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WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Principal's Message

### Instructing students at the appropriate learning level

Wenatchee High School has planned to meet student needs by instructing students at the academic level in which they enter WHS. What this means is that students leaving the eighth grade will have scores that determine which course is appropriate for them. For example, in English, students could be in: Freshman English, Transitional English, Reading, Next Step, English as a Second Language, Freshmen Honors English or Special Education. English as a Second Language has three different levels built into the program. This really allows for nine possible levels in which a student could be placed. In Math, we hope to have seven levels by next year. The important understanding is that students need to progress in order to pass state requirements for graduation. Some will be well ahead of this and should be challenged to do their best. Others will do well to make the state requirement. It is our goal to have the best placement for each student.

### Parent Teacher Conferences

October 25th and 26th - 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

October 27th and 28th - 12:45 - 3:45 p.m.

Wenatchee High School's Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place October 25-28. Students will be dismissed from school all week at 12:00. No conferences will be held on Friday, October 29.

First quarter progress reports will NOT be available at conferences this year as the quarter does not end until November 5. Teachers will have students' progress to-date available for discussion and ITED and WASL results will be available for sophomores and juniors. Progress reports for first quarter will be mailed mid-November.



### Construction Update

By the time you receive this we will be in our new office area.

The entrance is still a full month from completion and the workers hope to have the roof on our new commons before December. I hope that during parent conference you will tour the new area.



### Healthy Youth Survey

Wenatchee School District has again committed to having our 8th, 10th and 12th grade students surveyed for this very worthy purpose. The results help to provide local agencies, schools, and the Educational Service District the ability to apply for grants that come to this community. The survey will be administered on October 12th for one class period. The survey is available in the Principal's office for parent review. No one is required to take the survey - it is all voluntary. We encourage all students because it gives us the best results.

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## WHS Student Receives National Recognition in English

A senior at Wenatchee High School has earned recognition in a national writing contest after being nominated by her teachers. **Alison Kirpes** has been selected as a winner in the 2004 Achievement Awards in Writing sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English. Kirpes was one of 689 student winners out of 2,587 high school juniors nominated nationwide.

Each students' composition was read by a high school and a college teacher. Judges looked for writing that demonstrated effective and imaginative language used to inform and move an audience.

Kirpes, now a senior, is the managing editor of the school newspaper, The Apple Leaf, and scored a perfect 800 on the verbal section of the SAT.

### Exchange Student Needs Home

A male exchange student from Ecuador is in need of a warm host family for the remainder of the school year. Please call Tricia at 886-2539 if you are interested or would like more information.

### WHS Students Earn Nation Personal Trainer Certification

Three students from the WHS Fitness Specialist Program earned national personal trainer certification from the American Council on Exercise (ACE). **Shelley Riegert, Taurie Brown, and Mike Marshall** all passed the ACE personal trainer exam on their first attempt. The same certification is held by many national certification personal trainers. Congratulations Shelley, Taurie, and Mike!



### Wenatchee High School Newspaper, Yearbook Rated Among Top in Nation

The newspaper and yearbook at Wenatchee High School have each earned high honors from two critique and ratings services conducted during the summer.

The National Scholastic Press Association rated The Apple Leaf newspaper "All-American" with marks of distinction in each of five possible areas. This is the highest possible rating and the highest ever for the paper. The WaWa yearbook was also rated "All-American" with marks of distinction in four of five areas, the highest rating ever for the yearbook.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association, based at Columbia University in New York City, rated the WHS publications for the first time. The newspaper earned a Gold Medalist rating with All-Columbian Honors in each of four possible areas, the highest possible rating. The yearbook was rated a Gold Medalist with All-Columbian Honors in three of four areas.

The newspaper judges cited The Apple Leaf's maturity, professionalism and superior quality, especially in editorial cartoons. The yearbook judges praised the concept, design and photography.

### WHS Ag Students Shine at Chelan County Fair

The Wenatchee FFA had an outstanding showing at the Chelan County Fair in September :

#### Fitting and Showing:

Swine Grand Champion:

**Kirstjn Hansen** (graduated 04')

Beef Grand Champion: **Kodi Jo Jaspers**

Overall Fitting and Showing (all species) Reserve Grand Champion: **Kodi Jo Jaspers**

#### Market Classes:

Swine Reserve Grand Champion:

**Brandt Cappell** (graduated 04')

Beef Grand Champion: **Kodi Jo Jaspers**

Sheep Grand Champion: **Lexi Jaspers**

Sheep Reserve Grand Champion: **Brook Jaspers**

#### Reserve Grand Champion Agriculture Mechanics:

**Megan Young**

#### Tractor Driving Contest: 1st Place - Wenatchee

Individuals: **Ronnie Lamb** 1st, **Jake Juchmes** 2nd, **Justin Kramer** 3rd

Horse Judging: 4th Place - Wenatchee





## Attendance is Essential!

All student absences, in accordance with state law and district policy #3122, require a parent verification, which includes reason for the absence. **Please call the attendance office at 663-6903 to report your student's absence prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day of the absence.** This will generate an admit slip which the student will need to attend class upon his/her return. If you are unable to call, please send a note with your student when he/she returns. Students should plan on arriving early and checking in at the attendance office following any absence.

## Freshman Class T-Shirts

Freshman Class shirts are now available for purchase. Don't be left behind. Show your support for the class of 2008! Shirts are available through pre-order only. They are \$8 and can be purchased in room 208 from Mrs Obregon, Freshman Class Adviser. If you have any questions, please call 663-8117 x 208.



## Fall Musical

The WHS Choral Department proudly announces its Fall 2004 musical, West Side Story, that will be presented on November 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20. West Side Story was last performed at WHS in 1983 under the direction of Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Sue Lawson, who will co-direct this 2004 performance. Tickets go on sale mid-October.

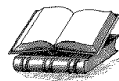
## School Insurance

If you have no insurance or would like secondary insurance, be aware you can purchase student insurance from Myers, Stevens & Toohy at any Wenatchee school. For a one-time fee your student can be covered for school time or 24 hours. You choose the coverage and one-time premium. Forms are available at the high school counseling office, administration office and athletic office. Completed forms with checks enclosed should be returned to the athletic office to be recorded and mailed in to the company.

## Academic Challenge

Academic Challenge students, grades 10 - 12, must complete a Verification Form at least once every year. Return forms to the Counseling Office before NOVEMBER 1st to document community service and sports/activities from the previous or current year. Seniors may submit forms any time up to the end of 3rd quarter, but earlier documentation may be advantageous on college applications. Additional Verification Forms are located in the Counseling Office.

## Library News



October 17-23, 2004 is National Teen Read Week (a literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association). The message of the Teen Read Week initiative is to encourage 12-18 year olds to "Read For The Fun Of It".

Parents, here are some ways you can encourage your teenagers to read. Take time to:

- \* Make a time and a place for reading in your home.
- \* Encourage talking about reading in your family.
- \* Read to your teenagers as well as to your younger children.
- \* Set a good example – read on your own.

## Tutoring Support

Evening Study is offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the library. Social Studies will be represented on Tuesdays; English, Science and Math will be available on Thursdays. Computers are available during the evening study time.

After school study will be in the library from 3:10 - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Mike Wilson, academic coach, will be available for students who need help. He will also be recruiting high school students to serve as peer tutors during this time. All students are encouraged to attend either session.

## WHS Introduces New Prevention/Intervention Specialist

WHS is pleased to introduce Colleen Chamberlin, our new Prevention/Intervention Specialist.. So what does that mean to you? Simply put, if you have questions or are seeking information or support concerning alcohol, tobacco or other drug use, Colleen is here to help. Colleen believes that students need support at all levels: the individual, the family and the school. Working together insures that every student is provided the opportunity to make healthy choices.

With all the changes taking place in our daily lives it can be overwhelming to try and stay connected to your kids. However, keeping that connection can become one of the best protections a parent can provide a child. Need some ideas on how to stay connected? Check out the websites listed below. They not only provide information about supporting services, but they can supply you with the facts, and knowing the facts can be the medium for finding out what your teens are up to, that they don't want you to know about! Another way to stay connected is to get involved. Volunteer to chaperone a dance, help out with one of the many school clubs or something in your own neighborhood. Know where your kids are and whom they are with. Ask questions, and then check it out!

In October we will be conducting the Healthy Youth Survey with 10th and 12th grade students. This survey provides invaluable information for strengthening the protective factors that help teens make healthy choices. Also, Red Ribbon Day, a campaign to celebrate students' commitment to staying drug free, will be recognized. Colleen is also the adviser for SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, a fun way for students to affect positive change in their school environment. SADD is looking for new members and invites students to listen for announcements of meeting dates.

Colleen is available for appointments with parents and other concerned individuals in room #209-B, Monday-Friday. Feel free to call to make arrangements at 663-8117 ext. #194, or by email [chamberlin.c@mail.wsd.wednet.edu](mailto:chamberlin.c@mail.wsd.wednet.edu) In the meantime...go surfin'!

[www.TheAntiDrug.com](http://www.TheAntiDrug.com)

[www.jointogether.org](http://www.jointogether.org)

[www.imdrugfree.com](http://www.imdrugfree.com)

[www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)



### Parent Talk

A subject that is frequently splashed across the headlines of our newspapers and infects every segment of society is anger. Witness the latest chair-throwing episode in baseball or the road rage we experience on our nation's highways. As adults, we know that unbridled anger can cost you your job, your marriage, your influence, your peace of mind and, yes, even your life. It can certainly lead to poor health and impacts all those around you in a negative way. Whether it is anger expressed or anger suppressed, once released, it can have devastating results.

Through observation, training, and trial and error most of us have learned how to control our anger. How about our teens? In family life or at school, have we noticed the formation of a bad temper in our son/daughter that lashes out in certain circumstances? Have we tried to rationalize that he/she is just going through a phase and done nothing, or have we taken them aside to talk about it? Here are some things we as parents can do to help:

- Be an example ourselves--if we continually lose our own tempers we will forfeit whatever influence we might have had. This is most important.
- Teach them not to react immediately when there is a perceived wrong.
- Encourage a cooling-off period (even if it takes a whole day) before giving a response to someone who has angered them.
- Counsel your teen to use softer voice tones (in other words, don't yell) when trying to redress any wrongs. This will defuse many potentially volatile situations.
- If the problem persists or intensifies, get good counseling.

As parents, it should be our goal to present to society well-adjusted, self-controlled young people who know how to deal with life's difficulties. Being slow to anger is a step in the right direction.

## Fall Testing Schedules

The following pre-college and pre-career planning tests will be offered to students at each of the following grade levels this year. Most of these are not specifically required, but are strongly recommended. All costs are paid by the students who choose to participate in the testing. Students with limited financial resources should check with their counselors about the possibility of fee waivers.

### Sophomores

**PLAN** - Cost \$8.70 - October 6 - This test, a Preliminary American College Test, is a pre college, prevocational test offered by ACT as a preparation for college and/or career choices. This is also a preparatory version of the ACT, which is taken in the junior/senior year for college admission. Sign up and prepay in the ASB Office no later than October 5.

**PSAT** - Cost \$10.50 - October 13 - Sophomores especially interested in preparing early for the National Merit program in their junior year, may wish to take a preparatory PSAT this year. However, you are reminded that only juniors may participate in the National Merit program. Sign up and prepay by October 20 in the ASB Office.

### Juniors

**PSAT** - Cost \$11 - October 13. The PSAT is familiar to most students as the preparatory version of the SAT and the National Merit Scholarship program. **Any student wishing to compete in the National Merit competition must take this test as a junior.**

**PSAT** preregistration lists and information are located in the Career Center. Be sure to pick up the information bulletin entitled, "PSAT Student Bulletin." This booklet contains important sample questioning and information that you will want to have prior to the test.

Reminder: Registration is in the Career Center, but prepayment for PLAN and PSAT is at the ASB Office.

### Seniors

Seniors who have not yet taken a college admissions test, but who wish to attend college next year should take either the ACT or SAT. These same tests are also often required for national and/or athletic scholarships.

**SAT** - \$29.50 - Saturday, November 6. The Scholastic Aptitude Test includes both verbal and math sections. The SAT may also be taken on any of these dates: December 4, January 22, March 12, May 7 and June 4.

**ACT** - \$28 - Saturday, October 23. The American College Test includes English, math, reading and science. The same test will be given again December 11, February 12, April 9 and June 11.

Both **ACT** and **SAT** are national college admission tests and require a lengthy preregistration form and advance payments. Registration forms and practice test booklets are available in the Counseling Office and Career Center.

**ASVAB** - Cost "Free" - October 22. The **ASVAB** test is used for Wenatchee High School Planning ONLY and optional military use. This is an excellent Career Guidance tool offered free of charge by the Department of Defense. This test is optional, but you are encouraged to participate.

***Postmark deadlines for each test are mandatory!  
Expensive late fees are charged for late registration.***

## Senior Credit Review Conferences

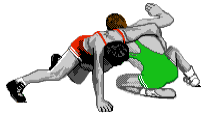
Counselors will be meeting individually with seniors to review the credits they have earned and to point out the classes/credits they will need to pass this year to be eligible to graduate with the class of 2005. A copy of the credit form that clearly explains what is needed will be sent home to parents/guardians as well.

Formal senior conferences, in which the student, counselor, and parents discuss such things as scholarships, the college admissions process, and post high school planning will be available by request of either the student or parent. Please contact your counselor at 665-7618 to set up an appointment.

## Advanced Placement Program

Wenatchee High School offers AP United States History, AP English Literature, AP Calculus and AP Biology. There are also students taking Directed Study courses for individual in-depth study of a particular subject. In the spring of each year, the students take the nationally given Advanced Placement Exam for their course of study. The scores on the exams range from 1 to 5. Students scoring at a 3 or higher level may be eligible for college credit and/or advanced placement as they enter college. This past year our students taking the exams did a superior job.

# Attention All Winter Athletes



- Sports teams available for winter sports are:
- Boys Basketball (V, JV, C, 9a and 9b)
  - Girls Basketball (V, JV, C, 9a and 9b)
  - Boys Swimming (V and JV)
  - Wrestling (V and JV)
  - Girls Bowling (V and JV)

Clearance dates for all winter sports are as follows:

Girls Bowling

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Clear from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Athletic Office  
Practice starts Mon., Nov. 1st

Boys and Girls Basketball

Monday, Nov. 8

Clear from 5 - 6 p.m. in the Commons  
Practice starts Mon., Nov. 15

Wrestling & Boys Swimming

Monday, Nov. 8

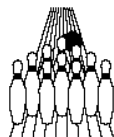
Clear from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Commons  
Practice starts Mon., Nov. 15

If you have NOT played in a sport this year:

- Bring physical form and contract signed & filled out
- Bring guideline for sport signed by parents
- Show or purchase ASB card
- Pay \$3 sports fee at ASB & bring receipt

If you HAVE played a sport THIS YEAR:

- Pay \$3 sports fee at ASB & bring receipt
- Bring guideline for sport signed by parents



## Ahera Notice

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act of 1986 helps schools with asbestos problems. Wenatchee Schools have recently been checked by a certified inspector who has sampled and rated our schools. Those findings are part of our asbestos management plan which includes this notice, education and training, and plans designed to minimize asbestos-containing materials. A copy of the plan is available from Bryan Visscher, Maintenance & Operations Supervisor.

## Pesticides Notification

To help keep our parents and community informed of any application of pesticides to our grounds, Wenatchee School District, in compliance with RCW. 17.21.410, will be providing the following:

All schools will provide written notification describing schools' pest and weed control policies and methods according to RCW.17.21.410.

Schools will have a notification system in place at least 48 hours before a pesticide application is applied. There will be a sign posted in the school or building office with details containing:

- Name of pesticide, date and time of scheduled application
- Location of where pesticide is to be applied
- Name of vegetation to be controlled
- Name and number of contact person for more information

There will also be signs posted in the physical areas of application until reentry is safe, usually 24 hours or less.

If you have any question regarding our policy or methods, please feel free to call Maintenance and Operations Supervisor, Bryan Visscher at 509-663-0555.

"Pesticides" also include herbicides and fertilizers. For the purpose of this policy, Wenatchee School District will also notify upon application of fertilizers.

Wenatchee School District applies these in order to keep the facilities in the best possible condition for athletic and recreational activities and to promote great pride in our facilities.

**Wenatchee High School  
Class Schedule  
Parent/Teacher Conference Week  
October 25 - 29, 2004**

Class Times	25 Monday Periods	26 Tuesday Periods	27 Wednesday Periods	28 Thursday Periods	29 Friday Periods
					0 7:35 - 8:05
7:10 - 8:00		0		0	1 8:15 - 8:50
8:15 - 9:20	1	2	1	2	2 8:55 - 9:25
9:25 - 10:30	3	4	3	4	3 9:30 - 10:00
Break	-----Break-----				Break 10:00-10:15
					4 10:20 - 10:50
10:55 - 12:00	5	6	5	6	5 10:55 - 11:25
					6 11:30 - 12:00
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch				
12:30	-----Buses-----				
12:30-3:00	-----No School-----				

**Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule  
October**

25 Monday 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. <u>Evening</u>	26 Tuesday 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. <u>Evening</u>	27 Wednesday 12:45-3:45 p.m. <u>Afternoon</u>	28 Thursday 12:45 -3:45 p.m. <u>Afternoon</u>	29 Friday <b>No Conferences</b>

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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*

Oct. 6.....	PLAN Test.....	Auditorium, 8:00 a.m. - noon
Oct. 8.....	Professional Day.....	<b>No School!</b>
Oct. 8.....	After Game Dance.....	Commons, 9:30-11:30 p.m.
Oct. 11-15 .....	Homecoming Week	
Oct. 12.....	Fall Choral Concert.....	Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13 .....	PSAT Test.....	Auditorium/LGI, 8:00 a.m. - noon
Oct. 15.....	Homecoming Assembly.....	Apple Bowl, PM extended
Oct. 16.....	Homecoming Dance.....	Commons, 9 p.m. - Midnight
Oct. 20.....	Fall Band Concert.....	Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21.....	Blood Drive.....	Auditorium
Oct. 22.....	ASVAB.....	Auditorium, 8:00 a.m. - noon
Oct. 23.....	ACT Test.....	Auditorium, 8:00 a.m. - noon
Oct. 25-29 .....	Parent/Teacher Conferences.....	WHS ( <b>early release for students</b> )
Oct. 29.....	After Game Dance.....	Commons, 9:30-11:30 p.m.
Nov. 5.....	End of First Quarter	
Nov. 6.....	SAT Test.....	Auditorium, 8:00 a.m. - noon
Nov. 10 .....	Veteran's Day Assembly.....	Gym, AM
Nov. 11 .....	Veteran's Day Observed.....	<b>No School!</b>
Nov. 12, 13, 18, 19, 20.....	"West Side Story" Performance.....	Auditorium, Evenings