



WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM WAKE YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

NEWS FROM THE NEST

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

JULY 2021

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 2021 – 2022 school year will bring new students, new staff, new friends, and new experiences for all students. Whether you are a new or a returning 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 New Student Orientation on Thursday, July 22, 2021. We will have open house for our early college families on Friday, July 30, 2021 and open house for all 6—10 families on Monday, August 2, 2021. These events are two ways you can learn more about our school and how to be involved.

Enjoy the rest of your summer! Wednesday, August 4th will be here before you know it!

Sincerely,

Carla Jernigan-Baker

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION!

Thursday, July 22, 2021

8:00—10:30am

All middle and high school students who are NEW to WYWLA are invited to join us for orientation on Thursday, July 22 from 8:00am — 10:30am. If this is your first year at WYWLA, please join us. Parents will drop students off at 8:00am at the gym/dining hall area and pick students up at 10:30am through the carpool circle at Lineberry. Students are asked to wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle and a snack. Please email Katie di Carlo, Dean of Students, at kdicarlo@wcpss.net with any questions!

To sign up, please visit our website. The link is posted under WYWLA School News.

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.

Barnes, Sharmaine	SAU CLERICAL
Bess, Grant*	MS ELA/SS 7
Bryant, Kisha	MS COUNSELOR
Copeland, Mary Beth	RECEPTIONIST
Cornwright, Courtney*	MS MATH/SCIENCE 6
Cuffee, Sharon	INTERVENTION SPECIALIST
di Carlo, James	HS SPANISH
di Carlo, Katie	HS COUNSELOR
Edmundson, LaCrysha	NURSE
Faison, Martin*	INTERVENTION SPECIALIST
Franklin, Tracey	ESL
Gonzales, Timothy	MS MATH/SCIENCE 8
Greaux, Lucretia*	SOCIAL WORKER
Greene Flowers, Andrea	AP (SAU)
Hanna, Elizabeth	AP (Main Campus)
Hatlen, Lori*	MS MATH/SCIENCE 7
Hatlen, Roger	SAU MATH
Hoyt, Cindy	HS SPED
Jernigan-Baker, Carla	PRINCIPAL
Knox, Angela	INTERVENTION/MAGNET
Lowry, Shannon	MS ELA/SS 8
Mabe, Meredith	CTE
Meister, Emily	HS PE
Nelson, Jodi	LEAD SECRETARY
Nieh, Elisha	HS MATH
Reed, Frank	CDC
Richardson, Laura	MEDIA SPECIALIST
Shope, Madison	HS MATH
Simmons, Olivia	MS SPANISH
Smith, Keisha	MS SPED
Smith, Tabatha*	CTE
Solomon, Melody	SAU SOCIAL STUDIES
Stearns, Genevieve	MS PE
Sulzbach, Liz	SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
Sumner, Beatice	DATA MANAGER
Terry, Shanta	HS SOCIAL STUDIES
Thrasher, Jan	INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITATOR
Watkins, Asha	HS ENGLISH
Williams, Spencer	MS ELA/SS 6
Wormald, Ruth	HS SCIENCE

**Indicates new staff members*

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.*

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!!

YELLOW ROSE CEREMONY
Wednesday, August 4, 2021
7:45am

We would like to welcome all of our new students to Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy. We will continue our tradition of welcoming our new students with the Yellow Rose Ceremony on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Parents, you are invited to watch your new "OWL" travel through the friendship tunnel at 7:45am. Due to limited seating, parents will not attend the assembly in the auditorium.

VISITOR PARKING IS LIMITED. PARENTS WHO ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND SHOULD PARK AT PULLEN PARK AND REPORT TO THE CARPOOL CIRCLE.



BELL SCHEDULES 2021 – 2022

MIDDLE SCHOOL REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE		HIGH SCHOOL REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE	
1 ST PERIOD	7:35 – 8:58 (83)	1 ST PERIOD	7:35 – 8:58 (83)
2 ND PERIOD	9:00 – 10:23 (83)	2 ND PERIOD	9:00 – 10:23 (83)
LUNCH	10:25 – 10:50 (25)	GLC	10:25 – 10:53 (28)
GLC	10:52 – 11:20 (28)	LUNCH	10:55 – 11:20 (25)
3 RD PERIOD	11:22 – 12:45 (83)	3 RD PERIOD	11:22 – 12:45 (83)
4 TH PERIOD	12:47 – 2:10 (83)	4 TH PERIOD	12:47 – 2:10 (83)
MIDDLE SCHOOL WISE WEDNESDAY		HIGH SCHOOL WISE WEDNESDAY	
1 ST PERIOD	7:35 – 8:52 (77)	1 ST PERIOD	7:35 – 8:52 (77)
2 ND PERIOD	8:55 – 10:12 (77)	2 ND PERIOD	8:55 – 10:12 (77)
LUNCH	10:14 – 10:39 (25)	WISE	10:14 – 11:04 (50)
WISE	10:41 – 11:31 (50)	LUNCH	11:06 – 11:31 (25)
3 RD PERIOD	11:33 – 12:50 (77)	3 RD PERIOD	11:33 – 12:50 (77)
4 TH PERIOD	12:53 – 2: 10 (77)	4 TH PERIOD	12:53 – 2: 10 (77)

You are invited to

WYWLA OPEN HOUSE DATE

EARLY COLLEGE

11th & 12th Grades
Friday, July 30
9:00 am
SAU Campus

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th, 7th, & 8th Grades
Monday, August 2
6th Grade at 8:00am
7th Grade at 10:00am
8th Grade at 12:00pm
GMS Auditorium

HIGH SCHOOL

9th & 10th Grades
Monday, August 2
1:00pm
GMS Auditorium

WYWLA students and parents are invited to join us for Open House on Friday, July 30th or Monday, August 2. Staff will share information that will help you prepare for the school year. Students will receive schedules, locker assignments, and locker combinations. Families will also have an opportunity to visit classrooms. Each open house will begin with a brief session to review general information. Students and families should report to the location noted above upon arrival. All staff members will be in the auditorium for the general information sessions. Classrooms will open after the session.

ATHLETICS

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

Hello!

My name is Lynette Zarrett, and I am honored to be the incoming president of the WYWLA Parent Teacher Student Association. I'd like to welcome every one of our new and returning students and families! I'm so proud to be a PTSA member, and I'm excited to take on this role and get the new year started. Our school is such a special place, and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to serve. The PTSA has a full calendar planned - you will see the return of some of your favorite PTSA activities and programs, and we are already hard at work.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Carol Winter and the previous PTSA board for their service to our school. Because of her outstanding leadership and the board's dedication, we were able to continue supporting our students and teachers, despite being unable to meet in person. Like so many of our members, I will truly miss her insight and kindness.

Over the years, our previous board members and volunteers have created an organization that works tirelessly to support our students, teachers, and families. Can you help us continue our efforts?

There are so many opportunities to get involved with the PTSA, and we welcome and encourage participation from all our families. There are ongoing roles or one-time opportunities; in-person roles, as well as virtual support. Any willing volunteer can find a way to support our students, teachers, and school community. Please consider sharing your time and talent with our school. Let's work together to continue to strengthen our organization and make a meaningful difference to our WYWLA community

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please reach out at any time. Should you have any ideas for our PTSA, I will welcome the suggestions. I can't wait to get the year started and meet you all!

Best wishes for a safe, healthy, and fun summer, and I'll see you soon!

Lynette Zarrett
WYWLA PTSA President
Mom to Abby Zarrett, '26
zarrettfamily@gmail.com

A few important notes

To join the PTSA, please visit: <https://wywlaptsa.memberhub.store/>

- The PTSA kick-off meeting will be a bit different this year. During the Block Party on August 13 (yes, it's happening!), we will have a PTSA meet and greet and volunteer open house/sign up. This will give new and current members the opportunity to join, get involved and to ask questions.
- To view our current volunteer needs, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/WYWLAVolunteers>. Right now, we need help with our Uniform Resale on July 22, the Block Party on August 13, as well as other opportunities.
- Board meetings will take place virtually for the foreseeable future. They are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month (with the exception of December, January, and March.) We will send out the joining link prior to each meeting, and all are welcome to attend.
- PTSA Meeting Dates are below:
 - ◆ August 17
 - ◆ September 21
 - ◆ October 19
 - ◆ November 16
 - ◆ December 14
 - ◆ January 25
 - ◆ February 15
 - ◆ March 22
 - ◆ April 19
 - ◆ May 17

ATTENTION JUNIORS & SENIORS

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Report to GMS

On Wednesday, August 4, 2021 all juniors and seniors will report to main campus for the first day of school. We will have special activities planned to welcome our juniors to the college experience and celebrate the success of our seniors; the Class of 2022! You will also meet with all your high school teachers and learn more about your first week on the Saint Augustine's campus.

- Juniors and seniors should arrive dressed in a solid colored shirt (School colors—navy, light blue, or white) or a WYWLA spirit shirt. Students should wear pants, a skirt, or Bermuda shorts in khaki, navy, or black.
- Juniors and seniors will be on main campus for the entire day and will eat lunch in the dining hall.
- Please arrive between 7:05 and 7:30am and report directly to the auditorium when you arrive. We look forward to seeing you!

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 vendors are Flynn O'Hara and French Toast. Flynn O'Hara is located on Glenwood Ave or shop online at <https://www.flynnohara.com/>. French Toast is an online vendor: <https://www.frenchtoast.com/schoolbox/schools/wake-young-women-s-leadership-academy-QS61SUN>

We extended grace to students who attended school in-person during the pandemic since we were not sure if or when students would return. All students will be expected to arrive in proper school attire daily beginning August 4th. If your family needs assistance, please email cjernigan-baker@wcpss.net.

All middle school students will need to purchase the required PE attire. High students who are enrolled in PE classes will also need to purchase the required PE attire. PE attire can be purchased from Flynn O'Hara or Tee'd Up (Email Jaime at teedupcustomoutfitters@gmail.com).

Please visit <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/4317> to review our uniform policy.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Club sign-up week is August 30—September 3. Students will have an opportunity to sign up for clubs of interest. Club meetings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will publish a club brochure and club meeting schedule prior to club sign-ups. Club meetings will begin the week of September 13th. Stay tuned for more information.

PTSA UNIFORM SWAP & SALE

Thursday, July 22, 2021

8:30—10:30am

It's a Repeat!

You have another opportunity to purchase gently used uniforms at the PTSA Uniform Swap and Sale. Stop by Currin Hall (High School Building) to shop. We have special shopping times for our new families.

New Families (8:30—9:30), Everyone (9:30—10:30)

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 provide student agendas this year. Each student will receive an agenda during the first week of school. The 2021—2022 WYWLA Parent/Student Handbook will also be posted on our website prior to the start of school. To preview the handbook visit www.wcpss.net/wywla.

To preview the 2021—2022 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 for more information. The first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 9:30am. 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. The SIP team meets monthly. The dates of this year's meetings are listed below.

SIP Meetings Dates*

August 16, September 13, October 18, November 15, January 24, February 14, March 21, April 18, and May 16

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

CARPOOL PROCEDURES

WYWLA families must use the Western Boulevard entrance and follow the designated carpool route. The Western Boulevard entrance is located next to the NC. Dept. of Agriculture Building. Enter through the gate that is labeled Western Blvd Gate and turn right at the first intersection onto Perimeter Rd. Follow the road until you reach the stop sign. Wait at the stop sign until a staff member motions for you to turn left onto Campus Rd to enter the carpool circle. After you unload/load, you will continue around the circle, turn right onto Perimeter Rd and exit following the same route that you used to enter. Drivers will enter and exit from Western Boulevard. The main entrances are reserved for school buses and the employees who park on campus. Although we are a small school, the main entrance does not allow enough cars to enter and load or unload without blocking Ashe Avenue. We understand that this route may not be the most convenient for some families, but it is the safest for all students and employees who use the GMS Campus. Carpool drivers should release ALL students in front of Lineberry Hall during morning arrival. Drivers should pull all the way around the circle to allow as many cars as possible to unload. Drivers should follow the same procedures in the afternoon. Campus Security and WYWLA staff will direct traffic during drop-off and pick-up.

THIS IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CARPOOL PROCEDURES. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CARPOOL.

We offer assistance to families who want to carpool with other WYWLA families. If you need assistance or can provide assistance, please click on the following link: <https://forms.gle/hyY6Kjs2cnWJq8ATA> This link is also posted on our website.

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>



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 can stay on top of assignments, parents can monitor 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 site and email completed forms to our Data Manager, Beatrice Sumner at bsumner@wcpss.net. Please email Mrs. Sumner if you have questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **July 22:** New Student Orientation, 8:00 - 10:30am
- **July 28 - August 3:** Teacher Workdays
- **July 30:** Early College Open House, 9:00am
- **August 2:** Open House, 6th Grade at 8:00am, 7th Grade at 10:00am, 8th Grade at 12:00pm, 9 - 10th at 1:00pm
- **August 4:** First Day of School
- **August 9:** Senior Portraits (SAU Campus)
- **August 11:** College Classes begin at SAU
- **August 13:** Back to School Block Party (6:00 - 8:30pm)
- **August 16:** SIP Team Meeting, 2:30pm
- **August 17:** PTSA Meeting, 5:00pm
- **August 18:** Fall Picture Day (7:35am - 12:30pm)
- **August 25:** Business Alliance Meeting, 9:30am
- **August 26:** SGA Applications Due
- **August 28:** SAT
- **August 30 - September 3:** Club Sign-up Week
- **August 30 - September 3:** SGA Campaign Week
- **September 2:** NHS/NJHS Fall Inductions, 6:00pm
- **September 6:** Holiday—Labor Day
- **September 7:** SGA Elections
- **September 7 - 24:** Day of the Girl Promo & T-Shirt Sale
- **September TBD:** Virtual Meet-The-Teacher, TBD
- **September 11:** ACT
- **September 13:** SIP Team Meeting, 2:30pm
- **September 21:** PTSA Meeting, 5:00pm
- **September 29:** Business Alliance Meeting, 9:30am
- **October 2:** SAT
- **October 4 - 7:** SAU Midterm Exams
- **October 7:** End of Quarter
- **October 8 - 11:** WYWLA Fall Break
- **October 8:** Teacher Workday
- **October 11:** Teacher Workday
- **October 12 - 15:** Spirit Week
- **October 15:** Day of the Girl Celebration, 12:30pm
- **October 15:** Report Cards Distributed

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.

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 if you are not receiving the Weekly Update. Weekly Updates will also be posted on the main website under News.

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

Email us at wywla@wcpss.net

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Raleigh, NC 27699-2303

Save the date!!

BLOCK PARTY

Friday, August 13, 2021
6:00—8:30pm

Mark your calendar!! The PTSA is sponsoring our Back-to-School Block Party on Friday, August 13th for students. This will be a family event! Stay tuned for more information.

Check us out on the web at www.wcpss.net/wywla. Follow us on Twitter @WakeGirlsLead and like us on Facebook!