

Principal's Weekly Update
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Sunday, July 14, 2019

Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It

Outside Food and Lunch with Your Student: As stated in our handbook, outside food (such as fast food deliveries) will not be permitted to be dropped off for students to eat in the cafeteria. We have noticed some recent food deliveries for our students, and unfortunately, we will have to turn those away. Also, due to space in the cafeteria, we will not be able to permit parents to eat with their students in the cafeteria. If you would like to check your student out and have lunch with him/her, please feel free to do so.

TRANSPORTATION:

Morning Carpool- The building will be open for students to enter at 7:45, students should be in their homeroom by 8:15 or they will be marked tardy.

If you are coming from the direction of NC – 55 please use the carpool loop in the front of the school on Avent Ferry Rd. Please make sure that you stay to the right while in carpool and do not block the intersections. Since we share the carpool with elementary we need to keep the left lane and the intersections free so they can pass.

If you are coming from Cass Holt Rd. or from Holly Pointe, Braxton Village or Holly Glenn, you can use the bus loop located on Cass Holt Road beginning at 7:55. Buses will be dropping off between 7:45 – 7:55. There will be no left turn permitted out of the parking lot in front of the school.

Afternoon Carpool- Dismissal time at HGMS is 3:00pm. All carpool students should be picked up in the carpool line in the front of the school on Avent Ferry Rd. When arriving to the school, please stay to the right while in carpool. This lane is for middle school carpool. These two lanes start as soon as you turn the first corner in carpool. Intersections are left open for cars to get in and out of the lot if they are not in carpool. These are not entry points into the carpool lane. Thankfully this has been going well so far this year as all carpool has been finished between 3:15 and 3:20 every day. All students should be picked up no later than 3:20.

Buses- We have had some issues with bus routes this year. Please log into Powerschool BEFORE your child plans to ride the bus to confirm your child is assigned a route. If he/she is not assigned a route, please go to <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/39302> to request one.

School Dances: This year our school dances (except our 8th grade dance) will take place from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. to allow students who do not have transportation to participate because they will be permitted to ride our activity bus. More details to come.

Bulldog Dancers: Are you a dancer? Do you love to perform? Do you have a lot of school spirit?

Bulldog Dancers is the place for you! Come try out to be on our elite dance team - Bulldog Dancers. The team is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Our season runs August - April. We perform at football and basketball games, pep rallies, concerts for parents and the school, and community events. You must audition to be on the team. Auditions are July 30th from 3-5pm. Visit the dance website to sign up. Only students signed up for auditions will be emailed the audition phrase. Pick up an information packet in the elective hallway.

Request for a Schedule Change: Students who wish to request an elective schedule change should follow this process:

- Forms will be available to pick up from Student Services beginning July 9 for Tracks 1, 2 and 3 and July 29 for Track 4.
- After forms are completed and signed by a parent, they must be returned to the Student Services office by the 5th day of school. (July 15th for Tracks 1,2 & 3 and Aug. 2nd of Track 4) No forms will be accepted after this deadline. Requests for 1st and/or 2nd semester classes must be made during this process.
- Students must continue to attend their assigned elective until they hear from the counselor about their elective change. Changes will only be made if space is available in the requested class.

Athletic Booster Club: The Athletic Booster Club is in need of several parents willing to serve on the board for the upcoming school year. We need a Treasurer a Vice President, a Concession Coordinator, and a Secretary. Interested people can contact Kelli Jones khjones@wcpss.net or Shane Zimmerman nzimmerman2@wcpss.net.

School Supplies: The supply lists for the 2019-2020 school year are already posted on our website.

Instructional Spotlight: Students in 8th grade on Track 2 were designing a name sign which included their name and decorations that represent who they are. If you have an 8-2 student, please ask him/her to share the awesome design!