

WHM Blue Devil News

White House Middle School

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New initiatives to link you to the classroom

One of the items that came up in the survey that many of you took at Breeze Through was the lack of communication from us. As we look for ways to improve on that, I wanted to announce a couple of items of importance. 1. If you need login info to INow (parent portal where you can see grades, discipline, and attendance), please call the office to get those details. 2. Check out the teacher webpages on our main website: whm.sumnerschools.org. The teachers have worked very hard on these and it was all in an effort to improve on the communication from school to home. 3. This is new- On September 12th at 7:00pm in the cafeteria, I will be hosting a Parent Night With The Principal where you can come and ask questions, voice concerns, or just tour the school. It is something I will do every two to three months to allow parents to have a voice and get direct answers. I hope you will attend.

Calendar of events for September

Sep. 3rd-BB yard sale in gym

Sep. 5th-Labor Day (no school)

Sep. 7th-Progress Reports sent home

Sep. 10th-BB yard sale in gym

Sep. 12th-Parent night with the principal- 7:00PM

Sep. 16th-Cheer/Football pictures

Sep. 29th-School Wide Fall pictures

Sep. 29th-Chorus concert

Athletics



Sep. 6th – Soccer @ Ellis

Sep. 6th – FB @ Ellis

Sep. 8th – Soccer home vs. S. Camp

Sep. 8th - VB @ Hunter

Sep. 13th – Soccer Home vs. Hunter

Sep. 13th – VB @ H vs. Gallatin

Sep. 13th – FB @ Portland East

Sep. 15th – Soccer @ Gallatin

Sep. 15th – VB @ Portland West

Sep. 20th – FB @ H vs. Rucker

Sep. 20th – Soccer home vs. Merrol Hyde

Sep. 20th – VB @ Knox Doss

Sep. 22nd - Soccer @ Knox Doss

Sep. 22nd – VB @ Hendersonville

Sep. 27th – VB @ H vs. Station Camp

Sep. 27th - FB @ Knox Doss

Sep. 29th – VB @ H vs. Portland East

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Other items of note-

- There have been some questions regarding lunch times and length. With the new state mandate for exercise and physical activity, times were compressed but we have fit it all in. Students receive 23 minutes for lunch which we have found to be plenty of time as long as students get to the cafeteria and eat instead of wasting time. Please feel free to email me with concerns or questions.
- Attendance rates are too high from last year and we are currently on a pace to be high once again. That being said, we are starting initiatives to reduce our absentee rate by using an automated system and calling when students reach an excessive amount of absences. You may be hearing from us.
- In addition to attendance rates being too high, it is imperative to bring in notes from doctors and excuse notes when a student is absent. When students do not bring in notes after 6 absences, you will have to sign an attendance contract. If after the contract is signed and attendance does not improve, you will be referred to truancy. So as you can see, it is very important for students to attend school so we can ensure their academic success.
- White House Middle School is excited to announce a Craft Club. Craft Club will meet from September-May and will make a Pinterest style craft each meeting. The craft will be completed by the end of the meeting and will go home that day. You can join the Craft Club at any time during the year. We will enjoy hanging out with our friends while being crafty! Contact Mrs. Garner (Sharon.garner@sumnerschools.org) or Ms. Harrison (Julie.harrison@sumnerschools.org) for more information.
- *Walk Across Sumner* starts this month. We are two-year defending champs and want to defend our title. It is a program that encourages students and citizens alike to do some kind of physical activity for 30 minutes a day for 6 days a week. Students will participate in Related Arts on Fridays.
- Thanks to everyone who helped us collect items for the Louisiana Flood victims. There was so much donated and we appreciate it.
- National Junior Honor Society will begin this month.
- Thanks to everyone who bought cookie dough and snacks. These funds will go to helping us raise funds for various school items such as equipment for classrooms and a new gym floor for the gym. Pictures will be coming for everyone to see.

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