

Giant Footprints



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Who's got spirit? The SGA of course!

The dedicated and energetic members of the Student Government Association work hard to give each student at WHS the best extracurricular experience every year, and every year they strive to make it better than the last. We have already introduced a new style of pep rally, getting many students involved in an assortment of games building up to the football game against Turner Ashby. Homecoming 2009 is set to be our best yet. Many of our traditions continue this year, including Spirit Week dress-up days, charity fundraisers and the Powder Puff football and cheerleading competitions. The classes will compete against each other for the coveted Spirit Stick. We also bring new and exciting events, including our first ever field day. A wide variety of activities and games will be available for students to enjoy on Friday, October before the pep rally. Students can try their hand at sumo wrestling, compete in dodgeball tournaments, or play against their classmates on Xbox 360. We will also be hosting "A Night of Enchantment" at this year's Homecoming Dance. All WHS students are invited to attend.

We are also introducing this year, "A Haunting in Virginia," the First Annual WHS Haunted House. Students, parents and community members are invited to test their courage at Waynesboro High School on October . The true, terrifying side of Waynesboro High School will be revealed.

If you would like to get involved with the SGA, please see an officer, or email Ms. Mays at @waynesboro.k12.va. All students are encouraged to join.

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See the calendar on page 3 for Spirit Week details and activities!

Art Students Stay Busy

Members of the National Art Honor Society, along with the Art, Craft, and Photography Guilds, are planning events to celebrate **Homecoming Spirit Week**. Students are painting banners to be displayed at the pep rally and the game. To get the community involved, they will paint "Spirit" windows in some of the local businesses and in the high school cafeteria. Student members will also work on preliminary sketches for a mural on the cafeteria wall. To show their community spirit they will be helping the artists on October 10 and 11 at the Fall Foliage Art Show. The students will be available to serve the artists coffee and snacks, help with their booths, and assist the FFF committee with errands.

The Art Department is encouraging students, parents and friends to join in "gallery hopping" with the WHS art faculty by attending the monthly opening receptions at Shenandoah Valley Art Center and the Artisan Center of Virginia

As a part of exploring "Careers in Art," the Art, Craft and Photography students will be taking a field trip to Virginia Commonwealth University's School of the Arts on **October 15**. The VCU Art Department will be presenting information about the college art curriculum and about how to prepare an art portfolio for an application to the college. The students will also tour the studios and VCU's Anderson Gallery. In the afternoon, the students will visit the Maymont Park and draw from life.

Counseling Center Offers Applications Essay Service

This fall UVA enrolled 3,308 students from among 21,839 applicants. JMU received 19,600 applications for its entering class of 3,967. With odds like these, high school seniors need every advantage if they hope to be admitted to a highly selective college. With most of the applicant pool offering similar qualifications, the personal statement or essay is the best opportunity for a prospective college freshman to impress the admissions committee with personal qualities.

Writing which passes the SOL writing test or

even earns good marks in Mr. Calhoun's 12 AP English class won't necessarily gain the eye of the college admissions officer.

Unfortunately, high school seniors too often leave writing the essay or the personal statement until all the other parts of the application process are done and deprive themselves of the opportunity to present their best possible work.

To help with this crucial aspect, the WHS Guidance department offers a reading service by Randolph Covington, who taught secondary English and Creative Writing at WHS and has worked 33 years as an adjunct instructor of freshman composition at BRCC, JMU and Bridgewater College.

Feedback can be obtained by sending an e-mail to @bridgewater in which they introduce themselves, identify the college to which they are applying, include the writing prompt and a copy of the first draft.

Workshops for All Students

In cooperation with James Madison University a series of workshops will be provided throughout the year for all WHS students. JMU students will be presenting the following fall workshops:

Tuesday Oct. 13 (8:00 a.m.):

Study Skills and Note Taking

Monday Oct. 19 (3:25 p.m.-4:10 p.m.):

Organization and Time Management

Monday Oct. 26 (3:25 p.m.-4:10 p.m.):

Goal Setting

Tuesday Nov. 3 (8:00 a.m.-8:40 a.m.):

Being Responsible and Informed

Wednesday Nov. 18 (8:00 a.m. 8:40 a.m.):

Preparing for Tests

Morning workshops will be held in Mrs. Donnelly's classroom, Room 140. All WHS students should take advantage of these wonderful opportunities. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Schurz in the school counseling office

The Waynesboro High School Booster Club serves the students of WHS by contributing to academics, activities and athletics. Parents are encouraged to join the Booster Club to promote future success of the organization. Anyone interested in joining can contact Mel Morris at 946-4629.

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For up-to-date schedules www.highschoolsports.net				1 Make-Up Picture Day Volleyball (A) 6:00	2 Early Dismissal Day 12:15 Senior Deadline for Yearbook Football (A) 7:30	3 WHS Invitational Competition Cheerleading (H) 1:00
HOMECOMING WEEK 	5 ODD DAY ‘CHARACTER/NEON DAY’ Scholastic Bowl (A) 6:00	6 EVEN DAY ‘CULTURE/FAKE INJURY DAY’ <i>EMU Rep</i> <i>Army Recruit</i> Volleyball (H) 5:30	7 ODD DAY ‘OPPOSITE/SAFARI DAY’ <i>Air Force Recruit</i> Faculty Meeting JV Football (A) 6:00	8 EVEN DAY ‘DUCTAPE/STEREOTYPICAL DAY’ Cross Country (A) 5:00 Volleyball (H) 5:30	9 ‘CLASS COLOR DAY’ FIELD DAY ≈ Games ≈ Contests ≈ Powder-Puff Football (H) 7:00	10 SAT TESTING <i>Homecoming Dance</i> 8:00 – 11:00
11	12 NO SCHOOL – WORKDAY Scholastic Bowl (A) 6:00 Volleyball (A) 5:30	13 WHS Choral Concert 7:00	14 PSAT Testing Cross Country (A) 4:30 JV Football (A) 6:00	15 Art Trip to VCU <i>Navy Recruiter</i> Volleyball (A) 6:00	16 Chorus Group to Elementary Schools <i>RMH Recruit</i> Football (H) 7:00	17 Competition Cheer to Kings Dominion
18	19 Scholastic Bowl (A) 6:00	20 Graders to VVTC <i>Sweet Briar Rep</i> <i>Army Recruit</i> Volleyball (H) 5:30	21 End of Nine Weeks <i>VA Tech Rep</i> Cross Country Dist. Meet @ RE Lee 5:00 JV Football (A) 6:30	22 Volleyball (H) 5:30 (Senior Night)	23 Football (H) 7:00	24 Competition Cheer District Meet @ S. Draft 1:30 Concert Choir Variety Show 7:00
25 Concert Choir Variety Show 3:00	26 Scholastic Bowl (A) 6:00	27 <i>Shenandoah Univ. Rep</i> Volleyball (A) 5:30	28 <i>Old Dominion Rep</i> JV Football (A) 6:00	29 Volleyball (H) 5:30	30 Report Cards Issued Football (H) 7:00 (Senior Night)	31 WHS Haunted Hallway

School Counseling Department

PARENTS

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE UP TO DATE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS IN EACH CLASS?

PowerSchool Parent Portal is now up and running. You can log on to [.wpspowerschool](http://www.wpspowerschool.com). The login is your child's first and last name (no space) and the password is the last four digits of his/her social security number. In some cases there were duplicate numbers. If the password does not work use your last name and the last four digits of the social security number (without space). Please call Mrs. Powell in the School Counseling Office if you are unable to log in to see if another password has been given to your child.

SATs

The SATs will be administered at WHS on **October 10, 2009**.

ACTs

The next ACT test date is **October 24** to be given at Skyline Middle School in Harrisonburg. You may register online at www.actstudent.org

PSAT on October 14

The PSAT will be administered at WHS on Wed., Oct 14. Freshmen who are currently in Algebra II/Trig and would like to take BRCC dual-enrollment Pre-Calculus next year need to take the PSAT as part of the eligibility criteria for this class.

Sophomores and Juniors are encouraged to take the PSAT as a practice for the SAT. Juniors will be eligible to qualify for National Merit Scholarships based on these test scores.

Register in the School Counseling Office by October 9. The fee is \$15.

Helpful Link for College Information

<http://www.virginiacan.org/default.asp> VA college access network – a clearing house of information, links etc. to help students plan for and seek a college education in VA

Upcoming College Representative Visits

10/6 Eastern Mennonite University
10/16 Radford University
10/20 Sweet Briar College
10/21 Virginia Tech
10/27 Shenandoah University
10/28 Old Dominion University
11/5 Lynchburg College

Check in the School Counseling Office and listen to announcements to learn what College representatives will be visiting WHS.

VTC Field Trip

Tenth Graders will have the opportunity to tour Valley Technical Center the morning of Tuesday, **October 20**. Programs at VVTC can be college prep, or students may prepare to go directly into careers at a higher level of pay. The deadline for returning permission slips is Friday **October 16**. Additional permission forms are available in the School Counseling Office.

Reminder

The School Counseling Office is open on Thursday evenings until 7:00. No appointment is necessary.

Diploma Seal for Excellence in Civics

All students are encouraged to pursue the Diploma Seal for Excellence in Civics awarded by the Virginia Board of Education. One requirement is 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities. See your school counselor for details and the other criteria.

Pre-College Checklist for October Seniors:

- Take the SAT or ACT exam, if necessary.
- Work on admissions application essays.
- Visit your top school choices. Interview some students, faculty and staff.
- Attend special programs such as college fairs and financial aid nights.
- Find out which financial aid applications your college choices require and when the forms are due.

Juniors:

- Take the PSAT and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT). Remember to take your calculator.
- Inquire about Advanced Placement (AP) or summer college courses that may be available to you.
- Attend college fairs and financial aid/parent nights.

Professor in Residence and Graduate Assistant at WHS

Dr. Mike Deaton will be returning to WHS this year as our Professor in Residence (PIR) from James Madison University. In addition we are also privileged to have Ms. Jessica Cave join him as a JMU Graduate Assistant. Both of these individuals are working closely with WHS faculty and staff to help students pursue post-HS education. They are at WHS all day every Wednesday and will provide mentoring support to students and general support to faculty and staff. Their goal is to help students from underrepresented groups realize their potential by making wise academic choices, searching for colleges, finding sources of financial aid, and successfully completing college applications.

WHS has a Career Coach

We welcome Mrs. Kim Wood as our new Career Coach. Through a grant funded position in conjunction with Blue Ridge

Community College, Mrs. Wood will be at WHS to work with our students as they assess interests, skill, abilities and ambitions. She will assist in coordinating career assessments and help students to interpret results. Mrs. Wood will have her office in the School Counseling Department.

CONGRATULATIONS

The College Board has announced that two of our former students and one current student have been recognized for their performance on Advanced Placement Exams.

AP Scholar: Peter Bihl

Matthew Jenny

AP Scholar with Honor: John David Kenney

The AP Scholar is granted to students who receive grades 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. AP Scholar with Honor is granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Scholarships Available

Seniors should stop by the school counseling department to learn more about these opportunities for college financial aid:

UNC Morehead Cain Scholar program due October 1.

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship available on-line at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. Due November 2.

Elks Legacy Award available on-line at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. Due January 8.

Emory University Scholars Program due November 1.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards due November 2 for anyone who has taken part in community service activities.

LMC CORNER

By Library Media Specialist Karen Galenis

Read Beyond Reality @ your library® during Teen Read 2009

Area teens will be reading for the fun of it as Waynesboro High School Library celebrates Teen Read Week(TM), October 18 – 24, 2009. They join thousands of other libraries, schools and bookstores across the country who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "Read Beyond Reality @ your library®." Teen Read Week(TM) is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest-growing division of the American Library Association. This year's theme encourages teens to read a wide variety of materials that are out of this world, just for the fun of it.

SCIENCE FICTION TITLES TO CHECK OUT

Douglas Adams- *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* David Brin- *Sundiver* Rhiannon Lassiter- *Hex*
 Lois McMaster Bujold- *The Warrior's Apprentice* Orson Scott Card- *Ender's Game*
 Susan Price- *The Sterkarm Handshake* Charles Sheffield- *Higher Education*

FANTASY TITLES TO CHECK OUT

Mercedes Lackey- *The Fairy Godmother* Mercedes Lackey- *The Oathbound* Stephenie Meyer- *Twilight*
 Meredith Ann Pierce- *The Darkangel* Piers Anthony- *On a Pale Horse* David Eddings- *Pawn of Prophecy*
 Amelia Atwater-Rhodes- *In the Forests of the Night* Robert Jordan- *The Eye of the World*
 Ursula K Le Guin- *The Wizard of Earthsea* Anne McCaffrey- *The Dragonriders of Pern*

MOVIES TO CHECK OUT

Coraline *Ella Enchanted* *Eragon* *Galaxy Quest*
Harry Potter and Half-Blood Prince *Lost in Space* *Spaceballs* *Stardust*
Star Trek *Star Wars Series* *Stormbreaker* *The Golden Compass*
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen *Twilight* *Where the Wild Things Are*

Sustained Silent Reading – Not just for Elementary Students

Some people call it Sustained Silent Reading, or SSR for short. Others call it recreational reading or independent reading. Some have clever acronyms for it, such as DIRT (daily independent reading time) or DEAR (drop everything and read). Whatever it's called, Waynesboro High School has set aside a block of time each Friday for quiet reading. Additionally, some classroom teachers are using SSR in the classroom, each period.

Sustained silent reading can serve many purposes:

- Most school reading is assigned reading. SSR offers students an opportunity to read material of their own choice.
- During SSR time, many students learn that they can use their word attack skills to figure out new words -- on their own!
- SSR can build students' confidence in their abilities to work through reading trouble spots.
- Many studies of whole-class groups and of select groups of unmotivated readers show that SSR can result in students wanting to read more.
- The amount of time that students spend reading independently outside of school often increases as a result of SSR. Often children ask for books to read at home.
- SSR can be one more element in a reading program aimed at demonstrating the joy that reading can bring and developing lifelong readers and learners.

Through the use of Sustained Silent Reading, SSR, Waynesboro High School faculty and staff hope that not only will students become better readers, but also equally important that students will grow into adulthood, loving books and continually enriching their lives and the lives of others by what they have found on the printed page.

Important Library Events

October 6: Manga Book Club (3:30 – 5pm)
 October 19 - October 23: Teen Read Week
 October 20: Manga Book Club (3:30 – 5pm)
 October 27 : Young Adult Book Club (3:30-4:00pm)

One of the ways to encourage our students to read is to show them that we are readers. As school started this fall here are some of the books being read by WHS teachers.

Mrs. Rudolph – *Sail* by James Patterson
 Mrs. Sherrill – *The Angel's Games* by Carolos Ruzi Zaeon
 Miss Laliberte – *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen
 Mr. Waldron – *Handbook on Faith, Hope, and Love* by St Augustine
 Mrs. Watson – *English Ivy* by Catherine Palmer
 Ms. Jones-Blair – *Diablerie* by Walter Mosley
 Mr. Teachey – *First Family* by David Baldacci
 Mrs. Riggan – *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
 Mrs. Biggs – *Genesis of Shannara* by Terry Brooks
 Mr. McNett – *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
 Mr. Calhoun – *Against the Day* by Thomas Pynchon
 Ms. Foster – *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci
 Mr. Cox – *The Shack* by William P. Young
 Ms. Konizer – *Brisinger* by Christopher Paolini
 Mrs. Benson-Sapp – *Tuesday with Morrie* by Mitch Albom
 Mrs. Coyner – *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
 Mrs. Musick – *Finger Lickin' Fifteen* by Janet Evanovich
 Mrs. Teerlink – *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
 Mr. Dennis – *The Constitution in Exile* by Judge Andrew Napolitano
 Miss Widener – *The Stepsister Scheme* by Jim C. Hines
 Mr. Hennel – *notes from a small island* by Bill Bryson
 Mrs. Garasimowicz – *I Heard that Song Before* by Mary Clark
 Mrs. Donnelly – *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs
 Mrs. Truslow – *Impulse* by Ellen Hopkins
 Mrs. Teeter – *Tamar* by Mal Peet
 Mrs. Johnston – *One Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury
 Mrs. Hellerman – *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
 Mrs. Galenis – *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver
 Ms. Buchheit – *The I of the Storm* by Gary Simmons
 Ms. Spooner – *Deadline* by Chris Crutcher
 Ms. Gross – *First Family* by David Baldacci

Celebrate @ Teen Read Week @ WHS Library

Monday, October 19	Bring your lunch and watch Anime
Tuesday, October 20	SciFi Surprise
Wednesday, October 21	Gaming Challenges
Thursday, October 22	Bring your lunch and watch Anime
Friday, October 23	Gaming Challenges

All Teen Read Week events will take part in the library during lunch periods. Students must pre-register in advance. Only 20 students can attend at a time, and a student can only sign up for two days during the week.

Drama Department Announces Fall Competition

Drama teacher Dianne Truslow has announced that not one but two one act plays will be presented this fall. Each play has a separate cast and while both will be performed at WHS, one will be selected through a “play off” to represent the school in the district one act play competition at Fort Defiance on October 31.

Games is about how children's "games" influence their lives. Later in life we continue to treat people as we treated them when we were children, just with a more mature style.

Walkin' Home is a modern retelling of the parable of the prodigal son. A girl leaves home and her actions change the lives of her entire family.

Computer labs are available to all WHS students *for school work* every regular school day. Room 267 opens at 7:45 am and the library remains open until 4 pm.

FBLA Conducts Annual Food Drive

The Future Business Leaders of America is sponsoring its annual food drive during spirit week of Homecoming as a competition between classes. The food collected supports the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and the Salvation Army. Points will be awarded to the class bringing the most food items.

According to FBLA co-sponsor Mrs. Bobbie Gilbert, “In these times of need, especially, we need to be thinking of our less fortunate neighbors.”

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Schola Cantorum to Perform *Carmina Burana*

On Sunday November 15th at 3 PM in the Louis Spilman Auditorium, the WHS Concert Choir will present a joint concert with the chamber choir, **Schola Cantorum**, featuring a children’s choir comprised of students from Kate Collins Middle School. Written by Carl Orff and premiered in Frankfurt on June 8th, 1937, the *Carmina Burana* is based on 13th century Latin and German poems by the monks of Benediktbeuren. The first and last movements of the work, entitled *O Fortuna*, are the chorus in praise of the goddess of fate. The composition became widely known following its use in the 1996 soundtrack of *Romeo and Juliet* directed by Baz Luhrman.

The concert will feature nearly 130 singers, two pianists and six percussionists playing fifteen different instruments. This will be an inspirational concert and one that you won’t want to miss. The work will be conducted by the director of the Schola Cantorum-- Maureen Drumheller assisted by Jeff Ryman, WHS Choral Director, and Diane Richards, KCMS Choral Director.

The concert is free and open to the public; however, donations will be accepted to defray the production costs for the performance.

The Concert Choir fall variety show will be Saturday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m. featuring music from the Broadway show **Wicked.**