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School Safety Forums

Parents, I don't mind telling you that the last week or so has been some of the most reflective of my career. Dealing with tragedy, disappointment, fear, and the unknown have not become easier with experience. As a parent, I send my two boys to school each day in the Wake County Public School System. It is both exciting and terrifying each day even though I know they go to a great school with phenomenal educators that will take care of them. As a principal, I work hard to make sure I contribute to the environment that I want for my own kids. It's important to me that you know that HSHS honors both the concerns for today and dreams for the future that you have as parents. I have them, too.

In order to build understanding of efforts already in place to promote safety at the school, to share new efforts that are being undertaken now, and to just be able to ask questions and share ideas, we are offering opportunities for parents to come in to talk with the school's administration and SROs to discuss school safety. If you are interested in participating in one of these discussions, please let us know by completing [this online form](#). We will set up a date (or dates) based on the responses. If you have questions, please contact me at bpittman@wcpss.net.

Off Campus Lunch Passes

We will share a few process changes with students with off campus lunch passes on Monday. First, all students coming back from lunch are now required to re-enter the building only through the front entrance. Second, students **MUST** keep their lunch pass with them when exiting campus and when re-entering the building. We will periodically be checking lunch passes on the way back into the building as well. Please contact Mr. Pittman if you have questions.

Course Selections for 2018-19

All students returning for the 2018-19 school year should begin considering course selections for 2018-19. Counselors will start meeting with students on February 26 to make course selections. For more information about course options and information about registration, please view [this announcement](#).

ACT Testing – February 27

All 11th graders will be participating in the ACT Test on February 27. They do not have to have signed up for this and there is no fee. We will have an altered schedule on that day to accommodate testing. Please contact Ms. Young (tyoung@wcpss.net) if you have questions. Note that juniors will be called down throughout the day on Monday, Feb. 19 to complete the pre-testing process. They should listen to the announcements for more details.

AP Exam Registration

Students who will be taking AP Exams in May need to register for those exams now. AP Exams are free for those students who are enrolled in the course during the current school year. The deadline to register is March 16. [Read More](#)

Pastries with the Principal

Please save the date for Pastries with the Principal on March 7 at 7:45am in the Media Center. Our primary topic will be the registration process for 2018-19. Thanks to our wonderful PTSA for making this event possible!

PTSA & Booster Club News

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

- **StreetSafe.** StreetSafe is coming to Holly Springs on March 17! StreetSafe is a non-profit enterprise offering its Lifesaving Driving Experience to new drivers with only one mission – Saving Lives. Give your new driver the skills they need during this experience that is taught under the supervision of experienced law enforcement and fire personnel. The experience provides young drivers an eye-opening and hands-on experience. Registration is now open. Please contact Mary Wooten (mmwooten@nc.rr.com) with questions or visit [this link](#).
- **PTSA Board for 2018-19.** YOU are needed to help continue the great work of the HSHS PTSA! The PTSA does so much behind the scenes to provide amazing programs and events for our students, staff, and parents. Please join to continue that work. Many positions are open for 2018-19 including President and VP of Communications. Contact our Nominating Committee at mortonjc@nc.rr.com.
- **March 2 Early Release Luncheon.** The final PTSA luncheon for the staff will be on March 2's early release. Contact tammiz67@gmail.com to help serve or donate items for the luncheon. Donations of individually bagged chips, waters, and desserts are greatly appreciated and may be dropped off in the front office by March 1.

Upcoming Events

This Week:

- Tuesday, Feb. 20 - Mens Basketball @ ADHS, 1st Round of NCHSAA Playoffs, 7pm
- Thursday, Feb. 22 - Womens Basketball Playoff Game, TBD

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, Mar. 2 - Early Release / Dismissal at 11:40am



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