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WENATCHEE HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal's Message

Principal's Cabinet:

The Principal's Cabinet was established to provide a time for parents to come together to discuss high school issues. The Cabinet was designed to provide information to parents, as well as provide an avenue for parents to ask questions and provide feedback to the administration. Mark your calendar for the next meeting – **Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.** in the high school commons. We look forward to your involvement!

Attendance

The attainment of academic excellence requires attendance on a regular basis. To maximize learning time, students are asked to report directly to class when arriving.

If a student arrives in the first 10 minutes of class, they will be marked tardy. Repeat instances will result in disciplinary action. Students arriving to class after the first 10 minutes are considered absent. Students not attending class at all are also marked absent.

Students **MUST** clear their absences before school, during break, lunch or after school. "Clearing" an absence requires a phone call or a note from the student's parent. Please be diligent in clearing your child's attendance. State law requires schools to monitor attendance and excessive absences may lead to a petition to the courts.

Help us keep accurate records by calling the school or providing a note whenever your child has missed or will miss class.

Attendance correlates with achievement. Value your child's time at school. Make appointments after school time, and don't make excuses for students to miss school. If you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance policies or procedures, please feel free to contact me for further information.

Michele Wadeikis

Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 24th and 25th - 5:30-8:30 p.m.
October 26th and 27th - 12:45-3:45 p.m.

Wenatchee High School's Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place October 24-27. Students will be dismissed from school all week at 12:00. No conferences will be held on Friday, October 28. (See schedule on page 7)

First quarter report cards will NOT be available at conferences as the quarter does not end until November 4. Teachers will have students' progress-to-date available for discussion. Report cards for first quarter will be mailed mid-November.



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Wenatchee FFA performs exceptionally at Chelan County Fair

The Wenatchee FFA enjoyed a successful week at the Chelan County Fair, held September 8th – 11th in Cashmere. In the four day period, students received numerous awards and recognitions for their exhibits and participation. Combined, a total of 21 students attended, showing pigs, steers, lambs, chickens and horses, as well as a variety of still life entries. Students were accompanied by their FFA Advisors.

In addition, Wenatchee FFA President Meera Bridges served as one of the two 2005 Chelan County Fair Student Ambassadors. Meera, along with Kelsey Quinn of Cashmere High School, represented the fair at numerous community events and service organization meetings in the four months prior to the fair. Throughout the week, the ambassadors performed numerous tasks related to the organization and operation of the fair.

The National FFA Organization is made up of approximately a half million high school agriculture students from all 50 states and Puerto Rico. FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

Congratulations to the Wenatchee FFA and its members on a job well done!



WHS Foundation

The Wenatchee High School Foundation presented its first two Awards for Excellence at the WHS awards assembly on June 3. The WHS Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 2002 to support student activities at Wenatchee High School. The Foundation's purpose is to provide financial and program-based support in the areas of leadership, the arts and academic excellence.

Nominations were received in May and two student groups were chosen to receive the \$250 awards. The recipients were the *Apple Leaf* student newspaper staff and the Interact club. The *Apple Leaf* staff has continued a long tradition of excellence which is evident in every issue they publish. The Interact club is new at WHS, but has already proven itself with outstanding work. This club has reached out to needy people in the world. They raised money to send school supplies to Afghanistan and they staged a classical talent show to raise money to buy animals for needy people in other countries.

Information about the WHS Foundation can be found at www.whsfoundation.com

Attention Freshmen

FRESHMAN SHIRTS will be going on sale soon during both lunches or in Mrs. Obregon's room (208). The cost will be \$10. Help support the Freshman class by getting your shirt. Don't be left out.



Madrigal Feaste

Wenatchee High School Choral Department Presents:

MADRIGAL FEASTE
Thur., Fri., and Sat.
Dec. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Share with us a wonderful evening of Renaissance music, food fit for a king, and stately pageantry. Watch for more information in coming issues!!!



Chamber Singers
04-05 CD
Now available at
McDees Art Center.
Get yours today!

Library News Online Resources Available

Online resources are available to Wenatchee High School students and staff, at school and home. These resources provide access to thousands of full text magazine and newspaper articles. Instead of just searching the Internet, get reliable information using: **ProQuest, e-Library, Culture Grams, CQ Researcher, MAPS 101, and Thomson Gale LitFinder** You can access all of the databases on Wenatchee High School Library's homepage:

<http://whs.wsd.wednet.edu/faculty/library/lib.html>

If you have any questions, please call librarians Patricia Devereaux or Teri Fink at 663-8117, ext. 729.

ProQuest®

The ProQuest® online information service provides access to thousands of current periodicals and newspapers, many are updated daily and contain full-text articles starting from 1986. Includes five Washington state newspapers.

User name: **FB8HCDTKQS**

Password: **Welcome**

eLibrary

The eLibrary contains current magazines, newspapers, encyclopedia articles, pictures, maps, tv and radio transcripts.

User name: **WASHSTATE013**

Password: **CHILD13**

Culture Grams

Maps, statistics, photos and information on 187 countries and territories around the world, and also the 50 states of the USA

User name: **wenatcheehs**

Password: **cgrams**

CQ Researcher

In-depth analysis reporting on the most current and controversial issues.

User name: **wenatcheehs**

Password: **cqel**

Maps 101

Extensive map collections for reference and printing. Great for digital media projects!

User name: **wenatche**

Password: **millier**

Thomson Gale LitFinder

An extensive collection of poems, stories, essays, plays, and speeches.

Username: **wenatch9**

Password: **9793**



School Insurance

If you have no medical insurance or would like secondary insurance, be aware you can purchase student insurance from Myers, Stevens & Toohey 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.

Career Center Happenings



Career related information that *previously* had been printed and distributed through the daily Bulletin, will now be accessed through the **Career Center** pages of the **WHS website**. The school bulletin is now either (1) Online at the WHS website under *information* (2) By requesting a hard copy through first period teachers (3) Through a Career Center direct link to the bulletin. The following career related information will be found via these methods.

- **College visitation schedules**
- **SAT, ACT, PLAN, PSAT and ASVAB** testing information/dates
- Current career opportunities such as **Job Shadows, Internships and Mentorship** information
- Current **Scholarship** postings
- Current **Job/Volunteer** postings

New to the Career Center services via WOIS!

(Washington Occupation Information Services)

Not only can students research careers, colleges, etc., but a student may access **SAT, ACT, ASVAB** and other **test preparation services!** All WOIS services are available at home or school!

- Login to WOIS
- User name: **wenatcheehs** Password: **nrx263**

For further information regarding **Career Center** services contact: Angie Knudtson (739) or Colleen Parks (714) at WHS 663-8117

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.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 28

Clear from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Athletic Office
Practice starts Mon., Oct. 31



Boys and Girls Basketball

Monday, Nov. 7

Clear from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Commons
Practice starts Mon., Nov. 14



Wrestling & Boys Swimming

Monday, Nov. 7

Clear from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Commons
Practice starts Mon., Nov. 14



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

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 questions 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.

Parent Talk



As the new year begins, hopes and dreams of school success are rekindled. This is normal and natural and should be encouraged by parents. However, if you are the skeptical type you may think that you have heard it all before and, in effect, put a damper on your child's dreams and ambitions. If this is the case, it is not too late to become parents of the second chance--or third chance or fourth chance. Whatever it takes. Recall from your past when someone saw potential in you even though you failed, and then continued to believe in you. Remind your son or daughter that you are always in their corner and that he or she can count on you to encourage them and help them when the going gets tough.

Reality dictates though that academic success is not always possible for every child. Every teen, however, has a certain "bent" or talent(s) and part of the parents' role is to help their teen discover and develop it. Become an observer of your son or daughter. When a talent presents itself--no matter how undeveloped--help your teen plug into the appropriate activity, class, sport, etc. Just be sure it is not your "bent" that you are encouraging. Every person is unique and should not be expected to follow someone else's path in life. Make it your goal in the 2005-2006 school year to not only be a supportive parent but actively involved in the "talent search".

Ron Zielinski

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 \$9.10 - October 5 - This test, a Preliminary American College Test, is a pre college, pre-vocational 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.

PSAT - Cost \$12. - October 12 - 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 in the ASB Office.

Juniors

PSAT - Cost \$12 - October 12. 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 - \$41.50 (includes writing test) - Saturday, November 5. The Scholastic Aptitude Test includes both verbal and math sections. The SAT may also be taken on any of these dates: December 3, January 28, April 1, May 6 and June 3.

ACT - \$29 (ACT only, no writing) \$43 (ACT plus writing) - Saturday, October 22. The American College Test includes English, math, reading and science. The same test will be given again December 10, February 11, April 8 and June 10.

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 20. 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 2006. 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 Tami Walters, Counseling Secretary, at 665-7618 to set up an appointment.

Culminating Project at a Glance

- Culminating Project is a state mandated graduation requirement for all high school seniors. WAC 180-51-061
- Students meet for 40 minutes at least five times each year with their Culminating Project Advisor to complete reflective work that leads to a 12-20 minute presentation in the spring of their senior year.
- During the CP sessions students also create a portfolio that includes:
 - 1) **Annotated Transcripts** - students reflect on their successes and challenges
 - 2) **Assessment Profiles** - review of achievement on district, state and national assessments and creating student learning plans when necessary
 - 3) **Writing Sample**
 - 4) **Resume**
 - 5) **Fifth Year Plan** - also a state graduation requirement
 - 6) **Electronic portfolio** on the Washington Occupational Information System (WOIS)

Culminating Project Daily Schedule 2005 - 06

Period 1	8:15 - 9:02
Period 2	9:07 - 9:54
Break	9:54 - 10:07
Period 3	10:12 - 10:59
Period 4	11:04 - 11:51
Jr./Fr. CP	11:56 - 12:36
Lunch	12:36 - 1:16
Sr./Soph. Lunch	11:51 - 12:31
CP	12:36 - 1:16
Period 5	1:21 - 2:08
Period 6	2:13 - 3:00

Culminating Project days are on the following Tuesdays:
October 4, December 6th, February 14th, March 7, April 11th



Student Assistance Specialist

My name is Colleen Chamberlin and I am the Student Assistance Specialist at WHS. 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, that is what I do. It is my belief 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 & 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!

I am also the advisor for SADD, Students Against Destructive Decisions, a fun way for students to affect positive change in their school environment. We are looking for new members and invite students to listen for announcement of meeting dates.

Otherwise, I am available for appointments with parents and other concerned individuals in room #209-B, Monday-Friday. Feel free to call to make arrangements @ 663-8117 ext. # 194 or by Email chamberlin.c@mail.wsd.wednet.edu In the meantime...go surfin'!



Wenatchee High School Class Schedule Parent/Teacher Conference Week October 24 - 28, 2005



Class Times	24 Monday Periods	25 Tuesday Periods	26 Wednesday Periods	27 Thursday Periods	28 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 / Buses-----				
12:30-3:00	-----No School-----				

Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule October

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

Some teachers may not be available at all sessions. If there are particular teachers that you wish to visit with, please check with them on their availability. A list indicating teacher availability will be sent home with mid-quarter progress reports within the next few weeks.

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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/ 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. 4..... Culminating Project Day..... (See class schedule on page 6)
- Oct. 5..... PLAN Test..... Auditorium, 8:00 a.m. - noon
- Oct. 5..... Senior Portraits Due!!! Deliver to room 262
- Oct. 5..... Hurricane Relief Fashion Show..... Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. (\$10)
- Oct. 12..... Fall Choral Concert..... Auditorium 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12 PSAT Test..... Auditorium/LGI, 8:00 a.m. - noon
- Oct. 14..... State Professional Day..... **No School!**
- Oct. 17-21 Homecoming Week
- Oct. 19..... Fall Band/Orchestra Concert..... Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20..... ASVAB..... Auditorium, 8:00 a.m. - noon
- Oct. 21..... Homecoming Assembly..... Apple Bowl, PM extended
- Oct. 22..... ACT Test..... Auditorium, 8:00 a.m. - noon
- Oct. 22..... Homecoming Dance..... Commons, 9 p.m. - Midnight
- Oct. 24 - 28 Parent/Teacher Conferences..... WHS (**early release for students**)
- Nov. 3..... After Game Dance..... Commons, 9:30-11:00 p.m.
- Nov. 4..... End of First Quarter
- Nov. 5..... SAT Test..... Auditorium, 8:00 a.m. - noon

