

Excelsior High School Newsletter



WASHUGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Welcome Back to School!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2010-2011 school year at Excelsior High School.

We hope that you enjoyed your summer and had an opportunity to relax and spend time with family and friends.

We were pleased to see so many returning students, as well as new students joining us this school year. In fact, we met our enrollment goal of 60 students and started a waitlist for new

students.

We are proud of our many accomplishments last year including graduating 22 seniors with both WA state Diplomas and Washougal School District diplomas.

This school year we will continue to focus on student achievement to ensure that all of our students are reaching their full potential.

We want to take this opportunity to remind you of some ways that you can help your son/daughter reach their academic full potential.

- Please ensure that they are attending school daily and on time.



- Check Parent Skyward computer program to monitor academic progress.
- Communicate with teachers by phone or email with any questions or concerns regarding your student's progress in school.

Thank you parents for your support of our students and your ongoing partnership. We look forward in continuing our work together this year to all of our students be a success



Staff Information

Aaron Hansen- Principal

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Trudy Tkach-Math/Science Teacher

954-3304

Ali Miller-English/Social Studies Teacher

954-3312

Lemecia Lindsey-Counselor

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Mina Custer-Secretary/Registrar

954-3300

Betty Millington-Ed Technician

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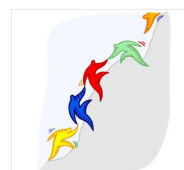
Sherry Lorenz-Hunt-

Ed Technician

954-3303

Tere Gustafson-Ed Technician

954-3303



Important Dates

Senior Credit Checks w/ EHS Counselor	9/10-9/30
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Senior Parent Night at WHS in the Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.	9/22
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College 101 Night at WHS in Library 6:30-7:30 p.m.	10/4
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PSAT for 10th graders at WHS	10/13
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Running Start New Student Testing @ Clark College	10/15 10/16
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EVER UPWARD...



"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

B.B. King



EHS is a great place to learn!

News From the Teachers...

We love teaching, and have worked at Excelsior High School for many years.

Excelsior is great place to teach and to learn. But don't take it from us, hear it from our students in their own words.

We asked our students to share what they are learning in their classes. Here are some of their responses:

Constitutional Law- "I expect to learn about history and about laws and my rights. I think that this class is different because we ask questions and Ali Miller makes history not so boring."
Cassie G- 12th gr.

Core Class- "I've learned to write about what is on my mind and to be more outgoing. It is easy for me to learn here, I work at my own pace and the staff is helpful and great to be around."

Tanner H- 12th gr.

Environmental Science- "Trudy Tkach teaches us about nature and the earth's resources. We learn about animals and global warning. This class makes science a lot easier to understand for me."

Kassie S.- 10th gr.

Films Class- "This class is a class in which you watch movies. There are 12 films, all true stories. You then read a article

based on the movie and compare and contrast the movie and the article."
Alina G.- 9th gr.

Web Design- "This is a class I take on the computer through a program called Aventa. I am learning the language of computers such as HTML and CSS, and I also get to start making my own website."

Alicia V.- 11th gr.

College Preparatory Math Class "Trudy Tkach teaches this class and we do a number of things like graphing, fractions and equations."

Sara G.- 12th gr.

Advisory- "We are working on our own personal poems."

Alec R.- 12th gr.

Literacy II- "Ali Miller teaches up comprehension, mentor skills and we practice writing. We get more help on our work and work in smaller classes. We have one on one help when we need it."

Ryan J.- 12th gr.

Computer Fundamentals- "I am taking this class through Aventa an online program. This class is separated into units which has an end exam each unit."

Dustin C.- 12th gr.

Washington State History- "This class is about Washington State History and a contract. I have a packet of work with many questions. I look up the questions on the internet."

Sara G.- 12th gr.

Literacy- " Ali Miller teaches this class. We read books and go down to Gause Elementary School so that fourth graders read to us and we ask them questions about their books making sure that they understand what they are reading."
Hannah R.- 10th gr.

Advanced Creative Writing-

"In this class each day a student brings in a prompt for the class to write about. The prompt can be anything. A poem the student wrote, song lyrics, a passage from a book or even a picture. This class lets each student express themselves the way they want to."

Tyler D. -12th gr.

Integrated Math- "Trudy Tkach is my teacher for this class. In this class I will learn to do equations. I hope to get better at doing math in my head."

Zak G- 11 th gr.

Literature 2- "In this class we learn about teaching skills. I hope to learn how to analyze my own thinking."
Kaila C. 10th gr.

Counseling Section

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

My name is Lemecia Lindsey and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you as the new school counselor at Excelsior High School. I am entering my twelfth year as a school counselor and I have spent the last two years at Washougal High School. I love working with high school students and look forward to working with you and your teen this year.

I would like to give you a brief summary of the services available to your son or daughter. The School Counseling Program is designed to assist your student with academic, career, and personal/social development. The following services will be offered for the 2010-11 school year at EHS:

- ◆ Group sessions for students focusing on: life skills, study skills, social skills and career/college awareness.
- ◆ Individual goal setting sessions to help students succeed at school.
- ◆ Classroom lessons with emphasis on personal/social skills, academic and career development.
- ◆ Referral assistance to community resources and programs.

I am available each week on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. If I can be of any assistance to you or your student or if you have any questions regarding our counseling program, please contact me either at 954-3301 or lemecia.lindsey@washougal.k12.wa.us. Working together helps to ensure your students success in school. Best wishes to you and your teen for a successful school year!

Sincerely,

Lemecia Lindsey
School Counselor

Academic

Seniors who are interested in applying to a 4 year university should take the SAT and/or ACT test this month. Ninety percent of all colleges and universities have their applications online by the end of September.

Students can register for the SAT and ACT by accessing their websites (see box to the right of page).

Please see your counselor for additional questions.

Career

Students have the opportunity to earn Clark College credits while taking high school courses. Students who take Career and Tech Ed classes at WHS may earn college credit.

The following courses apply: Accounting, Computer Applications, Medical Office and Metal Technology. For more information please contact your counselor or Marsha Spencer, WHS Career Specialist at 954-3121.

Personal/Social

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. If your son or daughter is struggling with a substance abuse addiction please visit the following website or contact the counselor at 954- 3301 for community information, referrals and support.

Www.recoverymonth.org

SAT Test Dates

Www.collegeboard.com

October 9th

November 6th

December 5th

January 22

March 12th

May 7th

June 4th

ACT Test Dates

Www.act.student.org

September 11

October 23

February 12

April 9

June 11

