THE PATRIOT WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26th

HOMECOMING 2021 EDITION



Weekly Schedule

Monday- Daily Schedule
Tuesday- Daily Schedule
Wedneday- Club/ Morning Schedule
Thurdsay- Afternoon Assembly/ Pep Rally Schedule
Friday- Afternoon Assembly/ Pep Rally Schedule

HOMECOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, September 27th

Spirit Week Dress: Favorite Character/ Celebrity Day (TV, Movie, Video Game, Anime, Book) Junior Ring Ceremony, 6:00 pm (Invitation Only)

Tuesday, September 28th

Spirit Week Dress: Nerd vs Jock Volleyball Home Game, 6:00 pm (Senior Night)

Wednesday, September 29th (Club/Morning Assembly Schedule)

Spirit Week Dress: Decades Day Homecoming Court Breakfast, 7:45 am Students Vote in Homeroom for Homecoming Court

Thursday, September 30th (Afternoon Assembly Schedule)

Spirit Week Dress: Senior Citizen Day Blood Drive During School Powerpuff Game at 1:47 pm (With Permission Form and Purchase Ticket) JV Volleyball Game Home, 5:00 pm JV Football Game Away, 6:00 pm

Friday, October 1st (Afternoon Assembly Schedule)

Spirit Week Dress: Spirit Day
Pep Rally on Football Field at 1:47 pm (With Permission Form)
Varsity Football Game, 7:30 pm
Crowning 2021 Homecoming King and Queen
Lady Basketball and Cheer Fundraiser Dinner Plates Pickup 11:30-4:15 pm

Saturday, October 2nd

Alumni Basketball Game Westside Versus ARC Cross Country- 5th Annual Braves Invite in Milledgeville, GA

PARENT AND STUDENT WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26th

CONGRATS COACH!



Information you can use!

- Happy HOMECOMING WEEK 2021! Please see front page for all the events. Just a reminder to our students that dress code will be enforced with our spirit week days. We want all of our students to have a fun week!
- This week we have two events that will require a parental permission form. On Thursday, we will have our PowderPuff Football game. Students will need to have the permission form complete and purchase a ticket to attend. On Friday, we will be having a Pep Rally. All students can attend but will need to have that same permission form. Permission forms will be handed out Wednesday in homeroom.
- **FEV TUTORING** Parents, please encourage your students to sign up for weekly FEV Tutoring Sessions. This is a FREE tutoring service. We are working on increasing our student participation. See Page 5 for the FEV Tutoring Flyer.
- Congratulations to Ms. Rebecca Potter for being names a TOP 5 FINALIST for TEACHER OF THE YEAR! The winner will be announced at the October 19th School Board Meeting!
- **From the School Nurse:** For any student that has not turned in their health card, should do so as soon as possible. If a student has misplaced their card, see Nurse Liz for a new one. Also, any student interested in receiving a flu vaccine, please complete a consent form that from Nurse Liz and return it by October 4th.
- See Page 3 for a very important letter from Mr. Smith that was sent home a week ago with students regarding our 1:1 initiative: POWER UP!
- Just a reminder that REPORT CARD NIGHT is October 18th from 6:00 pm- 7:30 pm (The same night as our PowerUP 1:1 Night!)

ATHLETIC BOOSTER INFORMATION

- The Westside Spirit Store is now open on Fridays from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm. It is located inside the front door of the school. They have new 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.

COVID-19 UDPATE | 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. Thank you for your help!

Any student that is out quarantining because of Covid-19 can find their school work on Canvas. If a student lacks technology at home, parents should communicate this to a grade level administrator.

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

Also see page 4 for information about CSRA COLLEGE NIGHT!

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 18th. 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 18th, 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 18th. 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. 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

CSRA VIRTUAL COLLEGE NIGHT

Heads up **#SENIORS!!** The CSRA College Night is coming up on November 4, 2021 and is being held virtually.

CSRA Virtual College Night

Thursday, November 4, 2021 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Attendees will have an opportunity to explore, chat, and connect virtually with representatives from:



- Colleges and Universities
 - Technical Schools
 - Professional Societies
 - Military Organizations;
- ·Georgia and South Carolina Financial Aid
 - Counselors Center
- Seniors attending a portion of the event maintaining a 2.5 GPA will be eligible to win one of fifteen \$1,000 scholarships.

registration link will be provided on October 20th

Introducing Virtual Tutoring!



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



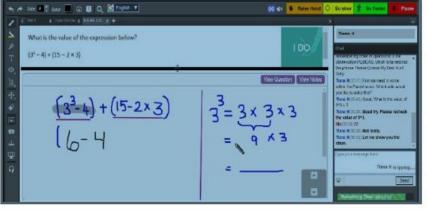
WHY FEV TUTOR?

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