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## Back to School Essentials

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**MOST IMPORTANT NOTE:** The August issue of the *Panther Paws Newsletter* (mailed to all families) is filled with valuable information. Be sure to read it thoroughly.

***What are the hours that the school is open?***

The building is open from 9am Monday or 7am Tuesday through Friday, to 3:30pm every day. All students must leave the building unless directly supervised by a teacher, coach, or advisor.

***How do I find my way around the building?***

Maps are available in the main office (inside the main entrance) when you check in to the building.

***When will my student receive his/her schedule for fall classes?***

All students will receive their schedules after they get their ID picture taken on a designated day before school starts. Check the August *Panther Paws Newsletter* for scheduled dates and times.

***How do I register a new student?***

Please call the Counseling Office at 665-7618 to schedule an appointment.

***What can I do to help my freshman make the transition?***

A new program is available to provide orientation and team building time for freshmen. iFrosh is a small community of freshmen built around their 3 core classes: math, English and science. The goal is to connect students to one another in a smaller learning community, building relationships to improve student learning. Contact Mike Wilson for more information:

[wilson.m@mail.wsd.wednet.edu](mailto:wilson.m@mail.wsd.wednet.edu).

***Is there a freshmen orientation before school starts?***

Freshmen are initially invited to the high school for orientation during their 8th grade year and before they have to decide which courses to take.

***What fees will my student need to pay and who do I make the check out to?***

The first check will be made out to WHS for the following:

ASB Card - \$25 (\$30 after picture retake day) Official ID; allows students into all home sporting events for free, and must be purchased to participate in any sport, club, or activity.

Sports Fee (required to participate in athletics) - \$3

Student Planner (required for all students) - \$5

Yearbook (optional) - \$49 until Oct 31, \$59 until May 1, and \$69 after May 1.

A second check must be made out to WHS for the Fitness uniform (\$12 for shorts and shirt) and strap for heart rate monitor (required if enrolled in Fitness for \$4.50), \$16.50 total. Middle school uniforms are the same and are acceptable to wear at WHS. Fitness students also need to wear athletic shoes. Sweats are available for \$12, but are NOT required.

***Any other forms required?***

Health information sheets must be submitted at the beginning of every school year or your student will be denied participation in school activities or field trips. These will be mailed or sent home to you to complete and return.

***Where is the Lost and Found?***

The *Lost and Found* is located in the ASB Office. If a textbook is lost, stolen, or abused, the student must pay for a replacement.

***What if my student needs to take medication to school?***

Medicine that needs to be dispensed should be arranged with the school nurse, which will require a written authorization from the parent/guardian and a written request from the doctor. Only the parent/guardian may deliver the medicine to the nurse. Students may carry an inhaler or an EpiPen if it is properly cleared through the nurse's office. Students may carry up to one day's dosage of over-the-counter medication, such as cough drops, Tylenol, or ibuprofen. Please keep your student home for 24 hours after having a fever over 100 degrees, diarrhea, or vomiting.

***What is the school dress code?***

Neat, clean, no disruption to learning, shoes are required, head coverings are prohibited (other than religious ones), and tank tops are prohibited. Please refer to your student's planner for complete information about the WHS dress code.

***What is the policy on cell phones?***

Cell phones are permitted at school for use during non-instructional time. Cell phones shall not be used for any purpose (texts or calls) during class time. Cell phones that create a disruption to the learning environment (used in class) will be confiscated and held until the end of the school day. Cell phone infractions: 1st = Saturday School, 2nd = Parent Conference, and 3rd is Short Term Suspension.

***How do we pay for my student's breakfast and lunch at school?***

You can put money in a debit account run through your student's ID card. You can pay ahead by the week, the month or the year, whatever best suits your budget. Checks can be made out to "WSD Food Services", and given to any server.

***What if we need help paying for breakfast and lunch?***

If you qualify for the free-and-reduced-price-meals program, you can save hundreds of dollars a year in food expenses. You and your student's participation in the program are held in the strictest confidence and it's easy to apply. Pick up an application at the WHS Counseling office. Any other questions, call the Food Service at 662-9345.

***What is the Latex policy?***

WHS is a Latex Free Environment. There are several students and staff at WHS who suffer from a potentially life threatening condition known as a LATEX ALLERGY. Individuals with this allergy may experience symptoms ranging from watery eyes to severe breathing problems. Because of these allergies, latex balloons and gloves and all other latex products are not allowed at WHS. If you have questions regarding what products may contain latex, please contact one of the school nurses.

***When do I see my student's report card?***

They are mailed home after the end of each quarter (see the monthly calendar for those dates). All classes receive a letter grade: A, B, C, D, F, P (pass), NC (not for credit). Progress reports are available according to each teacher's syllabus which will be handed out at the beginning of the class. To check your student's grades and attendance online, register by completing a form and showing photo identification in person at the Main Office.

***When will fines be assessed?***

Students who do not return school district property (books, athletic gear, etc), will be assessed a replacement value fine. All student fines that are not cleared will result in the holding of schedules, grades, transcripts, and diplomas until fines are all cleared. Fines can be cleared by returning items in good condition, or by paying the assessed fine at the ASB Office.

***Who may use the library and when is it open?***

The library and the computers are open to WHS students with their ID card. Hours are: Monday 9:15am to 3:40pm, Tuesday - Friday 7:10am to 3:40pm.

Students are automatically given permission to use the Internet and access their accounts, including grades, online. Parents may opt-out of this agreement at any time by contacting a member of the library staff or the administration office. Before school, break time, and after school, the computers may be used on a first-come first-serve basis. During class time, teachers and their classes have priority over individual student use.

The library collection contains: books, magazines, newspapers, videos, DVDs, audio books, Spanish language books, Writer keyboards, flash drives, and digital cameras for checkout. Our library subscribes to three online databases: Oposing Viewpoints, Thomson Gale Litfinder, and NoveList Plus. For access to more magazine, newspaper, and reference materials, students with public library cards may also use the North Central Regional Library databases.

***What is in place for school security?***

There are two state-certified School Security Officers assigned to the high school. They investigate all incidents at the school. To contact the Director of Safety and Security, call Bob King at 663-1248, or email at [King.b@mail.wsd.wednet.edu](mailto:King.b@mail.wsd.wednet.edu). There is also a School Resource Officer, which is a policeman assigned full-time to the school district.

***What is the school dance policy and procedure?***

School dances are for the enjoyment of Wenatchee High School students and may be attended only by students who are currently enrolled at WHS. Students must have their current year school identification card to gain admittance. The administration reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone prior to the dance as well as at the door.

For formal dances, registered WHS students may bring a guest if the guest is 15-20 years old, the guest is registered and approved to be on the guest list a week prior to the formal dance, and the tickets are purchased in advance.

Once a student or guest has entered the dance, they may not leave and return. Students will not be allowed to enter dances one hour after the dance doors open or after 10:30 p.m. if the dance starts late.

Dress code is enforced at school dances and will be the same as activities (i.e.: tank tops and hats are allowed), but no spaghetti straps, bare midriiffs, short skirts or shorts. Students are checked for appropriate dress prior to being allowed to enter.

Parents of high school students are always welcome and encouraged as guests or chaperones at all school-sponsored activities. Please sign up in advance.

Forbidden behaviors - couples seeking isolated areas, alcohol or drugs and/or under the influence, prolonged full frontal embraces, extended kissing, necking, moshing, "dirty dancing" (students rubbing against each other).

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