

# Monday Morning Minutes

Washington High School Newsletter [Feb. 14, 2022]



## GBB Team Heads to INDIANAPOLIS!

Monday February 22, 2022

# IHSAA Semi State Champions!

Congratulations to Washington High School's Lady Panthers for their second consecutive win at this year's Semi State competition. Join us this week as we recognize the amazing accomplishments of our

Girl's Basketball Program as they head to State. Check your emails for this week's celebration of our IHSAA Semi State Champions!

## WHS PEP RALLY!

Sending our Lady Panthers Off in Style!



Washington High School's  
Lady Panther GBB Pep Rally  
Friday Feb. 25, 2022 7th Period (3:00 pm)  
Main Gym

WHS Campus Parade!

Sending our Lady Panthers Off in Style!



Washington High School's  
**Lady Panther GBB Parade**  
Friday Feb. 25, 2022 5th Period  
Campus Halls

**NEW-** - BHM Film Festival “The Green Book” Thursday February 24



Washington High School Celebrates Black History Month

**Film Festival “The Green Book”**

Thursday Feb. 24, 2022 6th & 7th Period

Auditorium

Free to all Project Excell Students & \$2.00 for all other students

Popcorn, candy and Pop sold at door



Washington's Grill presents:

## "CHICKEN -N- GREENS" Tour!

Thursday February 24th All Four Lunches. Buy your tickets TODAY!



**Washington's Capital Grill returns for a limited time in celebration of Black History Month featuring Soul Food Cuisine. The Grill will open its shutters on**

**Thursday February 24th** 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. \$6 for the meal. Grape soda and Cake sold separately. Don’t miss out on this Soul Food celebration!

Sponsored by: WHS Clubs and the WHS Senate - Tickets sold in cafe Tues - Thurs.

## **NEW- -Guidance Office SAT Testing at Washington HS. Preparing for the upcoming Test:**

### **Preparing for the Upcoming SAT: Faculty Information.**

School Day SAT will be Wednesday, March 2nd. **The following is pertinent information for that day:**

- Only juniors will attend in person on March 2nd
- All other students (grades 9,10,12) will participate in asynchronous e-learning
- **All CTE** students will report to their home school on the morning of March 2nd instead of their CTE program. Due to the length of the test, CTE students will not attend any afternoon CTE programs on test day. Central Office staff will work with transportation to arrange any needed changes.
- **This is a digital test**, therefore, student devices will need to be ready and charged and any extra Chromebooks will be ready to distribute if needed
- **The test is 3 hours and 45 minutes**
- We are required to have 95% participation as this is a state mandate
- **Preadministration** will be done in English 11 classes prior to the actual test day
- Students will test, go to lunch and then return to the same classroom they tested in for the remainder of the day
- All students will go to C lunch which begins at 12:30
- Afternoon coverage begins at 1 pm
- Staff have been assigned as Proctors, Room Monitors, Hall Monitors and Afternoon relief (see attached spreadsheet)

- **The entire staff must complete the training** no later than Wednesday, February 23rd (links included)...You will train to be a proctors, hall and room monitors regardless of your assignment
- **All staff will need to create a College Board Professional Account** in order to complete the required proctor training...you have to create the account as the user as I cannot create it for you
- Some teachers may already have an account (AP teachers, SAT administrators, etc.)
- After completion of the proctor, hall and room monitor training, please upload the proctor training certificate ( if you need assistance, please contact Mrs. Kasznia) and complete the google form (attached)
- When logging in or creating an account on College Board you will need the following 📁 school code 153280 and test date 03/02/2022
- More information to follow as the test date moves closer

~ *Director of Guidance, Mrs. A . Lee*

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

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

**Tuesdays PD, Feb. 22-** - will be a Whole Staff mtg. **Phase 2. Determining Evidence** (Department Mtg.)

**Thursdays PLC, Feb. 24** will be the Whole Staff mtg. **SAT Training**

***\*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 February through May dates for SY 2022-23

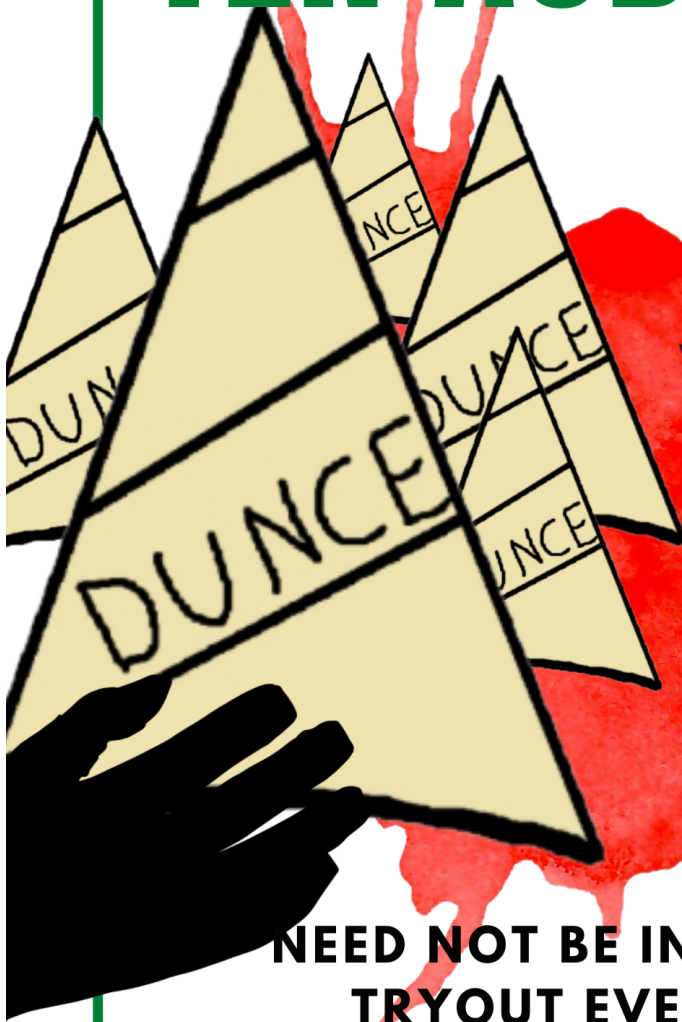
## **CLUB NEWS:** Open Auditions "Murder by Ten Auditions"

Audition this week for the up and coming WHS Campus play.

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS



# MURDER BY TEN AUDITIONS



**WEDNESDAY/  
THURSDAY  
FEB 23 & 24**

**TIME:  
3:45 PM-5:45 PM**

**LOCATION:  
ROOM 701**

**NEED NOT BE IN DRAMA CLUB TO  
TRYOUT EVERYONE WELCOME**



## **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- - UPDATED COVID Cases Reporting for SBCSC**

*From:*

*Mike Nicholas*

*Assistant Superintendent of Operations- SBCSC*

*Yesterday, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) released updated COVID-19 quarantine guidance for schools that become effective on Wednesday, February 23.*

*We have included a few of the highlights from this update in the following statements:*

- *Schools will no longer be required to conduct contact tracing or report positive cases to IDOH.*
- *Schools no longer will need to quarantine students and staff who are exposed to a positive COVID-19 case, regardless of vaccination status or whether the school requires masks.*
- *Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate for five days and may return on day six if they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication as long as symptoms are improving, according to [guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). Individuals should wear a mask through day 10 whenever they are around others inside their homes or in public.*

*As a result of these changes, South Bend Schools will no longer identify close contacts and will not quarantine students or staff who are exposed to a positive COVID-19 case, regardless of vaccination status.*

*We still require students and staff who become positive to notify their school or the benefits department, as our district is expected to assist local health departments with notification in the event of an outbreak or cluster.*

*Additionally, the current mask mandate in our schools will continue under further notice. Please note that masks are still required on school buses, as this is a federal requirement established by the Department of Transportation.*

*According to the Centers for Disease Control, [COVID-19 vaccines](#) have been studied by experts and are safe, effective, and highly successful in preventing severe illness and death.*

- *The Pfizer vaccine is approved and available for anyone age 5 and older. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccines are approved and available for anyone age 18 and older.*
- *[OurShot.IN.gov](#) has more information and can help you find a vaccination site near you.*

*We will continue to communicate with our school community when we receive additional information or guidance from state or local health departments. Your cooperation and teamwork in keeping students and staff safe have been recognized and appreciated during this unprecedented time.*

## **NEW- - COVID Vaccine Percentages for Washington**

The COVID-19 vaccination percentage we have for Washington High School - **it's 33.86%, compared to 37% overall in the corporation.**

This is the percentage of employees working in your building who have received the vaccine and uploaded a copy of their card to PowerSchool.

We are confident more people have received the vaccine but have not yet uploaded a copy of their card.

Having accurate information is helpful as we prepare for policy changes related to masks and social distance.

While vaccination is not required (nor are people required to submit proof) we encourage you to remind those who have been vaccinated to upload a copy of their card, and assure them of the confidentiality of this information.

To upload your vaccination status/card, please go to available forms, add as an e-form for yourself and then upload your vaccination card.

<https://sb.tedk12.com/records/RequestInstantDocument/InstantDocumentTypes>

~ Kayla Melander  
Human Resource Administrative Assistant/Secretary

## Community News: Washington HS Baseball Team Gives Back!



The Panthers Baseball Team collected 1,625 shoes. Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors. Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations. They are typically operated by one person or family or friends. Congratulations Coach Hammond and the entire 2022 Baseball Team!!

A big Thank You also goes to:

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

Harrison Elementary

Wilson Elementary School

Warren Elementary School

Brown Community Center

Planet Fitness (Western Ave.)

Nuner Fine Arts

Dickinson Fine Arts

Marquette Montessori

Apple Tree Learning Center

Thanks to the several individual people in the community for supporting WHS Baseball.

~Head Coach Hammond, Boys Baseball Program

## Social Studies Dept Celebrates BHM- - ESCAPE ROOM Challenge!

### Creative, Engaging and fun!

Students participated in an escape room in Mr. Balasa's social studies classes to honor African American History Month. Students had puzzles related to prominent figures in African American History. The first group to solve all the puzzles won a sweet surprise!

Timothy Balasa

Soc. Studies Dept. Washington High School



**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](https://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!



Athletics at WHS - - Congratulations Boys Basketball Team



Congratulations to Washington High Schools Boys Basketball team who beat the #1 team in the state of Indiana. Outstanding job!

## Featured Teacher! Mr. Joe Hurt, Math Department



**Mr. Hurt** was born and raised in Niles Michigan. He graduated from Brandywine High School in 2000 and was a member of the band. He then went on to college at Bethel and graduated in 2004 with a degree in Elementary Education. Mr. Hurt is married and has one child, two dogs and a chinchilla.

Mr. Hurt always knew he wanted to be a teacher, and 1st Grade was his dream spot. After graduation he was unable to secure a teaching position at that level, so he took a middle school teaching position at Brown Intermediate Center where he coached and was the school's Athletic Coordinator before it's closing. While there, Mr. Hurt realized he loved teaching older kids. This is Mr. Hurt's first year teaching High School, but his 17th year of teaching overall.

Mr. Hurt says although he doesn't get out enough, his favorite hobbies are camping, hiking, kayaking and swimming. His favorite movie is "The Sandlot" but a close second are the Marvel Movies. His favorite food is Tacos and Pizza, Tacos over pizza if it comes down to it and his favorite book is "The Oath" by Frank Peretti.



If there is one thing you wouldn't know about Mr. Hurt it is he doesn't like eating fruit. And one thing interesting about him is that he worked as a UPS Driver while in college.

Mr. Hurts' message to students is that "Everything takes effort." You will be surprised what you can accomplish in life if you just show up and try. The effort you bring speaks to the person you are becoming.

Ever Onward Mr. Hurt, we're so glad to have you with us!

## Girl's Basketball goes to INDIANAPOLIS!



## IHSAA State Finals -- Saturday, February 26, 2022

6:00 pm ET: Class 3A | Silver Creek Dragons (V) [25-2] vs. South Bend Washington Panthers (H) [25-3]

## Upcoming & Important Dates

### Holiday and Break Reminders:

- **President's Day** - Monday, February 21, 2022
- **Spring Break** - Monday April 4- April 8
- **Good Friday** -Friday, April 15, 2022
- **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 has been CANCELED . Join us next year for a journey through Black Heritage, Culture and History.



## Athletics and Activities this Week!

### **MONDAY: 2/21**

President Day - NO SCHOOL

### **TUESDAY: 2/22**

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

WHS Library

NO ACTIVITIES/SPORTS SCHEDULE

### **WEDNESDAY: 2/23**

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

WHS Library



NO ACTIVITIES/SPORTS SCHEDULE

**THURSDAY: 2/24**

21st Century After School Tutoring

3:45-5:45pm

WHS Library

JV/V Boys Basketball

6:00-9:30pm

WHS-vs-LaPorte High School

Washington High School Main Gymnasium

**FRIDAY: 2/25**

No Activities/Sports Schedule

**SATURDAY: 2/26**

Varsity Girls Basketball @ State

FRIDAY: 2/25

*HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY AT BEAUTIFUL WASHINGTON!*

*~ T. E. SIMS*