
Panther Paws



WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal's Message: Greeting Panthers!

Gangs and student safety:

This school year has been a challenging one regarding the activity that has occurred with gangs from this community. We seemed to have had a very good start and then the storm hit. Because of this we have had more suspensions and expulsions than usual in an effort to keep school safe for all. The general student usually feels safe because these incidents occur with two consenting fighters and does not involve others most of the time. We have added to our security and safety procedures and will continue to work for the best of all students.

In an effort to improve we have presented two informational meetings for parents and one for all staff. We have been documenting the students who have gang signs on notebooks and removing the signs. We have identified the "Cowboys", "Dallas #22", and the Dallas Star. These seem to be opposite the "Raiders" gear and the "13". We are not allowing Raiders or Cowboys shirts. We do not allow things with 13 or 22. So parents be aware that students wearing such clothing will be confronted; they will be expected to change into something appropriate. We are sorry that any group can possess the power to force us to prohibit such clothing, but as I indicated, we will do what we believe is best for the learning and safety of all.

If students or parents have concerns about school behavior, please talk to one of our administrators or counselors. Our community becomes what we allow it to be. Do not accept behaviors that interfere with your safety or other's safety. Here are few other items that schools here and in other communities have said not to wear:

Playerz "69"

Playboy or Playgirl symbols or wording.

Clothing with *OLD English* Text

The Local Gangs all have their Initials: *SSL, BC, BLP, BST, COCH,* and *CST*.

Construction Update!

Please come in and see the new entrance. I am going out on the limb and saying that we will be in the new commons by February 21st. Yes, I know what I said about the office and when it would be ready but the crew is really moving with the commons! What a great thing to be able to have our seniors using the commons for a couple of months before graduation. The only things left for spring will be planting and final grounds. WOW!



Telephone Calls for Students and School Deliveries:

Please be aware that we are starting a new procedure for student messages. The names of students who receive telephone calls from parents will be displayed on an electronic reader board outside the office. (We do not accept messages for students from anyone other than the parent or guardian.) Upon seeing or learning that their name is on the board, students will come into the office to pick up their message.

We will not be delivering notes to classrooms and ask parents to limit messages to those of an urgent or emergency nature only. Please direct messages for students to the main office at 663-8117.

Deliveries are not accepted for students at the school. Most flower shops are aware of our policy but with Valentine's Day coming, I thought it would be good to remind or inform you.



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Parking:

The yellow curb is for loading and unloading only. The winter crew cannot sand or plow when cars are in this area. Even though it has been allowed up to now, please do not park next to the yellow curb. Plan to park in the designated parking areas in the front lot, or on the street.

Parent Link:



Our auto dialer (calling system) is now ready for use. We use this system to inform you of your student's unverified absences, and to keep you informed regarding school matters. When students are absent we need a telephone call to our attendance office at 663-6903 before 3:00 p.m. on the day of the absence. If students miss a class and we have not received a call, be prepared for a call from Parent Link.

WASL Prep:

Wenatchee High School will once again be preparing students for the WASL test. This is an opportunity for us to focus with all freshmen and sophomores on testing items and testing formats. We look forward to March 22nd and April 14th. We will start the first hour without seniors and juniors (see schedule below).

The Culminating Project: Connecting Schools With Your Future

Junior/Senior Items: We are half way through our first year with Culminating Project classes. Some questions seem to keep coming up. How can juniors and seniors who go to the Skills Center and the college make up the class time? During the WASL prep days and the actual WASL test days, when juniors and seniors are not required to be here, they may make up any needed work. All students are scheduled in a Culminating Project class and will receive a Pass/Fail for this class on their transcripts. **Juniors**, with the WASL now on your transcripts we are required to ask: would anyone like to retake the test in order to improve their score? You are not required to do so, but may if you wish to attempt a higher score. **Seniors**, believe it or not we have stopped working with the reunion company (Lifetrack). That means no \$3 fee for graduation. HURRAY!



School Newspaper Receives Highest National Honor

Wenatchee High School's newspaper has received the highest honor available in high school journalism. The Apple Leaf newspaper was named a National Pacemaker by the National Scholastic Press Association at the organization's national convention in Atlanta Nov. 20.

The Apple Leaf is one of just 23 Pacemaker newspapers from around the country. There were 45 finalists from 298 entries, which were judged by the staff of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. NSPA and the Newspaper Association of America Foundation have co-sponsored the Pacemaker competition since 1971. NSPA began the awards in 1927.

Judges select Pacemakers based on the following: coverage and content, quality of writing and reporting, leadership on the opinion page, evidence of in-depth reporting, design, photography, art and graphics.

WASL Prep Schedule
March 22 • April 14

All WHS students will follow an adjusted schedule on each of the dates listed above. The schedule will be as follows:

WASL.....	8:15 - 9:05
	(all sophomores in small groups)
Period 0.....	8:15 - 9:05
	(Freshmen, Juniors, Seniors)
Period 1.....	9:10 - 10:00
Break.....	10:00 - 10:10
Period 2.....	10:15 - 11:05
Period 3.....	11:10 - 12:00
First Lunch.....	12:00 - 12:30
Period 4A.....	12:35 - 1:20
Period 4B.....	12:05 - 12:50
Second Lunch.....	12:50 - 1:20
Period 5.....	1:25 - 2:10
Period 6.....	2:15 - 3:00



Put this date on your calendar NOW!

Spring Sports Clearance will be held on **Thursday, February 24** in the WHS Commons at the times listed below:

3:30 - 4:15 Boys' Soccer & Golf
 4:15 - 5:15 Baseball & Softball
 5:15 - 6:00 Track & Tennis

Practices start Monday, March 7th

If you have NOT played in a sport this year:

- Bring all forms signed and filled out
- Show ASB card
- Bring receipt for \$3 sports fee from ASB office
- Bring guideline for sport

If you HAVE played a sport THIS YEAR:

- Bring guideline for sport
- Bring receipt for \$3 sports fee from ASB office



Apple-Ettes Basketball Mini Camp

On Saturday, January 22, the Apple-Ettes Dance Team will host their annual Basketball Mini Camp. Students 1st - 5th grade may register for the camp. Hours are 9 - Noon, returning that night to perform at half-time of the basketball game. Registration forms will be available at all elementary schools beginning January 5. For more information, call Coach Jennifer Devereaux at 663.8117 ext. 719 or e-mail her at devereaux.j@mail.wsd.wednet.edu

Lost and Found

All unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to charity on February 4th. If your student has lost anything, please have them check with the ASB office prior to that date

College Conferences for Juniors

Date: March 22, 2005

Place: Wenatchee Valley College

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All juniors are invited to attend the College Admissions Conference on the Wenatchee Valley College campus. Many of the 4-year universities and community colleges will have their admission officers there to inform high school students about their colleges and programs available.

Students who have signed parent permission forms will be transported to and from WVC by bus. This is a very important pre-college planning session for all juniors to attend.

Please pick up the College Visitation packet in the Counseling Office. Students who do not return signed permission forms by March 21 will not be permitted to attend this half day admissions conference.

Attention Parents of Juniors! Prom is Coming!!!

The Junior Class puts on the Prom for the seniors each year. This year the prom will be held May 14th at the Grand Ballroom of the Wenatchee Center. The Junior Class needs help with chaperones, refreshments, decorating, counting ballots for prom royalty, and taking down decorations. The Junior Class Senate will schedule a meeting late winter inviting parents to sign up to assist with the prom. Keep prom date, May 14th, open--we can use your energy!!!



Music News

The WIAA/WMEA Regional Solo & Ensemble Contest will be held at Wenatchee High School. Students will receive ratings, and the top entry in each group will compete at the state contests to be held at the end of April at CWU in Ellensburg. There are three contests, all on Saturdays as follows:

- Jan. 29..... Vocal
- Feb. 5..... Piano/Percussion/Strings
- Feb. 12..... Wind Instruments

New Year! New Friends for German students!

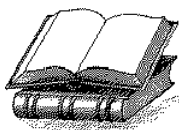
On Oct. 9th, 2004, 17 German students and their teachers, Norbert and Ingrid Fischer arrived in Wenatchee from Herrenberg, Germany. They were hosted by families of German students from both WHS and EHS. This is a continuing exchange through the German American Partnership Program brought to WHS by German teacher, Jennifer Burke in 1985. In June of 2005, the hosting students will travel to Germany with Jennifer Burke and Carrolyn Halvorson to attend the Schickhardt Gymnasium and participate in the reciprocal visit to Herrenberg, living with their new friends and partners there.

The New SAT

Beginning in March, 2005, the format of the SAT test will change. The analogies section is being dropped. That will be replaced with a writing section and a critical reading section. The math sections of the new test will contain questions on topics covered in Algebra 2 classes. The new SAT will last longer, from 7:45 am to 1:00 pm. The cost will increase to \$41.50. Taking the SAT without taking the writing section will NOT be an option.

ACT is also adding a writing test this spring, but that writing test will be optional, and you will be charged an additional \$14 if you want to take the writing test. Check with the colleges to which you might apply to see if they require the writing section of the new ACT.

Eric Jensen Family Donates Books in his Memory



The family of Eric Jensen, longtime Wenatchee School District educator, has donated a set of books to the Wenatchee High School Library in Eric's memory. The books are from The Library of America, a nonprofit publisher that is dedicated to preserving the works of America's greatest writers. This beautiful set of books includes writings from Americans who have played a significant role in American history, including Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses Grant, James Madison, and one of Eric's favorites, nature writer John Muir.

Eric Jensen was a teacher, coach, librarian, and technology administrator during his thirty years at Wenatchee School District. Thanks to Eric's wife Myrna, sons Koll and Todd, and daughter Marya.

Spanish Speakers Can Prepare for AP Exam

Beginning at the end of January, special study sessions will be offered to Spanish-speaking juniors and seniors who wish to take the AP Exam in May. These sessions are organized and taught by Carrolyn Halvorson, WHS Spanish teacher. This exam gives students a chance to earn up to 15 college credits accepted at most universities and colleges in the United States. The number of credits is dependent on the score obtained and the university's own policies. The study sessions fine tune Spanish skills in reading, writing and speaking formal Spanish. Students interested in signing up for these sessions (offered after school and evenings beginning in Jan. until exam time in May) need to contact their counselor or Mrs. Halvorson in room 155 as soon as possible.

Janice Franz Memorial Talent Show



The 8th Annual Janice Franz Memorial Talent Show will be in the WHS auditorium February 16th and 17th, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. each evening. The talent show is named after former WHS teacher Janice Franz, for whom the first show was done in 1998 to help her in her battle with cancer. Each year thereafter the show has been done to financially help someone battling with cancer. Even though Janice passed away opening night of the 3rd show in 2000, the show continues to thrive having raised over \$75,000 in the first seven years. This year the beneficiary is Rocci Hildum, a Wenatchee resident and a family man.

Tickets will be sold for the show beginning in early February and may be purchased at Wenatchee High School and another outlet in town to be announced later. The public and friends are encouraged to attend. Donations above the ticket price are accepted and encouraged. 100% of the proceeds go to Rocci and his family. See you there!

Running Start Information Meeting



Date: Tuesday, March 1
Time: 7-8 p.m.
Place: WHS Commons



“Running Start,” a governor’s initiative, was enacted by the Legislature in the spring of 1990. This law allows a junior or senior in high school the opportunity to take courses at community colleges or technical colleges as part of the high school program. Credit received from transfer level 100 and 200 college courses counts towards both high school graduation and community college degree programs.

The “Running Start” program is available for students who will be enrolled at Wenatchee High School

during their junior and senior years. Students who qualify may be able to take both high school and college classes concurrently during these years and earn high school/college credits at the same time. Thus, they can graduate from WHS and get a “Running Start” or college credits during the same time period. College courses are free for “Running Start” students.

A special meeting hosted by WHS staff and Wenatchee Valley College counselors will be held the evening of March 1, beginning at 7:00

p.m. in the WHS Commons to provide specific information, guidelines and application forms, and to answer questions for interested persons. Hear explanations of the pros and cons of this program.

It is very important that students and parents attend this meeting. Students need to declare their intent to enter Running Start this spring regardless of which quarter classes will be taken next year.



Federal Dollars for School



Getting your hands on federal dollars to send your senior student on to more training after high school requires that you fill out the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form.

Federal money is limited and given out on a first come, first served basis beginning **January 1, 2005**, for the 2005-2006 school year.

The FAFSA form may qualify students for six areas of Federal funding:

1. Pell Grants.....(up to \$3,250)
2. SEOG.....(up to \$4,000)
(Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant)
3. Federal Work Study
4. Perkins Loans..... (up to \$4,000)
5. Stafford Loans.....(up to \$2,625 1st yr.)
6. Federal PLUS Loans..... (amount varies)

It is essential that you send in your application as soon as possible since Federal funds are limited. (Do not be deceived by the June 30 deadline on the FAFSA Form.) WHS considers February 15 as a last resort deadline. **(Copy form before mailing!)**

The FAFSA form is available from the guidance counselors and the Career Center. Please feel free to phone us at 665-7618 if you have any questions.

Honor Society Accepting New Members

Applications for the Wenatchee High School Chapter of the National Honor Society will be available on Friday, February 4, 2005. Applicants must have sophomore, junior, or senior standing, a minimum 3.5 GPA, participate in several school activities, devote time to their community through community service, and display a positive and responsible attitude. Honor Society represents character, service, leadership, and scholarship. It provides members with the unique opportunity of contributing to both their school and their community. Pick up applications from Ms. Northcutt in room 254. They will be due on Friday, February 11, 2005.

Nut Allergy Information

The Wenatchee School District is **NOT** nut free. Your child may come into contact with peanuts and tree nuts in the course of their day while attending any Wenatchee School District property. Our first priority is the safety of your children. Because allergies of all types can be worrisome, especially nut allergies, our goal is to provide you with all the information you need to effectively manage your child's condition. For answers to frequently asked questions about nut allergies and Wenatchee School District's Food Services program, please go to the following web site:

<http://home.wsd.wednet.edu/WSD/foodservice/peanut-nut-faq.pdf>

Any additional questions should be directed to Kent Getzin, Director of Food Services at 662-9345, or to your school nurse.



Parent Talk

A surprising statistic surfaced in the 2004 election. It seems that approximately 22% of voters cast their ballot on the basis of moral values. Could it be that some Americans are looking "within" the (where moral values reside) and deciding that they are even more important than the political viewpoints? Are values making a comeback in America? Or, will it be an "anything goes" philosophy as long as you can get away with it?

Let's bring it down to reality for you and your teen(s). Moral values are often left on the "back burner" while grades, finals, and graduation take center stage. When was the last time you had a conversation with your teen about moral values and how is he/she doing? Are you aware of the decisions your youngster is making? For instance:

- Is he/she able to say "no" when everyone else is saying "yes", standing alone if necessary?
- Are there standards of right and wrong in place that won't bend or break with the whims of our culture?
- Are there boundaries of acceptable behavior that won't be crossed whatever pressures may come?

As finals and semester grades approach, will hard work and honest effort win out over an "ends justify the means" attitude that will do anything to succeed?

Avoiding the pitfalls of youth sometimes comes with a cost of "friends" and unmet goals. However, in the end, popularity, success and achievement will fade while integrity and love for others remains. Encourage your teen to choose what is best and not what is expedient.

Ron Zielinski

Panther Prevention Corner

While most adolescents don't use drugs, every now and then a new "drug fad" becomes popular among youth, catching some parents by surprise. This fall the trend is with an ingredient called DXM (dextromethorphan) found in many over-the-counter cough syrups, such as Robitussin, Tylenol Cold Products and Coricidin. DXM is a safe and effective cough suppressant ingredient, when used according to directions. However, some teens are attempting to get high by taking much larger than recommended doses. In these high doses, the effects of DXM can produce hallucinations, confusion, slurred speech and dizziness, to name a few. The difficulties parents face are that the cold products are easy for teens to purchase, and although some of the symptoms mimic alcohol intoxication, there is no odor, so parents have no evidence of intoxication. For more information on this and other drugs go to <http://www.drugfreeamerica.org>

or contact: Colleen Chamberlin, WHS Prevention/Intervention Specialist

Talk to your kids. Find out who they are "hanging" with. Ask questions and be clear on your expectations for them. Even though they'd never admit it, they need to know you care.



**FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE
JANUARY, 2005**

Tuesday, January 25th

Regular Schedule up to..... 1:25
Period 6 Exam..... 1:30 - 3:00

Wednesday, January 26th

Period 1 Exam..... 8:30 - 10:05
Break..... 10:05 - 10:25
Period 3 Exam..... 10:30 - 12:05
First Lunch..... 12:05 - 12:35
Period 4A..... 12:40 - 1:15
Period 4B..... 12:10 - 12:45
Second Lunch..... 12:45 - 1:15
Period 5 Exam..... 1:20 - 2:50

Thursday, January 27th*

Period 2 Exam..... 8:30 - 10:05
Break..... 10:05 - 10:25
Period 4 Exam..... 10:30 - 12:05
Lunch..... 12:05 - 12:35
Period 0 Exam..... 12:40 - 2:15

*Students who do not have a Period 0 class will be allowed to leave school following Period 4 Exam. (Buses will run on normal 3:00 dismissal schedule.)

Friday, January 28th

NO SCHOOL (Records Day)

GUIDELINES:

1. Students who finish exams early will remain in the classroom until exam period ends.
2. Planned absences on exam days must be approved in advance by the Principal and with input from the teachers involved.
3. Unexcused absences from exam periods may result in no credit for that exam.

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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

January 14.....	Martin Luther King Assembly.....	Auditorium - Split a.m.
January 14.....	French Club Talent Show.....	Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
January 17.....	Martin Luther King Jr. Day.....	NO SCHOOL
January 19, 20.....	Talent Show Auditions.....	Auditorium
January 21.....	After Game Dance.....	Commons, 9:30 - 11:30 p.m.
January 22.....	SAT Test.....	Wenatchee Valley College
January 25, 26, 27.....	First Semester Final Exams	
January 28.....	Records Day.....	NO SCHOOL
January 29.....	Solo Ensemble Contest (Vocal).....	Auditorium., 8:00 a.m.- open
February 5.....	Solo/Ensemble Contest (Piano, Strings, Percussion)	Auditorium, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
February 7.....	Registration deadline for March 12 SAT	
February 11.....	After Game Dance.....	Commons, 9:30-11:30 p.m.
February 12.....	Solo/Ensemble Contest (Brass, Winds)	Auditorium, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
February 12.....	ACT Test.....	Wenatchee Valley College
February 12.....	Apple Blossom Queen Selection.....	Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
February 15.....	FAFSA Form Deadline.....	Mail completed form (keep a copy)
February 16.....	Academic Recognition.....	Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
February 16, 17.....	Janice Franz Benefit Talent Show.....	Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
February 18.....	Non Contracted Day.....	NO SCHOOL
February 21.....	Presidents' Day Observed.....	NO SCHOOL
February 24.....	Spring Sports Clearance.....	Commons, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
March 1.....	Academic Challenge Orientation.....	Commons, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
March 1.....	Running Start Meeting.....	Commons, 7 - 8:00 p.m.
March 4.....	Registration Deadline for April 9 ACT Test	
March 9.....	ASB Elections Assembly.....	Gym, a.m.
March 10, 11, 12.....	Spring Play "Our Town".....	Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
March 12.....	New SAT Test.....	Wenatchee Valley College
March 18.....	Professional Day.....	NO SCHOOL
March 19.....	Tolo.....	Commons, 9:00-12:00 p.m.
March 22.....	College Conferences for Juniors.....	WVC 9:30-12:30
March 25.....	Registration deadline for May 7 SAT	