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Updates for Juniors & Seniors

Please note the following updates relevant to Juniors, Seniors, and their families.

- Jostens will be on campus on Monday, September 25 during HOT Lunch for make-up orders for graduation supplies and class rings. For more information, contact Ms. Young (tyoung@wcpss.net).
- If you were not able to attend this past week's Junior-Senior Night, you can view the presentation slides from the opening session [at this link](#). For more information, contact Mr. Ellington (aellington@wcpss.net).
- Senior Tux & Drape Make-Up Photos will be on Friday, October 6.
- Admissions counselors from various colleges and universities will visit the school throughout the school year. These visits are listed on the school calendar and [at this link](#). If a student is interested in meeting with someone from a particular college that is visiting, they should stop by Student Services to sign up.

Golden Hawks Parent Academy

Each year we organize several events as a part of the Golden Hawks Parent Academy. There are several events coming up that you may be interested in.

- **College & Career Promise Program:** On October 3, 2017, a representative from Wake Tech will lead an informational session on the College & Career Promise program. Through this program, students who are juniors and have at least a 3.0 weighted GPA can take college courses free of charge. Attending one of the

informational sessions is required to participate in the program. This event is at 6:30pm in the HSHS Auditorium. You can register for the program [at this link](#) or contact Dean of Students, Mr. Ellington (aellington@wcpss.net).

- **Financial Aid Night:** On October 10, 2017 at 6:30pm in the HSHS Auditorium. HSHS Financial Aid Advisor Tori Sharpe will present information on financial aid, the FAFSA, federal loans, and other information for students and parents. This session is beneficial highly recommended whether you think you will qualify for financial aid or not! For more information, please contact Dean of Students, Mr. Ellington (aellington@wcpss.net).

Early Release Day – Friday, September 29

Just a reminder that this Friday, September 29 is an early release day. Dismissal will be at 11:40am. The bell schedule can be found [here](#).

Media Center during HOT Lunch

One of the most popular locations in our building during HOT Lunch is the Media Center. In order to ensure that the HSHS Media Center remains a space that is conducive to quiet study, individual reading, and small group collaboration, we will begin limiting the number of students in this space to 125 at the time at the beginning of A Lunch. For safe movement, we are asking students to enter through the front door and exit through the back/side door during lunch. Additional students will be admitted at the beginning of B Lunch based on capacity. If you have questions, please let us know.

Pastries with the Principal – Wednesday, October 4

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, October 4 at 7:45am in the HSHS Media Center for Pastries with the Principal. This is an informal conversation with the school's administration to talk through a few topics of our choice and any questions or topics you would like to discuss. If there is a particular topic that you would like for us to discuss, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Pittman (bpittman@wcpss.net). Thanks to our PTSA for sponsoring this event!

Yearbook & Senior Ad Sales

Early pricing yearbook sales have started. You can purchase now for \$75. Senior personal ads are also being sold now. It's a great opportunity to share a special message with that senior in your life. For more information, please [visit this link](#).

Release of Contact Information

Federal law requires that secondary schools release contact information to the military including student name, address, and telephone listing. Parents and students can request that their information not be released. Schools will provide annual notice of your right to ask for your information not to be released. If you choose to make this request, please do so [using this form](#). If you have questions, please contact Assistant Principal Eric Burleson (sburleson@wcpss.net).

PTSA & Booster Club News

Parent supporters are a critical part of our school! Please check out the opportunities below to get involved.

- **PTSA Senior Scholarship.** The PTSA will award several senior scholarships in the spring. Students must be a member of the PTSA by October 1 to be eligible to apply for this scholarship. Scholarship applications will be available from Student Services in late February 2018.
- **PTSA First Wednesday!** You're welcome to come in and help the PTSA with a service project between the hours of 9:30-11:30am on Wednesday, October 4. Students are welcome to join in for an hour of service credit!
- **Choral Fundraiser.** The HSHS Chorus is having their annual MATTRESS SALE at the school on Saturday, September 30 from 10am-5pm. Name brand (Restonic, Beautyrest) mattress sets will be sold for 30-50% below retail prices. These are new, top-quality mattresses with full factory warranties. All sizes and price ranges are available and delivery is soon after the sale. A percentage of each sale will go to the HSHS Choral Boosters. Hope to see you there!
- **PTSA Membership.** The Holly Springs High PTSA supports ALL of our Golden Hawks through programs and events! Your membership makes the following programs possible: Teacher Grants, Reflections / Mural Contest, Senior Scholarships, safe driving programs, parent programs, hospitality events, and more! [Click here](#) for the membership forms. Corporate sponsorships are also available! For more information, view [this link](#).
- **Golden Hawks Club Membership.** Be sure to take a look at information regarding [GHC memberships](#). A membership will gain you an athletic pass that will get you entry into home athletic events (except playoffs and endowment games).

Upcoming Dates

This Week:

- Monday, Sept. 25 - Tennis @ Apex Friendship HS, 3:30pm
- Monday, Sept. 25 - Soccer vs. Apex Friendship HS, JV 4:30 / V 6:30
- Monday, Sept. 25 - Volleyball vs. Leesville Road HS, JV 5 / V 6
- Tuesday, Sept. 26 - Volleyball vs. Garner, JV 5 / V 6
- Wednesday, Sept. 27 - Tennis vs. Apex HS, 3:30pm
- Wednesday, Sept. 27 - Soccer @ Apex, JV 4:30 / V 5:30
- Thursday, Sept. 28 - Golf @ Eagle Ridge
- Thursday, Sept. 28 - Volleyball @ Panther Creek HS, JV 5 / V 6
- Thursday, Sept. 28 - JV Football vs. Panther Creek HS, 6:30pm
- Friday, Sept. 29 - Early Release Day / Dismissal at 11:40am

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, Oct. 3 - Golden Hawk Parent Academy: College & Career Promise, 6:30pm, HSHS Auditorium
- Thursday, Oct. 5 - Pre-ACT Testing (all 10th Graders); Schedule for the day will be adjusted
- Saturday, Oct. 14 - Homecoming Dance, 8-11pm
- Friday, Oct. 20 - Early Release Day
- Saturday, Oct. 21 - Holly Springs Theatre Company's Annual Murder Myster Dinner



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