

West Hall High School

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Parent Newsletter

April 16, 2009

WHHS: Reaching for the stars, intellectually, physically, socially, and creatively.

West Hall High School Online Grade Access

West Hall has launched *Infinite Campus*, a new online program, where parents can monitor their student's progress. *Infinite Campus* replaced the Edline program we used last year. Parents and students will have different accounts.

For security purposes, it is necessary for parents to pick up the activation codes from West Hall High School. The codes cannot be mailed, given out over the phone, or sent via email. If you wish to utilize this valuable feature, please follow the following steps:

1. Email Jennifer Killingsworth at j.killingsworth@hallco.org and request your activation code.
2. You will be emailed confirmation of your request. Any time after receiving your confirmation, you may stop by the front office to pick up your activation code.
3. Your activation code and instructions on activating your account will be printed and given to the front office for pick up. You must present ID to pick up your activation code.
4. Follow the instructions to activate your account.

Honors Night

It's that time of year again! Honors night is May 5th. The underclassmen awards are from 6:00 p.m. to 7 in the WHHS cafeteria and Senior awards will be from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A reception will be held from 7:00-7:30 for all award recipients and their families.

From the principal's desk:

Dear Parents,

We are entering a real important time in our school year. Students have only a few weeks to complete their courses and prepare for end-of-year exams. School attendance and a strong work ethic will be critical to student success. We serve such awesome students and it is our hope that they finish the year with much success.

We will have many opportunities to celebrate in our final weeks. Please mark your calendars for upcoming events: Drama will present *Cinderella* April 16-19, May 11 will feature our Spring Band Concert, and our chorus will perform their final concert on May 14. I hope you can join us for these special evenings. Everyone is invited to attend Yearbook Night on May 7th and many of you will be invited to join us for Honor's Night on May 5.

Thank you for supporting West Hall High School throughout the year. You have filled our stadium, gymnasium, theater, and athletic fields all year. Your support was evidenced at drama productions and concerts. You have been so good about attending meetings. You have participated in many fundraisers that helped students participate in many events locally and statewide. You were a vital participant in our school year and we thank you. We look forward to seeing you often in these last few weeks of school.

Respectfully,
Jackie B. Adams
Principal

Spartan Athletics

Hello fellow Spartans!

Our Spring sports are winding down and we have some great news to report. Our girls and boys soccer teams both won the Northeast Georgia Mountains Cup! In over 20 years of the Mountain Cup, only twice have the boys and girls from the same school won the championships. Congrats soccer players and coaches!!

Our tennis teams begin the region tournament this week at the Bailey Center. Coaches McFall and Poole always have the tennis teams ready to move to State play, good luck! Our baseball, track and golf teams are all preparing for the region playoffs. Good luck to them.

Our cheerleading program finished up tryouts last week, and the new teams are already preparing for next year. Thank you, ladies, for spreading the Spartan Spirit. This has been a great year for Spartan sports! Thank you, seniors, for all you have done for West Hall. Your good works will live on here forever and guide our future teams to even greater heights.

GO SPARTANS!



Dr. Greg Williams

Upcoming CAS Opportunities:

This year, West Hall High School became an International Baccalaureate school. A component of the IB is the CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) requirement. As our school strives to provide students with challenging and rigorous classes, it is also our goal to provide opportunities that build character and caring in our students. For this reason, West Hall encourages all students to participate in the CAS program.

April 18th – The Hall County Partners Club Spring Dance is sponsored by the Gainesville Disability Resource Center. Partners are needed to set up, serve refreshments, bring their dancing shoes, and help with clean-up! The dance is at the East Hall Community Center from 6 p.m. until 9. See Mrs. Woodham by March 20th to RSVP.

April 25th – West Hall Relay for Life Yard sale. Volunteers are needed to sort and price items on Friday the 24th and the next day to work the sale in the West Hall High School Cafeteria. See Mrs. Woodham to sign-up.

April and May – Bead for Life displays – Volunteers are needed to make Bead for Life displays and help host Bead Parties. Bead for Life is a non-profit organization that helps to eradicate poverty. Ugandan women turn colorful recycled paper into beautiful bead jewelry. The jewelry is sold at Bead Parties in the United States and around the world. Money raised goes back to Uganda for food, medicine, school fees, and hope! See Mrs. Woodham if you want to help with a party!

May 14th – Darius Goes West (Exclusive Screening) with a special appearance by the cast and crew. Gainesville State College 5 p.m. to 7. Volunteers are needed to help with crowd control, serve refreshments, and clean-up.

BETA CLUB has BIG news:

Important newsletter is a *MUST READ* for members. Newsletters are in room 302. Parents and members should be aware that many changes are happening right now for Beta Club. All current members must participate with Induction activities. Wednesday, Mar. 18 is a mandatory planning meeting. All members should plan to attend at 3:30 in room 215.

Career Interest Information

Students in grades 9, 10, and 11 recently completed a career interest inventory to assist them in making decisions on electives and/or career preparation for the future. This information is now available on Infinite Campus through the parent portal where you can view the outcome of your child's career interest inventory. If you need to obtain a parent portal code, please contact Jennifer Killingsworth at j.killingsworth@hallco.org.

Relay For Life Fundraisers

Listed below are the remaining West Hall Relay for Life Fundraisers. We have had another successful year raising money for worthy causes, but we need to finish the year off strong. Please help support our West Hall High Relay for Life Team!

- April 25th West Hall High School Relay for Life Yard Sale – from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the WHHS cafeteria

- April 30th West Hall High vs. West Hall Middle School Faculty Basketball Game afterschool in the Gym – admission \$2.00.

- May 18th West Hall High vs. West Hall Middle School Faculty “Strike-out-Cancer” Softball Game afterschool at WHHS – admission \$2.00 (Brian Ernst Strike-out-Cancer shirts will be on sale for \$10).

For more information regarding these events call Mrs. Kelly Woodham, 770-967-9826 ext. 242.

Spring and Music in the air

The West Hall Symphonic and Concert Bands will present their Spring Concert on Monday, May 11, at 7:30 PM in Pearce Auditorium on the Brenau Campus. Admission is free.

These fine groups will be joined by the West Hall Percussion Ensemble and the West Hall Jazz Band for this performance. Everyone is welcome.

Prom Tickets on Sale

The West Hall Junior-Senior Prom will be on Saturday, May 2, at The Arts Council. Tickets are on sale through Friday, May 1. Tickets cost \$105/couple and may be purchased in room 224 on the green hall before or after school.

FBLA News: Congratulations to Dominic Ottaviano and Cody Ruggiero who placed 1st and 2nd in Computer Problem at the FBLA State Competition in March. They will both be traveling to Anaheim, CA this summer to compete at the national level. Other students to place in the state competition were: Aly Hathcock and Caitlin Vandenhackle – Digital Video Proection, 6th place
Nathalie Brock and Mallory Mize – Network Design, 6th place.

Chorus News:

The **West Hall Women's** and **Mixed Chorus** received straight superior ratings at the 9th District Large Group Evaluation ("Festival") on March 26th. The mixed group performed in the highest level of choral literature ("A"). I am so proud of all of our singers. The seniors complete their four year career with straight superiors. **Way to go!**

The same two chorus groups competed in the *Southern Star Music Festival* in the "**Open Class Division**" and received the highest possible rating from all of the judges – "**Gold**". Only one other group at the competition achieved such a status. Once again, chorus, "**you rock!**"

The Chorus will be sponsoring the 2009 "**Spartan Idol**" on Thursday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the West Hall Theatre. Tickets will be \$5 and the audience will vote for their favorite performer(s). A donation from the proceeds will be given to *Challenged Child*. Please come support our singers, chorus and the children of our community. You will have a blast! **Do you know who Randy, Paula, Simon and Ryan are?**



AP EXAM/EOCT Spring Testing Schedule

<i>Monday</i> May 4 A Day Meeting during planning with teachers giving EOCT's	<i>Tuesday</i> May 5 B Day Students write down test schedule in agenda	<i>Wednesday</i> May 6 A Day Students write down test schedule in agenda	<i>Thursday</i> May 7 B Day	<i>Friday</i> May 8 A Day
AP Government 8:00 Health Room	AP Spanish Language 8:00 Rock's Room	AP Calculus 8:00 Health Room	AP Literature 8:00 Health Room	AP US History 8:00 Health Room AP Art 12:00
<i>Monday</i> May 11 A Day EOCT A DAY Classes EOCT Semester Classes **Senior EOCT exams other than Economics in Computer Lab and students in E20/20 with an EOCT AP Biology 8:00 Health Room AP Physics B 12:00 Health Room	<i>Tuesday</i> May 12 A Day EOCT A DAY Classes EOCT Semester Classes Economics EOCT's A Day – complete test Computer Lab and other Computer classrooms AP Chemistry 8:00 Health Room	<i>Wednesday</i> May 13 B Day EOCT B Day Classes Economics EOCT's B Day- complete test Computer Lab and other Computer classrooms EOCT's American Lit Honors- Jarrard Biology- Lovelady AP Language 8:00 Health Room	<i>Thursday</i> May 14 B Day SENIOR EXAMS B DAY, 1 st & 3 rd EOCT B Day Classes AP World History 8:00 Health Room AP Economics 12:00 Health Room	<i>Friday</i> May 15 A Day SENIOR EXAMS A DAY, 2 nd & 4 th EOCT Make-ups EOCT Special Cases (Wallis, Ruiz, Hooks) EOCT American Lit Honors- Jarrard Biology- Lovelady Monday May 18 th A Day Makeup Senior Exams

Counselor's Corner



"If you hear a voice within you say "you cannot paint," then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced."
 -Vincent Van Gogh

We're at the end of the year! However, although we have less than 30 days left, we have a ton going on.

The guidance will be starting a new attendance group—it is a small group that will meet once a week until the end of school. If you would like to participate, please see Ms. Whetstone

We are continuing our Smart Girls' group. The last group meeting will be May 4th.

WHHS will host the ASSET test on April 23rd at 9 AM in the Sunroom. This is a placement test given by Lanier Tech—all students who plan on doing dual enrollment or who will attend Lanier Tech after graduation may take this test. It is FREE. You can sign up in the guidance office.

Honor's Night is May 5th.

We have quite a bit of testing coming up in the month of May. Here is the schedule:

Advanced Placement TESTING & EOCTs				
May 4 th * AP Gov.	May 5 th * AP Spanish Language	May 6 th * AP Calculus	May 7 th * AP Literature	May 8 th * AP US History * AP Art
May 11 th * AP Biology * AP Physics EOCTs	May 12 th * AP Chemistry EOCTs	May 13 th * AP Language EOCTs	May 14 th * AP World History * AP Econ EOCTs	May 15 th EOCTs

Come see us if you need us!

And don't forget that Honors night will be on May 5th.

Mrs. Ryan-counselor: All students with last names A-K
Ms. Whetstone -counselor: All students with last names L-Z
Mrs. Brock - graduation coach
Mr. Saxton -counselor

