

Monday Morning Minutes



Washington HS Faculty Newsletter [Jan. 3, 2022]



Happy New Year Washington!

Monday January 3, 2022

Welcome back and happy new year! As we head into our second semester, I'd like to thank each of you for the work you accomplished last semester. I sincerely recognize it gets more and more difficult to stay the course when there is so much going on in our lives. Please remember that I am here to support you in any way that I can in this upcoming new year. Let's have a great second semester and a productive and healthy 2022 SY! ~ T. E. Sims

Important- - Second Semester Student Schedules- Mailbox Pick up

New Student Schedules.

Student schedules have been placed in your mailboxes. Please pick them up once you arrive and have them ready to distribute **during your first period**. Students have been informed that they are to report to their first semester class to receive their new "Second Semester Schedules." Please do not send students to the guidance office for schedule changes, unless they are missing a class or have a course conflict. We will review the schedule process with you during our upcoming faculty meeting. Should you have questions or concerns with a particular student's schedule please email their guidance counselor directly. Thank you!

Important- - Grades Due: Monday by 4:00 PM

Please be reminded that ALL Grades are due today, Monday January 3rd by 4:00 PM.

Faculty Meeting: Tuesday January 4th.

Faculty Meeting.

Join us this week on Tuesday January 4th for our monthly faculty meeting. We will begin at 7:40 am in the building's auditorium. Agenda: Student Schedules, Administrative Updates, Academic Data, GPS Models, COVID Projections and Student Attendance, Discipline and Building Transfers.

PD and PLC Schedules- 2ND Semester .

PD and PLC's

This week you will receive a calendar of WHS's PD Schedule for the month. Please be reminded that these schedules are fluid, in that the district will take priority when changes are necessary where we will need to adjust our schedule.

NEW- - From our Guidance Office

Happy New Year!!!

Monday, January 3rd, students will report to their first semester first hour to receive their second semester schedules. Mr. Sims will release students to their second semester first hour class via PA system. Again, students are to remain in your first hour class until released via PA system.

Also, a gentle reminder that grades are due Monday, January 3rd at 4 pm. Please upload your grade verification forms to the grade verification folder created by Mrs. Kasznia for Mrs. Copeland.

Please remember the following when finalizing grades:

- students pass the class if they earn passing grades in two out of the three (Q1, Q2 and E1)
- Students pass the class if they earn 60% when averaging all three (Q1, Q2, E1)
- Please remember to do FINAL GRADE VERIFICATION for QUARTER 2, SEMESTER 1 AND EXAM 1

If you cannot meet the grade submission deadline, please contact Mr. Sims directly.

Lastly, the Guidance Department will begin changing schedules Tuesday, January 4th. The green Change Request Forms will be placed in your mailbox. Please have students complete the Change Request Forms and bring them to Guidance. This is the same process we have followed in the past.

Thanks,

~ A. Lee, Director of Guidance

ACTION REQUIRED! IMPORTANT NEWS From SBCSC HR!

From Human Resources: Vaccination statuses

Keep an eye on your inbox for a memo from Employee Access. You're encouraged to upload your proof of COVID-19 vaccination by logging in to your employee access portal from RDS.

Once you logged into employee access you will see **"new forms."** Click on that and instructions to upload the form will appear.

<https://payinfo.sbcsc.k12.in.us/RDSEmployeeAccess/>

Login questions may be directed to Jo Ellen Talos, director of employee relations at jtalos@sb.school, or by calling 393-6066.

In our ongoing efforts to keep employees safe during this COVID-19 pandemic, we are asking for your help understanding how many of our employees have been vaccinated.

If you have been vaccinated, please let us know.

This information will help as we contact trace following exposure, as fully-vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine as long as they do not have any symptoms of illness.

In the event you are determined to be a close contact, you would be asked to provide documentation of your vaccination status. So, gathering this information now will make us more efficient later.



COVID-19 Cases at Washington HS

Covid Positive Cases

*Reported positive cases at WHS for the **week of December 13 - December 17:**

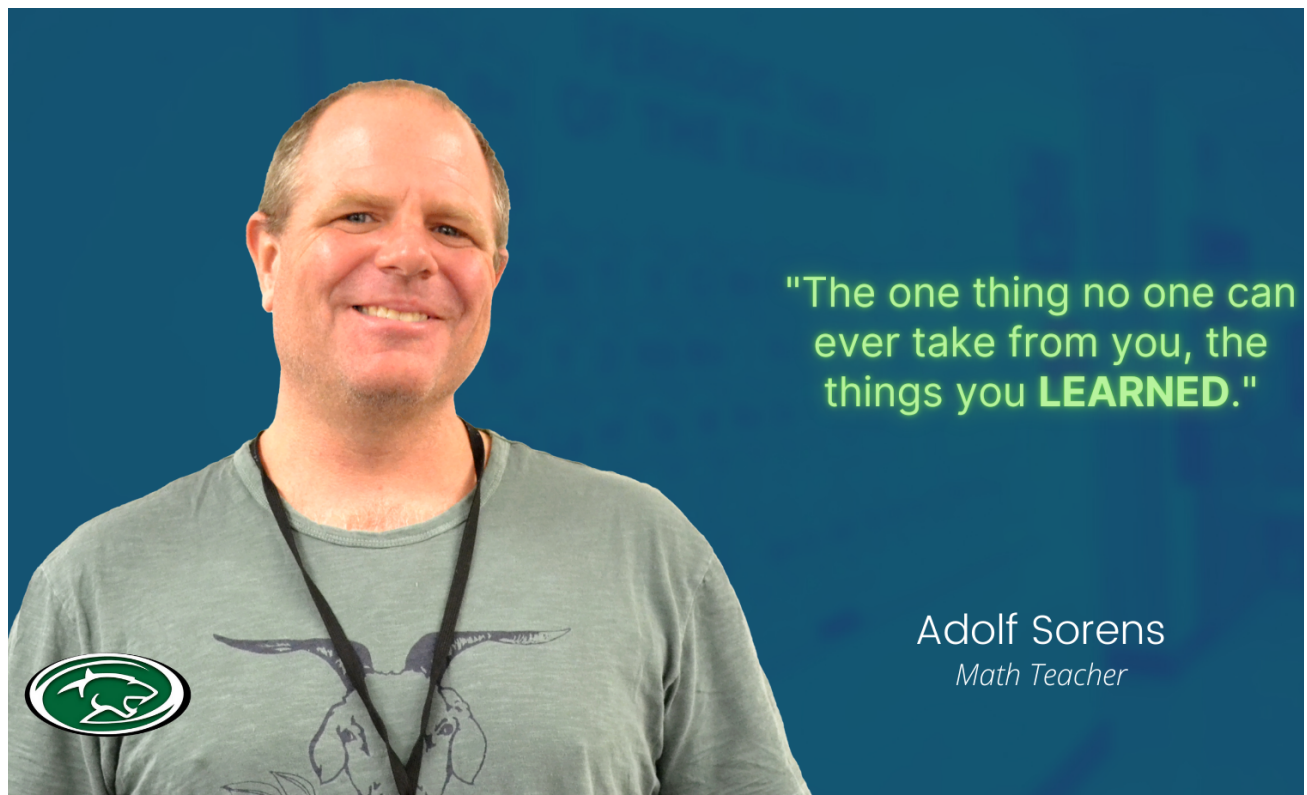
[2] Reported cases this week

[0] Students.

[2] Faculty and Staff

**This week marks the third consecutive incline in student/ staff COVID positive numbers. A report will be made to all staff at the upcoming faculty meeting.*

Featured Faculty! Mr. Adolf Sorens - Math Teacher.



Mr. Sorens was born and raised in South Bend and graduated from Clay High School in 1992. While in high school he kept himself busy with football, soccer, band, jazz band and orchestra. Mr. Sorens is married and has three daughters who play soccer at La Salle, which he has been coaching for five years. He attended Holy Cross majoring in English, but transferred to Purdue where he graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering, which as he stated made that decision to change majors in about an hour's notice.

Working many jobs in construction and the service industry, Mr. Sorens comes to us from an Engineer Firm where he was Project Representative for three years. With Covid changing the new normal for everyone, he felt it was time to move into the direction of something he always wanted to do, teach. Mr. Sorens hobbies include reading, riding a bike, sports, coaching, playing

soccer and cooking, he would like to consider himself a self taught BBQ Pitmaster. His favorite book is the Once and Future King which he says provides a large foundation for what he believes about education. His favorite movie is Sorry to Bother You, and his favorite food is pizza.

If there is one thing you wouldn't know about Mr. Sorens is that he knows how to be a bartender and considers himself a strong Tom Cruise look alike from the movie Cocktail. His message to students is that "The one thing no one can ever take from you, the things you learned." He considers Washington a place he wanted to be at so that he could be used to help students!

Welcome to the team Mr. Sorens! We are so excited to have you with us!

SBCSC "News to Know!" Month

Each month, the [South Bend Tribune](#) and Ivy Tech Community College will recognize one teacher as the Amazing Teacher of the Month and they will be featured in print and on our publication's website. The Teacher of the Month will be eligible to win a national \$5,000 monthly prize for themselves and \$5,000 for their school!

Whether you're a student who's learned from a great teacher, or a colleague, here's your chance to recognize an exemplary local teacher. Nominate an educator to be recognized as the Amazing Teacher of the Month and show them just how grateful you are for the work they put in.

Make your nominations now at southbendtribune.com/contests and share this email with your friends and colleagues. The more nominations made, the better the odds are at winning a national prize!

Upcoming & Important Dates!



- **Administrative Team Meeting- - Monday January 3rd @ 10:00 am [Library]**
- Faculty Meeting - - Tuesday Jan. 4th @ 7:40 AM
- GPS (Graduation Progress Support Team)- - Thursday Jan. 6 @ 1:45 pm [Library]
- MLK Day - - Monday Jan. 17- - NO School

News - Campus Reminders

Gym Floors & Classrooms:

The Auxiliary gym floors have been refinished. Please be reminded that there should be no food and or drinks permitted in this area. This is also a reminder that food and drinks (with the exception of water) should not be in classrooms. Winter months attract mice to the warm classrooms where food is considerably prevalent. Please remind students.

Reminder - ENL Courses at Holy Cross College

ENL Course Offerings:

Holy Cross College will be providing a 3-cu ENL course for certified teachers (certified prior to September, 2019) seeking EL Teacher-of-Record status. As a reminder, the IDOE is offering a special **Teacher-of-Record Pathway** through September of 2022 to assist schools in meeting the directive requiring accountability for English Learners.

In addition, Holy Cross College continues to offer the **ENL Certification Program for Professionals**. The Holy Cross College Certification Program is a 4-course, 14-cu program which can be completed in 2-3 semesters, depending on the start date (fall or spring). Attached is a document that provides information about both the stand-alone course and the full Certification Program.

Holy Cross is already enrolling for their Spring Semester. Also, the Holy Cross Education Program continues to expand with Transition-to-Teaching, BA-Completion, and Dual-Enrollment tracks.

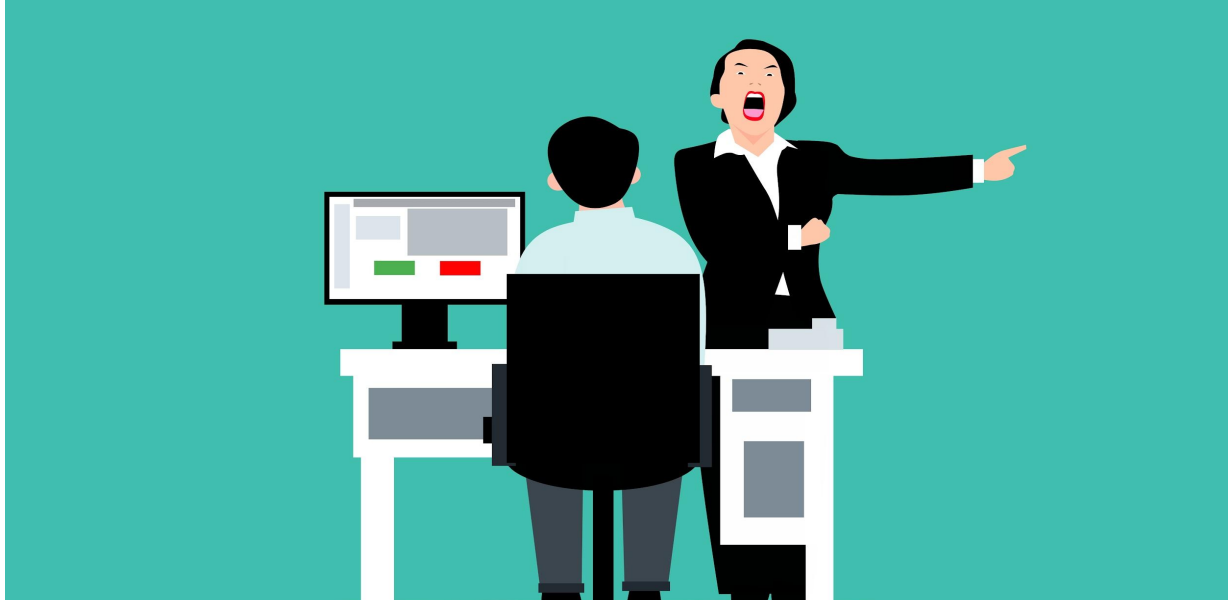
Please share this information regarding the courses with your staff as soon as possible so that they might have time to consider these options.

Please have interested certified teachers contact me at jcordovagurule@sbcsc.k12.in.us or Edoarda Perez, Literacy and PL Specialist at eperez@sbcsc.k12.in.us to sign up for this opportunity. Tuition, books, and the initial ENL Certification assessment is covered by us for both **Teacher of Record Pathway or the ENL Certification Pathway**.

If your building has a large enough group of teachers interested in taking the ENL Teacher of Record course, Holy Cross can bring the course to your building.

~ Julia Cordova Gurule Bilingual Services

Transfer Students to WHS



New and Transfer Students

As we begin our second semester WHS will have a number of new students on our campus. ALL students who transfer from another high school to Washington are required to meet with the principal with their parents. There is no exception to this WHS policy, however, some will attempt to enroll without conferencing. Regardless, several requests have been denied due to existing poor behaviors, credit deficiencies and or attendance issues. Should you have a new student to WHS in your class who is causing disruptions you are asked to forward them to student management immediately. We will verify their transfer and update you on their return status. We will work with all students who transfer to Washington, however, we will NOT tolerate disruptions to our campus. Please report your concerns immediately.

Athletic News this Week!!

CONGRATULATIONS

WHS “All Classic Team” Appointments!



Congratulations to Washington High Schools Boys Basketball student athletes, **Marcus Northern** and **Jawan Agnew** who were two of the top six players chosen for the All Classic Team. There were four teams in the Warsaw Lake City Classic- where six students were chosen. Two of the six students chosen were from Washington High School Boys BB Program!. Great job students and coaches!

Athletics and Activities this Week!

MONDAY: 1/3

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

Washington High School

Freshmen Boys Basketball

WHS-vs-John Glenn High School

6:00-8:00pm

Washington High School

TUESDAY: 1/4

Talent Search

10:18am & 1:47pm

LGI Room

Washington High School

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

Washington High School

Boy & Girls Swimming & Diving

6:00-8:00pm

WHS-vs-SB Riley High School

Washington High School

WEDNESDAY: 1/5

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

Washington High School

Varsity Boys Wrestling

7:00-9:00pm

WHS-vs-Saint Joseph High School

Washington High School

THURSDAY: 1/6

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Washington High School

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WHS-vs-Oregon Davis Jr-Sr. High School

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JV/Varsity Boys Basketball

6:00-9:30pm

WHS-vs-Bremen High School

Bremen High School

FRIDAY: 1/7

Varsity Girls Basketball

7:30-9:30pm

WHS-vs-New Prairie High School

New Prairie High School

SATURDAY: 1/8

Wrestling Tournament

Varsity Boys Wrestling

9:00-11:00am

South Bend Riley High School

Freshmen Boys Basketball

10:00am-12:00pm

WHS-vs-Plymouth High School

Plymouth High School

JV/Varsity Boys Basketball

11:30am-3:00pm

WHS-vs-Elkhart Christian Academy

Elkhart Christian Academy

HAVE A WONDERFUL "NEW YEAR" AT BEAUTIFUL WASHINGTON!

~ T. E. SIMS