

**PARENT AND STUDENT WEEKLY UPDATE  
FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**



Make plans to attend our Holiday Arts and Dessert Concert this Thursday, December 16th from 6-8:00 pm.  
Make sure to purchase your tickets!

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 8 FOR AN IMPORTANT TUTORING PARENT LETTER  
PLEASE SEE PAGE 11 FOR AN IMPORTANT PARENT FINAL EXAM LETTER**

**Christmas Break: December 20<sup>th</sup>- January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Students Return January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Important Reminders**

- Congratulations to Sawyer Calhoun for being named the STAR Student for the 2021-2022 school year! Also a big congrats to Mr. Mattice for being named the STAR Teacher! See more on page 3.
- Please see Page 10 and Page 11 for the Final Exam Schedule and Parent Letter
- The Athletic Fall Sports Banquet is Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Old Gym.
- IMPORTANT AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING INFORMATION| Westside will be starting an after school tutoring program on Monday, November 29th. Please see page 7, page 8, and page 9 for that information. Please encourage your son or daughter to attend sessions regularly.
- Students are now expected to bring their laptops to class every day. Teachers will be using these devices to complete assignments and assessments. Students may not be able to complete all work without their laptop. Please make sure these devices are brought every day.
- All parents are also encouraged to purchase insurance for your laptop. It is at a very reasonable rate. Please click here for more information: [CLICK HERE](#)
- Students are no longer need to have cell phones out during class as they have their laptops. Students will be given a warning before they are referred for discipline action. Please have a conversation with your son or daughter to have their cell phones away during the class instructional period.
- Parents, please speak to your son or daughter in reminding them about our Code of Conduct and making good behavioral choices at Westside. [You can find a link to our Code of Conduct HERE!](#)
- We have several athletic events this week including football, basketball, wrestling, and swim. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the month of December events or the athletic schedules under the student or parent link on our webpage. **Come out and support our PATRIOTS!**

## ATHLETIC BOOSTER INFORMATION

- The Fall Sports Banquet is Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. More information on Page 13.
- The next booster meeting is on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the media center.
- The Westside Spirit Store is open on Fridays from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm. It is located inside the front door of the school. They have merchandise, including sweatshirts, hoodies, and dry-fit shirts. Cash, check and debit/credit cards are accepted.
- The Athletic Boosters need parent volunteers to work concessions and help build the program. You can access this link to sign up to volunteer at <https://tinyurl.com/24eapfrj>
- You can also contact the boosters at [westsideathleticbooster@gmail.com](mailto:westsideathleticbooster@gmail.com).

**COVID-19 UPDATE** Parents- if your child has tested positive for Covid-19 or as been identified as a close contact outside of school, it is imperative to contact the school nurse as soon as possible. We want to make sure we are aware to help with the process of quarantine or in if needed, contact tracing. You can contact Nurse Liz at 706-868-4030 at Ext: 1111 or email her at [GilmeEl@BOE.Richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:GilmeEl@BOE.Richmond.k12.ga.us) . Thank you for your help! **Any student that is out quarantining because of Covid-19 can find their schoolwork on Canvas.**

### 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: [CLICK HERE](#)

## Afterschool Activities and Events for This Week

Date	Event	Time	Sponsor/Coach
12/13	Fall Sports Banquet	6:30 pm	Grant/ Booster
	After School Tutoring- <a href="#">See Schedule</a>	2:45-3:45	Various Teachers
	<b>Final Exam 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Periods</b>		
12/14	Basketball Jefferson @ Westside	6:00 pm	Thomas/ Hunter
	Wrestling @ Hephzibah	4:00 pm	Newton
	After School Tutoring- <a href="#">See Schedule</a>	2:45-3:45	Various Teachers
	<b>Final Exams 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Periods</b>		
12/15	JV Basketball Westside @ Cross Creek	6:00 pm	Thomas/ Hunter
	After School Tutoring- <a href="#">See Schedule</a>	2:45-3:45	Various Teachers
	<b>Final Exams 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Periods</b>		
12/16	Wrestling Patriot Cross County Rumble vs. GHHS	4:00 pm	Newton
	Holiday and Arts Dessert Concert	6:00 pm	Horton/ Colon/ Akins
	Faculty and Retiree Luncheon	11:00 am	Gibson/Farrer
	After School Tutoring- <a href="#">See Schedule</a>	2:45-3:45	Various Teachers
	<b>Final Exam 7<sup>th</sup> Periods and Makeup</b>		
12/17	<b>Final Exams – Make Up Only</b>		
	Basketball Butler @ Westside	6:00 pm	Thomas/ Hunter
	Wrestling Chili Cookoff	4-8:00 pm	Newton
	After School Tutoring- <a href="#">See Schedule</a>	2:45-3:45	Various Teachers
12/18	FCCLA Community Service- Ronald McDonald House	7:30 am	Gibson
	Wrestling @ Patriots Park	7:00 am	Newton
12/19	Campus Closed to Students		
	Christmas Break: December 20 <sup>th</sup> - January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Teachers Return: January 3 <sup>rd</sup> Students Return: January 4 <sup>th</sup>		

# 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.*

## **LINKS OF INTEREST FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

The Fall and Winter 2021/2022 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)

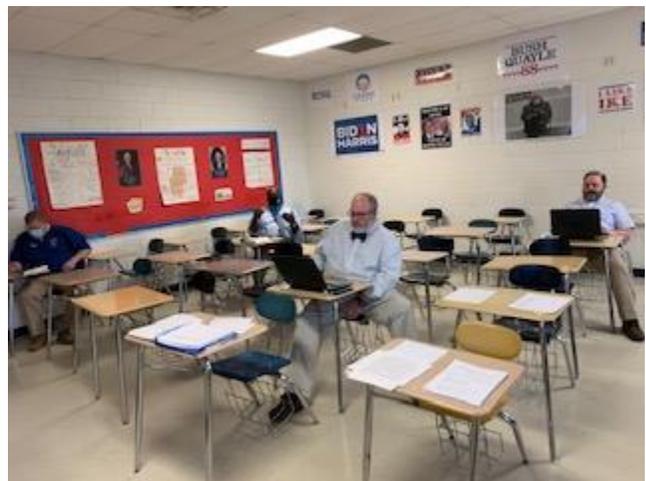
Snapchat: @westside\_hs (Search in App)

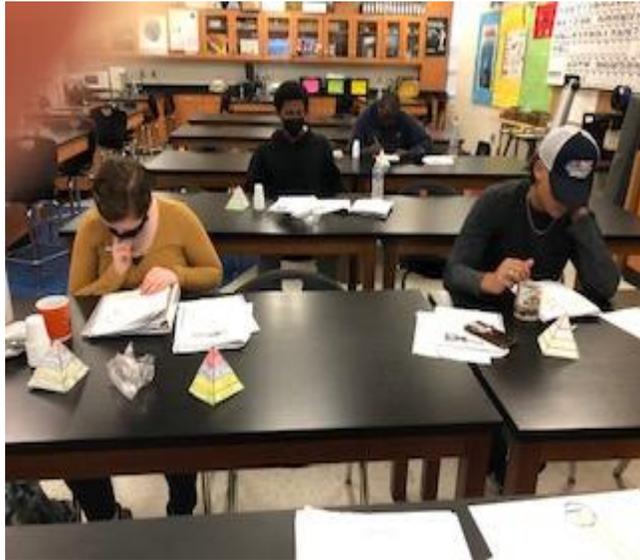


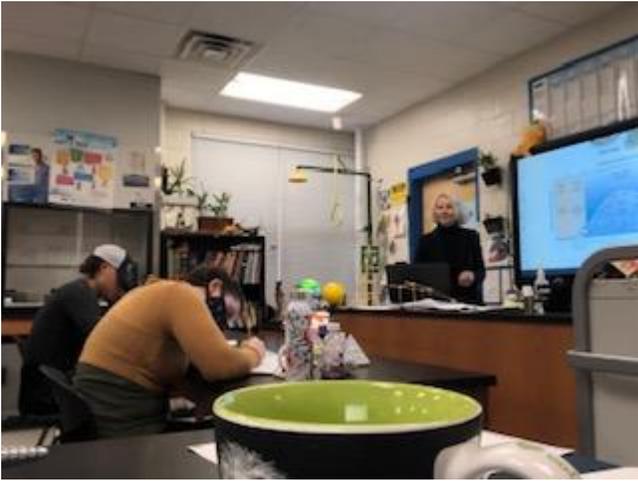
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*Note: This update may not capture everything so we highly encourage you to visit our website ([rcboe.org/westside](http://rcboe.org/westside)), continuously be in contact with teachers, and join our social media pages and Remind.*

**Pictures Speak Louder than Words | Beside of Westside - Pictures of the Week**







# FROM THE DESK OF WILLIAM P. SMITH

## PRINCIPAL OF WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

November 29, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, we now have two types of tutoring at Westside. This includes face to face tutoring with a schedule that is consistent from week to week (attached) as well as virtual tutoring, called FEV Tutoring (attached).

What's the difference?

- Face to face tutoring happens with a teacher in the classroom that's afterschool and available throughout the week. Many students need a face to face teacher that they can seek help from. Even though not all teachers are part of our program, all subjects are covered. Therefore, tutoring is available for students and highly recommended.
- FEV Tutoring can be scheduled at the convenience of the student for the subjects of ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Please see the attached flyer. You can register at the top of our website at [rcboe.org/westside](http://rcboe.org/westside) or contact the telephone numbers on the FEV flyer.

We are offering these two avenues so that students have the help they need, when they need it. We ask parents and guardians to encourage their children to participate weekly in one of these two programs.

Respectively,



William P. Smith, Principal  
Westside High School

## Westside High School After School Tutoring Schedule

2021-2022 School Year

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>ELA</b>	<p><b>Ms. Rensch</b> 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature and American Literature</p> <p><b>Ms. DeLoach</b> 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature and American Literature</p> <p><b>Ms. Akins</b> All English Language Arts</p> <p><b>Ms. Watford</b> Research</p>	<p><b>Ms. Linehan</b> All English Language Arts</p> <p><b>Ms. Perry</b> All English Language Arts Edgenuity</p> <p><b>Dr. Germany</b> 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature</p>	<p><b>Ms. Akins</b> All English Language Arts</p> <p><b>Mr. Mattice</b> All English Language Arts</p>	<p><b>Ms. Linehan</b> All English Language Arts</p> <p><b>Ms. DeLoach</b> 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature and American Literature</p> <p><b>Dr. Clark</b> 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature</p>	<p><b>Ms. Perry</b> All English Language Arts Edgenuity</p> <p><b>Ms. Rensch</b> 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature and American Literature</p>
<b>Math</b>	<p><b>Mr. Clay</b> Alg. I and Geometry</p> <p><b>Coach Flowers</b> Geometry</p>	<p><b>Mr. McCollum</b> All Mathematics</p> <p><b>Coach Flowers</b> Algebra I</p>	<p><b>Mr. Clay</b> Alg. I and Geometry</p> <p><b>Ms. Williams</b> Alg. I and Geometry</p>	---	---
<b>Social Studies</b>	---	<p><b>Ms. Johnson</b> Any Social Studies</p> <p><b>Mr. Christman</b> AP US History</p> <p><b>Mr. Martin</b> AP Government</p>	<p><b>Ms. Wheeler</b> US History and Government</p> <p><b>Mr. Christman</b> Economics</p> <p><b>Mr. Martin</b> AP Human Geography</p>	<p><b>Ms. Johnson</b> Any Social Studies</p> <p><b>Mr. Christman</b> CP US History</p> <p><b>Mr. Martin</b> APCP Government</p>	---
<b>Science</b>	<p><b>Dr. Bradley</b> Environmental Science</p> <p><b>Mr. Zumbro</b> All Sciences</p> <p><b>Ms. Kausar</b> Environmental Science</p>	<p><b>Dr. Bradley</b> Environmental Science</p> <p><b>Mr. Zumbro</b> All Sciences</p> <p><b>Ms. Kausar</b> Biology</p>	<p><b>Dr. Bradley</b> Forensic Science</p> <p><b>Mr. Zumbro</b> All Sciences</p> <p><b>Ms. Potter</b> All Sciences</p>	<p><b>Dr. Bradley</b> Forensic Science</p> <p><b>Mr. Zumbro</b> All Sciences</p>	<p><b>Mr. Zumbro</b> All Sciences</p>
<b>World Language/CTAE</b>	<p><b>Ms. Wright</b> All Spanish</p> <p><b>Ms. Gibson</b> All CTAE Courses</p> <p><b>Ms. K Stone</b> Early Childhood Education/ All CATE Courses</p>	<p><b>Ms. Diehl</b> All Spanish</p> <p><b>Ms. Walker</b> Marketing Principles or Hospitality, Recreation, &amp; Tourism</p> <p><b>Ms. Cofer</b> All CTAE Courses</p>	<p><b>Ms. Wright</b> All Spanish</p> <p><b>Ms. Walker</b> Marketing Principles or Hospitality, Recreation, &amp; Tourism</p> <p><b>Dr. Seabrooks</b> Engineering/ All CTAE Courses</p>	---	<p><b>Ms. Diehl</b> All Spanish</p> <p><b>Ms. Gibson</b> All CTAE Courses</p>

*Note: Students are to report directly afterschool to the teacher they are receiving for. After School Tutoring Time: 2:45-3:45 pm*

# Introducing Virtual Tutoring!



Westside High School is pleased to partner with FEV Tutor to provide your students with high-quality, district-sponsored, live, 1 to 1 virtual tutoring and homework help!

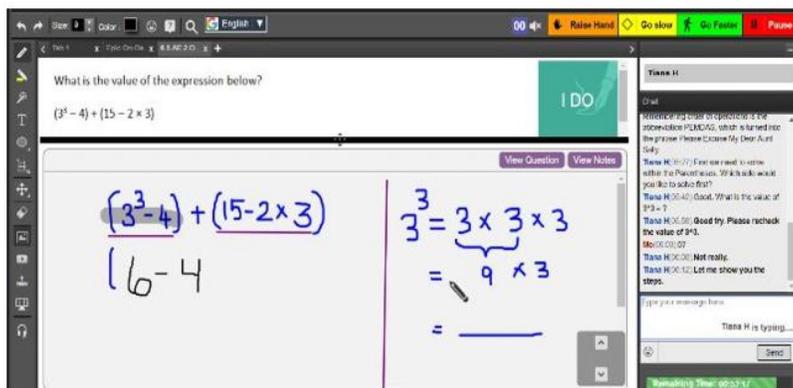
## WHY FEV TUTOR?

FEV Tutor takes a creative approach to deliver students the 1-on-1 support they need to grow academically. Students work with their own professional tutor on an engaging web-based platform accessible from any computer with an internet connection.

Richmond County School System leaders have worked directly with FEV Tutor to personalize homework help for each student. During each tutoring session, students can receive personalized support to bridge skill-gaps and drive academic growth.



**Tutoring is available in all core subjects, including Math, English, Science, and Social Studies!**



## WHAT WILL TUTORING LOOK LIKE FOR STUDENTS?

Students will work with tutors based on their own unique needs to master grade-level learning standards. Students will work with their tutor using a synchronous two-way whiteboard with various learning style options.

## GETTING STARTED

- Contact FEV Tutor at [help@fevtutor.com](mailto:help@fevtutor.com) to schedule your sessions
- Schedule your sessions by emailing our 24/7 support team at [help@fevtutor.com](mailto:help@fevtutor.com)
- You can also call (855) 763-2607 to schedule your session.

# **Westside Comprehensive High School**

Mr. William Smith, Principal  
Ms. Ameesah Hatch, Assistant Principal  
Mr. Travis McRae, Assistant Principal  
Ms. Lisa Norwood, Assistant Principal

December 6, 2021

Dear Westside Parents,

The final exam schedule for the first semester is printed on the reverse side of this letter. Please note that the last day for the first semester in Richmond County is December 17th.

Students may exempt their final exam if they have a 90 or above average in the class. If a student exempts both exams for the day, they should not report to school that day. If a student exempts their morning exam only, they should report to school by 10:50 am.

If the student exempts their afternoon exam only, the student will be allowed to leave campus for the remainder of the day **with parent signature(s) on the "Exam Exemption" form.** They may leave once the morning exam period ends at 10:45 am.

Students will not be released from class during the exam period. Once the exam period begins, students will remain in their testing sites until dismissed. During the four days of exams, students will not be allowed to leave campus unless an adult is present to sign them out or the "Exam Exemption" form has been signed by both the teacher and parent.

ALL students must report to the front office to leave the building.

Should you have any questions regarding this exam schedule or our procedures for testing or exempting, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

William P. Smith, Principal

**Westside High School**  
**2021-2022 First Semester Final Exam Schedule**

**Monday, December 13th**

**7:30 – 10:45 – 1<sup>st</sup> Period Exam Session**

\*7:30 – 8:40 – Study Period

\*8:45 – 10:45 - Exam

**10:50 – 2:30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Exam Session**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Lunch (Math, SS, ROTC, Band, Chorus)

10:50 – 11:20 – Lunch

11:25 – 12:25 – Study Period

12:25 – 2:30 – Exam

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch (ELA, WL, SCI, PE, CTAE)

10:50 – 11:50 – Study Period

11:50 – 12:20 – Lunch

12:25 – 2:30 – Exam

**Tuesday, December 14th**

**7:30 – 10:45 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Period Exam Session**

\*7:30 – 8:40 – Study Period

\*8:45 – 10:45 - Exam

**10:50 – 2:30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Period Exam Session**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Lunch (Math, SS, ROTC, Band, Chorus)

10:50 – 11:20 – Lunch

11:25 – 12:25 – Study Period

12:25 – 2:30 – Exam

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch (ELA, WL, SCI, PE, CTAE)

10:50 – 11:50 – Study Period

11:50 – 12:20 – Lunch

12:25 – 2:30 – Exam

**Wednesday, December 15th**

**7:30 – 10:45 – 5<sup>th</sup> Period Exam Session**

\*7:30 – 8:40 – Study Period

\*8:45 – 10:45 - Exam

**10:50 – 2:30 – 6<sup>th</sup> Period Exam Session**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Lunch (Math, SS, ROTC, Band, Chorus)

10:50 – 11:20 – Lunch

11:25 – 12:25 – Study Period

12:25 – 2:30 – Exam

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Lunch (ELA, WL, SCI, PE, CTAE)

10:50 – 11:50 – Study Period

11:50 – 12:20 – Lunch

12:25 – 2:30 – Exam

**Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 – 10:45 – 7<sup>th</sup> Period Exam Session**

**Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>-Make-Up Testing**



# Westside Athletics Fall Sports Banquet 2021

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30PM  
OLD GYM

THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS IS PROVIDING  
DINNER FOR THE COACHES AND ATHLETES.  
GUESTS' MEALS ARE \$10 EACH

IN ORDER TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE  
RSVP BY NOON ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9  
[TINYURL.COM/WHSBANQUET21](https://tinyurl.com/whsbanquet21)

