Washougal High School
Mission Statement

Our mission is to engage and challenge each student intellectually and to provide the knowledge and skills needed to become productive members of our global community.

"The Race For Excellence Has No Finish Line"

News and Information from the Home of the Panthers: December, 2011 – January, 2012

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Our Vision

Washougal High School

The WHS community will work together in an environment founded on respect, effective communication and accountability to develop holistically healthy and responsible, life-long learners who are equipped to achieve their post-high school goals and be productive members of our global community.

From the Principal's Desk:

Panther School Community:

I want to take a moment to share the goals we have for the Washougal High School community this year.

1. To increase the number of students meeting standard (scoring a level 3 or level 4) on the Reading & Writing HSPE to 90%, Science HSPE to 70%, and math EOC to 70%.

2. To increase the number of HS students passing all of their classes to 85% (recorded each semester).

3. To improve the school climate at Washougal High School based on the OSPI 9 Characteristics Survey ("4's" in all categories).

Although very important, our state assessment scores are only one indicator of student success. Goal two is just as important to the success of each of our students. Our third goal represents the feelings and attitude of the entire WHS community. We value the thoughts and concerns of everyone involved.

Our staff is working very hard to reach the goals we have established. We recognize we need to support students who are struggling. We do this by providing opportunities during the day for assistance such as Panther Time. We have classes built into our day for students to get content-based assistance for those that qualify. We are looking at our grading practices. We are providing more resources and support than ever before via teacher websites and blogs.

We also know it is important to ensure all students are being challenged. This year we have added AP World History in an attempt to offer more opportunities for our students to be challenged. We are currently looking into offering more AP courses in the future. Once the PSAT results arrive, we will be identifying students who should be taking AP courses based on their PSAT results.

Thanks for all you do to make Washougal High School such a wonderful place to learn. We appreciate the support we receive from the Washougal community and our parents.

Go Panthers!

Aaron Hansen
Principal

High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) and Math End of Course exam (EOC) Information

The HSPE and EOC measure academic achievement against state standards. Passing the HSPE tests for reading and writing are a state graduation requirement. Regarding math, students in the class of 2012 can meet the math requirement by passing one state math exam or by earning two credits of math after 10th grade. Students in the classes of 2013 and 2014 are required to pass only one math EOC exam and are not required to pass a science exam. There will be a math retake opportunity in January 2012. Beginning with the class of 2015, students are required to pass two math EOCs and the biology EOC. Current 9th graders can take two math EOC exams (algebra 1 and geometry, or the integrated math equivalents) per testing administration and will take the biology EOC in spring 2012 if in biology class.

Regarding the biology EOC, students in the class of 2014 (current 10th graders) are required to take the biology EOC this spring whether they are in biology or not. This meets the federal AYP requirement for students to test in science in high school.

The state tests also fulfill the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. NCLB requires annual assessments in reading and mathematics for students in grades 3-8 and high school. Under NCLB, the state reports on the Annual Yearly Progress of students in schools and districts based on HSPE results. Information from these tests helps us see where instructional programs are working, and where changes may be needed. The WHS staff carefully examines our results on a subject area basis to look for patterns that show whether learning is happening effectively or not.

There are four HSPE and EOC performance levels

Level 4: Above standard - indicates superior performance
Level 3: Meets standard - indicates the student has met the standard
Level 2: Below standard - indicates partial accomplishment of the knowledge and skills for the standard
Level 1: Below standard - little or no demonstration of the knowledge and skills fundamental for meeting the standard

HSPE & EOC Testing Dates

Math EOC 1 & 2 Retakes for 11th & 12th graders	**January 11**	**7:55-10:55**
Writing	March 13 & 14	7:55-10:55
Reading	March 15	7:55-10:55
Math EOC 1 & 2	June 5	7:55-10:55
Biology EOC	June 6	7:55-10:55

Stuff-the-Bus 2011 is officially over. Between the two schools we collected 60,000+ lbs of food for the Childrens' Home Society. I was fortunate enough to be with about twenty-five WHS and CHS students Friday night as we unloaded two of the buses. It was an amazing experience. We have incredible students!

CONGRATULATIONS to This Year's WHS Washington Aerospace Scholars!

This year we have SIX, a record number, Washougal High School students entering Phase I of the Washington Aerospace program, and hopefully they will all successfully attend the Summer Residency (Phase II) in Seattle this summer. The students will be starting the online work this week, and continue doing so until May. This year's scholars include: **Josh Banks, Jacob Bischoff, Anna Kellogg, Angie Steffanson, Austin Thompson,** and **Tim Tranh**.

ATTENDANCE POLICY AND GUIDELINES

Regular school attendance is necessary for successful completion of high school and to earn a Washougal High School diploma. It is expected that students will attend class on every school day. The following principles govern attendance procedures:

Parent Notification: To promote student attendance and responsibility, parents will be notified by telephone if any classes are missed during the day. Parents are urged to **write a note or phone the office <u>before</u> the student returns to school**. Students have <u>ONLY three days to excuse an absence</u>. An unexcused absence may result in disciplinary action that may include parent conference, detention, Monday School, suspension, attendance contract, and petition of Clark County juvenile authorities (BECCA Bill).

All student absences will be classified as excused or unexcused.

Absences for the following reasons will be excused if there is timely verification (within 3 school days upon return) of such reasons provided to the school:

1. Illness or medical emergency,
2. Family emergencies,
3. Observances of established special days of a religious calendar,
4. Pre-arranged medical and dental appointments,
5. Pre-arranged school-sponsored activities, such as field trips,
6. Absences which, according to the discretion of the administration, or his/her designee, after consulting with the parent, guardian, or adult student, may be deemed appropriate but not covered in the above-stated instances.

A student who is absent from school without excuse shall be considered for discipline, suspension or expulsion, provided the actions required by WAC 180-40-235(I), 180-40-245(3), 180-40-260(3) and 180-40-275(3) have been taken.

Phones and Electronic Devices

In an order to maximize instructional time and limit disruptions, No cell phones or electronic devices are allowed during class time. This means that phones and electronic devices should not be heard, seen or used for any purpose within the classroom or outside of the classroom (e.g., hallways) during scheduled class times. (This includes headphones). Phones and electronic devices are also not allowed during assemblies.

Please congratulate these WHS students on their acceptance into honor bands!

WIBC Honor Band:
David Choi – trumpet
Kimmy DeShiell – flute
Austin Miller – tuba

PLU Honor Band:
David Choi – trumpet
Austin Miller – tuba
Crystal Saltmarsh – percussion
Katie Wright – euphonium

Students had to complete a rigorous audition process, competing against students from all around the Northwest to earn their spots. They will represent Washougal High School very well!

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Give the gift of lasting memories. Buy your student a 2012 Washougal High School yearbook as a holiday gift!

The yearbook is a great way for your student to remember this year's events at Washougal High School. As a parent, you know the importance of remembering your teen years and all of the people and events that made that time special.

This is YOUR LAST CHANCE to purchase the book at the Fall Price!! The fall price of this year's yearbook is only $50. The price will increase to $58 during the March Sales Window, and then up to $65 by June.

To make the yearbook extra special you may also have your student's name stamped on the yearbook for an additional $6.30 per line, or purchase a protective plastic cover for only $3.25.

It's easy to order!

- This opportunity is ONLY available during the dates of December 6th – December 13th
- Buy online at yearbookforever.com and enter the school name (Washougal High School).
- Send email requests to yearbook@washougal.k12.wa.us (Cash/Checks will need to be mailed/delivered to WHS before winter break– we cannot take credit card orders through this option.
- Have your student buy the yearbook at the WHS ASB/Business Office. (Cash/Checks only)

If you purchase before December 12, we will include a gift certificate for you to give your student. Remember, buying a yearbook today will provide a lifetime of memories.

Happy Holidays!
Sincerely,

Rachel Carrico
Washougal High School Yearbook Adviser

CONGRATULATIONS to WHS Senior, James Maguire who won first place in the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. James won at the post (local) level and now moves on to the District competition. Members of the VFW came to the CWS class to present him with a plaque and a $300 check. If his essay does well at the district level he will advance to the national level! The top prize there is a $30,000 scholarship.

THANK YOU! Washougal High School Golf would like to thank the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States VFW Post 4278 for the donation of left-handed clubs to Washougal High School Golf Team.

From the WHS Counseling & Career Centers

Washington Scholarships!

Thewashboard.org is a free, web-based, nonprofit scholarship clearinghouse for Washington students seeking college scholarships. In one stop, students can search and apply for multiple scholarships specific to their academic interests, college or university, or by other criteria. This site is free from advertising and spam.

How it works:

1. Go to thewashboard.org and register.
2. Complete your student profile.
3. Go to MY MATCHES to explore scholarships that match your profile.
4. Apply and submit your application by the due date

AP (Advanced Placement) Up-date

We have record numbers of committed and dedicated students in AP courses taught by our committed and dedicated staff! We applaud the efforts of both as they take steps to insure success in the courses and on the May exams!
In January, the AP students will receive an important resource: The "Bulletin for AP Students and Parents" will answer many questions about the exams. It will be wise to keep the booklet through exam time as a reference. A letter with our Washougal High School AP exam specifics will be mailed to AP students in March.
General information about AP can be found on page 14 of the online Curriculum guide located on the WHS website. Specific course descriptions are found on pages 21 through 24.
Please address any questions or comments to the AP Coordinator, Rhea Bohlin, at 954-3127.

Help with filling out the FAFSA

College Goal Sunday is a free, on-site program that helps students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the form that is required to apply for federal financial assistance for higher education. The fourth annual College Goal Sunday Washington takes place January 22, 1 to 5pm at Washington State University. Students receive step-by-step instructions for completing and submitting their FAFSA.

If you are a student and haven't made a decision about college, attend College Goal Sunday Washington. Filling out the FAFSA doesn't obligate you to anything. Whether you choose a traditional college, community college, vocational or technical school, College Goal Sunday Washington can help you get money for higher education.

This event is located at:

Washington State University - Vancouver.
14024 NE Salmon Creek Ave, Vancouver, WA 98686
1.p.m. to 5 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL TOURS

Peace Health SW Medical Center is excited to offer tours to high school students who are interested in careers in healthcare! This tour offers students an opportunity at firsthand investigation of the many departments and jobs that are part of providing exceptional medical care. The tour will be Thursday, January 12, 2012, from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Interested students need to sign up in the Career Center to attend this tour. Questions about the tour can be directed to 954-3121 or 954-3119.

From the School Nurse

REMINDER TO PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOLERS:

All Students entering High School in 2011 must either be immunized with the 'new' Tdap vaccination, or submit an exemption – which requires a provider signature – or your student will be out of compliance with district requirements and at risk for a life threatening disease. Many adults also need the Tdap booster. Ask your provider for yours.
It's true that some vaccine-preventable diseases have become very rare thanks to vaccines. However, outbreaks still happen. For example, preliminary data showed more than 21,000 cases of "whooping cough" (pertussis) in this country in 2010. Twenty-six deaths were reported – 22 of these deaths in the U.S were in children younger than 1 year old.

Additionally, you are ALL strongly encouraged to get the 2011 Flu Vaccination as well.

You can obtain low cost to free vaccines at your local health department, the Free Clinic of SW Washington; or from your own provider.

CHECK OUT this website on Teen Health:

http://www.hhs.gov/ash/oah

PERFORMING ARTS in Washougal

Outstanding music students from across Washington have received top honors by being selected to participate in one of our 2012 WMEA All-State performing groups. The following WHS students auditioned and were selected for these Honor groups in February, 2012:

Crystal Saltmarsh, junior, for Percussion All-State Wind Ensemble
Luke Block, senior, for All-State Symphonic Choir
Cortney Gonzalez, senior, for All-State Symphonic Choir
Austin Smith-Brown, sophomore, for All-State Symphonic Choir
T Walker Anderson, sophomore, for All-State Symphonic Choir

GO WHS PANTHERS!

Jen Mahorney & Kelly Ritter
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Washburn Performing Arts Center: www.washburnpac.org

GOOD WORK! The students in the **Family and Consumer Science Department** participated in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF, again this year. They did an outstanding job of raising $522. The money is used for vaccines, emergency food and water supplies, etc., in third world countries. **This proves again that Washougal is a giving community.**

PARENTS: Remember to update your contact information—especially e-mail addresses!

For Parent Access Information, please contact the main office at 954-3100.

COMPASSION CAMAS/WASHOUGAL

Free medical care, dental, vision, haircuts, and a meal to the community.

Bethel Community Church
Downtown Washougal at 17th and A Streets

This clinic is open the 3rd Saturday every month.

EARLY RELEASE – 11:25 a.m. on Friday, December 18, – EARLY RELEASE

The Washougal School District will be implementing an early release schedule for Friday, December 16, 2011. Dismissal times for each school are listed below. Lunch will be served prior to dismissal. Our school bus routes will run per the early release schedule on this date.

The school district would like to thank our parents for supporting the lockdown on Wednesday, 12/7/11. The events of the day were extremely stressful and it was not easy for the district to deny parents access to our schools during the lockdown. We would also like to thank staff for their commitment to the lockdown protocols and to all that was done across the district to assure that students were safe and engaged in learning during this very difficult day.

Several staff put in extended hours on the day of the lockdown. By affecting an early release the district would like to acknowledge the extra time required of our employees. We would also like to reunite our students with their parents and family in recognition of the extra hours we kept many children at school last Wednesday.

Please contact your child's school office or the district office if you have questions.

Early Release Schedule – Friday, 12/16/11

Gause Elementary:	12:30 p.m.
Hathaway Elementary:	12:25 p.m.
Cape Horn-Skye Elementary:	11:35 a.m.
Canyon Creek MS:	11:35 a.m.
Jemtegaard MS:	11:40 a.m.
Excelsior HS:	11:25 a.m.
Washougal HS:	11:25 a.m.

Calendar of Coming Events:

DECEMBER

12 - WHS Choir Concert, Washburn Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
13 - WHS Band Concert, Washburn Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
15 - Blue Note Café, Washburn Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
18 - EARLY RELEASE at 11:25 a.m.: Offset extra time spent in lock down
19-30 - NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK

JANUARY
2 - NO SCHOOL: New Years
3 - SCHOOL RESUMES
11 - EARLY RELEASE at 11:25 a.m.: Teacher Planning
11 - Math EOC 1 & 2 Retakes for Juniors and Seniors from 7:55-10:55 a.m.
16 - NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
17 - WHS Jazz Band Concert, Washburn Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
19 - American Sign Language Show, Washburn Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
25-27 - EARLY RELEASE at 11:25 a.m.: First Semester Finals
27 - Blue Note Café, Washburn Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
30 - Semester 2 Begins

FEBRUARY
1 - EARLY RELEASE at 11:25 a.m.: Teacher Planning
9-11 - WHS Drama Presents "Inherit the Wind", Washburn Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
16-18 - WHS Drama Presents "Inherit the Wind", Washburn Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
20 - NO SCHOOL: Presidents' Day Holiday

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