

# PARENT AND STUDENT WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>



## CONGRATULATIONS PATRIOT SOFTBALL!

Congratulations to the Westside softball team for defeating Glenn Hills High School 16-0 this past Thursday night! This was also senior night! Congratulations to Coach Gaddy, Coach Holcombe, and our entire softball team for an #IMPRESSIVE victory! #PATRIOTNATION

### Information you can use!

- **Congratulations to our JV Football team for defeating ARC this past Thursday night! Congratulations!**
- **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!
- **Monday is a Faculty, Staff, and Student Holiday observing LABOR DAY!**
- See Page 3 for the Learn @ Home Letter from Mr. Smith for September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>
- See Page 4 for a very important letter from Mr. Smith that was sent home a week ago with students regarding our 1:1 initiative: POWER UP!
- Tuesday and Wednesday are Learn @ Home Days! Please see the Learn @ Home letters that were sent out last week concerning these days. Students should have received several letters from their teachers on Friday with the work they are responsible for the Learn @ Home days. This work will be graded. Teacher are available through Canvas and by their email during work hours to assist student with work!
- The progress report date to be issued has changed to September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a Baseball Car Wash on September 11<sup>th</sup> here on the campus at Westside! See Coach Barnes or a baseball player for more information!
- **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.**
- **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!](#)**

### [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
9/6	Labor Day (Student Holiday)		
9/7	Learn @ Home Day- Students Do Not Report to Campus		
	Volleyball vs. Waco/TCM HOME	5:00 pm	Wilmer
	Softball vs. Butler HOME	6:00 pm	Holcomb
	Fall Sports Pictures	2:45pm	Coaches/ Hatch
9/8	Learn @ Home Day- Students Do Not Report to Campus		
9/9	Volleyball at Grovetown	6:00 pm	Wilmer
	Cross Country at Milledgeville GA (GMC Bulldog Dash)	5:00 pm	Newton
	JV Football vs Harlem	5:30 pm	Hutto
9/10	No Varsity Football Game This Week- OPEN WEEK		
9/11			
9/12	Campus Closed to Students		

## Parents Sign up for REMIND UDPATES!

### 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 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)




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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.*

# Information to Pass Along....

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

August 31, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may know, the district released information today that next Tuesday and Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 8<sup>th</sup>, will be Learn @ Home days.

During these days, students will access their work through Canvas, our districts Learning Management System. Students can access Canvas through Launchpad or by accessing this website: <https://launchpad.classlink.com/rcboe>.


By this Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, teachers will have packets of work for students who do not have technology at home to access Canvas for our Learn @ Home days. It is important for students to communicate to their teacher that they need printed materials as well as any other resources to completed their work.

No matter whether through Canvas or printed material, students will receive a letter from each of their teachers on Friday that specifically states what their work is,

All work for the Learn @ Home days will be due when students return on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Teachers will be available on both of these days synchronously and can be accessed through Canvas. Teachers can also be contacted through email that is listed on their website.

Sincerely,



William P. Smith, Principal  
Westside High School

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# 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.

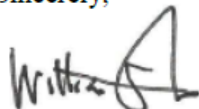
More information about PowerUp, the PowerUp Handbook, and a course for parents are available on the Parents Tab of the Richmond County School System website at [www.rcboe.org](http://www.rcboe.org). Please review the PowerUp Handbook with your student. If a device is lost or damaged, the assigned family 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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