerSchool application, everyone stays connected: Students stay on top of assignments, parents are able to participate in their child's progress, and teachers can instantly share information from their grade book with parents and students. Families with multiple students can also set up their accounts to view all of their students at one time, with one login. The information that you will access will be current and available to you at any time. For more information visit <http://www.wcpss.net/domain/69>.

Parents may download the forms from the [www.wcpss.net](http://www.wcpss.net) site and email completed forms to [bsumner@wcpss.net](mailto:bsumner@wcpss.net). Please email Mrs. Sumner ([bsumner@wcpss.net](mailto:bsumner@wcpss.net)) if you have questions.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- **July 23:** New Student Orientation, MS at 9:00am
- **July 23:** New Student Orientation, HS at 1:00pm
- **July 25:** PTSA Uniform Swap and Sale, 8:00—11:00am
- **July 29 - 31:** Teacher Workdays
- **July 30:** Middle School Virtual Open House, 9:00am
- **July 30:** High School Virtual Open House, 1:00pm
- **July 31:** Early College Virtual Open House, Juniors at 9:00am
- **July 31:** Early College Virtual Open House, Seniors at 11:00am
- **August 3:** First Day of School
- **August 4:** PTSA General Body Meeting, Virtual on Zoom at 5:00pm
- **August 10:** Senior Portraits (SAU Campus)
- **August 10:** SIP Team Meeting, Virtual at 2:30pm
- **August 12:** College Classes begin at SAU
- **August 18:** PTSA Meeting, Virtual at 5:00pm
- **August 19:** Fall Picture Day , TBD
- **August 26:** Business Alliance Meeting, Virtual at 9:30am
- **August 29:** SAT
- **September 7:** Holiday—Labor Day
- **September 4:** WYWLA Spirit Wear Day
- **September 12:** ACT
- **September 14 – 24:** Day of the Girl Promo & T-Shirt Sale
- **September 14:** SIP Team Meeting, Virtual at 2:30pm
- **September 15:** PTSA Meeting, Virtual at 5:00pm
- **September 30 - October 2:** SAU Midterm Exams
- **September 30:** Business Alliance Meeting, Virtual at 9:30am
- **October 2 – 5:** Fall Break
- **October 2:** Teacher Workday
- **October 3:** SAT
- **October 5:** Teacher Workday

*Please visit our website for the most current information.*

## STAY INFORMED!

We are committed to providing information that will help every student soar to success. We will post important information on our website and send a weekly update.

*We will build our email groups based on the contact information in PowerSchool. Please make sure all information is accurate.*

Review your address, email address, and phone numbers to make sure we can keep you informed. If you need to correct your information, email Mrs. Sumner at [bsumner@wcpss.net](mailto:bsumner@wcpss.net).

*This is the only newsletter you will receive in the mail. All our updates will be sent via email beginning in August.*

*Please email Principal Jernigan-Baker at [cjernigan-baker@wcpss.net](mailto:cjernigan-baker@wcpss.net) if you are not receiving the Weekly Update. Weekly Updates will also be posted on the main website under News. The Weekly Update is usually sent on Sunday evenings.*

## WYWLA PHONE NUMBERS

MAIN OFFICE	(919) 508 – 9088
MAIN FAX	(919) 704 – 2309
ATTENDANCE	(919) 508 – 9088
DATA MANAGER	(919) 508 – 9088, EXT 27119
REGISTRAR'S FAX	(919) 704 – 2307
MS COUNSELOR	(919) 508 – 9088, EXT 27130
HS COUNSELOR	(919) 508 – 9088, EXT 27129
GMS DINING HALL	(984) 292 – 3140
MEDIA CENTER	(919) 508 – 9088, EXT 27125
MAGNET COORDINATOR	(919) 508 – 9088, EXT 27124
CAREER DEVELOPMENT	(919) 508 – 9088, EXT 27131
INTERVENTION	(919) 508 – 9088, EXT 27124
TRANSPORTATION	(919) 805 – 3030
SAU OFFICE	(919) 516 – 4339
SAU LIASION	(919) 516 – 4542

Visit us on the web at [www.wcpss.net/wywla](http://www.wcpss.net/wywla)

Email us at [wywla@wcpss.net](mailto:wywla@wcpss.net)

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## GOT QUESTIONS?



Join the official WYWLA Group Me Parent Chat Group. This group is designed to share questions and concerns. We will focus on finding positive solutions. This group is not for confidential matters.

Please check your email for the invitation to join the group. The link to join will also be posted in future electronic newsletters.

Check us out on the web at [www.wcpss.net/wywla](http://www.wcpss.net/wywla). Follow us on Twitter @WakeGirlsLead and like us on Facebook!