

Junior Class Updates, 3/24/2018

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To: Juniors / Class of 2019

From: Brian Pittman, Principal

The purpose of this email is to provide you with information to support you in being engaged both to finish this year strong and to get ready for the start of a fantastic senior year! Knowing that everyone at this point does not necessarily access their WCPSS email account, we are also posting this and future updates online. Please let us know how we can make these updates as helpful as possible.

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1. Early Release / Late Arrival and Midyear Graduation for 2018-19

In your senior year, you have the option of early release or late arrival in your schedule. It's important that you indicate your interest in this before the end of the spring semester. It will allow us to better prepare for getting your schedule for your senior year as you would like it. While we will accept requests for this over the summer and up to the first five days of the semester, we will not guarantee that we can make your request happen at that point. Also, you have the ability to request graduation at the end of the fall semester. These requests should also be submitted prior to the end of this school year. Forms are available [at this link](#). Please talk with your counselor with any questions.

2. Rising Senior Information Night - Tuesday, April 24

On Tuesday, April 24 at 7pm we will meet with parents of rising seniors to talk through key details of the senior year. We will also meet with all rising senior students on Thursday, April 26 during the school day to share this information. For more information on Rising Senior Information Night, please view [this](#)

[website announcement.](#)

3. Advanced Placement (AP) Night - Thursday, April 26

On Thursday, April 26 at 7pm we will meet with parents and students who signed up for Advanced Placement (AP) courses for the 2018-19 school year. The goal of this event is to provide you with information on supports for AP courses, overviews of AP courses you signed up for, etc. For more information, please view [this website announcement](#).

4. College & Career Readiness

As your senior year comes closer, we encourage juniors to begin planning for your senior year including:

- **Have you considered taking college courses now for FREE?** The State of North Carolina allows currently enrolled high school students who qualify to take courses at their local community college (for us, Wake Tech) for free while enrolled in high school. The program is called [College & Career Promise](#). The first step of accessing this resource is attending a required orientation. We have an orientation session at HSHS on Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30pm.
- **Have you taken the ACT or SAT yet?** If not, you should sign up soon. More information on ACT Testing can be found [at this link](#). More information on SAT Testing can be found at [this link](#).
- **Have you started your Brag Sheet?** Your [Brag Sheet](#) is a great resource to help you when applying for colleges and will be essential when you start talking with individuals to write recommendations for you. If you have not started this yet, now is a good time!
- **Have you created your CFNC Account yet?** If you have not set up an account on [CFNC.org](#) (College Foundation of North Carolina), you are encouraged to do this. It will be an important site throughout your senior year.
- **Have you considered an internship?** Our school helps to organize a number of internships for students who want to have an experience in a desired career field. If you are interested, please see Mr. Herrick (sherrick@wcpss.net) or visit [this site](#).
- **Have you started college visits?** College visits are a great way to help determine what kind of university you are interested in attending (or not attending). These are always excused absences when you submit the [Request for Educational Absence Form](#).

If you have questions, please see your counselor.

5. School Safety Updates

We appreciate the work that all students are doing to support school safety. The school has been wired for a buzzer system at external doors that will allow us to have all doors locked throughout the school day. We will keep you posted on this. We do, however, get that school safety means more than locked doors. It also means an environment where everyone feels happy, healthy, and safe. If you have other ideas on how we can make our school safer, feel free to talk with an administrator or submit your idea using [this form](#). If you are interested in joining a group of student leaders to talk about school safety, please let Mr. Pittman know.

6. After School Tutorials

We have started offering after school tutorials for interested students. This typically happens Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. For more information, please see Mr. Page (bpage2@wcpss.net) or visit [this link](#).

7. HSHS Student Handbook

We will soon be making adjustments to the HSHS Student Handbook and submitting it for printing for the 2018-19 school year. If you have suggestions where we can make it clearer or improve our processes, please feel free to let us know. You can do this by emailing Mr. Pittman or submitting your idea through [this link](#).

8. Promotion Requirements

Please keep in mind your promotion requirements! In order to be promoted from grade 11 to grade 12, you must have 18 overall credits including English I, English II, and English III AND you must have the ability to graduate in the next school year. If you have any questions about promotion requirements, please see your counselor.

Go Hawks & Enjoy your Spring Break!!

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