

# ***Mark Your Calendar, Important Dates, & Information 2017-18***

## ***ORIENTATIONS – ALL GRADES***

Schedule pickup will be held for **ALL** students on the following dates and times:

**SENIORS** – Wednesday, August 16, 10 a.m. (**MUST HAVE MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE FIRST**)

**JUNIORS** – Thursday, August 17, 9 a.m.: and **SOPHOMORES** – Thursday, August 17, 12 noon.

**FRESHMAN and NEW STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, PROMPTLY STARTING AT 9 a.m.** (lunch will be provided at 12 noon, pizza/drink). Students will be introduced to WHS – by administration and staff, receive their student handbook, receive their schedule, tour the new building, locate locker, answer questions, and enjoy lunch in the Commons.

### ***First Day of School***

**Thursday, August 24, Report to Homeroom/First Period at 7:35 a.m.**

School day is **7:35 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Lists of students and assigned homerooms will be posted on the windows of the guidance office, main office, and commons.

### ***High School Open House***

***Parent Orientation for Parents of Freshman and New Students of ALL Grades***

**Wednesday, August 30**

**6 - 6:45 p.m.** - Parent Orientation for parents of Freshman & New Students, PAC

**7 – 9 p.m.** - WHS Open House

**NOTE:** Parents will report to their student's first period class at 7 p.m. Please be prompt. Parents will follow students schedule, make sure they give it to you.

### ***School Identification Cards***

#### ***School Pictures***

All students at WHS require a school issued ID card. Students in grades 10-12 currently have an ID card. Incoming freshmen will be issued ID cards during Freshman Orientation. Sacred Heart and new students to the district will receive a temporary ID in the library, with permanent ID's issued after school pictures are taken.

**NOTE:** School pictures are scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### ***Academic Recognition Night***

**Monday, October 30, 7 p.m. in the High School PAC**

Students in grades 10 – 12 who excelled academically during last school year at WHS will be honored and receive awards. A letter to participating students and parents will be sent home in early October. Please mark your calendar now to attend.

## *School Screenings*

Vision and hearing screenings are state mandated for all students in the ninth grade. Vision or hearing screenings may also be completed as a result of a school staff or parent referral request in any grade. Instrumental music students will have their hearing screened because of the various levels of noise exposure. For more information regarding school screenings, please visit the WCS web page: [www.wadsworthschools.org](http://www.wadsworthschools.org), click on “Departments” then click on “School Health Services.”

**Screening Exemption:** Any student can be exempted from the school hearing and vision screening process by providing proof to the school by September 15, that he/she has been examined by a physician or optometrist within the past 12 months and with a note stating your request of exemption.

## *Student Schedules Information*

Schedules will be given to students at orientation on the dates as noted above. Please do not request schedules prior to the orientation of your specific class.

The schedule will reflect the final courses confirmed to the student and parent in May, at the close of last year. Should there be an error on the schedule (see below), please report to the guidance office during study hall, lunch, and immediately after school, or before school on the first day of school ONLY (7:20-7:35).

Only the following are considered errors:

1. Too many courses scheduled in one semester
2. No lunch scheduled
3. A course PASSED in summer school is scheduled
4. A course NOT PASSED in summer school is not scheduled

**NOTE: NO SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED. STUDENTS AND PARENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CHANGES PRIOR TO LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

**NOTE: AFTER THE FIRST TWO FULL WEEKS OF SCHOOL (FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8), YOU MAY REQUEST TO DROP A COURSE, BUT ONLY IF YOU CAN MAINTAIN THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF CREDITS ON YOUR SCHEDULE. NO STUDENT MAY HAVE MORE THAN ONE STUDY HALL IN A SEMESTER.**

## *Student Dress Code*

A Wadsworth High School student is expected to be well-groomed and neatly dressed during school hours or when representing WHS. Appearance that is considered a disruption or distraction, and/or detrimental to the daily instructional operation of the school will not be permitted. Please review the Student Handbook for a detailed listing of Dress Code requirements.

### **SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING THE WHS DRESS CODE:**

There will be points of emphasis this year and they include the following: Hats must be kept in the student's locker during the school day, earbuds and headphones are not to be visible in the halls and there will be no exceptions. Announcements will be made as a reminder the first day of school. Violation will result in confiscation of the hat and earbuds/headphones and possible discipline. There also be an emphasis on tight clothing especially the “spandex” type clothing and the length of shorts and skirts.

Dress Code violations will receive immediate attention. The parents will be notified and the student sent home to correct the infraction. The time missed will be unexcused. Students may be sent immediately to the In-School Detention Room if parents cannot be reached.

**NOTE: FINAL DETERMINATION OF APPROPRIATE SCHOOL ATTIRE RESTS WITH THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR.**

**\*\*Some WHS Dress Code rules may be temporarily suspended or relaxed for special events (spirit week, etc.) when approved by the Administration.**

### *Senior Information*

**END OF YEAR EXAMS:** The following outlines the opportunity to emphasize academic achievement, positive behavior, and improved attendance throughout the school year with our seniors. The basis of this plan is to allow seniors to earn exemption from some or all end of year (final) examinations. Seniors who have met the discipline, attendance, and academic standards are eligible for exemption from end of year (final) examinations. Seniors can waive the exemption; instead choosing to take their exams to possibly improve their academic standing. **All seniors will be required to take the first and second semester exams.**

**Discipline:** Seniors who violate the discipline standards outlined in the student handbook will forfeit the opportunity for exemption from final exams regardless of their academic performance. Qualifying seniors can have no disciplinary referrals that require action by the administration resulting in suspension, Thursday detention, or in-school detention.

**Academic:** Once a senior has displayed “good” behavior, the senior will be declared exempt from his/her finals for a particular course if they have an A (B in honors/AP) average for the year. A grade of an A- will qualify.

**Attendance:** Excellent attendance is expected by all students, especially seniors. Exceptional attendance assists with the goal of achieving high levels of success in the classroom.

**NOTE: In addition to senior exams there are two days of mandatory attendance for seniors:**

**Graduation Practices - Tuesday May 22nd and Wednesday May 23rd 9 AM both days.**

**Baccalaureate Ceremony - Friday May 25th, 8 PM (Optional event)**

**Commencement Ceremony - Sunday May 27th, 2 PM**

**NOTE: If senior is not in attendance at practices, he/she will not be allowed to attend commencement ceremony.**