

PARENT AND STUDENT WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1st



As you know, February is Black History Month! Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. At Westside, we will have various times throughout the month for lessons and activities. We will culminate the month with a Black History Program. To learn more on your own about Black History Month, [you can start your research here!](#)

Schedule for this Week

We will be on the daily bell schedule all week for Face to Face and Online Learners.

Remember that we will also start Asynchronous Fridays this week.

See page 4 for parent letter that was sent out on Friday about Asynchronous Fridays.

Information you can use!

- Happy School Counselors Week! If you know anything about our school counselors, they are expected to juggle many items! Please take the time this week to thank them!
- The Westside High School Dramatic Arts presents: **The Brothers Crimm Spectaculathon** in performance on Monday, February 1st at 6:30 pm in the Old Gym. Tickets are on sale now and are limited due to social distancing and complying with Covid-19 precautions. See Page 3 for the official flyer.
- Attendance is being entered each day. Tardies and absences will accrue so please make sure to be at school and on time both face to face and online.
- Interim Reports will be issued February 8th for 3rd Nine Weeks.
- On Thursday, all seniors, both F2F and Online will have a senior meeting in the new gym at 9:30 am.
- All Covid-19 protocols are still in place. It is important for students to continue wearing masks and social distancing. The teachers and school administration will be enforcing all protocols. We ask parents to remind their students the importance and seriousness of this pandemic.
- iReady test administration continues this week for 9th Grade in Math. All 9th graders are expected to complete the iReady midyear for both ELA (tested last week) and math. If you have not completed both ELA and Math, please work out a time with your teacher to do so. Please do your best!
- We have various sporting activities this week! Come out and support our Patriots!

Westside High Bell and Advisement Schedules

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

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

Teachers as Advisors Advisement Schedule: [CLICK HERE](#)

Afterschool Activities and Events for This Week

Date	Event	Time	Sponsor/Coach
2/1	National School Counseling Week		
	GHSA One Act Performance- The Brother Grim Spectaculathon	6:30 pm	Akins
2/2	One Act During School Performance (7 th Period)	1:15 pm	Akins
	Varsity Basketball @ GHHS	5:00 pm	Thomas and Hunter
2/3	Severe Weather Drill	TBD	
	Football Meeting Introduce New Football Coach	6:00 pm	Smith
2/4	Senior Meeting for F2F and Online in New Gym	9:30 am	Hatch/ Farrer
	Girls Soccer vs. ARC (Girls)	5:30 pm	Mattice
	JV Basketball Playoffs	TBD	Robinson
	Traditional Wrestling Sectionals @Elbert County	TBD	Newton
2/5	GHSA One Act Play @ Jefferson High School	TBD	Akins
	Varsity Basketball vs. Oglethorpe HOME (SENIOR NIGHT)	7:00 pm	Thomas and Hunter
2/6	JV Basketball Playoffs	TBD	Robinson
	Basketball at Josey HOME	2:00 pm	Hunter and Thomas
2/7	Campus Closed to Students		

LINKS OF INTEREST FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The Winter and Spring Athletic 2020 Schedule can be found [CLICK HERE](#)

Parent and Student Checklist for Online Learning Success [CLICK HERE](#)

Online Learning Classroom Expectations for RCSS Families [CLICK HERE](#)

Updated Attendance Protocol for Westside High School [CLICK HERE](#)

Sign up for REMIND UPDATES!

Remind Codes

Each grade level remind codes are listed below.
Visit www.remind.com to create and 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: @2021whsse2
Junior Code: @patriots22
Sophomore Code: @whspats23
Freshmen Code: @2whspats24

Social Media Pages for Westside High School

Facebook: @thewestsidehighschool (facebook.com/THEWestsideHighSchool)

Twitter: @westsideHS (twitter.com/westsidehs)

Instagram: @thewestsidehighschool (instagram.com/thewestsidehighschool/)

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), continuously be in contact with teachers, and join our social media pages and Remind.

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**Westside High School Dramatic Arts
Presents:**

The 
**Brothers
GRIMM**
SPECTACULATHON
ONE ACT

By
Don Zolidis

When: Monday, Feb. 1st

@ 6:30pm

Where: WHS Old Gym

Tickets: \$8 General Admission

\$5 Westside Faculty, Staff, &
Students

Seats are
LIMITED!
See Ms. Akins
or a cast
member to
purchase
tickets!

FROM THE DESK OF WILLIAM P. SMITH

PRINCIPAL OF WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

January 29, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Richmond County School System in its November 2020 Board Meeting approved a modified calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. As part of the updated calendar, asynchronous Fridays were included for students and teachers in Richmond County High Schools.

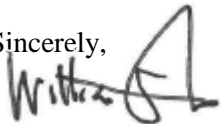
Asynchronous Fridays are to support student achievement and success for our high school students. The dates are February 5th, 19th, and 26th and March 5th, 19th, and 26th. Westside High School students will not report to school on these dates. These days are for teachers to support remediation, recovery and extended learning. Teachers will also be available for scheduled parent conferences and virtual tutoring support.

At Westside, most of our teachers are teaching students online and face to face. Our teachers will use the days to support students with grade recovery and to plan and prepare for their courses. We will also have some time allocated for professional development for our staff.

Asynchronous learning days are not days off for our students or staff. We expect that these days will help advance students who need additional support with content and provide reinforcement and strengthen skills for those who have mastered course content. In addition to virtual tutoring offered by our teachers and departments on asynchronous Fridays, please be reminded that the Richmond County School System has provided FEV Tutor as a tutoring resource available to support your student around the clock.

If you have additional questions or need more information about asynchronous Fridays, please do not hesitate to contact me at Westside High School.

Sincerely,



William P. Smith, Principal
Westside High School