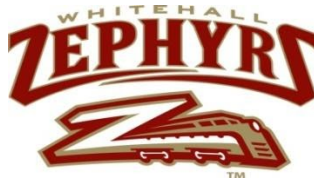


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August 13, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On behalf of the staff and administration of Whitehall High School, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere wish that you and your family are having an enjoyable summer. We hope that your student is looking forward to an engaging and successful 2021-22 school year at WHS. **Monday, August 30, 2021**, is the first day of school for all students. On the first day of school, all students will report to their assigned homeroom to begin the school day and receive further back-to-school information. August 30th will be a full school day for all WHS students.

Half-day LCTI students should report to school on Monday even though LCTI classes do not begin until Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Morning (AM) and afternoon (PM) LCTI students will report to WHS for academic classes and will report to study hall for their LCTI class periods. CAP and Academic Center students do not need to report to school until Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

Student Schedules

Student schedules are now accessible in PowerSchool. Every attempt was made to accommodate all requests for student courses and electives. **Please contact the counseling office if there are any scheduling concerns.** Some Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses have **Summer reading materials or assignments** that need to be completed by the start of the school year. Please visit the Summer Reading/Assignment section ([link](#)) of the high school website ([link](#)) for more information.

Bell Schedule

WHS will follow an A-B Block Bell Schedule with Periods 1,3,5,7 running on an A-Day, and Periods 2,4,6,8 running on a B-Day. Please use the following [link](#) to view the detailed WHS Bell Schedule.

Chromebooks

Whitehall High School is excited to continue our One-to-One Chromebook Program. Every student will be provided a WCSD Chromebook that they will be permitted to use for academic purposes throughout the school year. These devices are to be used for educational purposes and are governed by our Acceptable Use Policy. Details of this policy are outlined in the student handbook as well as on the high school and district website. Parents, along with their students, are encouraged to take special care in familiarizing themselves with the updated rules, procedures, and policies. The following [link](#) provides an overview of our technology policies. Parents are also encouraged to review this [link](#) that contains information regarding purchasing coverage for damage that may occur to the Chromebook throughout the school year.

Bussing

Bussing information will be provided to parents upon completion of the parent information update. Please use the following [link](#) to update important information if you have not done so already. Your username and password for the parent information update site was mailed home on August 6th. If there are any questions regarding bussing, please contact the Transportation Department at 610-437-4780. Students are reminded that the time listed for bus pick-up is an approximate time. Students are permitted to ride **ONLY** their assigned bus to and from school.

Parking

Students who plan on driving to school during the school year will need to purchase a parking permit. Applications for permits can be obtained using the following [link](#) or by visiting the HS website. The cost of a parking permit is \$10. Applications can be submitted beginning August 16th to the Main Office.

Junior/Senior Excusal

Both Juniors and Seniors will be permitted to participate in study hall excusal this year. Excusal is only possible when a Junior/Senior has a study hall scheduled for periods 1, 2, 7, or 8. Students need to provide their own transportation to and from school if they plan to participate in study hall excusal. Please use the following [link](#) for additional information and to access the contract for Junior/Senior Excusal from a period 1, 2, 7, or 8 study hall. Forms submitted on or before Wednesday, August 25th will be processed in time for the start of the school year.

Lockers

Students will be assigned lockers this year. Lockers and combinations will be issued on the first day of school.

Parent Communication

As the school year progresses, communication becomes a vital component of a collaborative educational climate. The Whitehall Copley School District will continue using SwiftReach SwiftK12 as our primary notification system. Therefore, it is very important to update your personal information in PowerSchool regularly so the messages that are sent reach you.. **Report cards are sent through SwiftReach Messenger to parents via Parent Portal and verified by email. Students will not receive a paper report card unless one is requested.** The PowerSchool Parent Portal, which is accessible [here](#), can be used to monitor your student's grades as well as attendance. New users of the PowerSchool Parent portal were mailed instructions on how to create a new PowerSchool account on August 6th. If you have already created your PowerSchool account, please continue to use the same login information.

Additional information regarding school activities and events will be shared via social media platforms such as Twitter (@Whitehall_HS) and Facebook (@Whitehall.High.School). Please consider following us to see what is happening on a daily basis at our school. In many instances, images of students are posted to these platforms. If you do not wish to have your student's picture used in any school media or district website, please submit a letter in writing, to the high school office before **Thursday, September 9, 2021.**

COVID Protocols

Please use the following [link](#) to access information regarding WCSD Health and Safety Plan.

Meet The Teacher Night

Meet the Teacher Night will be held on September 16th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the High School.

Each year we strive to create a successful and enjoyable school year for our students. This endeavor would not be possible without the help of our parents, guardians, and community. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance. We look forward to continuing our shared effort to educate and empower our Whitehall Zephyrs. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your students returning to school please contact the HS Main Office at 610-427-5081.

Sincerely,

Mr. Davidson
Principal - Whitehall High School