



Washougal High School Mission Statement



Our mission is to engage and challenge each student intellectually and to provide the knowledge and skills needed to become productive members of our global community.

“The Race For Excellence Has No Finish Line”

News and Information from the Home of the Panthers

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From the Principal's Desk:

Panther School Community:

The 2012-13 school year is here! The start of a new year is always very exciting. The staff and administration at WHS is wholeheartedly committed to our work. We continue to be dedicated to the families of the Washougal community. We will work diligently each day to improve the education for your student. We want our students to receive the individual guidance and support they need to be successful in meeting the graduation requirements established by the State of Washington and the Washougal School District. We also want to support each student's individual hopes and dreams for his or her future. We desire WHS students to dream big and pursue greatness!

I would personally like to invite you to our Open House on Thursday, August 30, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the WHS commons. You will have an opportunity to meet the WHS staff as well as find out about many of the programs we offer as well as opportunities available to your student. There are other dates of events enclosed. We will take each of these opportunities to work hand-in-hand with you and your student in moving towards their goals.

I look forward to working with you this year. It is evident to me now more than ever the importance of us working together. Our students are developing the knowledge, skills and habits that they will need to compete in an extremely competitive world. We want our graduates to have opportunities to pursue their dreams as a result of their experience at WHS.

Sincerely,

Aaron Hansen
Principal

Our Vision

Washougal High School

The WHS community will work together in an environment founded on respect, effective communication and accountability to develop holistically healthy and responsible, life-long learners who are equipped to achieve their post-high school goals and be productive members of our global community.

The staff looks forward to working with you to ensure that your son or daughter has a good school year. If you need to contact a teacher, counselor, or administrator, do not hesitate to do so. Our e-mail addresses and phone extensions are on the webpage.

Key Information

Panther Time has changed:

We have made some changes to Panther Time for the upcoming school year. We believe the changes will increase the number of students being successful. The dedication of structured study time continues to be one of our major initiatives for supporting all of our students. The changes and our expectations for the upcoming year include:

- Panther Time has been moved to 3rd period. It will be from 9:43-10:13. It is no longer connected with lunch. Students will not be leaving campus during this time.
- Students will remain in their 2nd period class for 3rd period. The 2nd period teacher is the Panther Time or 3rd period teacher.
- **For the first nine weeks of school, all students will stay in 3rd period.** Grades will be checked at the end of nine weeks and those students with C's or better in all classes will have an opportunity to go to a number of academically focused activities.
- 3rd period continues to provide daily work-time for students.
- Announcements will be made at the beginning of 3rd period.
- We believe that 3rd period provides time for students to work individually or in small groups with teachers.
- During 3rd period we will have assemblies.
- During 3rd period we will have club and class meetings.
- The 5th Year and Beyond plan will continue to occur during this time. This is a graduation requirement.

Pictures, Fees, ASB Cards/Student I.D.s:

- "Picture Day" will take place Wednesday, September 5, from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the upper gym. At this time, your son or daughter will have a school photo taken.

Lunch Changes:

This year we will have two lunches. Students will be assigned to either 1st or 2nd lunch based on their 5th period teacher. Juniors and Seniors who complete the necessary paperwork and who qualify will be able to go off-campus during lunch. Juniors and Seniors who do not qualify may lose their off-campus privileges at any time. Please refer to the student handbook for additional information.

Parking Regulations:

Students who are planning to drive to school and use the WHS student parking lot will need to complete the necessary paperwork as well as pay \$10 for a semester or \$20 for the year. Students will be assigned a parking spot in the student parking lot. Students who choose not to follow the parking and parking lot guidelines and expectations will be subject to discipline.

WHS Open House:

Our annual Open House will be Thursday, August 30, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. We will begin in the Commons with representatives from clubs, activities, athletics and other academic programs from 5:30 = 6:30. Teachers will then be available in their classrooms from 6:30 – 7:30 to answer questions. From 7:30 – 8:00 we will be answering general questions in the auditorium.

First Day of School, Tuesday, September 4:

- Freshmen and new students will begin the day at the regular time, 7:55 a.m., and will be in orientation sessions until 9:55. The school day for returning sophomores, juniors, and seniors will begin at 9:55 a.m.
- **There will be ONLY ONE bus run that day--**at the normal time. Returning students who ride the bus should plan to come at 7:55 a.m. and check in at the Commons.

Washougal High School Pictures, ASB/ID Cards & Fees – Wednesday, September 5

Step 1: Pay fees in the ASB office. ASB cards are \$35 and an additional fee of \$100 will be charged for students involved in activities/sports. **An ASB sticker will be placed on the ID Card.**

Step 2: All WHS students must have a student ID card with them at all times while on campus. Go to the commons to have your ID picture taken. This must be done *whether or not you are purchasing a picture packet*. When this step is completed, you will be given an ID card. You will need this ID card to check out library books, attend games and dances, and to leave campus during lunch (juniors and seniors only).

Step 3: Pick up parking forms, off-campus lunch pass forms, and free and reduced lunch forms in the office. Off-campus lunch pass forms must be turned in with a parent signature to the main office. Once the completed form is turned in, the student will be issued an off-campus lunch sticker to be placed on the back of the student ID card. Juniors and Seniors **only** are allowed to leave campus if they have an off-campus sticker. Off-campus privileges can be revoked. Please refer to the student handbook for additional information.

ATTENDANCE POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Regular school attendance is necessary to successfully complete high school and earn a high school diploma from Washougal High School. It is expected that students will attend class on every school day. The following principles govern attendance procedures:

Parent Notification: To promote student attendance and responsibility, parents will be notified by telephone if any classes are missed during the day. Parents are urged to write a note or phone the office before the student returns to school. Students have **ONLY** three days to excuse an absence. An unexcused absence may result in disciplinary action that may include parent conference, detention, Monday School, suspension, attendance contract, and petition of Clark County juvenile authorities (BECCA Bill).

All student absences will be classified as excused or unexcused.

Absences for the following reasons will be excused if there is timely verification (within 3 school days upon return) of such reasons provided to the school:

1. Illness or medical emergency.
2. Family emergencies.
3. Observances of established special days of a religious calendar.
4. Pre-arranged medical and dental appointments.
5. Pre-arranged school-sponsored activities, such as field trips.
6. Absences which, according to the discretion of the administration, or his/her designee, after consulting with the parent, guardian, or adult student, may be deemed appropriate but not covered in the above-stated instances.

A student who is absent from school without excuse shall be considered for discipline, suspension or expulsion, provided the actions required by WAC 180-40-235(1), 180-40-245(3), 180-40-260(3) and 180-40-275(3) have been taken.

THE BECCA BILL: WASHINGTON STATE TRUANCY LAW

The Attendance office, administrators and counselors will ensure that WHS complies with the state truancy law, RCW 28A 225. The law requires parents to cause their student(s) to attend school regularly and to provide valid justification to the school when their student(s) is absent. Washougal High School will notify parents/guardians of unexcused absences. Students may be subject to consequences such as conferences, detention, suspension, or loss of credit due to continued unexcused absences. Accommodations such as a schedule change will also be considered.

ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The WHS staff is aware that we need to work as a team in order for us to support all of our students, and the WHS parents and community are a part of that team. Parents are one of our most valuable assets as a school community. Through your volunteer work and your generosity, you touch the lives of every child at Washougal H.S. There are many opportunities to get involved and we encourage you to find your niche. Some of the different service areas for adults at WHS include:

- Volunteer to chaperone dances and field trips
- Volunteer to tutor students in math during Panther Time with Jay Jenkins
- Volunteer to serve on a committee...Parent Advisory Committee
- Volunteer to help with building and campus improvement projects
- Volunteer to serve as a Senior Project mentor, panel member, etc.

You can pick up Volunteer Clearance forms in the main office. If you have questions about volunteering, please call 954-3169.

DRESS AND APPEARANCE

Student dress and appearance is the responsibility of the individual student and parent. WHS policy allows common sense, decency and safety with regard to dress. The reason for this policy is to build and reinforce work habits and differentiate school time from any other time. School dress standards set a tone, which reinforces the learning environment. This policy grants an administrator the latitude necessary to make judgment calls concerning what is considered appropriate attire.

In order to provide guidance for parents and students, we have listed in the student handbook some general dress guidelines to be followed.

PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

In an order to maximize instructional time and limit disruptions, No cell phones or electronic devices are allowed during class time. This means that phones and electronic devices should not be heard, seen or used for any purpose within the classroom or outside of the classroom (e.g., hallways) during scheduled class times. (This includes headphones). Phones and electronic devices are also not allowed during assemblies.

Washougal High School Athletic Fees for the 2012-13 School Year and Fall Sport Information

Athletic Fees will be collected on a per-sport basis with the fee structure listed below. All collected fees will go directly to the Washougal High School ASB accounts.

ASB Card for activity or athletic participation	\$35
Athletic Fee For participation in each sport	\$100 per sport*
Varsity/PE locker room locks	\$5 (If not returned at end of season)

* For the first two sports played. A third sport would cost half that amount. Fees are reduced, or waived, if a student qualifies for reduced or free lunch. Fall athletes must pay fees before beginning to practice.

Collected Participation fees (ASB and Athletic Participation Fees) do not guarantee a position on any given team or ensure equal playing time.

Fall Sports Have Begun...

Football started Wednesday, August 17, and all other sports started Monday, August 20. If you have any questions regarding athletics, please call Doug Cox at 954-3104 or email him at doug.cox@washougalisd.org.

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

As we prepare for another year at school I would like to give you a few reminders regarding Nutrition Services here at the High School.

Free and reduced price applications are available for the 2012-2013 school year. Please be sure to fill one out. Your free and reduced status will carry over from the previous year but will expire in early October. At this point you will revert to the status of a full price "paid" student.

I would like to remind students and parents of the Washougal School District's board approved charge policy:

High School Students:

- High school students with a negative fund balance in the online meal account may not charge more than one (1) meal per month with a charge limit equal to the cost of one regular-priced lunch. No charges are allowed for breakfast or *a la carte* purchases.
- The negative balance must be cleared through a deposit in the student's online account before any further charging will be allowed. No substitute lunch will be provided to high school students in these circumstances.

- Existing negative balances will carry over from year to year and school to school. These balances must be cleared before graduating or before your transcripts will be sent to another school district in the event you leave the district.
- Student balances and purchases can be monitored by the family access feature in WESPAC. Online payments can be made through this system also.

Meal Prices for the 2012-13 school year are as follows:

"Paid" (Full Price) Students:

Breakfast \$1.70 Lunch \$2.80

"Reduced" Students:

Breakfast \$0.00 Lunch \$0.40

"Free" Students:

Breakfast \$0.30 Lunch \$0.00

I would like to thank the Washougal School District for partnering with Sodexo in providing Food and Nutrition Services. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have at 360-954-3111 or by e-mail to:

mark.jasper@washougalisd.org

Thank you,
Mark Jasper, Nutrition Services Director

Calendar of Coming Events:

AUGUST

30 Open House, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. (Starts in WHS Commons)

SEPTEMBER

3 - SCHOOL CLOSED – Labor Day
4 - SCHOOL RESUMES – First Day of Classes
5 - SCHOOL PICTURES – 8:00 a.m.
12 - EARLY RELEASE @ 11:25 a.m. – Teacher Planning
18 - AP Night, Washburn Auditorium – 6:30 p.m.
19 - Reading/Writing COE
20 - Blue Note Café, Washburn Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
24-28 - Spirit Week
28 - Homecoming Football Game – 7:00 p.m.
29 - Homecoming Dance – 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

3-4-5 Senior Project Approvals
12 - SCHOOL CLOSED – State Inservice
17 - EARLY RELEASE @ 11:25 a.m. – Teacher Planning
17- PSAT Test – 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
18 - WHS CHOIR Concert, Washburn Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1 - Senior Portraits Due
12 - SCHOOL CLOSED – Veterans Day
14 - EARLY RELEASE @ 11:25 a.m. – Teacher Planning

PARENTS: Remember to update student records!
For Parent Access Information, please contact the main office at 954-3100.

Parents: If you have new or changed information, please fill out this form and return it to the Main Office.

STUDENT CONTACT INFORMATION 2012-13

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Work Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Doctor/Healthcare Provider: _____

Insurance Information: _____
(Group Name, ID Number, Group Number, Subscriber)

Doctor's Phone number: _____

Life threatening condition? _____
(Diabetes, Seizure Disorder, Asthma, Allergic Reaction)

Any other significant health issues? _____

Medications: _____

Emergency Contact Information: Please circle the best daytime number

1st Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Phone numbers: (H) _____

(W) _____

(C) _____

2nd Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Phone numbers: (H) _____

(W) _____

(C) _____

3rd Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Phone numbers: (H) _____

(W) _____

(C) _____

WELCOME BACK!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES for WHS First Day: Paper, Pen/Pencil and a pencil pouch or bag to carry math supplies.

As students attend their other classes, they will receive specific supply needs from those teachers.

General Supplies for WHS & EHS School Student

Some supplies are necessary year after year, no matter what grade you're in. When you're planning for a new school year, it's pretty safe to invest in the following items:

- Scientific or graphing calculator (if going on to Integrated III, Pre-Calculus, etc., the TI-83 or TI-84 graphing calculator is strongly recommended)
- Compass
- Protractor
- Metric ruler
- Flash drive
- 3-ring binder
- Backpack
- Colored pencils
- Colored pens
- Eraser
- Glue stick
- Graph paper
- Hand sanitizer
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Organizer/planner
- Pens/pencils (#2)
- Pencil sharpener
- Pocket dictionary
- Pocket folders
- Spiral notebook
- Thesaurus
- Tissues

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