

# PARENT AND STUDENT WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>



## POWERHOUSE MARCHING BAND!!

The #POWERHOUSE Marching Band was in FULL FORCE at the football game Friday night! With over 60 members, they were rocking the stands and all of West Augusta! We are proud of all our members including the Sapphire Dance Team, Flagline, Drum Line, and Band Members!  
GO PATRIOTS!

## Parents Sign up for REMIND UPDATES!

### Remind Codes

Each grade level remind codes are listed below.  
Visit [www.remind.com](http://www.remind.com) to create an account.  
Use the code below to connect with your grade level class.  
This is one of the main ways that Westside will communicate this year. Parents and students are welcome to join.

Senior Code: @2whspats22  
Junior Code: @whspats23  
Sophomore Code: @2whspats24  
Freshmen Code: @whspats25

*Note: If you have already signed up for a class Remind, you do not need to sign up again.*

### Information you can use!

- See Page 3 for a very important letter from Mr. Smith that was sent home on Friday with students regarding our 1:1 initiative: POWER UP!
- See Page 4 for a very important letter from Dr. Bradshaw that was sent home on Friday with students regarding Covid-19.
- Parents- We need your help with dress code. Please discuss with your son or daughter about complying with our dress code. You can see our code of conduct link below for the dress code.
- **NWEA MAP Math** begins this week! All math students, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade must take the MAP screener. Student goals will be set to help students master standards. MAP will help us determine where students are academically in Math. Next week, students will be taking MAP in ELA.
- We are now on the **Daily Schedule** until further notice. We will no longer be going to homeroom until further notice.

- **AP STUDENTS-** We have on the calendar that all AP students will have their accounts set up with College Board by the end of this week. Students should work with their teachers to set this up. We will be sending AP Academy information soon. Be on the lookout! 😊
- **The Code of Conduct Parent Signature for is past due. If students have lost their code of conduct, parents can access this page to print out the parent signature page for from this link: [CLICK HERE!](#)**
- TARDIES started Monday (8/16) in Infinite Campus. Please see the code of conduct for discipline consequences for tardies. Consequences for tardies range from detention, to In School Suspension, to suspension and tardies can rack up quick. Students can receive up to 7 tardies a day.
- Over the next several weeks, students will be receiving textbooks for each class. Students may need to purchase a locker that can be purchased before or after school.
- Student who drive to campus have until the end of the month to purchase a parking permit. We will start enforcing permits at the beginning of September.
- Just a reminder of No Hats or head coverings and if a student wears a hoodie, the hood cannot be worn inside the building. Cell phones should be put up and silenced during class. Students can have cell phones out during transition and at lunch but cannot take pictures, take video, or make phone calls. If they need to make a phone call, they must use the phone up at the front office with permission. Earbuds and headphones can only be out during hall transitions and at lunch. We will institute a “one ear in, one ear out” policy. Headphones must be put up during class.
- All class syllabus are on each teachers websites and on their Canvas page.

### Westside High Bell and Advisement Schedules

The Bell Schedule Can Be Found Here: [CLICK HERE](#)

Club Day, Teachers as Advisors Advisement, and Academic Check Days Schedule: COMING SOON

## Afterschool Activities and Events for This Week

Date	Event	Time	Sponsor/Coach
8/23			
8/24	NWEA Map Screener Beings for all Math Students		Math Teachers
	Volleyball vs Harlem/Butler HOME	5:00 pm	Wilmer
	Softball vs. Josey HOME	5:00 pm	Holcombe
8/25	NWEA Map Screener Beings for all Math Students		Math Teachers
	Projection Graduation Senior Tutoring	2:35 pm	Mattice
8/26	Volleyball at ARC (Also vs. Davidson)	5:00 pm	Wilmer
	Softball vs Lincoln County HOME	5:00 pm	Holcomb
8/27	AP Student College Board Registration Completed		AP Teachers
	Football at Warren County	7:30 pm	Hutto
8/28	Volleyball at Burke County	All Day	Beasley
	Cross Country at Diamond Lakes (Westside Speedway Dash)	8:00 am	Newton
8/29	Campus Closed to Students		

### LINKS OF INTEREST FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Fall 2021 Athletic Schedules can be found [CLICK HERE](#)

#### Social Media Pages for Westside High School

Facebook: @thewestsidehighschool ([facebook.com/THEWestsideHighSchool](https://facebook.com/THEWestsideHighSchool))

Twitter: @westsideHS ([twitter.com/westsidehs](https://twitter.com/westsidehs))

Instagram: @thewestsidehighschool ([instagram.com/thewestsidehighschool/](https://instagram.com/thewestsidehighschool/))

Instagram: @whs\_student\_section\_ ([instagram.com.com/whs\\_student\\_section/](https://instagram.com.com/whs_student_section/))

TikTok: @westside\_high\_school (Search in App)

Snapchat: @westside\_hs (Search in App)



*Note: This update may not capture everything so we highly encourage you to visit our website ([rcboe.org/westside](https://rcboe.org/westside)), continuously be in contact with teachers, and join our social media pages and Remind.*

# Information to Pass Along....

## FROM THE DESK OF WILLIAM P. SMITH PRINCIPAL OF WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

August 20, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Westside High School is excited to announce that our school will kick off the One to One Technology initiative, PowerUp, on the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>. PowerUp is using our education sales tax dollars to ensure that every student in our school system receives technology to support homework and supplement classroom instruction. Westside High School students will receive a Windows Laptop that can be taken home daily to enhance what they are learning in the classroom and advance their technology skills.

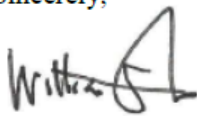
On October 18<sup>th</sup>, Westside High School will host a Parent Orientation for you to learn more about the PowerUp initiative and to cover information in the PowerUp Handbook. Additional information about the orientation will be shared with Westside High School families over the coming weeks. Device distribution for our school is scheduled to begin the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>. This timeline is tentative and may change based on availability of devices.

More information about PowerUp, the PowerUp Handbook, and a course for parents are available on the Parents Tab of the Richmond County School System website at [www.rcboe.org](http://www.rcboe.org). Please review the PowerUp Handbook with your student. If a device is lost or damaged, the assigned family is responsible for device replacement costs. To keep those costs affordable, the school system has made low cost insurance available for all families. The PowerUp Handbook contains information about insurance and we will review it during Parent Orientation.

PowerUp places the latest technology in the hands of all our students. It is exciting to see them have access to a variety of software, engage in digital assignments, and be trailblazers in the next wave of technology.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Stephanie Watford, Media Specialist at Westside High School.

Let's PowerUp Patriots!  
Sincerely,



William P. Smith, Principal  
Westside High School

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August 20, 2021

Dear Richmond County School System (RCSS) Families,

The school year is off to a great start and we are glad to have our students back in school for in-person instruction. We continue to keep the health and safety of our students and staff a priority as we resume school in the COVID-19 environment. It is important for our students to be in class and it is equally important for us to keep you informed of the steps we are taking to teach them safely.

Our school system is taking the following steps to ensure our schools are as safe as possible for our students and staff:

- **Masks are required for all (K-12) students, staff, and visitors to all Richmond County School System facilities and on school buses, regardless of vaccination status.** Students will be permitted to remove masks during lunch and while outside (on the playground, mask breaks, etc.)
- Maintaining an ongoing partnership with the Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Reporting all close contacts to school COVID-19 Point of Contact or School Nurse and DPH
- Maintaining the RCSS COVID-19 Task Force
- Sending notice letters to parents of students who are close and non-close contacts and providing information on next steps
- Providing hand sanitizing stations throughout all facilities and on school buses
- Continuing to fog high traffic and common areas daily
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily
- Turning off water fountains. Providing water and water bottle filling stations
- Posted signage on COVID-19 prevention and symptoms, good hygiene, and school/system specific protocols

Our school system is currently using the following COVID-19 close contact protocol as approved by the DPH:

- All contacts with COVID-19 symptoms regardless of vaccination status or COVID-19 history are required to follow DPH quarantine guidelines
- All contacts where both individuals are properly wearing a mask when the exposure occurred, are NOT required to quarantine and should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure
- Contact where no mask was worn, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine and should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure
- Contact where no mask was worn, unvaccinated individuals are required to quarantine and should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days after exposure

RCSS Families and the community can take the following steps to help us keep our schools open safely:

- Screen children for COVID-19 symptoms before sending them to school
- Keep sick children at home and report COVID-19 symptoms/ absences to the school office
- Limit visits to school buildings. Make appointments or schedule virtual meetings when possible
- Follow DPH and CDC COVID guidance to wear masks, wash hands, practice social distancing and get the vaccine

In addition to our efforts to keep students safe, we are taking steps to provide every Richmond County School System student a classroom experience that takes into account who they are and how they learn. We are working to identify unfinished learning that may have occurred during school closures, virtual learning and Learn@Home transitions throughout the last 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Working together, we can have a safe and successful school year.