# Monday Morning Minutes

#### Washington High School Newsletter [March 21, 2022]



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Monday March 21, 2022

## . Next Steps for Washington

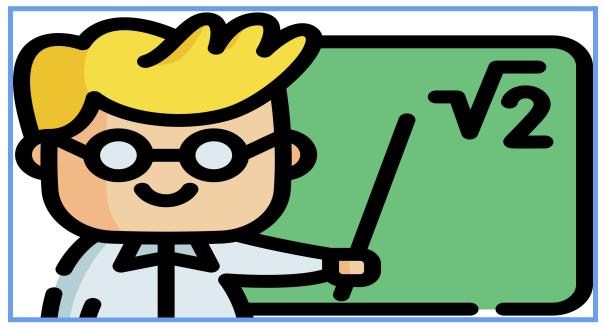
Washington High School will hold a faculty meeting to discuss end of our year and upcoming 2023 objectives for our campus. I will be meeting with the department heads

this week and will follow up with faculty and staff. Please keep an eye on your emails for these meeting dates.

Most importantly, I would like to thank each of you for your support at last week's faculty meeting. It was very much appreciated.

#### Parent Teacher Conferences March 24 @ 5:30 PM

## Join us this Thursday Afternoon!



## **Reminders:** Parent Teacher Conferences March 24:

Washington High School will hold its Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday March

#### 24 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm

- Please communicate to your students and parents, in advance, the method you will be using to connect, in person, by phone or virtually.
- Sign up sheets for scheduling conferences with parents for specific times will be important.
- PLEASE DO NOT discuss individual student information in group chats or with multiple parents during your individual conferences.
- Please be reminded to log all conferences with parents including in-person, phone calls or virtual conferences. See log sheet from Mrs. K. Schrieber

- Department heads, please tabulate your total contacts and email them to Mr. Sims no later than Tuesday, March 29 by 12:00 noon.
- Please contact Mr. Sims or an administrator should you have a need for someone to join you with a complicated parent.

#### NEW- Friday's Bell Schedule Delay. Thank you for your Cooperation!



**On Friday morning** a few students arrived at WHS which were suspected of being under the influence. As a result, those "late" students were assessed and the lockers of those students were searched- which resulted in the discovery of a BB gun. The delay to our release bell was due to our searching additional students' lockers.

**Thank you** to each of you for your cooperation during that procedure. The safety and security of our student body and staff is our top priority. Any student(s) bringing items considered dangerous or resembling an item considered dangerous are immediately taken into police custody and are expelled.

#### NEW- - From Central Office: Ed Climate Survey Test:

Please complete the attached survey from SBCSC's Stephanie Bridges:

#### Ed Climate Survey Staff Letter

Stephanie M. Bridges, MSW Director, African American Student & Parent Services

#### **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. Incentive cards have arrived. Monitors, please see Mr. Sims for these items.

#### 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: NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEK!

Tuesdays PD, Mar. 22- - there will be no meetings this week Thursdays PLC, Mar. 24- - there will be no meetings this week

\*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

#### **NEW--** Krispy Kreme Donut Senior Fundraiser. On sale now!



Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

- Donuts are being pre-sold today through March 24. See a senior class representative for purchases.
- \$11.50 per dozen (donuts).

Donuts will be delivered on Tuesday March 29. AllProceeds go to the senior class for EOY activities. See Mr. William Cramer, Senior class sponsor for details

#### **NEW- - NEXT eLearning Date - APRIL 1**

Your next eLearning date will be April 1, 2022. Please plan accordingly as spring break follows on Monday April 4, 2022

### Friday April 1 - - eLearning Day!

Great job so far on our eLearning days. SBCSC next eLeaning date will be **Friday April 1.** 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.

#### NEW- - Report Card Distribution-

## Washington High School Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on March 18, 2022. Students or parents who do not receive your students current scores at Parent Teacher Conf. can contact Student Management at 574-393-5500 for assistance.



#### NEW- - WHS Classroom Walkthroughs -SBCSC

**Walk Throughs-** Mr. Edwards, Washington's DSL, will be conducting walkthroughs of WHS classrooms this week and next. I intend to accompany him during these visits. This is not evaluative, however, please be prepared for a short 3-5 minute visit. You will receive feedback (electronically) prior to our leaving your classroom.

#### NEW- - Dodgeball Tournament! Coming to Washington!



## NHS Annual Dodgeball Tournament

Those wishing to compete in this year's tournament should see Mrs. Kelly Johnson. There will be a brief meeting for those who wish to register teams. Watch your emails for times and dates. Tickets go on sale soon!

#### Evaluations - - Certified and Non Certified Teacher Evaluations

Non certified staff have their annual evaluations completed, please refer to your SFS. Certified staff under Mr. Sims will be rescheduled shortly. Please look for the updated schedule next week. My apologies for the delay.

#### New - - In Building Staffing & Postings- SBCSC HR

At this time, all open positions are posted on the school corporation's website. The posting/interview period will take place from Monday, March 14th through Wednesday, March 23th. New positions will be posted throughout this timeframe as they become available. **Candidates should check the website daily for updates.** 

All candidates that are awarded a position will be notified at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 24th. Candidates will then have 24 hours to respond with a confirmation of acceptance or rejection of the position. If a candidate has multiple offers, they will still only have 24 hours to make their decision. Once a position is accepted, it **cannot be retracted** for a different position. All accepted or rejected decisions must be completed on the position offer form that the principal will be emailing that morning. No positions will be offered earlier than 9:00 a.m. Thursday, March 24.

Teachers who are displaced and are not awarded a position, will be placed in the displacement pool. The tentative displacement pool draft date is Wednesday, April 13th. Final confirmation will be communicated directly to those in the displacement pool once the list is finalized.

#### Featured Faculty! Mr. Lawrence Hammond



**Mr. Hammond** was born in Christiana, Delaware and was raised in Middletown, Delaware. He graduated from Middletown High School in 1998 where he played football, basketball and baseball. He attended Jr. College at Cecil Community College majoring in psychology before transferring to Historical Black College the University of Delaware where he graduated in 2004 with a Bachelors in Psychology. He is currently attending IUSB for his Masters and Certification in Special Education. After College, Mr. Hammond spent many years in the mental health field and did some non-profit work. He is married and has six children; he has one brother and one sister.

Mr. Hammonds hobbies include coaching baseball, which was his main sport in high school and college, BBQing, and spending time with kids. His favorite movie is the Five Heartbeats. His favorite food is anything on a grill, favorite T.V. show - Martin, and his favorite book is Think Like A Warrior - 5 Inner Beliefs That Make You Unstoppable.

Something interesting about Mr. Hammond is that he spent almost fifteen years in the Mental Health Field which he said allowed him to empathize with individuals but also hold them accountable for their words and actions. If there is one thing you wouldn't know about Mr. Hammond it is how thoughtful he is when it comes to others.

His message to students is "You are not as bad as you think you are, You are not as good as people say you are." Mr. Hammond says looking back at his youth and the way he thought about himself and where he is today, combined with the work he did in mental health, gives him a wider perspective on the students we work with.

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



#### WHS Students in the News!



Washington High School's Mila Reynolds (far left) was named a member of the <u>2022 Indiana All-Star</u> <u>Girls Basketball Team</u>, which should come as no surprise. She and her home team were recognized by the South Bend Common Council and the State Legislature of Indiana for winning the state championship and for their accomplishments in the classroom and the community. This team is unstoppable, and we are proud of their work. Congratulations Mila!

#### WHS In the SpotLight.- AMAZING!!

Click below to see Washington High School's GBB YouTube feature

https://youtu.be/V1Ms5GQekTU

#### Upcoming & Important Dates

## Holiday and Break Reminders:

- 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

#### Gentle Reminders - For Faculty and Staff

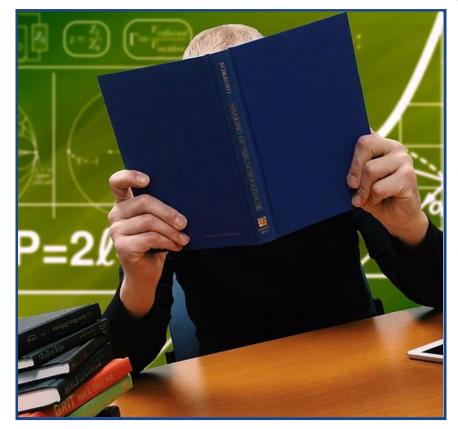
- No backpacks in class (ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS)
- No coats, jackets or blankets in class
- No phones in class
- Call for escorts when sending students out of class
- Review your NO PASS list weekly for updates
- Take attendance every hour
- Enter you disciple and parent contacts into PowerSchool
- If you see something, say something!

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

#### Student News!! Student Senate Advisory Board

## **Student Senate Meeting!**

WHS Principal's Meeting: Think Tank





Please plan to meet with Mr. Sims on Thursday March 24th at 10:30 am. In the Principal's Conference Room

Attending should be those who have met regularly with Mr. Sims last month in the preparations of our Campus Projects. Please bring your charged devices. Thank you..

#### Athletics and Activities this Week!

MONDAY: 3/21 21st Century After School Tutoring 3:45 - 5:45pm WHS Library

**No Sports Scheduled** 

TUESDAY: 3/22 GBB Picture Retake 10:00 -11:00am WHS Main Gymnasium

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**No Sports Scheduled** 

WEDNESDAY: 3/23 21st Century After School Tutoring 3:45 - 5:45pm WHS Library

WHS Winter Sports Awards Program 6:00 - 7:00pm WHS Auditorium

THURSDAY: 3/24 ASVAB Testing 9:00am - 12:30pm Main Gymnasium

21st Century After School Tutoring 3:45 - 5:45pm WHS Library

Parent - Teacher Conference 5:00 - 6:00pm Washington High School

FRIDAY: 3/25

No Activities/Sports Scheduled

SATURDAY: 3/26 No Activities/Sports Scheduled

HAVE A WONDETZFUL DAY AT BEAUTIFUL WASHINGTON!