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## Parent Involvement Opportunities

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### ***How do I find out what is going on at school?***

1. The easiest way to stay in touch with happenings at WHS is to subscribe to WHS eNews!, a weekly email newsletter for WHS students and their families. To subscribe, send an email to the editor, Jeanette Marantos at [marantos.j@mail.wsd.wednet.edu](mailto:marantos.j@mail.wsd.wednet.edu).
2. Read the *Panther Paws Newsletter*, which is mailed out to every student's home about once a month.
3. The WHS website (<http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/>) is a treasure trove of information. Click on the Parent tab from the Home page to find most of the information you need.
4. The Weekly Calendar is a calendar of events giving the date, time, and place of meetings, projects, athletic contests, and performances of both students and faculty. The Weekly Bulletin is another weekly source of information. Both are found online through the Parents page of the WHS website (see above).
5. The student newspaper, *The Apple Leaf*, is available through your student or you can pay for a subscription to be mailed to you. Send \$25 to The Apple Leaf, Wenatchee High School, 1101 Millerdale, Wenatchee, WA 98801.
6. There are automated phone messages that go out to students' homes occasionally. If you miss a message or want to repeat it, you can check the system to see if it has called you within the past seven days by dialing 663-2245; then press "1" to listen to any messages, and then enter your phone number when prompted.

### ***How do I learn more about my student's classes?***

Go to Open House, held during an evening in mid-September. You will walk your student's schedule, attending mini-sessions of each class in the same order that your student follows every day. Each teacher will discuss curriculum and classroom policies, their expectations for their students, and how to contact them for more information or concerns. This is not a time for individual student discussions.

### ***What are parent/teacher conferences?***

This is a great chance to speak with your student's teachers one-on-one to see how your student is doing and to get any questions answered about their academic performance. They are held during two afternoons and two evenings in late October. All of the teachers are available on all days (with some exceptions) so parents can attend when it works for them. Teachers will see parents on a first-come, first-serve basis, so there is no need to sign up in advance. Just show up and have fun learning "who" your student is in the classroom.

### ***What is the Learning Improvement Team (LIT)?***

A group made up of administration, teachers, staff, parents, and students who meet monthly to discuss and decide short and long-range planning issues for the high school. See their goals and other information about this team on the WHS website.

### ***What is the Mariachi Parent Club?***

The parent volunteer organization that supports the WHS Mariachi program. The Mariachi Parent Club meets once a month in the Music Department. Check out WHS Mariachi Parent Club at [www.whsmariachi.com](http://www.whsmariachi.com) website for more information. Parents can call: Mr. Rivera at the Mariachi Office 509-663-8117 ext:284 or 509-393-8871 for information.

***What is the Band Booster Club?***

If your student is a member of GA Band, Jazz Ensemble, Pep Band, Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, or the Color Guard, then you are a member of the WHS Band Booster Club. They provide physical support and supplementary funds for the benefit of all segments of the WHS Band program. They arrange for chaperones for band trips, adult supervision for football games, and coordinate several fundraising opportunities throughout the year. One of the major fundraisers is the operation of the concession stand at Walla Walla Point Park.

***What is the Choir Booster Club?***

This group supports the Choral Program.

***What is the Panther Booster Club?***

An all-volunteer organization that supports athletic programs at WHS. They raise money through a membership drive, concessions, fundraising projects, and special events. These funds help purchase uniforms, equipment, awards, and support special athletic programs. This group maintains the Panther Hall of Fame, provides uniforms and equipment, recognizes outstanding athletic achievement, and awards several scholarships to graduating seniors. You may also sign up for regular informational emails from the Athletic Office by contacting them.

***What is the Wenatchee FFA Alumni?***

The Wenatchee FFA Alumni Association is open to any parents or community members that are interested in supporting the Wenatchee FFA in its many activities. A large portion of Alumni funds go to supporting students with livestock at fairs, assistance in paying for state convention and national convention travel, and assistance with various fundraising endeavors throughout the year.

***What is the WHS Journalism Booster Club, the "J-Boosters"?***

The J-Boosters is a group of parents and alumni supporting student journalism at WHS in four main areas: curriculum, financing, promotion, and recognition. The J-Boosters meets regularly to plan activities and fundraisers. Membership is at varying levels of support. Those interested in support should contact the publications adviser.

***Want to help get a student into college?***

There is a mentor program for students who need guidance through the college admission and scholarship application processes. Volunteer parents meet with students throughout their senior year, outside of the school day, to complete the many requirements and deadlines of the college application paperwork. Students also meet weekly during school hours with a teacher advisor. Students are referred to this program by high school staff. The program coordinator is Marcy Horne.

***What is the WHS Foundation?***

The Foundation is the WHS booster group for leadership, academic excellence, and the arts. This non-profit creates an avenue of support outside the normal funding resources for WHS. Each year the Foundation recognizes school groups with "Awards of Excellence". In addition, the Foundation provides one-time funding to respond to immediate needs of the high school. In the past three years, \$12,000 has been awarded. Much of the funding for this effort comes from parents and friends who link their grocery cards to WHS Foundation. Enroll your Albertsons' Preferred Savings Card and Safeway Club Card, and the Foundation automatically receives up to 4% of your purchases.

***Help raise money for WHS through your daily shopping:*** Go to the Foundation website at [www.whsfoundation.com](http://www.whsfoundation.com) to register today and make your shopping count! Both programs allow you to designate more than one community group for your purchases! For assistance in enrolling, contact [ldevine@nwi.net](mailto:ldevine@nwi.net).

**Office Depot and Staples**

Customers can select WHS to receive a credit of 5% of their qualifying merchandise purchases. The school can then use this credit to get free supplies all year long. Just ask that the school be credited for a donation when you go to check out.

**Target**

When Target customers use their Target REDcard, Target will give 1% of every purchase they charge to the school of their choice. Target customers can make a payment at the service desk of the amount of the charge on the credit card as soon as they use their card, so that the school gets the 1% but the customer does not get a bill later—only a statement showing the charge and the payment. To enroll, call 1-800-316-6142 or go online at <http://www.target.com/tcoe>.

**Verizon**

By making long distance calls using Verizon Select Services, 5% of each member's long distance phone usage is allocated to the member's participating school of choice. Contact the local Verizon business office to participate.

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