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Winter Athletics Tryouts Schedule

Winter sports tryouts are quickly approaching. Details for tryouts are being posted on the [HSHS Athletics Website](#). You can also see an overview of details on [this handout](#). If you have questions about the tryouts, please contact the coach or our Athletic Director Rod Whitesell (rwhitesell@wcpss.net). Please remember that athletes must be eligible to play in order to participate in tryouts. They must also have a current physical on file with the school.

Swim Team Interest Meeting

Students interested in participating in the swim team this year should attend an interest meeting on Wednesday, October 25 at 10:30am in the main gym. Come out to meet Coach Brown and learn details about this year's swim season.

Midterm Exams

Students will have midterm exams this week in their classes. Midterm exams will be administered on the following schedule:

- Monday: English, Fine Arts, Special Programs
- Tuesday: Math, World Languages, ESL
- Wednesday: Science, PE
- Thursday: Social Studies, CTE

Signs of Suicide Presentation

Each year, all high schools in the district provide awareness training on the Signs of Suicide. This specific program is delivered by our counselors to 9th graders in Healthful Living and in 12th grade in English IV. Because this is a sensitive topic, it is always our goal to inform parents about this presentation. Students have been or are being given letters to take home that provides additional detail about the presentations and the option to opt out of the presentation if you choose. You can view the letter here: [9th Grade Healthful Living Letter](#) or [12th Grade English IV letter](#). If you have questions about this program, please contact SAP Counselor Belinda Burch at bburch2@wcpss.net or (919) 577-1444, ext. 23473

Teacher of the Year Nominations

Each year schools across the state select their school level teacher of the year. At Holly Springs High, we invite our students and parents to share any nominations for our Teacher of the Year. If you would like to make a nomination for that teacher that's made a special difference for you or your student, please visit [this link](#). Nominations must be submitted by Monday, October 23 at 6pm.

Governor's School Applications

For students applying to the NC Governor's School Program, please note that your application materials are due to Mr. Ellington by Monday, October 23 by no later than 2:30pm. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Ellington (aellington@wcpss.net).

Reflections Contest is in Full Swing!

This year's theme is "Within Reach." Get your creative juices flowing! Entries in Visual Arts, Musical Composition, Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Photography, and Special Artists Division will be accepted. Rules and entry forms may be found at [this link](#). Deadline for submissions is November 2. Please turn in all work to Ms. Davis in the front office by that date. Contact Nancy Friend (ncfriend3@gmail.com) or Ms. Sanders (msanders2@wcpss.net) with any questions. New this year – the 1st place visual arts winner will receive a gift card to purchase a large canvas and paints to recreate your entry to hang in the school.

Looking Ahead

Below are a few events and dates that families should make note of in the coming month.

- Monday, Oct. 30 – End of 1st Quarter Grading Period
- Tuesday, Oct. 31 – Teacher Workday / No School
- Tuesday, Nov. 7 – Pre-ACT Testing (all 10th graders will test)
- Friday, Nov. 10 – Holiday
- Tuesday, Nov. 21 – Early Release Day / Dismissal at 11:40am
- Wednesday, Nov. 22 – Friday, Nov. 24 – Thanksgiving Break

PTSA & Booster Club News

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

- **Dance Booster Club.** Our annual fall General Membership Meeting will occur on Tuesday, November 7 starting at 6:30pm in the Media Center. All members and others interested in helping with the Nutcracker are invited to attend. Find out more about this organization and how to join [at this link](#). The dance director, Ms. Stauderman, will also be providing information on the program and requirements of dancers for the Nutcracker performances.
- **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).

This Week at the Springs!

- Monday, Oct. 23 - Soccer vs. Middle Creek HS, JV 4:30 / V 6:30
- Tuesday, Oct. 24 - Volleyball @ Wakefield HS, 6pm ** Second Round of State Playoffs **
- Wednesday, Oct. 25 - College Visit: William Peace University
- Thursday, Oct. 26 - College Visit: Duke University
- Thursday, Oct. 26 - JV Football @ Middle Creek HS, 6:30pm
- Friday, Oct. 27 - V Football vs. Middle Creek HS, 7pm



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