

# Monday Morning Minutes



Washington HS Faculty Newsletter [Jan. 17, 2022]



Ever Onward! PRIDE of the West Side!

## Monday January 17, 2022

With two weeks remaining in January, this semester has flown by! During these last few weeks let's keep an eye on student attendance and engagement as we move through these not so sunny days. This week we will be addressing student attendance, which seems to be on a decline. Partially due to COVID related issues and partially due to conditions involving family issues. This week you will receive a spreadsheet where we will ask you to list your most chronic absent students. Once you have listed those students we

will take it from there. Please continue to do your part and reach out to those students who are not attending your class. Remember attendance should be taken hourly. Thank you for all you do to make our school a successful building.

## Staffing at Washington High School - 2022- 2023

### **\* Pre Staffing Notifications**

#### ***Departmental Meetings***

*Mr. Sims will meet with the department heads about the projected number of students anticipated for the upcoming year. This number will establish the total number of sections needed for each course. Certified teachers will have an opportunity to bid on open vacancies before they are posted.*

*\*Please meet with your department head if you are interested in a change in placement for the upcoming school year. More information on this process will be shared with you at a later date.*

*\* Final placement will be determined by the principal's office and suggested recommendation from your department chair.*

## **Coming Up:** Next eLearning Day- Friday February 18

### **GREAT JOB! eLearning Day, a Success!**

Great job on another successful eLearning day. There were no parent or student complaints following the January 14th eLearning day! SBCSC next eLearning date will be **Friday February 18**. Please mark your calendars.

**Reminders:** Please follow your eLearning procedures for our next asynchronous day

- All teachers are expected to have lessons for that day uploaded to their LMS

(Canvas/Google Classroom) by 8:30 am

- Per the 2021-2022 Asynchronous Guidelines assignments should be about

30 minutes in length, be in alignment with what is being covered in class,

and students will have 3 days to complete the assignment.

- New teachers please refer to the WHS e-Learning Checklist for guidance.

**ATTENTION PLEASE! WIDA Test TUESDAY - January. 18**

## WIDA Information from our Bilingual Specialist:

On Tuesday 1/18/22 we are going to be conducting the first two parts of the WIDA. We are testing listening and reading. We are going to be using five rooms on the 700 side of the building. The test will be during 2nd and 3rd period. I already went to each room to ensure there are enough seats for the students. I will coordinate with Mrs. Lee for the test materials. Here are the room assignments:

Jillian Connolly Room 713  
David Myers Room 717 A  
Cara Newman Room 719  
Joseph Hurt Room 721  
Darin Roodman Room 720

This is my first time conducting this test, so I anticipate the first day being a little rough, I apologize ahead of time, for anything that does not run smoothly. Please, let me know if you have any questions.

Very Respectfully,

Ed Marshall  
Bilingual Education Specialist  
Washington High School  
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## PD and PLC Schedules- This Week @ WHS.

### PD and PLC's

**Tuesdays PD, Jan. 18** will be an all building presentation on **Graduation Pathways** (Auditorium)

**Thursdays PD , Jan. 20** will be the faculty presentation from **TLT Overview** (Auditorium)

[+ WHS PD Calendar 2022](#) < See calendar for January and February dates

## NEW- - Positive COVID Cases Reported at WHS

Reported Dates- 1/08/22 - 1/14/22

[8] Student(s)

[2] Staff

[0] Close Contact.

[10] Total for the week of **Jan. 8 - Jan. 14, 2022**

*This information has been reported to SBCSC and the IDOH. You will be notified weekly on WHS's status of positive cases. Please encourage the proper wearing of masks at all times.*

## ACTION REQUIRED! IMPORTANT NEWS From SBCSC HR!

***“All employees are asked to submit proof of vaccination by February 1, 2022.”***

*SBCSC Employees,*

*Although opponents of the rule have appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court asking it to block the mandate, a decision isn't expected for at least a few weeks. Therefore, South Bend Schools must comply with the vaccination and testing mandate unless (and until) there is federal intervention.*

*Therefore, **we have no option but to begin collecting information about your vaccination status.** Of course implementation will only occur if a future stay is unsuccessful.*

***All employees are asked to submit proof of vaccination by February 1, 2022.** This can easily be done by uploading a pdf of your vaccination card via Employee Payroll Access ([link](#)). Note that booster shots may be required to be considered fully vaccinated if it's been more than six months since your last vaccination. So if you've already uploaded your vaccination card but it didn't include your booster shot, you will need to upload the updated card again.*

*If you are unvaccinated and choose to stay unvaccinated, please begin planning for the weekly required test. In the coming weeks, we will have more information about what proof of testing you will need to provide and how to do so. We are also looking into resources to support employee testing.*

*Vaccination is our best protection, and will eliminate the requirement of weekly testing. Working with the health department and other health care providers, we will continue to provide convenient, easy options for our employees and students to receive vaccinations.*

*Thank you for all you do for the students in South Bend!*

*~ Assistant Superintendent of Operations, SBCSC*

## NEW- - Vaccines and Boosters- Where to go.

### COVID-19 vaccine clinic at Madison STEAM Academy

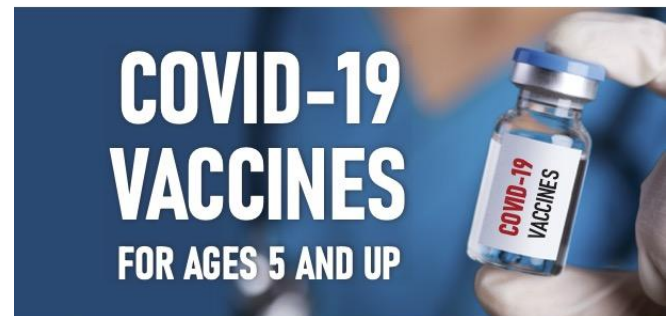
Help us get the word out about next week's vaccine and booster clinic at Madison STEAM Academy.

**Friday, February 18 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Pfizer pediatric and Comirnaty (Pfizer) are available while supplies last.

A parent/guardian must be present. Second date is for the second shot in the series and boosters only. No first doses will be administered at the February 18 clinic.

Fliers in English and Spanish [are here.](#)



**Friday, January 14**      **Friday, February 18**  
**12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST**    **12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST**

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**Madison STEAM Academy**  
(832 N. Lafayette Blvd., South Bend, IN 46601)

Pfizer pediatric and Comirnaty (Pfizer) are available while supplies last.  
A parent/guardian must be present.



This health center receives 33% funding and has Federal Public Health Service.  
FOHC does not collect or store your health information including medical information, for staff and its covered individuals.

**1-888-580-1060 | healthlincchc.org**

## GPS Monitors- Next Data meeting **January 27, 2022**

### This Week's with GPS!

- Meet with cohort, schedule benchmarks, mandate Ninth Hour, log all updated data on to spreadsheet
- Letters of non Compliance Thursdays: Letters will be in your mailboxes this week for those who are not reaching benchmarks and will meet with administration regarding BRIDGE placement.
- Next data team meeting : **Thursday January 27 , 9:45 AM**

## Featured Teacher! Mrs. Parker, Science Department



**Mrs. Parker** was raised in South Bend and graduated from Riley H.S. in 2012, where she lettered in Cross Country, Swimming and Track. She is married, no little ones yet and has one brother. She went to IU Bloomington, majoring in Secondary Education Biology, with a minor in Policy Studies. She was also very involved in Campus Ministries and graduated in 2016. Her first teaching job was in Elkhart where she also coached track and cross country before coming to Washington.

Mrs. Parker's hobbies include baking, gardening and running. Her favorite food is soup, favorite movie is "The Lord of the Rings", and her favorite book is C.S. Lewis "Till We Have Faces."

An interesting fact about Mrs. Parker is that once drove with a few friends to Alaska, and the drive back they drove 60 hours straight. If there is one thing you wouldn't know about Mrs. Parker it's that she grew up (lived) and Camp Raybird where her parents worked.

Her teaching philosophy is that *"Science is all about wonder, not taking things for granted, and looking at the world in wonder."* She says she really wants the students to understand that the human body is an amazing thing and very complex.

Welcome to Washington, we are so glad you are with us!

## REMINDERS- - For New Students to Washington High School

- WHS is receiving several students from Career Academy, Mishawaka High School, St. Joseph and SBCSC High Schools. A significant percentage of these transfers are credit deficient and have had challenges with behavior and attendance. It is our responsibility to educate these students to the best of our ability, however, not at the expense of our current student's safety or the current climate of our campus. Should you have difficulties with new or transferred students you are to immediately:
- Refer those students to Student Management
- Contact the parent or guardian
- Document behavior in Powerschool
- Contact Mr. Chambliss and Dean Varga if concerns continue to occur





## CONGRATULATIONS Panthers!!



Shoutouts to our Washington High School Panthers!

Congratulations Washington's Boys Basketball team for your win last week!

## Washington High vs. Adams High School 73 to 70!

Congratulations to our Lady Panthers (featured last week as well!) for their phenomenal win this weekend. We are so proud of our WHS Student Athletes

## Gentle Reminders - For Faculty and Staff

- No backpacks in class
- No coats, jackets or blankets in class
- No phones in class
- Call for student escorts out of class
- Take attendance every hour
- Enter you disciple and parent contacts into PowerSchool
- If you see something, say something!

*Thanks for your part in making WHS a safe and secure campus.*

## Travel to Peru, Washington Students!!

### See the World!

WHS is invited to travel to Peru!



Travel  
with us to  
PERU!

**Travel Abroad  
Summer 2023**

Open to all 8th - 12th Grade Students  
(Space is extremely limited)



Want to travel the globe and see new places? This is the opportunity for students! Open to grades 8-12. Encourage your students TODAY! An information parent meeting is scheduled for [Jan 19, 2022](#) at 6:00 pm Francis Branch Library. Students can earn service hours and even obtain elective credits. RSVP today as space is limited.

## Athletics and Activities this Week!

### **MONDAY; 1/17**

**MLK DAY - ALL SCHOOLS/ADMIN BUILDING CLOSED**

### **TUESDAY: 1/18**

Talent Search

10:18am & 1:45pm

WHS LGI Room

Washington High School

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45pm - 5:45pm

Washington High School

### **WEDNESDAY: 1/19**

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45pm - 5:45pm

Washington High School

WHS Pool Diving

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Washington High School

WHS Wrestling Senior Night

6:30pm -9:00pm

WHS -vs-Clay High School

Washington High School Main Gymnasium

### **THURSDAY: 1/20**

Talent Search

10:18am & 1:45pm

WHS LGI Room

Washington High School

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45pm -5:45pm

Washington High School

Boys Swimming and Diving

5:30pm -8:00pm

WHS -vs- Adams High School

Adams High School

JV/V Boys Basketball  
6:00pm -9:30pm  
WHS -vs- Jintown High School  
Jintown High School

**FRIDAY: 1/21**

Varsity Girls Basketball  
7:30pm - 9:30pm  
WHS -vs-Jintown High School  
Jintown High School

**SATURDAY: 1/22**

Boys Swimming & Diving  
SBCSC City Meet  
9:00am -11:00am  
South Bend Riley High School

HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AT BEAUTIFUL WASHINGTON!

~ T. E. SIMS