



WASHOUGAL
SCHOOL
DISTRICT

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: February, 2012

Principal:	Aaron Hansen
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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 Community-

Each school in Washington State develops a School Improvement Plan (SIP) to help guide their efforts and focus their resources. This plan begins with a SMART Goal – a goal that is Specific, Strategic, and Student focused, Measureable, Attainable, Results Oriented, and Time Bound.

At WHS, our first goal pertains to increasing the number of students meeting proficiency on the state assessments. Our second goal pertains to increasing the number of students passing all of their classes each semester. Our third goal deals with enhancing or improving our school culture.

Once goals are established, the SIP is developed based on research-identified strategies, desired student products and behaviors, required professional development for the staff, the frequency and timeline for the strategies, and the evidence that will be gathered relative to the desired student products and behaviors.

I want to let each of you know that the focus at Washougal HS remains on meeting goals. I firmly believe that in order for us to reach our goals we need a strong partnership between home, school, and community. At WHS this means that we are more determined than ever to work hand-in-hand with each of you to ensure the success of each of our students.

As we continue to make and implement plans for making Washougal HS a place where every student meets our high expectations, please consider that we are all on the same team and that we are working together. Please take a moment to

remind your student that OUR TEAM expects them to succeed, and we will commit to sending that message to each student on a daily basis. If we partner to reinforce this message of high expectations to each of our students, our 2012 resolution will be one that we can keep!

Go Panthers!
Aaron Hansen, Principal

High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) Schedule

The HSPE measures the proficiency of students in high school and serves as the state's exit exam in reading and writing. Its name conveys the goal of the test: to measure a student's proficiency of basic skills. In spring 2011, the state moved to end-of-course math exams and will no longer use a comprehensive math test. In spring 2012, students will take an end-of-course exam in biology. Students in the class of **2012** must pass the reading and writing exams or a state-approved alternative in order to be eligible to graduate. Students in the classes of **2013** and **2014** must pass exams in reading, writing and one end-of-course math exam. Science is no longer required through the class of **2014**. Beginning with the class of **2015**, students must pass reading, writing, two end-of-course math exams and a biology end-of-course exam.

The HSPE reading exam takes one day, while the writing exam is two days. The HSPE testing dates for spring 2012 are: March 13-14 (Writing) and March 15 (Reading). The math and biology end-of-course exams will be given June 5 and 6.

The reading, writing, math and science tests will occur in the morning. Eleventh and twelfth grade students who have already met standard on each assessment will be on a late start schedule. All students testing and ninth graders are required to be at school at 7:55 am. All four exams are untimed tests and students have the entire day to complete their exam; however, the majority of students complete the exam within about 2-½ hours.

For additional information regarding the HSPE, you can visit the OSPI testing website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/StateTesting/HSPE.aspx>. If you are not sure whether your student has met standard, feel free to contact Carol Boyden, Associate Principal, at 954-3102 or carol.boyden@washougal.k12.wa.us.

Avoid Truancies-Unexcused Absences Important Reminder

Students are truant when they are absent and an appropriate excuse is not turned into the attendance office within three (3) days. Students with truancies are subject to a discipline referral as per the truancy policy. If your student misses school, please send a written excuse or call the attendance secretary at 954-3115 as soon as possible. Students with absences which remain unexcused for longer than three (3) days may be subject to detention after school or Monday School (2:35-4:30 p.m.) for lack of compliance with the truancy policy.

Phones and Electronic Devices

In an order to maximize instructional time and limit disruptions, NO usage of cell phones or electronic devices is 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.

PARENTS: Please limit texting your student(s) to before or after school hours or during their lunchtime. If it is an urgent matter, please call the school office at 954-3100 and the secretaries will get a message to your student as soon as possible.

1st Semester Finals Schedule

First Semester is coming to an end. January 25-27 we will have early release days for finals. Wednesday, January 25, students will have finals in their 1st and 2nd periods. Thursday, January 26, students will have finals in their 3rd and 4th period classes. Friday, the last day of first semester, students will have finals in their 5th and 6th period classes.

Finals Daily Schedule

Final I	7:55-9:20	(Daily Announcements)
Break	9:20-9:30	
Final II	9:30-10:55	
Lunch	10:55-11:25	

For many high school students, the final push of the semester is an extremely stressful time. This is the time when many students realize that their time-management skills may not be the best. This is also the time when students realize how much reading is left and how many assignments are not completed. Students are overwhelmed, tired, sometimes sick, and often nervous.

Final Exams are an important part of high school, and it is important for parents and students to prepare adequately. Here are some tips to help your son/daughter with semester final exams: Encourage your child to take advantage of everything that the teacher is doing at school to help students prepare for finals, including:

- **Organizing** notebooks and folders so that notes, handouts, homework and tests are sequential and accessible for studying
- **Preparing** study guides that outline in detail everything that may be covered on the tests (rewriting and highlighting notes and important points is an excellent way to learn and relearn material)
- **Attending** any and all review sessions for each class to help answer your questions, get tips on what you may need to know for the exam, and how best to study for the specific exam.

As your student is preparing at school, here are some things to consider for home study time:

- Establish a productive academic environment that includes a quiet place to study with no distractions such as TV, music or phone.
 - Parents and students can work together to plan a study schedule, and find ways to stick to that schedule.
 - Review notes, tests and quizzes well in advance of the exams to prevent 'last minute cramming.'
 - Schedule short snack breaks and exercise breaks during study time. (Source: Justin Siena)
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SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS
will be
Friday, March 16,
and Friday, April 27.

From the WHS Counseling & Career Centers

Second Semester schedule changes: Schedules for second semester will go out on Tuesday, January 24. Students wishing to make schedule changes should remember the following:

Because classes are selected and the master schedule for the year is built upon students' requests for classes the previous spring, counselors are only making schedule changes now through the first 10 days of semester for one of the following six reasons:

1. Needs a required course.
2. Inappropriate skill level/placement.
3. Missing prerequisite for course.
4. Already received credit for course.
5. Failed course with the same teacher.
6. Error (i.e. missing period, double-scheduled periods, new/cancelled classes).

Students will work with their grade level counselor:
Mr. Sanford (Classes of 2012 & 2014)
Ms. Mackey (Classes of 2013 & 2015)

PSAT Results presentation was given on Monday, Jan. 23rd for all sophomores and juniors that took it. One of the major benefits of having taken the PSAT, is access to My College Quickstart. Students that took the PSAT will be working with Mrs. Bohlin during Panther time the first week in February in the computer labs to explore this resource.

My College QuickStart is a free personalized college planning kit based on your student's PSAT/NMSQT results. The kit has four parts:

- **My Online Score Report:** Review your online PSAT/NMSQT Score Report—you'll be able to sort answers and explanations by difficulty and question type. You'll also be able to view projected SAT score ranges, state percentiles, and more.

- **My SAT Study Plan:** Prepare for the SAT with a customized study plan based on your strengths and weaknesses, as determined by your PSAT/NMSQT performance.*
- **My College Matches:** Get a starter list of colleges to explore based on the information you provided when you took the PSAT/NMSQT. Refine and customize your list to fit the college criteria that are important to you.
- **My Major & Career Matches:** View a personalized list of suggested majors and careers, based on the information you provided when you took the PSAT/NMSQT. Use MyRoad to take a personality test and learn more about majors and careers that fit your strengths and interests.

Please go to

<http://www.whs/departments/counseling.htm> and click on the Powerpoint Presentation for PSAT to learn more. You can also go directly to the College Quick Start webpage at:

www.collegeboard.org/quickstart

Forecasting for 2012-13: Forecasting for next academic year will begin in March. All students will receive a transcript of their most recent academic work, and complete a graduation check before forecasting for the next year. This year we will be using a new system to forecast, Career Cruising. This program will allow students to simultaneously see the courses they've completed and the credits they still need as they register. All prerequisite information as well as careers that correlate with different areas of study will also be available to students through Career Cruising. Because students already use Career Cruising as a part of their High School and Beyond Plan, a WHS graduation requirement, we are excited about this new forecasting tool and believe it will simplify the forecasting process, helping students take even greater ownership of their academic future.

AP (Advanced Placement)

All AP students will be receiving a booklet this month detailing the AP exam procedures and May's exam schedule. The booklet covers topics from exam basics and what to bring (and not to bring) on exam day to the services offered regarding the exam score.

Students will be receiving a letter in March explaining the exam registration process. The fee is

\$87 for the first exam and \$77 for additional exams. If students meet the free and reduced lunch criteria the fee is further reduced.

Please address questions to the AP Coordinator, Rhea Bohlin at 954-3127.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) News

PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center Tour

January 12th, twenty Washougal students interested in healthcare careers attended the PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center tour. Students were able to investigate many departments and hear about the numerous careers that are part of providing exceptional medical care in our community. Students toured the Simulation Lab, Diagnostic Imaging, Microbiology Lab, Radiation Oncology/Cyberknife, Tower 8-Orthopedic Post-Surgery Unit, Inpatient Pharmacy and Ultrasound departments. After the tour, time was set aside for questions and debrief of our tour.

What is Career and Technical Education? Career and technical education (CTE) prepares both youth and adults for a wide range of careers and further educational opportunities. These careers may require varying levels of education—including industry-recognized credentials, postsecondary certificates, and two- and four-year degrees. CTE classes offered at WHS give students the opportunity to explore classes in Business Education, Technology and Industry and Family & Consumer Science Education. For a list of specific classes and descriptions, visit our website at: www.washougal.k12.wa.us and click on the Curriculum Guide tab.

CTE is at the forefront of preparing students to be “college- and career-ready.” CTE equips students with:

- *core academic skills* and the ability to apply those skills to concrete situations in order to function in the workplace and in routine daily activities
- *employability skills* (such as critical thinking and responsibility) that are essential in any career area
- *job-specific, technical skills* related to a specific career pathway

Washougal High School celebrates CTE Month by promoting classes offered at the high school as well as encouraging students to attend opportunities in our community that highlight CTE. Encourage your student to attend any of these upcoming events:

- Clark County Skills Center Pre-Tour – Feb. 16th during Panther Time in the auditorium for all sophomores and juniors interested in taking a tour on Feb. 27th. Students will have the opportunity to tour 3 programs. To review programs, visit the Skills Center website: www.ccskillscenter.com
- Professional Technical Day at Clark College on February 23rd. Students will choose two presentations on campus and take an optional campus tour. Call 954-3121 if parents or students have questions.

Scholarships

Seniors should be checking the scholarship list even more now. The local scholarship applications will be available between now and spring with most deadlines in the spring. Check the scholarship lists which are available in the Career Center and Counseling Center, in the senior lounge, and all junior and senior English and history classes. The list is also available on the high school website: www.washougal.k12.wa.us/whs.

Local scholarships currently available:

Clark College Foundation Scholarships
 Clark County Fair Association Scholarship
 CF Tthe Community Foundations Scholarships (Angela Svenson Memorial Music Scholarship/Joan of Arc Mason Memorial Scholarship)
 General George C Marshall Youth Leadership Award
 PeaceHealth SW Washington Medical Center Health Care Career Scholarships
 Vancouver Methodist Foundation Scholarship
 Vancouver Wildlife Scholarship

From the School Nurse

Free dental care offered to uninsured children on Feb. 4.

Vancouver, WA—Children’s Dental Health Day is Saturday, Feb. 4. The clinic runs from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Clark College Dental Hygiene Clinic, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way. Driving directions and parking maps are available at www.clark.edu/maps.

Children ages 2 to 19 in Clark and Skamania counties who have no dental insurance are eligible for X-rays, sealants, fluoride treatment, fillings and extractions. Cleanings are not provided. Children will be seen by appointment only. For an appointment, call (360) 397-8000 ext. 7371 or (360) 397-8020.

“Good oral health is essential to a child’s well-being. Dental problems can affect the ability of children to eat, learn in school and socialize with others,” said Melody Scheer, health systems coordinator at Clark County Public Health. “We encourage families who lack insurance or can’t

afford dental care to call now to schedule an appointment for their children.”

Volunteers will provide parents with oral health information, including answers to questions such as: When should you start brushing? What kind of toothpaste is best? They also will offer assistance with other children’s health programs.

The annual event is in its sixth year and typically serves about 300 children. Last year, volunteer, dentists, hygienists, and other oral health professionals provided dental services valued at more than \$100,000.

Services are donated by Clark College, Clark County Dental Society, Clark County Public Health, Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, and Greater Southwest Washington Dental Hygiene Association. Funding is provided by Ronald McDonald House Charities and Washington Oral Health Foundation.

Young Champions Student Athlete Heart Screenings

Parents who are interested in having a heart screening for their student athlete, please check out the following website for more information. The Quinn Driscoll Foundation and PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center have a screening event on Saturday, February 25.

<http://www.swmedicalcenter.org/youngchampionsstudentathleteheartscreenings>

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

Washburn Performing Arts Center: www.washburnpac.org

Julie Vanover - Washougal School District Prevention/Intervention Specialist:

I would like to use this opportunity to introduce myself and my services for the students at Washougal High School. I am the Prevention/Intervention Specialist for the Washougal School District. I work with students to raise awareness of how alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs could impact a young person's life if he/she considers using or is experimenting with drugs. The Student Assistance Prevention/Intervention Services Program promotes healthy, safe, and drug-free lifestyles through school-based practices. The program provides a procedure for early identification of students who are experiencing alcohol and other drug-related problems. The Prevention Specialist will utilize existing resources within the school and community to address identified concerns, and link students and their families with resources to meet more intensive, student service needs.

Early identification involves "being alert to any unexplained change in the pattern of a student's behavior, conduct, and/or academic performance." The following is a list of some early identification indicators:

- Academic performance - a decline in grades, or participation.
- Attendance - unexplained absences or increased tardiness.
- Disruptive classroom behavior - fighting, sleeping in class, acting out.
- Disciplinary problems at school.
- Legal problems - possession charges, shoplifting, vandalism.
- Sudden loss of involvement in extracurricular activities.
- Increase of argumentative or withdrawn behavior at home.
- Change in student's peer group.

If you are concerned about your child's behavior and/or would like Mrs. Vanover to speak with your child, please contact her at 954-3158. I am at Washougal High School Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS!!! THE DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING A SENIOR AD IS: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD!

*** We will not be accepting ANY orders after that date***

You may either order online (www.yearbookforever.com) by linking to the "Buy a Senior Ad" OR You can use the order form available on line or in the office. Bring your payment, order form and images/message to WHS by February 3. If you have already pre-paid for an Ad, please have all images/messages submitted by Friday, February 3. If you have any questions please feel free to call or email:

yearbook@washougal.k12.wa.us
360-954-3172

Full Page Up to 10 photos/ about 10 lines of text	\$ 225
½ Page Up to 5 photos/about 5 lines of text	\$ 150
¼ Page Up to 3 photos/about 3 lines of text	\$ 85

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Text: Please print or type messages as they should appear. Note any capitalization, italics, boldface, etc.

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Proofs: A PDF file will be sent for review if an email address is provided.

CONGRATULATIONS to our **WHS Girls Wrestling Team** for winning the Clark County Wrestling Tournament on January 13-14. If you didn't see the article that was in The Columbian visit the link below (you may need to copy and paste it):

<http://www.columbian.com/news/2012/jan/14/washougals-depth-helps-panthers-win-girls-wrestlin/>

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Grad Night Celebration News

The senior parents fundraising for the Senior Grad Night Celebration would like to invite all WHS families and their friends to the **Annual Sweetheart Pasta Supper and Silent Auction, 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. on February 11, 2012 at the WHS Commons**. Pasta meals with drink and dessert are \$5 per person, families of five eat for \$20. Also occurring that same evening is the WHS Drama presentation of *Inherit the Wind*. There is something for everyone at the silent auction as well as plenty of baskets of goodies to try your luck with the raffle. This is one of the last big fundraising events for the Grad Night Celebration. Make a special evening of it and support Grad Night and WHS Drama.

Exquisite Quilt of Dougan Falls for Raffle benefitting Grad Night

Barbara Shapel, mom of WHS senior Kim Yano is an international award-winning fabric artist, and she has created and donated a fabric art quilt of Dougan Falls for the benefit of Grad Night. All the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will go directly to reducing the fees for

the seniors attending the Grad Night Party. The raffle tickets are \$5 each and are available for purchase at Riverview Bank in Washougal or River Quilts in Camas. The quilt is currently on display at River Quilts in Camas. Grad Night committee parents also have tickets available for purchase. Kim Yano will announce the lucky winner during intermission of the WHS production of *The Quilters* on May 5, 2012. Please buy a ticket to support Grad Night student participation. The lucky winner will have a beautiful, collectible wall hanging from Ms. Shapel and a stake in keeping all of our 2012 Grads safe and secure on graduation night.

Grad Night Party on June 9 immediately following Graduation

We invite all seniors to attend the All Night Celebration immediately following the graduation ceremony on June 9. This traditional event is not in Washougal or Vancouver and the location is secret for security purposes. The quilt fundraising event is specifically directed toward reducing the fee that students pay. Students will be receiving a registration form in their English classes at the beginning of the second semester.

Check out some of the Silent Auction and Basket Raffle items we have currently received:

- ♥ Schwinn A20 Recumbent bike
- ♥ Winery tour and tastings for 8
- ♥ Jewelry
- ♥ 55 piece Emergency Road Repair Kit
- ♥ Bruce Yano framed prints
- ♥ Various wine baskets
- ♥ Various beauty baskets
- ♥ Ice skating passes
- ♥ Movie passes
- ♥ Certificates good towards:
 - acupuncture treatments
 - teeth whitening
 - chiropractic services
 - private guitar lesson for two
 - 24x12 vehicle magnets
 - Cookie Lee Jewelry
- ♥ Plus, 12 front row seats at graduation

YULE BALL

The **WINTER BALL** dance takes place on **Saturday, February 4, 2012, 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.** The theme will be **“A Magical Night”** and the dance will be **semi-formal--slacks and dress shirts/ties for guys and dresses/skirts or suits for the girls.** Tickets will be **\$10** and will be available the week before the dance and at the door.

Calendar of Coming Events:

FEBRUARY

- 1 - EARLY RELEASE at 11:25 a.m.: Teacher Planning
- 4 - Winter Ball, WHS Commons – 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.
- 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
- 27 - Parent Night for Track and Field, WHS Commons – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

MARCH

- 7 - EARLY RELEASE at 11:25 a.m.: Teacher Planning
- 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.

APRIL

- 2-6 - NO SCHOOL: Spring Break
- 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.
- 18 - EARLY RELEASE at 11:25 a.m.: Teacher Planning
- 19 - American Sign Language Show, Washburn Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- 27 - Blue Note Café, Washburn Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

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