

## WHS Updates (8-18-23)

Dear Waterford High School Families,

I hope this letter finds you rested, rejuvenated, and ready to learn. The WHS team has been working hard to make this upcoming school year your best year yet. We will be sending out much more detailed information next week but for today there are a number of updates about our continuing efforts to get the school ready for you:

- We opened the **PowerSchool Parent and Student Portals** at the start of the week, so hopefully you have checked your schedules already. If you have any questions or concerns about your schedule, please email your school counselor to get the help you need. We are trying to limit unnecessary in-person meetings, so please do not wait until the first day of school for your schedule questions.
- **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 which spells out what is and isn't permitted for student attire.
  - [WHS Dress Code 2023-24.pdf](#)
- **School Meals Application** – We are pleased to announce that all students will be able to receive one daily nutritional school breakfast meal at no cost. For additional information on school meals and access to free or reduced cost meals, please click on the following attachment:
  - [School Meals Information and Application.docx](#)
- If you are the parent or guardian of an incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grader or a student who is transferring here from another high school, please join us for our **Freshman Orientation** on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 pm), 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!
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RLfhZ7bzdHfnbrSsUnKx8vbUCZ7GiNC\\_hXhz2sDtOTM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RLfhZ7bzdHfnbrSsUnKx8vbUCZ7GiNC_hXhz2sDtOTM/edit?usp=sharing)
  - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FtQIzYfFD\\_5Q2NW0xUz0p97vNuC5CAC3by3PMjRf\\_MU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FtQIzYfFD_5Q2NW0xUz0p97vNuC5CAC3by3PMjRf_MU/edit?usp=sharing)
- We will be having a **Fall Sports Parent Meeting** (athletes are welcome to attend) at WHS in the auditorium on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. This meeting will give everyone a basic overview of athletics at Waterford High School. Afterwards, parents are invited to attend the team meetings where you will get additional information regarding your student-athlete's specific sport. The volleyball parent meeting will take place on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> after practice at 11:00 am (due to a scheduling conflict).
- First day **Practice Schedules** for fall sports and **Family ID** registration: <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/waterford-high-school>
  - **Football:** Organized Training Activities (OTA's) began on Thursday August 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30 pm (WHS Turf Field). Please Note: You can still join football after OTA's.
  - **Cross Country:** Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-4:30 pm (Field House Lobby)
  - **Girls Swimming & Diving:** Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-5:30 pm (Meet outside of exterior pool entrance doors)

- Volleyball Tryouts: Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, Freshman 4:00-5:30 pm and JV/V 5:00-7:00 pm (WHS Field House)
- Girls Soccer Tryouts: Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am-12:00 pm (WHS Turf Field)
- Boys Soccer Tryouts: Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:00 am (WHS Turf Field)
- Field Hockey Tryouts: Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00 pm (WHS Turf Field)
- Sideline Cheerleading Tryouts: Beginning Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30 pm (Lancer Gym)
- WHS' **Back-To-School Night** parents open house will be on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 pm in the auditorium. After a 15-minute greeting from the high school administration team, the evening is an open-house format from 5:45-7:00 pm where you can visit the teachers you wish to in the order you prefer.
- Our first **Parents Advisory Coffee** meeting of the school year is on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 am in the Library Reading Room. Please join the WHS administrative team for an hour conversation and coffee. We will share some information about the start of the school year and our school goals for the year, and as always, we will set aside some time for any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

Go Lancers,

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