WPA Middle School News



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WPA IS CREATING A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP & LEARNING

GREAT HAPPENS HERE!

Ms. Thomas

Middle School Dean
of Scholars

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COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:

WPA Follows the Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit.

(Handbook available on school website)

Upcoming Events

Progress Reports
October 15, 2021
Picture Day
October 19, 2021
Grading Period
Ends
October 22, 21
Teacher Workday
October 25, 2021
Spirit Week
October 26-29th
Report Cards
October 29, 2021

As we have completed our fifth week of the new school year, it has not been without challenges. As the numbers for COVID-19 continue to rise, we are doing everything possible to keep our scholars and staff safe. The scholars have been doing fantastic wearing their masks and adhering to our Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit guidelines. However, the team has been persistent in ensuring that social distancing is adhered to and when can, providing breaks outside where the masks are not required.

Wayne Preparatory Academy's school-wide goal this year is initially to keep everyone safe as well as challenge our scholars academically. We do not take this challenge lightly because we know in-person learning is more effective than remote learning.

We want to ensure our scholar's mental well-being is stable and the pandemic has not taken a toll on their thirst for learning. We will be working with Mrs. Carmichael (counselor) to assist her with elementary and middle school scholars who may be at risk of mental health issues.

I want to thank all the parents/guardians for your continued support. As our most valued customers, our appreciation can not be expressed enough. We look forward to a successful year in which our goals are met with an outstanding performance from our scholars.

Respectfully,

John Twitty, Executive Director

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Sonja Thomas

Middle School Dean of Scholars

Dress Code

WPA has a modified dress code. The dress code includes collared button-down shirts or polo-style shirts of any color or design. Slacks, shorts, skirts, or jumpers in navy, Khaki, or black are required or jeans of solid color. For guidelines on specific dress codes, please refer to the student handbook found on the school website under the Parent Information Tab. Parents will be contacted if their scholar comes to school out of compliance. Parents will need to provide a change of clothes; if they are unable to provide a change of clothes, the scholar will not be able to remain in the classroom for the rest of the school day. Habit 2: Begin with the end in mind. WPA believes that how scholars dress can avoid unnecessary distractions in the academic environment and reflects positive attitudes towards academics. WPA has a set of standards that all scholars will adhere to.



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ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES

WPA Parents, when you chose WPA for your scholar's education, you committed to both your scholar and to WPA. Would you please review your Parent/Scholar Handbook? We expect all scholars to be here and in their seats, ready for instruction no later than 8:00 am? Early drop-off starts at 7:35 am. Continued tardies could warrant a hearing before the Board of Directors to determine whether or not your scholar may remain at WPA. Scholars entering the classrooms late disrupt the learning environment for all scholars. This is unacceptable. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Lunch Procedures

Payforit.net is AVAILABLE for pre-ordering catered lunches

<u>Catered Lunch</u> must be pre-ordered from the online program. Payforit.net The lunch menu is available for pre-ordering in advance. The latest you can order for the upcoming week is Sunday night by 9:00 pm. If you fail to order, your child will need to bring in a home lunch. Catered lunches cost \$5.00.

Free Lunch Recipients Lunch is ordered for them

Vendors:

Pizza Inn LaPaz HWY 55







Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social, or psychological behavior that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.

Bullying can involve humiliation, domination, intimidation, victimization, and all forms of harassment, including that based on sex, race, disability, homosexuality, or transgender. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Bullying can happen anywhere: at school, traveling to and from school, in sporting teams, between neighbors, or in the workplace.

Bullying behavior can be:

Verbal: name-calling, teasing, abuse, putdowns, sarcasm, insults, threats

Physical: hitting, punching, kicking, scratching, tripping, spitting

Social: ignoring, excluding, ostracizing, alienating, making inappropriate gestures

Psychological: spreading rumors, dirty looks, hiding or damaging possessions, malicious SMS and email messages, inappropriate use of camera phones

Conflict or fights between equals and single incidents are not defined as bullying. Bullying behavior is not:

Children not getting along well

A situation of mutual conflict

Single episodes of nastiness or random acts of aggression or intimidation

Note: Any student who inadvertently possesses or finds a weapon or substance, which may subject the student to a possible expulsion, may or may not be recommended for these sanctions if the student voluntarily surrenders the property to a school staff person before discovery by another person. This

acknowledgment should be done as soon as the student realizes that they possess or know about the weapon or substance.

WPA 2021-2022 Middle School Staff:

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