South Whidbey High School
BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principally Speaking . . .

I hope that you all enjoyed our warm summer with family and friends. We at South Whidbey High School are looking forward to another great school year.

As you may know, we have been recognized as a high achieving school the past four years based on our State and Advanced Placement test scores. This success is due to our great students, staff and parent/community support. Once again, we are not satisfied! We want to continue getting better. The world is ever changing and it's important that we prepare our students to be 100% college and career ready.

Several SWHS staff members took advantage of various professional development trainings this summer to evolve their practice. One example is staff training centered on the implementation of Professional Learning Communities. Professional Learning Communities provide staff the opportunity to focus on learning through collaboration and shared vision and is a vehicle to improve curriculum and instruction which in turn results in improved student achievement.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Paul Lagerstedt. Paul comes to us from Thomas Jefferson H.S. (Federal Way) where he was also the Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. Before becoming an administrator, Paul was a long time English teacher also at Thomas Jefferson. He and his wife are very excited to live on the Island. Welcome to the family Paul! We will also be hiring other new staff before school starts and we'll be sure to announce those hires.

Please remember to get involved. Consider joining the PTSA, Performing Arts Booster or Athletic Booster Club. These groups raise funds that directly support our students in academics and extracurricular activities. The opportunities and enhancements that these groups provide make SWHS a special place. Do you have a special expertise or talent that you can share with our students? Just ask and we can get you involved. Please contact John Patton, at (360) 221–6808, ext. 5406, or jpatton@sw.wednet.edu, if you have any questions.

General Information

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Tuesday, September 8, 2015. The first two days of school will be early release, stay tuned for half day schedules.

FALL PAC (PARENTS/ATHLETES/COACHES) MEETING: All Fall sports participants and their parents/caregivers should plan to attend a mandatory PAC meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2015, 6:00 p.m., in the High School Auditorium. There will be a general informational meeting for all followed by team meetings. At the team meetings, coaches and athletes will meet one another, talk about expectations, ask questions, and go over details for each sport. At 5:00 p.m., there will be a fundraising BBQ (by donation) sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club. Complete details will be distributed at Fall practice.
Picture Day 2015 . . .

Student portraits will be taken by “Life Touch” on **Friday, September 11, 2015**. Order forms will be distributed to students during first period on the first day of school.

⇒ Freshmen First Period  
⇒ Sophomores Second Period  
⇒ Juniors Third Period  
⇒ Seniors Fourth Period  
⇒ Make-Ups Monday, October 19  
        First Period Only

Open House, September 30 . . .

Parents and guardians are invited to attend our **Open House** on **Wednesday, September 30**. We begin at 6:00 p.m., in the New Commons, with a PTSA meeting/social, followed a general meeting and address by Principal Patton in the auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Class visits begin at 7:00 p.m.

This special night is a time for you to meet teachers and for us to share our programs and explain curriculum, classroom expectations, grading procedures and other materials/activities for students. Your attendance is not only important to you for informational purposes, it also provides an opportunity to lend support to your student.

Performing Arts Booster . . .

A new musically rich school year is on the horizon and we look forward to supporting our fabulous and talented SWHS musicians! Please join us in planning and scheduling upcoming fundraisers and performances. Our first Performing Arts Boosters board meeting will be the first week in September, date and time to be announced.

Once the school year begins, if you have any questions regarding any of the music programs and schedule, go to the high school’s website: www.sw.wednet.edu/swhs, click on Staff, then on "Harshman.”

Fall Sports . . .

Aug 17  ASB/ATHLETIC OFFICE OPENS
Aug 17  FOOTBALL  
        Athletic Packet Clearance Deadline
Aug 19  FOOTBALL  
        First Day of Practice
Aug 20  ALL OTHER SPORTS: CROSS COUNTRY, GIRLS’ SOCCER, BOYS’ TENNIS, and VOLLEYBALL  
        Athletic Packet Clearance Deadline
Aug 24  ALL OTHER SPORTS  
        First Day of Practice
Aug 27  MANDATORY PAC MEETING
Sep11  ALL SPORTS  
        Sports Fees Due (ASB Card/Athletic Fee)

For current schedules, up to the minute scores and information, please visit the Cascade Conference website at: www.cascadeathletics.com.

If you have any questions, please contact **Reneé Bilyeu**, ASB/Athletic Secretary, at (360) 221-6808, ext. 5423, or rbilyeu@sw.wednet.edu.

Athletic Booster Club . . .

The SWHS Athletic Booster Club is excited about the upcoming Falcon sports year. As you read this newsletter, the fall sports season and practice is about to begin.

Your 2015 – 2016 Booster Club Officers are:

- **Tami Fallon**, President  
- **Jill Boyd**, Vice President  
- **Marie Grady**, Treasurer  
- **Nikki Carter**, Secretary  
- **Stacy Madsen**, Membership

The SWHS Booster Club needs your help! If you are interested in becoming involved with the club, please contact one of our officers by e-mail at tfallon@sw.wednet.edu, or call the SWHS Athletic Office at (360) 221-6808, ext. 5423.
Counseling Office . . .

Counseling services are available to all students.

We recognize that students must balance many different personal and academic situations and these situations can often create stress. School Counselors are available to help and assist students in finding solutions. Appointments can be made through the Student Services Office or by calling counselors directly.

The Student Services office is open daily from 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Mrs. Patton, (A – K)
e-mail: lpatton@sw.wednet.edu
tel. (360) 221-6808, ext. 5410

Mrs. Brown, (L – Z)
e-mail: dbrown@sw.wednet.edu
tel. (360) 221-6808, ext. 5413

GRADING DATES

Grading dates are as follows: November 10, January 29, April 1, and June 17. Parents, please note: the Registrar will mail your student’s report card directly to you within two weeks of these grading dates, except in April when report cards will be delayed a few days.

DO YOU PLAN TO MOVE?

If you are moving and/or plan to attend a different school this year please contact the Registrar, Gay Bitts by phone at (360) 221-6808, ext. 5411, or by email at gbitts@sw.wednet.edu immediately so she can assist you by providing records and transcripts for your new school.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Student schedules will be in your mailboxes soon. Schedules were carefully put together based on students’ parent approved course requests and preferred alternates from this past spring. Because the Master Schedule was created based on students’ original parent approved course requests, we do not have the flexibility to change courses. However, we will make corrections to student schedules for the following reasons:

a. Student has an incomplete schedule
b. A required course is not scheduled
c. Student does not have prerequisite for a scheduled course

We will be accepting requests for schedule corrections for the above reasons during the first three days of the new school year. Schedules requiring correction shall be brought to the attention of the student’s school counselor no later than Thursday, September 10, 2015.

We encourage you to check the high school website often for updated information at: www.sw.wednet.edu/swhs.

Greetings From Our School Nurse . . .

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find an ‘Update of Student Health Information’ form for the 2015 – 2016 school year. This form needs to be filled out and returned to the high school nurse REGARDLESS of the last time you filled one out. You can drop it off at the high school or send it by mail to:

Marcia Statz, High School Nurse
South Whidbey High School
5675 Maxwelton Road
Langley, WA 98260

tel. (360) 221-6808, ext. 5420

If your student has special health needs or takes medications during school hours, this is especially important. ALL students need to have a form filled out and on file at school. Thank you for your cooperation.
Attendance Office Update . . .

Parents and guardians are encouraged to review with their student the Attendance Policy found in the Student Handbook. Please become well acquainted with this information. Regular attendance is crucial to your student’s success at school. It is important that you understand these policies and procedures.

If your student needs to be released from school, for any reason, please provide the Attendance Office with a note or telephone call stating the release time, reason for leaving (be specific), and if the student will return that day. Parent permission is mandatory prior to a student leaving campus.

It is extremely important that we know where all of our students are all the time, especially in the event of an emergency such as a fire or earthquake.

Students should never leave campus without checking out first.

Please be aware that any absence not verified on or before the day a student returns to class will be marked as truant. If the absence is cleared within 48 hours by the parent/guardian writing a note the truancy will be dropped. Truant students will be assigned the appropriate discipline.

For your student’s safety, anyone wishing to contact a student, or drop off an item for them, must be listed on the student’s enrollment information as an official contact person. This includes grandparents and siblings not registered at SWHS. Our number one priority is your student’s safety, therefore we must take necessary precautions to ensure it is not compromised.

To update your student’s emergency contact information, please contact Gay Bitts, Registrar, at gbitts@sw.wednet.edu, (360) 221-6808, ext. 5411. Current information is crucial when we are attempting to contact you, or your designee, regarding your child during the school day.

We do not deliver messages to students except on an emergency basis. We do realize that there are times when you will have a message that needs to be delivered and we will do our best to deliver it for you. We are committed to your student’s success and one piece of that puzzle is to limit the number of interruptions in the classroom.

Thank you for your patience and support. If you have any questions relating to your student’s attendance, please contact Deann Houck, Attendance Secretary, at (360) 221-6808, ext. 5404.

Second Household . . .

If your child does not live with you full-time and you would like second household information mailed to your home, please contact Gay Bitts, Registrar, at 221-6808, ext. 5411, or by e-mail at: gbitts@sw.wednet.edu.

Restraining Orders/Parenting Plans . . .

If you possess a restraining order against another person or if you have a parenting plan, it is very important that you provide our office with the most current documents bearing the signature or stamp of a judge. We are legally unable to deny parent contact with a child unless the proper documents are on file in our school.

Free & Reduced Meals . . .

If you feel you qualify for the National School Lunch/Breakfast Program,” please complete a “Free and Reduced-Price Meals” form (included in this newsletter) and return it to us on or before the first day of school. This will allow us to process your application and qualify your student prior to the first day of school. If you were provided a form from DSHS stating that you qualify for the program, you must provide us with a copy of the DSHS form—It is not necessary to complete the above form. For more information, please contact Sherry Smith at (360) 221-6808, ext. 2224, or ssmith@sw.wednet.edu.
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CLUBS & ACTIVITIES
Activity Advisor........................Mr. Lagerstedt
Athletic Director.........................Mr. Lagerstedt
Cheer................................................Ms. Turner
DeCAF ................................................Ms. Harless
Hi-Q ....................................................Mr. Ballog
Model UN ...........................................Miss Hoffnagle
Knowledge Bowl.........................Mr. Ballog
Music in Motion..............................Mrs. Ludtke
OUTDOOR CLUB..............................Ms. Cox
S-Club ................................................Mrs. Cox
SASQUATCH CLUB..........................Mr. Davis
Spanish Club ...................................Ms. Gochanour
Yearbook ........................................Mr. Greene

ATHLETICS & COACHES
FALL
Boys' Cross Country........................Mr. Fulton
Girls' Cross Country........................Mr. Fulton
Football........................................Mr. Coe
Girls' Soccer..................................Mr. McCleary
Boys' Tennis................................Mrs. Kramer
Volleyball ........................................Mrs. M. Jones

WINTER
Boys' Basketball..............................Mr. Washington
Girls' Basketball............................Mr. Davis
Wrestling .........................................Mr. Thompson

SPRING
Baseball ..........................................Mr. T. Fallon
Fastpitch .........................................Mr. Collins
Boys' Golf .........................................Mr. S. Jones
Girls' Golf ..........................................TBA
Boys' Soccer ..................................Mr. Gerlach & Mr. Robbins
Girls' Tennis................................Mrs. Kramer
Track ..............................................Mr. Eager
1. The driver is in full charge of the bus and students. The students must obey the driver promptly and willingly.

2. Students shall ride their regularly assigned bus at all times, unless permission has been granted by the parent or guardian to ride a different bus. School authorities should verify with the drivers the availability of extra seating space, and will not issue bus passes for non-regular riders if it will overload the bus.

3. Unless by permission of parent or guardian, no student shall be permitted to leave the bus except at his or her regular stop. Notes issued by the parent/guardian or school authority are required for any student riding on a different route or getting off at a stop other than their regular stop. This note must include the student’s full name, full address, and address of the stop.

4. Each student may be assigned a seat in which he/she will be seated at all times, unless permission to change is given by the bus driver.

5. Outside of ordinary conversation, classroom conduct must be observed.

6. Students are to assist in keeping the bus clean by keeping their waste paper and other trash off the floor. Students shall not throw any refuse out the windows.

7. Eating and drinking on a school bus is not allowed. At no time shall sunflower seeds or other seeds and nuts with shells be allowed on the bus. No gum chewing or candy with sticks is allowed aboard the buses.

8. No student shall smoke, light matches or lighters, or use any type of flame or sparking devise while on the school bus.

9. Students shall not use vulgar or obscene language or gestures.

10. No student shall at any time extend head, hands, or arms or any part of his/her body out of the windows whether the school bus is in motion or standing still.

11. Students shall not have anything in their possession that may cause injury to another, such as sticks, skateboards, breakable containers, any type of firearm, weapon or laser pointers. Also, no straps, chains or pins extending from their clothing.

12. No animal, reptile, fish, fowl or insect of any type is permitted on the bus, except service dogs.

13. No student shall harass or intimidate another passenger or the driver.

14. Each student shall see that all books and personal belongings are kept out of the aisle. Special permission must be granted by school authorities to transport large items.

15. No student shall talk to the driver more than is necessary.

16. No student shall sit in the driver’s seat, nor shall any student be to the immediate left or right of the bus driver.

17. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion and are not to get on or off until the bus has come to a full and complete stop.

18. Students must leave the bus in an orderly manner. They shall not cross the highway without verifying that it is safe to proceed and until given consent by the driver. When boarding or leaving the bus, students must be in view of the driver at all times.

19. Students must cross the roadway or highway only in front of the school bus and never behind it.

20. Students must arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early, and shall not stand or play on the roadway while waiting for the bus to arrive.

21. Self-discipline should be exercised by students at the bus loading area. Students shall refrain from pushing and shoving other passengers, or engaging in other safe activity.

22. Students who have to walk some distance along the roadway to the bus loading zone must walk, where practicable, on the left-hand side facing the oncoming traffic.

23. Students are not to run errands (i.e., checking the mail box, etc.) between the bus stop and home.

24. In the event of an actual emergency, students must follow emergency exit procedures as established by the emergency exit drills.

25. School districts will be reimbursed for damage to school buses resulting from student misconduct.

26. Misconduct on a bus will be sufficient reason to discontinue providing bus transportation to students involved.

27. Teachers shall not send home, on the bus, with children: plants, animals or insects, holiday decorations, balloons, clay, scissors, glass or other sharp objects.

28. Any item carried which has wheels or rolls (skateboards, roller blades, skates, toys, etc.) must be contained in a bag or backpack while on the bus.

29. Absolutely NO CELL PHONE USE is permitted on the bus.

Bus Transportation . . .

If you need bus information, please call the transportation office at (360) 221-5209, or visit www.sw.wednet.edu and look for “Transportation” under “Departments.”
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Langley, WA 98260

Useful Telephone Numbers
All extensions at the high School can be reached directly by dialing (360) 221-6808.

ASB/Athletics Office..................... ext. 5423
Attendance Hot-Line (24-Hour)....221-0937
Counselor, Dee Brown (L-Z) ............ ext. 5413
Counselor, Leigha Patton (A-K) ...... ext. 5410
Principal’s Secretary....................... ext. 5405
Registrar/Student Services.............ext. 5411

PLEASE CHECK OUR DAILY BULLETIN
We post it on our website every day. Additionally, if you would like it e-mailed directly to you, please provide Jennifer Hagerman (jhagerman@sw.wednet.edu) with your e-mail address and we will ensure that you receive it.

Website ....www.sw.wednet.edu/sites/swhs

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