

Dear WHS Parents –

I hope your summer has been a great one! We still have a bit of summer vacation left, but the WHS faculty and staff have been busy getting ready for the school year, and I have a few updates to hopefully help you and your kids get prepared too:

- As some of you have already noticed, our Parent and Student Portals opened back up yesterday with class schedules for the new year. You can log on with the same username and password as last year, and if you have any questions about what you see, feel free to reach out to our school counselors for answers. Your child's counselor assignment can be found with their schedule information.
- Learning doesn't have to stop just because school did, and I hope your children have been reading over the summer. Remember that some of our more challenging courses have summer reading or work assignments, so check with your kids to see if they have any, and how that work is going.
- If you are the parent of an incoming 9th grader or a student who is transferring here from another high school, please join us for our Freshman Orientation on Thursday, August 22, in the WHS auditorium. This is an event for both students (starting at 3:45 pm) and parents (with a separate program starting at 5:30), and it is a great way to get to know a little more about our school community before the first day of school, so I hope to see you there!
- Tax-free shopping week – and all the back-to-school shopping that it spurs – is coming soon, so here is a copy of the WHS Dress Code brochure. It spells out what is and isn't permitted for student attire, and many parents have told me that the visuals are helpful. You might want to take it with you when you and your kids go shopping. You can always use it to (hopefully) end any disagreements you have about whether that new pair of shorts is worth purchasing! [WHS Dress Code Brochure.pdf](#)
- WHS follows a Bring-Your-Own-Devices (BYOD) approach to student cell phones and computers. We do this to help teach students how to use their devices in a productive and appropriate manner – just like most of us do in the adult workforce. This document explains our procedures and our reasons for them in more detail – I hope it is helpful for you. [BYOD at WHS 2019-20.pdf](#)

Have a great day,
Andre Hauser
WHS Principal