

WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear West Orange High School Families,

On behalf of the staff of West Orange High School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year. We hope that you enjoyed your summer vacation! I recognize the start of this school year may not be what we hoped for, but with your help we can ensure that every student has a successful school year. I look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure that our students can achieve their highest potential. Our teachers understand that student success relies heavily on a strong partnership. I am certain that, no matter the challenges, our common responsibility for student learning will provide a positive outcome.

First Day of School

The school year will start virtually on **Monday, September 14th**.

2020-2021 Student Schedules, Virtual Learning Schedule (September - November), and District Calendar

- The Parent Portal is available for students to obtain their course schedules.
- The WOHS Virtual Learning Schedule (September - November) is included in the link at the end of this letter.
- The District Calendar can be located on the district website at <http://www.woboe.org>.

WOHS Marking Periods

- Q1** September 8 – November 16
- Q2** November 17 – February 2
- Q3** February 3 – April 16
- Q4** April 19 – June 23

Report Cards **are not** mailed home unless requested through the School Counseling Office; however, during the school year, you can view your child's grades at any time, via the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Bus Transportation will begin in November for Phase 2

If your son/daughter is being transported to West Orange High School by school bus, the bus schedule will be mailed to you by the Transportation Department. The specific time and bus pick-up location will be provided in that mailing. Enclosed, please find a letter from Dr. Scott Cascone, Superintendent of Schools, regarding bus transportation. When busing begins, students must have their Bus Pass and school issued Student ID on them at all times.

Paperless Communications:

Included in the link is information about Naviance Students. It is necessary for all parents to subscribe to Naviance Students, which we utilize as a source of communication. Please contact our School Counseling Office or your child's School Counselor for student account information.

Back to School Night 2020

This year, the annual Back to School Night sponsored by our PTA will be virtual. We will soon send more specific information so that you can take this important opportunity to meet your child's teachers.

School Meals

The Summer Meal Program will be ending on Friday, September 11, 2020 in accordance with the federal and state mandates. The district will continue grab-n-go breakfast and lunch pick-up on Monday, September 14, 2020 for the start of the school year. Meals will be available at no charge for all students and can be picked up at any elementary school in the district. For the convenience of parents, meals will be distributed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week between the hours of 10am and 12pm. Parents will receive meals for two days on Mondays and Wednesdays. The chart below lists the meal pick-up locations.

SCHOOL	MEAL PICKUP LOCATION
Gregory	Door #19
Hazel	Door # 5
Kelly	Door #9
Mt. Pleasant	Door #12
Redwood	Door #25
St. Cloud	Door #5
Washington	Door #5

School Closings

Parents/guardians are notified by automated phone calls, text messages and emails. All parents/guardians should be registered for our School Messenger service. Notifications for school closings and delayed openings also appear on TV36/Verizon 45, major media TV outlets and on the district website.

Attendance Regulations and Student Daily Attendance

Student attendance is extremely important and directly related to achievement. We have attendance regulations for all WOHS students posted on our website and are included in the electronic Student Handbook. Students risk losing credit for courses if they exceed the number of acceptable absences. Students can also be denied credit in a course, if three or more “cuts” are accumulated. Our policy specifically states that a student may not exceed a total of 17 chargeable absences for a full course or 8 chargeable absences for a semester course. It is extremely important that students attend school regularly, submit notes explaining absences and keep documentation for all absences.

Health Examination and Immunization Requirements

All students are required to submit an updated “Health Physical Form.” A Pupil Health Examination form can be found on the District website. Locate the WOHS page, click on *Health* tab then click on *Important Health Forms*. Kindly return the completed forms to our school nurses’ office, room 1122. If medication is required, please attach the medication to the proper signed medical forms. **It is important that all forms are returned on the first day that students return to school.**

9th and 11th grade Family Life Education Curriculum

Parents/Guardians for 9th and 11th grade students should read the enclosed letter from Dr. Cascone and a course outline concerning the teaching of Family Life (Human Development), mandated by the State of New Jersey in 1983. If you have any questions about the course outline, please contact Mr. Kevin Alvine, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education at extension 31671.

Release of Student Information

Enclosed is a letter explaining the policy on providing information to military recruiters, college/university recruiters and prospective employers. Please read it carefully and if necessary, return the bottom portion to the School Counseling Office.

Voluntary Student Accident Insurance

An information packet describing the Insurance Plan selected by the Board of Education is enclosed. Please keep in mind that the policy is a contract between the parents/guardians and the insurance company. The Board of Education is involved only to the extent of making the plan available. Any questions should be directed to the Philadelphia Insurance Companies at 800-734-9326.

Please review all of the Back to School Documents which includes WOHS PTA information and important letters from Dr. Cascone, Superintendent of Schools.

“Thank You” for your patience, understanding, and perseverance during these trying times.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hayden Moore', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Hayden Moore, Principal

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