

Panther Paws



WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

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August, 2004

Principal's Message:

What a great time to be a Panther! Last year we told all students that they would be part of some significant changes -- all for the better. Well . . . here is what has happened (see chart below):

- Math test scores went from 25.5% to 45.2%.
- Reading test scores went from 36.2% to 65.1%.
- Writing test scores went from 48.8% to 64.0%

The key to this kind of success is three things from our students:

First: Work ethic. Whatever you do, do your best!

Second: Respect yourself! Demonstrate this by showing respect to others.

Finally: Integrity! Follow through with commitments.

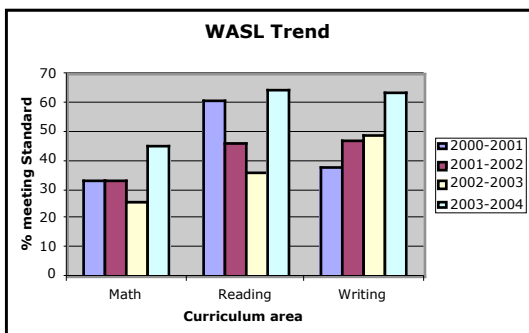
Not only did our academic scores go up, we also won State championships in girls bowling and boys tennis. Our choral program sent the Chamber Singers to Carnegie Hall. Our Journalism program is clearly best of the Northwest, and the list goes on! "IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A PANTHER!"

New in 2004

1. Culminating Project Groups: Each student will be responsible for completing a culminating project before graduation.
2. Course Guidelines for Course Challenges: Students can pay \$60 and challenge a course for credit. (Requires 80% on final exam and all projects completed satisfactorily.)
3. Next Step Program: Some freshmen will start WHS focused on leadership skills, success skills, and study skills. The intent is to help students toward greater success at WHS and beyond.

As we look back at last year and ahead to the future, I will be challenging all students to give your best effort, respect yourself and others, and be a person whom others can count on. GO PANTHERS!

Mike Franza



School Offices Open August 19th

Office Hours: WHS Offices will be open for business beginning Thursday, August 19th from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. through August 31st.

New Student Registration: Counselors will be available to register new students beginning August 19th. Please call 665-7618 during office hours to schedule an appointment.

Class Schedules: Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will be able to pick up their class schedule **after** pictures on August 30th. Freshmen schedules will be handed out at IGNITE! 2004 (freshman orientation) on Tuesday, August 24th. (see related articles pages 2 and 3).

Schedule Corrections: See article on page 7.

**Wenatchee High School
Open House
September 21, 2004
7:00 p.m. - Auditorium**



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Improving STATE TEST SCORES

WHS Leading the Way!

Wow! the increase was even better than most of us expected. If we keep the right focus we should make similar growth this year! How? Why? Understand:

1. When the State says all students should pass the WASL, it really establishes minimum competency for graduation.

2. Many of our students are above these standards and should be challenged higher!!

This year staff are completing work on courses for students in science, math and language arts. Students will take the WASL when they show us they are ready. Students who are not ready their sophomore year will be placed in these courses and be required to take the WASL during their third year at WHS. This will help all students be more successful. This is not a punishment for some students. It is an option for all students and an opportunity for success for most. There will be continual changes in the State as they establish guidelines for WASL and graduation. At WHS our students and staff will be leading the way to success!

School Pictures, Planners Class Schedules - August 30th

The day for school pictures and picking up class schedules and student planners is Monday, August 30. **All** students are required to have their picture taken for student I.D. After pictures are taken, students will receive their class schedule and planner. Please note the times listed below for pictures:

Last Names beginning:

Urgent Needs/Teams.....7:30-8:30 a.m.
A, B.....8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
C, D.....9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
E, F, G, H.....10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
I, J, K, L.....11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Last Names beginning:

M, N, O.....12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
P, Q, R, S.....1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
T, U, V, W.....2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
X, Y, Z.....3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Urgent Needs/Teams.....4:00-4:30 p.m.

Students, it is critical that you get your picture taken in order to receive your schedule. You must present your picture ID to receive your schedule. If you do not get your picture and schedule on August 30, a temporary I.D. and schedule will need to be picked up the first day of class (Sept. 1).

Freshmen will get their pictures taken and receive their class schedule and planner at IGNITE! 2004 on August 24th. Freshmen who are unable to attend on August 24th should plan on following the schedule above on August 30th.

To ease the impact on sports practices, I am asking coaches to have the team members come for pictures prior to practice. You can move through very quickly and should plan on arriving a half hour before your practice time.

For urgent situations, please come between 7:30-8:30 a.m. or 4:00-4:30 p.m. for your picture. Otherwise, follow the planned schedule. This will keep us moving at a smooth pace all day. Remember, this picture will serve as your ID picture, as well as your yearbook picture. You can also purchase a variety of packages so come prepared "looking good".

Student Planners - \$4 Required

All WHS students are required to purchase a student planner for the 2004-05 school year at a cost of \$4. The planner is a useful organizational tool for students and has a number of functions: 1) It contains school policies; 2) It provides planning calendars for student personal and classroom use; 3) It contains dates of important school activities; and 4) it serves as a student's hall pass. Be sure to pay for your planner when taking care of your other school fees at the ASB office.

IGNITE! 2004 Tuesday, August 24th

Freshman Orientation Promises to Prepare Students Well

At freshman orientation, as an incoming freshman, you will be given your class schedule, locker, ASB photo and card, student planner, hear a dynamic speaker, and be given many helpful ideas and tips to make your year the best!

You will meet many other freshmen, as well as upperclassmen, who will be there ready to make your entrance to WHS a whole lot less intimidating.

You will be ignited by the traditions of WHS and will learn what it means to be a Panther. It promises to be a great day, followed by good food and your first high school dance. Your parents are invited to take part as well by attending the BBQ and then a presentation by our quality guest speaker. We hope to see all incoming 9th graders here on August 24th . . . especially YOU!

About our guest speaker: Brad Henning will be speaking to the entire freshman class in the afternoon. Brad's presentation, entitled "Relationships in a Sexual Culture," is designed to teach kids what healthy relationships can be, and how they can prepare themselves for future long-lasting, fun marriages. Brad describes the differences between men's and women's needs and desires, and how they each feel and communicate about life, love, and relationships. This talk helps kids better understand themselves and shows what real love is and is not, why they feel so hurt, disappointed, and betrayed by what they are currently experiencing, and what can be done to change it. Brad will be presenting to the parents in the evening as well. Brad's presentations have been enthusiastically received for years.

Parents who would like to preview the content of Brad's presentation are invited to hear an audio tape of his talk at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 23rd. Please meet in the WHS Commons or you may call Brent Grothe with questions during the day at 663-8117, ext. 708.

Parents, don't miss this excellent presenter! Be there for our parent workshop the evening of orientation from 7-9 p.m. and come early for our incoming frosh/parent BBQ at 5:30 p.m.

Meet in front of WHS Commons.....	11:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
Orientation Program.....	12 - 6 p.m.
Frosh and Parents BBQ (donations only).....	5:30 - 7 p.m.
Frosh Fling Dance, Commons, \$3 admission - all proceeds to the Class of 2007.....	7 - 9 p.m.
Parent workshop with Brad Henning, Auditorium.....	7 - 9 p.m.

ASB/Other School Fees

Pay with cash or check - Payable to WHS

ASB Card.....	\$25
<i>after picture retake day</i>	\$30
P.E. Uniform (required if enrolled in P.E.).....	\$12 or \$6
Strap for heart rate monitor (required).....	\$4
Sports Fee (required if participating in athletics).....	\$3
Senior Grad Fee (required).....	\$3
Student Planner (required).....	\$4
Yearbook.....	\$40 w/ ASB
	\$44 w/o ASB (or after Oct. 31)
	\$48 after May 1
	\$5 name plate

WHS Supply List 2004/2005

The following items are recommended as basic supplies for students at WHS. After school begins, individual teachers will provide students with a list of supplies needed for each particular class:

- Binder or notebook with at least 6 subject dividers
- Pens/Pencils
- Notebook Paper

Making WHS the Best Parent, Staff, Student

This year our Site-Based Decision Making Team (SDMT) will take on a new name -- the Learning Improvement Team (LIT). Many of the processes will remain the same. We will have ongoing meetings for parents, as well as regular representation on the team. Students are also part of the team, as are staff members. The primary role of the team is to set goals and move toward greater student success. We will continue to have four areas of focus:

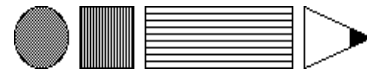
1. Freshman Transition - Gracie Helm
2. Community Involvement - Michele Wadeikis
3. Academic Support - Mike Hill
4. Academic Challenge - Mike Franza

This process has resulted in realistic goals and marked success for our students. Please plan to be involved. Our first Principal's Cabinet parent meeting will be Monday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the WHS library.



Construction Update

Obviously our office and main entrance are not complete. By the time you read this, I hope our sidewalk is in for the athletic entrance. The front entrance will be open the first day of school (September 1, 2004). The new Commons will be an ongoing project scheduled to be completed in January, 2005. We have all had to be a bit patient with this project, but are also looking forward to the positive impact on WHS!



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Important WHS Resources

Administration/MainLine.....	663-8117
ASB Office.....	664-3678
Athletics.....	663-3384
Attendance Office*.....	663-6903
Auditorium Manager.....	662-2815
Bilingual Line (Español).....	663-7328
Bus Garage.....	662-6168
Counseling Office.....	665-7618
School-to-Work Office.....	665-8735

*Please call **Attendance Office** to report student absences and tardies, or to leave a message for your student (*emergency messages from parent/guardian-only*).

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Administrative and Counseling Assignments

WHS welcomes its students into an exciting, positive climate of learning. Our counselors and administrators are available to students and parents for any questions or challenges.

Administrative assignments for this year are listed below. If a student is having a discipline issue, administrators will work with that student based on his/her last name as follows:

Mike Hill.....	A-F
Gracie Helm.....	G-O
Michele Wadeikis.....	P-Z

A student's last name also indicates his/her counselor:

Jorge Torres.....	A-Dn
Dianna Gill.....	Do-H
Marc Miller.....	I-Mn
Doug Taylor.....	Mo-Sa
Mary Howie.....	Sb-Z

We look forward to a great year of working with WHS students and parents!



P.E. Uniforms



A P.E. uniform and heart rate monitor strap will be required for all physical education students at WHS and are available to purchase through the ASB office. The new uniforms this year are \$12 and consist of black mesh shorts and a gray T-shirt. The old uniforms (gray shorts and shirt) are \$6 and will be available until sold out. The heart rate monitor strap is \$4. It is recommended that these items be purchased on Monday, August 30th, picture day.

The uniforms come in sizes from S-XXXL. Both shorts and shirts have a spot for the student's name to be written in permanent ink. Students may use the old uniforms for as long as they desire. Any questions may be directed to P.E. Department Chair, Maureen Rix.



Student Parking

On August 30th (picture day) and during the school year, a registration form will be available for students desiring to drive a vehicle to school. Students and their parents will need to read and sign the form in order to obtain a parking permit(s). Parking permits will be issued at no cost once the form has been signed and returned. Tickets/fines for parking without a permit, or for any illegal parking will be issued. **All student parking will be FRONT LOT only.**

Your ASB Card . . . Don't be Involved Without it!

You are encouraged to purchase an ASB card for \$25 at the beginning of the year. Not only is your card official identification, but it will get you into all home Panther sporting events for **FREE**. You will get discounts on all dance admissions and discounts on the purchase of your yearbook if purchased in the fall.

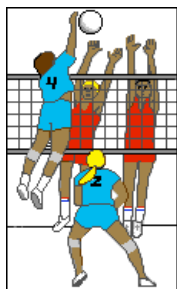
If you are planning on participating in any sport, club or activity this year you **MUST** purchase an ASB card. All money raised from the sale of ASB cards is allocated to activities and athletics to help support those groups.

Finally, the class that purchases the highest percentage of ASB cards get big points towards class of the year.

Fall Sports Practices Begin Soon!

Football & Volleyball....Wed., August 18
All others.....Mon., August 23
(Girls Soccer, Girls
Swimming, Cross Country)

Students must complete sports clearance in order to participate. To clear, purchase an ASB card for \$25 and pay a \$3 sports fee at ASB Office. Bring receipt for fees, along with completed and signed physical form, sport guideline and athletic contract to the Athletic Office.



Building Tours for New Students

Sophomores, juniors and seniors who are new to Wenatchee High School this year are invited to a tour of WHS on Thursday, August 26th at 1:00 p.m. Please meet at the Library entrance. Freshmen who are unable to attend freshman orientation on August 24th may also attend.

Many Important Yearbook Deadlines Approach Soon

Senior Pictures: Seniors who would like to be pictured in the senior section of the 2004 WaWa yearbook should make arrangements to have a senior photo taken as soon as possible. Photos are the responsibility of the senior and are due to the yearbook staff in Room 262 by **Oct. 6**. Inclusion cannot be guaranteed after that date.

Requirements for inclusion are a glossy, color, wallet sized print. Ideally, the student's head should measure 1.25 inches from forehead to chin to look his or her best.

For best results, have a portrait taken by a professional photographer. However, an amateur photo is acceptable as long as guidelines and deadline are met. Call Logan Aimone, adviser, with questions about prints or digital images at 663-8117, ext. 262 or e-mail at: aimone.l@mail.wsd.wednet.edu.

Congratulations Ads: The yearbook staff sells congratulations ads to parents, families and friends of seniors. Many choose to include a baby picture and good luck message. Forms will be mailed to parents around Thanksgiving. Photos are returned at the end of the school year.

Yearbook Purchase: Students interested in purchasing a yearbook should do so early in the school year to guarantee availability. All available copies were sold last year, and some students were disappointed.

Buy yours early and save money too. The cost for a 2005 WaWa yearbook is \$40 with ASB card until October 31. The price is \$44 without an ASB card, or if purchased after October 31. The price goes up to \$48 if purchased after May 1st.

The staff recommends name plates for \$5. This is an attractive way to ensure that your book is not mistaken for another's. Name plates are available only on books purchased by Jan. 15.

The yearbook staff encourages you to buy your yearbook early and save your receipt!



Not Attending WHS This Year?

All students receiving this newsletter are currently registered to attend WHS. If you will not be attending WHS this year, please contact the Counseling Office at 665-7618 to let us know of your school change.



School Dress Code!!!

Remember, our district has clear expectations for student dress. No tank tops! Be sure that your tops have shoulders.

Shorts and skirts need to be mid-thigh; that means half way to the knee.

Dress Code and Dances: It seems that activities such as games, concerts and dances bring out different dress rules. Tank tops **will** be permitted at activities; this does not mean spaghetti straps. I trust you will make good decisions and when questions come up, I will be happy to help you find answers and solutions.

Mr. Franza

SUMMER BREEZE!

*First dance of the year
mark your calendar!*

The Summer Breeze back-to-school dance will be held in the WHS Courtyard on Monday, August 30th, from 8 - 11 p.m. Admission is \$5 - WHS STUDENTS ONLY ADMITTED. Student I.D. or schedule required for admittance.

Student Attendance and Your Responsibility

WHS wants to be very clear about expectations and consequences for students being in class. The student planner will outline all the procedures for attendance, including tardies. You will be held responsible for being in every class or following the procedures necessary for absences. If you are absent without proper excuse, you will be assigned one hour detention for each class missed. If your tardies become a pattern or problem, you will also be assigned make-up time. We want classes to be a place where you learn and have fun. You can't do that if you are not present. Remember, you are the one most in control of your learning.

Schedule Corrections

The Wenatchee High School Counseling staff works extremely hard to insure that all of our students receive the classes that they requested, in addition to their required classes. Even so, some errors do occur. If you have an error in your schedule that is due to one of the reasons listed below, counselors will correct your schedule:

1. A missing period or a double scheduled period.
2. A required course was not scheduled.
3. You were incorrectly placed in a course for which you do not have the appropriate skill level or do not have the prerequisite class.
4. You have already taken and passed the class in which you are scheduled.
5. You failed a class in the past and received the same teacher for the same class on your new schedule.
6. You need to adjust your schedule because of Running Start or Skills Center conflicts.

Counselors will correct schedules in the LGI on August 30 and 31 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Once classes start, corrections will be made by grade level:

Sept. 1..... Seniors Only

Sept. 2..... Juniors Only

Sept. 3..... Sophomores and Freshmen

Please note: for consistency in our process and to assure that all students are treated equally, schedule corrections will not be made for teacher preference, period preference, or lunch preference. If you have a question about your schedule, please contact the counseling office at 665-7618.

We appreciate your assistance in following these procedures and look forward to seeing you all on September 1st!

Directed Study

All students enrolled in a **Directed Study** are required to meet with the Enrichment Teaching Specialist during their Directed Study period on the first day of school in the former Career Center of the Library. The Enrichment Specialist will help facilitate the process of the Directed Study. The Directed Enrichment Study Project Guide will be given to each student at the meeting and the requirements will be explained.

Dates for follow-up with the enrichment specialist will be communicated. Attendance will be taken. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Hill at 663-8117.

Release of Information to the U.S. Armed Services and the Washington National Guard

Wenatchee High School is required, under Federal Law, to provide student information (name, address and phone number) to military recruiters. If you wish to have your student's information withheld, please send a written request to:

Wenatchee High School
Student Records
1101 Millerdale Ave.
Wenatchee, WA 98801



REMINDERS FROM THE NURSES OFFICE

**All health information required
before
September 1st**

As you prepare to return to school this fall please be sure to update us with any **health concerns or conditions** you have that may affect you while in school.

We also need to have a medication form signed by your health care provider for any medication you may be taking in school. You can obtain forms from the school nurse, attendance or counseling office.

If you will be new to Wenatchee High School you need to be current with all your immunizations required by Washington State law before you register for classes. Check with your health care provider regarding your immunization status or the Chelan/Douglas Health District at 886-6400.

Washington State immunization law requires all teenagers to have a tetanus/diphtheria booster by their 17th birthday. Tetanus/diphtheria boosters should be repeated every 10 years. If you are injured, seek medical advice about getting a booster even sooner.

Many colleges require that immunizations be updated before entrance into their school. This requirement is specifically for a second MMR vaccination (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) if you haven't previously received it.



Verizon's "Extra Credit For Schools" Program

verizon.com/extracredit

With Verizon's Extra Credit for Schools program, every long distance call you make can generate funds for WHS. By enrolling in the program, 5% of each member's long distance spending is allocated to the member's participating school of choice.

Current Verizon long distance customers call 1-877-927-3348, select option 3, then designate WHS as your school of choice. If you are not a current long distance customer, call 1-877-927-3348 and select option 2. You will be connected to a representative who will discuss the various pricing plans available. Again, you will need to designate WHS as your school of choice. Thank you for your support!

Internet Information

Students at Wenatchee High School have the opportunity to use the **Internet** to learn concepts, research subjects and share information. With this educational opportunity comes responsibility.

The Wenatchee School District has established "acceptable use guidelines" (District Policy 2314). In order for students to use the internet at school they must have parental approval and agree to use the network only for purposes that are educationally and ethically sound.

Internet consent forms will be made available to students and must be signed by the student's parent/guardian. Forms will be kept on file for the duration of the student's enrollment at WHS. All freshmen and new students must complete this form in order to gain access. Student in grades 10-12 who have been attending WHS and already have a form on file will not need to complete a new one.



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The Wenatchee School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, or disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures related to Title IX/RCW and ADA should be directed to Dr. Joan B. Wright. Issues related to 504 should be directed to Dr. Jeanine Butler.



Upcoming School Events

- Aug. 18.....Football and Volleyball Practices Begins
- Aug. 23.....All Other Fall Sports Practices Begin
- Aug. 24.....Ignite! Freshman Orientation..... 11:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Commons/Aud.
- Aug. 30.....School Pictures, Planners, Schedules.....8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. WHS
- Aug. 30.....Summer Breeze Dance.....8:00 -11:00 p.m. WHS Courtyard
- Sept. 1.....First Day of School
- Sept. 20.....Principal’s Cabinet Meeting.....7:00 p.m. WHS Library
- Sept. 21.....Open House.....7:00 p.m. Auditorium/Classrooms