

SWSD Navigator



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DID YOU KNOW?

- 1) **It's HOMECOMING WEEKEND!** Tomorrow is the Homecoming football Game. Kickoff is at 7:00pm. Support your Falcons. The Homecoming Court will be recognized during halftime. Saturday's homecoming dance is for grades 9-12 from 8-11pm at the SWHS New Commons.
- 2) Superintendent Jo Moccia has a monthly update. Check out the newest [Superintendent Salutations linked here](#). [Principal Susie Richards hosts a coffee hour](#) on the first Friday of every month from 8:45am - 9:45am in the South Whidbey Elementary School Community Room. Join her on October 4th! Keep apprised of all of the school events by checking the website calendar often. You can even have it link onto your personal calendar. [See more here](#).
- 3) Our 4th and 6th graders had an amazing Salish experience aboard the Tall Lady Washington (4th graders) and the Carolyn (6th graders). This enrichment opportunity was made possible for these students thanks to the South Whidbey Schools Foundation. Check out the [South Whidbey Record article linked here](#) and on our [website news](#).
- 4) Our SWMS Wednesday enrichment classes are in full swing. Each Wednesday our 7th and 8th grade students receive a mix of enrichment classes thanks to our community partners and teachers. [See more linked here](#).
- 5) If you or someone you know needs help, the South Whidbey Community Center Partners, Readiness to Learn, Whidbey Island Nourishes, and our McKinney Vento program are here to help. [See more linked](#)

[here](#). Since 2017, graduation rates for homeless students in South Whidbey schools have risen from 60% to 100% this year. That's about double the statewide average graduation rate of just 55% for homeless students. [See the Seattle Times article about McKinney Ventrone program linked here.](#)

Come support your home teams! [Athletics home page Linked Here.](#) The following are the upcoming scheduled HOME games (all are subject to change due to weather):

Falcon Soccer	Thurs 10/3 @ 4pm (JV) 6pm (V)/ Sat 10/5 @ Noon	Kings/ Friday Harbor
Cougar Volleyball	Thurs 10/3/ Wed 10/9 @ 3:30pm	Coupeville/Granite Falls
Falcon Volleyball	Thurs 10/3 / Tues 10/9: @ 5:15pm (C & JV), 7pm (V)	Sultan/ Granite Falls
Falcon Boys Tennis	Fri10/4 @ 3:30pm	Eastside Prep
Falcon Football	Fri 10/4 @ 7pm HOME COMING GAME	Sultan
Cross Country	Wed 10/9 @ 4:00pm	NSC Meet
Cougar Football	Thurs 10/10 @ 3:45pm	Harbour Pointe MS 8



School Board Events

At the September 25, 2019 Board Meeting, the 2019-20 Student Board Member, Rakeem Heino, was sworn into office. Welcome Rakeem!



On [Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30pm,](#) there will be a workshop.

[Agendas and minutes from previous meetings and SWSD policies can be found on Board Docs linked here.](#)

Future Meetings:

October 23 Business Meeting

November 20 Workshop/Meeting

December 11 Workshop/Meeting

January 8, 2020 Workshop

January 22, 2020 Retreat



There are awesome spirit groups at SWHS taking charge, leading the way and doing great deeds throughout the campus!

The 2019-20 Cheer team has new coaches, Amy Goodman and Angela Vosberg. They brought a warm welcome to our students on the first day of school and continue to lead our fans at athletic events. Over the summer, we had several cheerleaders nominated for All American (Calyna Saephan, Bronte Patty-Caldwell, Emma Patty Caldwell, Chyler White and Ericka Simmons). Congratulations!

Our Pep Band is in full swing! They are pumping up fans and getting us all out of our seats. Thank you to Chris Harshman, Leslie Bellastrasse and these students that put the extra time and effort to turn up the spirit at our games! Best band ever!

New this year at SWHS is the Sparkle Squad! In an effort to increase interaction between students with and without disabilities, the SWHS Sparkle Squad was created to form an inclusive, intensive and immersive experience for all students. Supported by the non-profit Sparkle Effect program, [see more information linked here](#). Thank you to Advisers Mandy Jones and Melissa Pritchett for starting this program at SWHS!

There are Random Acts of Kindness at SWHS! There are a group of students led by teacher Jenny Gochnaour that are secretly leaving random acts of kindness around the school. Let's hope it becomes contagious!

The SWHS Birds of Prey are out at every school event cheering on our teams. This spirit group has been reinstated after a long hiatus dating back to 2007. This group of students take support to a new level making sure Falcon supporters are at every event. Great job Falcons!

The newly installed student board member is Rakeem Heino. He writes a monthly student board report, from a student's perspective on the current happenings of the schools.

Although [Washington State graduation](#) requirements have changed, South Whidbey has been prepared for this by having greater requirements for graduation from the start. If you have any questions, please contact the high school counselors: [Leigha Patton](#) or [Carla McDowell](#).

GO FALCONS!!!

