

# Monday Morning

## Minutes



Washington High School Newsletter [Feb. 7, 2022]



### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

#### Monday February 7, 2022

Washington High School is excited to celebrate Black History Month with our students, faculty and Community. Join us at this year's BHM Student Musume where we will host community artifacts for display, student posters and readings by visiting guests. During this month we will also be hosting a BHM Film Festival, open to WHS students and the much anticipated return of our Washington Grill featuring cultural BHM cuisines. All activities will begin on the 17th of February and run through the 4th of

March. Look for the postings and announcements for these and other activities as we celebrate Black History Month at Washington High School.

## IHSAA Girls Basketball Sectionals CHAMPIONS!

### IHSAA Girls Basketball Champions Two Years in a Row!!



Congratulations to Washington High School's Lady Panthers for winning the IHSAA Sectionals for two consecutive years! Next stop, Regionals, as our Lady Panthers compete at the next level on Saturday February 12, 2022 Jimtown. Tickets are limited so get your tickets now and come support the amazing Washington Lady Panthers!

**ISTEP TESTING:** Seniors Only will test.

Test dates: Tues. and Wed. **February 8-9, ELA**

Test Dates: Thurs. and Fri. **February 10-11, Math**

## Senior Caps and Gowns:

Your NEW Graduation Cap and Gown Color will be GREEN!



## **IMPORTANT NEWS:** GPS Monitors Biweekly Meeting and 9th Hour

### **GPS Monitors Meeting (Seniors)**

Seniors, please be reminded that you will be meeting with your graduation monitor this week. Those students who were given "Benchmarks" during their previous meeting are asked to bring their information to this meeting.

### **9th Hour (Seniors)**

Reminder: 9th Hour begins after school at 3:45 pm in the library and will run until 5:45 pm. Those students who are required to attend must sign in with Mrs. Lee so that you are given credit for your attendance.

## **\*NEW NEWS:** PD and PLC Schedules- 2ND Semester .

### **PD and PLC's**

**Tuesdays PD, Feb. 8-** - will be a Whole Staff mtg. **City Connects** (Auditorium)

**Thursdays PLC, Feb. 3** will be the Whole Staff mtg. **BRIDGE and GPS**

***\*Please make certain to follow the TWR training dates for your departments. These meetings are highlighted in blue on the attached calendar.***

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

## **NEW-** - Positive COVID Cases Reported at WHS

Positive Reported Cases -WHS

Week of January 31 - February 4 (elearning occurred on 2/2, 2/3, 2/4)

[2] Students

[0] Staff

[0] Close Contact

**[2] Total Cases Reported this week.**

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

## **NEW-** - Club Sponsor Meeting

All club sponsors will meet this week to discuss 2nd semester meeting dates and EOY activities. Please mark your calendars for our:

Mandatory Club Sponsor Meeting,  
Wednesday February 8 at 3:45 pm Library. Thank you for your punctuality.

The GRILL Returns with "CHICKEN -N- GREENS!"



**Washington's Capital Grill reopens for a limited time in celebration of Black History Month featuring Soul Food Cuisine. The Grill will open its shutters on Thursday February 17th during all four lunch periods. The "Chicken -N-Greens" tour will include southern fried chicken and two traditional Soul Food sides. Tickets go on sale next week and are limited. Don't miss out on this Soul Food celebration!**

Sponsored by: WHS Clubs and the WHS Senate.

## FINAL NOTICE From SBCSC HR!

***“All SBCSC employees are asked to submit proof of vaccination ”***

*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 WERE 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

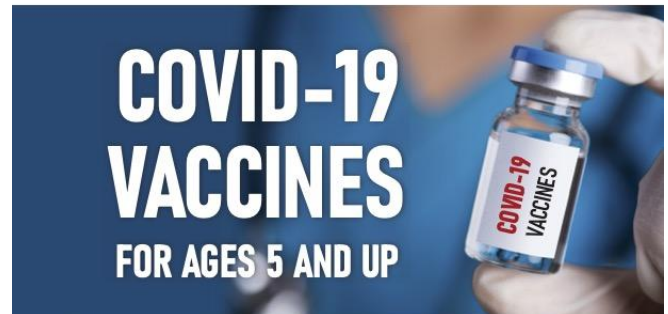
Help us get the word out about next week's vaccine and booster clinic at Madison STEAM Academy.

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**

Second date is for second shot in the series and boosters only. No first doses.

#### **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 EHR funding and has Federal Public Health Service (PHS) funding under an approved contract with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and its various sub-agencies.

**1-888-580-1060 | [healthlincchc.org](http://healthlincchc.org)**

## NEW- - Nominate A Teacher TODAY!

### Amazing Teacher of the Month competition

Each month, the [South Bend Tribune](#) and [Ivy Tech Community College](#) will recognize one teacher as the Amazing Teacher of the Month. Winners will be featured in print and online.

Teachers are eligible to win a national \$5,000 monthly prize for themselves and \$5,000 for their school!

Make your nominations now at [southbendtribune.com/contests](http://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!

NEW - -

Students in the NEWS!!



**Congratulations Washington HS Lady Panthers! IHSAA Sectional Champions**



## Featured Teacher! Mr. Adrian Swanson- Health & P.E.



**Mr. Swanson** was born and raised in South Bend Indiana, he attended John Adams and graduated in 1997. He was a three sport athlete. Track and field, Basketball, and Football and was part of the newspaper club throughout his high school career, He was also a participant in the school's Latin club, and Theater Club. Even though he was a three sport athlete the sport he loved mostly was track and field. Mr. Swanson was a state competitor every year of high school and eventually worked his way up to being the state champ in the 300 hurdles. He was a member of a R&B singing group called Xpression, which released multiple songs and opened up for some big names back in the early 90's. Good times!!

Swanson later attended Indiana State University where I studied Commercial art and Computer Graphics, with a minor in African American History. *"While at college, I was also a part of an improv group and was casted in multiple shows throughout my time on campus. I never made it to the big screen but I still hope that one day it could happen."*

There he also competed in NCAA track and field Nationals and in the USA Track and Field Nationals as a collegiate athlete. He was ranked in the top 15 in the US for more than three years in a row. He ran professionally after college for 7 years before I started a family and my own graphic design business in Houston Texas.

**Mr. Swanson** has two beautiful children both girls La'Nya and Adriana. Whom have both competed against the best USA has to offer in Track and Field. Has been Married for 15 years to his amazing wife Latoya. Who was also an amazing runner in college and was also a state champion in high school. And what most people don't know about him is he has 11 siblings total 12 including myself.

My hobbies include Drawing, Making music, and designing clothes.

My favorite movie is: ShawShank Redemption

Food: Rice

TV Show: No favorite show I just love HORROR and SCI FI

Favorite Book: Oliver Twist

Something Interesting:

I know how to do womens hair, style and braid it. I learned how to use a sewing machine at a very early age . I also have owned multiple businesses. One of which is a bowtie company that tailored custom ties.

One Thing I hate is ANTS!

His message to all students: "Never say you can't"

Glad to have you with us, Mr. Swanson! Ever Onward!

## Project Excel Recognition

Special thanks to all of our Project Excel students who had a terrific second quarter maintaining a 2.5 GPA, 95% attendance, and no disciplinary action for the entire second quarter!

WHS Faculty encourages ALL students to maintain good academics, attendance, and self-discipline. WHS Faculty encourages ALL students to qualify for their Project Excel special treats throughout the school year. Remember, Panthers always be your best and value education!

**During your lunch period, qualifying students who will be eligible to claim their Project Excel treat this Friday, February 11, 2022.**

Please check the Project Excel list posted in the cafeteria to confirm if you have met all requirements to claim your treat! Please see Mr. Chambliss if you have any questions.

Ever Onwards

*~ Trent Chambliss M.S.Ed.  
Assistant Principal*

**Student Reminders:** Coats vs Jackets (Coats are not permitted in classrooms. This is a security policy for everyone's safety)

Jacket



Coat



Coat



Coat



Jacket/ Hoodie



Jacket/ Hoodie

## Upcoming & Important Dates

- **Club Sponsor Meeting:** Wednesday February 8, at 3:45 pm [Library]  
All club sponsors please plan to meet on this day to discuss this semester's club dates and end of the year activities. **This is a required meeting for all stipend sponsors.**

## Holiday and Break Reminders:

- **President's Day** - Monday, February 21, 2022
- **Good Friday** -Friday, April 15, 2022
- **Spring Break** - Monday April 4- April 8
- **Memorial Day** -Monday, May 30, 2022
- **Juneteenth** (observed) -Monday, June 20, 2022
- **Independence Day** - Monday, July 4, 2022
- **Labor Day** - Monday, September 5, 2022
- **Thanksgiving** - Thursday, November 24, 2022
- **Day After Thanksgiving** - Friday, November 25, 2022
- **Christmas Eve** (observed) - Friday, December 23, 2022
- **Christmas Day** (observed) - Monday, December 26, 2022
- **New Year's Eve** (observed) - Friday, December 30, 2022



## News - Black History Month Campus Museum

Washington High School BHM Museum opens on Wednesday Feb. 16. Join us for a journey through Black Heritage, Culture and History. Watch your emails for room location and visiting hours.

## Gentle Reminders - For Faculty and Staff

- No backpacks in class
- No coats, jackets or blankets in class
- No phones in class
- Call for escorts when sending students 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.*

## Student News!! Town Halls

# Town Hall Meetings!

WHS Town halls this Week, Grades 9-11!



### RESCHEDULED :

Please plan to join us for this month's Town Hall Meetings. We will plan to meet with all **9, 10 and 11 grade students on Wednesday and/or Thursday of next week (tentatively)**. This will be an AM schedule during 1st, 2nd or 3rd period classes. Announcements will be made prior to the release of students from their classrooms.

## Athletics and Activities this Week!

### **MONDAY: 2/7**

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

Washington High School Library

No Activities/Sports Schedule

### **TUESDAY: 2/8**

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

Washington High School Library

No Activities/Sports Schedule

### **WEDNESDAY: 2/9**

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

Washington High School Library

Girls/Boys Swim Meet

6:00-8:00pm

WHS-vs-St. Joseph High School

Washington High School

### **THURSDAY: 2/10**

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

Washington High School Library

No Activities/Sports Schedule

### **FRIDAY: 2/11**

JV/V Boys Basketball

6:00-9:30pm

WHS-vs-Penn High School

Washington High School



**SATURDAY: 2/12**

Varsity Girls Basketball Regionals

Varsity Boys Wrestling Semi-State

HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AT BEAUTIFUL WASHINGTON!

~ T. E. SIMS