Good luck, grads!

West Haven High School bid a fond farewell to the Class of 2017 June 15, awarding diplomas to more than 340 seniors who together completed nearly 20,600 hours of community service, and were awarded more than $148,000 in scholarships from WHHS and local groups. Grads will be heading to UCONN, Yale, Cornell, Princeton, NYU, Clemson, UNH, SCSU, trade schools, the military or the workforce.

Welcome, Class of 2021!

Orientation: Students entering ninth grade are invited to an orientation session August 21 (8:00AM -11:00AM) to learn about course offerings and requirements, student and school expectations, support services, clubs, and an overview of life at WHHS. There will be a parent orientation at 8:30am

Orientation schedule: Students will receive tours of the school’s cafeteria, library media center, gym and freshmen academy classrooms, receive their locker combinations, and see a presentation in the auditorium. There will also be a meet-and-greet with teachers, raffles, snacks and class info. Don't miss out on this chance to get acquainted with WHHS--get all your questions answered and find your classrooms now, before all of the excitement and activity of the first day of school.

First day of classes Aug. 28: Peer Advocates will be volunteering in hallways on the first day of school to help students find their classes and lockers. Just look for their Westie-blue shirts (with the words PEER ADVOCATE on the back) and simply ask for directions, suggestions, or help.

Important reminders for students in all grades

✔ Students in AP classes are expected to hand in summer assignments on their due dates.
✔ WHHS communicates with families through School Messenger using contact info from Power School. Please update your Power School contact info, including your email address.
✔ WHHS ID’s must be worn and are required to get lunch. Failure to wear one results in the issuance of a new ID and lanyard at replacement cost.
✔ Parents who do not want their children approached by U.S. Armed Forces recruiters or to have any communication with their representatives should send a written letter to Assistant Principal Mrs. Patricia Robles with this request.
✔ Parents will soon be asked to review your school registration info. All students must bring to school 2 proofs of residency with the student’s name listed on them before October 1st.
✔ All students will take school photos, October 2-5. Picture forms will be sent home before picture days. See Mrs. Suraci or Ms. Acquarulo with questions. Money is due the day of pictures. Parent volunteers are needed to assist all 5 days.
Dear WHHS families:

With the 2017-2018 academic year right around the corner, we want to give a warm welcome to the Class of 2021 and are excited to catch up with all of our returning students. The halls of WHHS are just too quiet without our energetic Wes-ties, and we look forward to the excitement and flurry of activity you’ll bring back to school this fall.

Students, we hope you’ll take advantage of the programs and resources offered throughout the year to give you extra help with classwork, college applications, post-grad plans and more. And whether it’s theater or athletics or a club, find an outlet to pursue your passion. You’ll make the most of your time at WHHS if you get involved and get to know more of the people who help make this a great school. Remember, the connections you make or the talents you discover can lead to fond lifelong memories of your high school years and rewarding opportunities in the future.

Families, we hope you will be a part of WHHS, too. Check out our list of important dates and commit to coming to at least a few events. Reach out to teachers or administrators if you have a concern or question. Stay updated with your child’s academic progress on Power School. We need you on our team—your involvement in your child’s educational experience is critical to his or her success and will make the WHHS community that much richer.

It’s all just a few weeks away, so we hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and are excited for a new year.

Sincerely,
Pamela B. Gardner
Principal

From the Principal’s desk...

WHHS Electronic Devices Policy

Possessing electronics: Electronic devices are not permitted in classrooms, unless approved by a teacher for academic use. Students are responsible for all electronic devices brought on school grounds.

The Board of Education will assume no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property on school premises. Students who bring electronic devices to WHHS should have no expectation of privacy for any images, messages or other files contained in such devices.

Cell phones: Allowed only for texting in the cafe and passing time in hallways. Talking on phones and use as cameras is prohibited from 7:25 a.m. -1:45 p.m. Prohibited in class-

Ear buds: “One on, one off” policy. Only one ear can be plugged at a time so students can hear staff or emergen-
cy signals/announcements. Allowed in cafeteria and hallways. Headphones are prohibited.

New Faces at WHHS

Please help us welcome the following new staff members to WHHS:

*Mathematics - Samantha Clyne, Lauren O’Brien
*ELL - Roberto Pistone
*Science - Travis McHugh
*Social Worker - Brooke Zaffino
**at time of publication

Residency Hotline

Anyone knowing of a family not residing in West Haven but attending our schools is asked to call 203-937-4300. Anonymity will be honored.

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Mrs. Gardner (203) 937-4360 x7109
pamela.gardner@whschools.org

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Mrs. Paredes (203) 937-4360 x7110
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Assistant Principal, A-M, D115
Mr. DellaCamera (203) 937-4360 x7139
John.dellacamera@whschools.org

Assistant Principal, N-Z, 10-12, D128
Mrs. Robles (203) 937-4360 x7103
Patricia.robles@whschools.org

Administrative Intern, F205
Dr. Charbonneau (203) 937-4360 x7141
Wendy.charbonneau@whschools.org

Absence line: 203-931-6899
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Any of these dates are subject to change.
**LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER**

The Library Media Specialists wants to remind WHHS students that the library media section of the WHHS website can assist with all of your research needs and contains access to subscription databases. Visit the library website at [whhs.whschools.org/school_information/media](http://whhs.whschools.org/school_information/media). The library media program at WHHS supports learning and teaching, provides information access and delivery, encourages learning and reading for a lifetime, and manages print and electronic resources needed for optimal learning.

**Summer Reading: Boost Skills, Earn Extra Credit**

All WHHS students should have completed some summer reading while on break. Book suggestions can be found on whhs.whschools.org. WHHS published a suggested book list, but students can read any book that is appropriate for their reading level to participate. Students are to fill out and submit a short online form (also on the WHHS website) about the books they have read.

**Have Summer Math Homework? Access Your Books Online!**

Access your Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2 books online. Do not create your own username and password.

- Web address: [www.PHSchool.com/math/](http://www.PHSchool.com/math/)
- Click on Successnet Login
- In username field type: westiestudent
- In password field type: whhs123
- Scroll to the book you need and click Student Center to access Algebra 1 or 2 text.

***OR***

- Click on PH Geometry 2004 to access the geometry text.

Click Show Contents to choose your topic then click on the chapter then lesson to narrow your search.

**Need Help with Summer Math Homework?**

View video lessons on Homework Video Tutor to practice algebra and geometry or help you with summer math homework.

Web address: [www.PHSchool.com](http://www.PHSchool.com).

“Click Here” on Course Content note.

- Click on “Math.”
- Under “Student Resources” click on “Textbook Companion Sites.”
- Click “PH Mathematics 2004.”
- Click on the picture of the textbook you want to view.
- Click on “Homework Video Tutors.”

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**Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Board of Education Student Representatives!**

Sumedha Chowdhury  David O’Brien  Julia Walker
**WHHS BAND**

The full color guard has practice scheduled for August 14-17, August 21-25, in the WHHS courtyard.

New instrumentalists and leaders are scheduled for August 12-13 from 2-5 p.m. in the WHHS band room.

All musicians are expected to attend August 14-16 from 5-9 p.m. and August 17, 21-23 from 12-4 p.m., August 24-25 from 6-9 p.m. at WHHS.

Contact Ms. Marcella at cassandra.marcella@whschools.org for more information.

Please visit us online at [www.bluedevilband.net](http://www.bluedevilband.net) and join our WHHS Band Facebook page for more information.

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**PILLOWTIME CHILDREN’S THEATRE**

Dr. Joanne Andres PillowTime Children’s Theatre is presenting their first performance on Saturday, October 21 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Children 11 and under are free. Tickets for all other guests are $5. Children are asked to bring a pillow or blanket to sit upon.

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**MUSIC ACCOLADES**

**ALL-STATE MUSICIAN**

Congratulations to Class of 2017 Alum Field Leader and Lead Trombone Jacob “JJ” Brentson the first instrumentalist to ever represent WHHS at the CMEA All State Festival. JJ will be pursuing a degree in music at UCONN this fall. Congratulations, JJ!

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**THEATRE WORKSHOP**

**WHHS Theatre Workshop Presents Dearly Departed**

The WHHS Theatre Workshop is holding an information meeting September 5th at 1:45 p.m. in the Little Theatre (E126) for all interested in auditioning for Dearly Departed. No experience needed.

Open auditions will be held on Monday, September 11th with call backs (if needed) on September 12th at 1:45 p.m. You must be available for both afternoons. Rehearsals will be held in the afternoons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. There may be a Saturday rehearsal prior to the performance.

Show dates are November 16th and 17th at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please email Margaret.maher@whschools.org.

The spring musical will be “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.” The show centers on a fictional spelling bee set in a geographically ambiguous Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee, run by three equally quirky grown-ups.
Michael Osei '18 hold his $25 check for winning the WHHS Black History Month trivia contest. Michael is pictured with his period 5 AP U.S. Government & Politics classmates who also participated in the contest. Way to go Mike!

Pictured from left to right are Arielle Marin-duque ’18, Evelyn Fabian ’17, and Angelina Simeoli ’20, the three winners of the annual WHHS Academic Integrity Committee (AIC) Essay Contest. Each student wrote an original and creative essay about why it's important to live a life of integrity. The essays were forwarded to the statewide Laws of Life Essay Contest sponsored by the School for Ethical Education located in Milford. Great job ladies!
**FRESHMEN**

**Physical Examination Requirement**
All students entering grade nine must complete a physical examination at some point during the year to be in compliance with state law. Without written evidence of a physical examination and adequate immunizations, your child can and will be excluded from school. Please contact the school nurse with any questions or concerns at 203-937-4360 X7115 or 7113.

**SOPHOMORES**

**Physical Examination Requirement**
Students entering grade 10 may not receive schedules or start school if they have not submitted required physicals. State law and Board policy require the exam be done in Grade 9. Please contact the school nurse with any questions or concerns at 203-937-4360 X7115 or 7113.

**SOPHOMORES & JUNIORS**

Once again, the School Counseling Department will be offering the popular overnight college campus excursion called Campus Connection. Based on feedback from our previous attendees, the excursion will take place this fall (previously held in the spring). Six colleges in the northeast will be explored. This trip is offered to sophomores and juniors. More details regarding cost (approx. $150-$170) and sign up will follow in September.

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**Testing For Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors**

**Modified Schedule October 11 For All Grades**

On October 11, **freshmen** will be taking the PSAT 8/9 and **sophomores and juniors** will be taking the PSATs. These evaluations are at no cost to students.

**Freshmen**: The PSAT 8/9 is a valuable tool, even if your child does not plan on attending college. PSAT 8/9 measures skills students need to be on track for success as they transition to high school. It provides educators insight into students’ academic progress as they make informed decisions in the classroom.

**Sophomores and juniors**: Taking the PSATs is a great opportunity for students to prepare for the SATs. Juniors could be eligible to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship based on junior year PSAT scores. PSAT results are not officially reported to colleges unless colleges specifically request them senior year. Students will register for the PSAT in late September and early October via school counseling.

October 11 is a full school day. All students are expected to attend. To accommodate administration of the test, there will be a change to the school schedule on October 11 which will follow closer to the date.

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**ALL GRADES**

**PARENTS**: Parents interested in joining the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for the School Counseling Department are asked to contact Dr. Rose Paolino, Department Head, at 203-937-4360 x7118. The goal for the PAC is to increase communication between parents, school and community in matters of secondary school guidance services. Meetings are held three times per year, Thursday evenings, from 6:00-7:00 PM at WHHS.

**Yearbook Orders**

Yearbook ordering information will be sent home at the beginning of the school year. Students can order online or in person with Ms. Acquarulo.

There are two yearbooks that will be available for purchase:
- *The Senior yearbook*- features class pictures of senior students only, includes all club and sport teams
- *The underclassman yearbook*- features class pictures of juniors, sophomores, and freshman, includes all club and sports teams.

Herff Jones will mail the online ordering information home. I will mail in-person ordering and baby ad information home in September. Please be sure you order the correct yearbook.

**Course selection**

School Counselors have completed the *course selection process* with all grades. All students had the opportunity to meet with their counselor on an individual basis and select their courses wisely to reflect their college/career pathway. Remember, there will be NO schedule changes in September.

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**Advisors for the Class of 2021**

- Mrs. Joanne Trenchard
- Mrs. Dana Paredes
The West Haven High School Class of 2018 is happy to announce that Senior Prom will be held at Woodwinds, 29 School Ground Road, Branford, on Thursday, May 24 from 6-11 p.m. Seniors, please help us prepare for your memorable senior class events by supporting and participating in fundraisers. Come join our weekly council meetings (day to be decided and announced the first week of school).

A Must-Attend Event For Seniors and Parents:
College/Career Fair at WHHS
Wednesday, October 4, 2017
Schedule of Evening Program 6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
6 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Gymnasium— Senior Breakout Session: College Process & Application Procedure
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Gymnasium— Visit with in-state and out-of-state college/career representatives.

Counselor Meeting
Seniors will meet with their school counselor in September and October for individual portfolio sessions and will begin to formulate a short list of colleges in which they are interested. At that time, graduation requirements and post-secondary planning will be discussed. Seniors will also sign a contract regarding graduation requirements which will be mailed home.

Remind 101 for Seniors
To increase awareness of dates for senior portraits, senior activities, meetings, fundraisers and yearbook deadlines, a Remind 101 account has been created for the Class of 2018. To receive alerts: Text @e6e5c to 81010.

Students interested in playing sports in college should check their eligibility with the Athletic Department. Students must register with the NCAA to participate in any Division I or Division II sports, or receive any athletic scholarship for college. Forms are in the Athletic Department.

The first day for fall sports practice is Saturday, August 24. (Football is August 17.) Must have sports physical cleared by nurse to participate.

Contact Athletic Director Jon Capone: 203-619-4784 or jonathan.capone@whschools.org for any questions or concerns.
Please note the revised School Counselor caseload below. (A slight change in alphabetical assignment was necessary due to enrollment). Also, welcome our new intern, Miss Kiernan Kelley, from Southern Connecticut State University.

School Counseling Staff for 2017-2018:
Dr. Rose Paolino (A-Bo) rose.paolino@whschools.org
Mrs. Norma Merced (Bp-EV) norma.merced@whschools.org
Mrs. Heather Kannengeiser (Ew-Lanz) heather.patch@whschools.org
Mrs. Heather Doraz (Lao-Pas) heather.doraz@whschools.org
Mrs. Deborah Kachmar (Past-Sa) deborah.kachmar@whschools.org
Mrs. Holly Benedetti (Sb-Z) holly.benedetti@whschools.org

Reminders:
* Students are responsible for accessing their email & Family Connection account for current updated information.

* Students are responsible for contacting the College Board or ACT in order to have their official SAT or ACT Score Reports sent to the colleges in which they are applying. Please note: West Haven High School does not send SAT/ACT scores to the colleges. Official scores are required by the colleges via College Board and ACT.

* Students are responsible for notifying the school counseling office and their counselor in a timely manner, when completing a college application online by requesting a transcript via Naviance.

* All College Application and Request for Letters of Recommendation Procedures are in the College Procedural Handbook which will be given to all seniors in September and can also be found on the School Counseling Website at whhs.whschools.org.

Financial Aid: Important Dates
November (Date T.B.A) we will be holding a Financial Aid Night at WHHS at 6:30 p.m. This is a very informative event with a presentation by an expert consultant. In addition, students may access studentaid.com, a reputable website for students and families which provides individual services and a college cost and planning guide.

November (Date T.B.A.) WHHS will also host a “Complete Your FAFSA Day” for students and their parents.

NAVIANCE/ Family Connection
http://connection.naviance.com/westhaven
All students are required to utilize Naviance and check their email for college and career planning. All college visits, campus visits, special programs, and on-site college interviews will be emailed and posted on Naviance. Students may attend events only if they register for them on Naviance! Freshmen will be introduced to Naviance and Parent Codes will be mailed. For students and parents who already have a code, please remember to utilize Naviance to assist your child in their college and career planning. If you forgot your password, click on the link “forgot Password” and it will be sent to you via email. Announcements pertinent to each class will be posted on the homepage of Family Connection and sent to students via email.

Scholarships
Scholarship information is available in the School Counseling Office and Career Center. A list of scholarship information will be updated on a monthly basis and accessed via Naviance and student email. We encourage students to register with fastweb.com, a scholarship source.

College/Career Representatives
Representatives will visit WHHS throughout the year. Students are encouraged to check Naviance (upcoming visits are located under the college tab) and the Career Center when representatives will be visiting. Registration for College visits must be done via Naviance.
“SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS:

Check Naviance Home Page for information: https://connection.naviance.com/westhaven.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR COLLEGE BOUND:

Campus visits: Juniors can benefit from a first round of college visits this summer when open houses abound. Visit those colleges you love the most! The website Petersons.com will help you plan for campus visits and figure out how to get the most out of the experiences. Campus visits can be a great tiebreaker to help you decide which college best suits you.

Community service: Summer is not only a great time for completing community service hours, but it is also a time to take on activities that teenagers typically do not do in order to help you stand out on those college applications. There are more than 26,000 high schools in the U.S. That means there are 26,000 football captains, 26,000 prom queens, 26,000 valedictorians and the list goes on and on. Some Non-Teenager Activities to help you stand out from other teenagers:

* restore antique instruments * breed a special strain of flower and name it * make a movie * invent something * start a real business with customers and employees * run a political campaign Congratulations to all Seniors who will be wearing an honor cord at Graduation for 40 or more hours of Community service!

COLLEGE WEBSITES:

College Questions Answered: A valuable website for the endless questioning that takes place when choosing a college, financial aid, and life after high school is the State Department of Higher Education: www.ctdhe.org

College Ranking: From the most popular to the least popular colleges: www.usnews.com/sections/education/index.html

SAT/ ACT: Students who will be taking the SAT/ACT in the fall should begin to study during the summer. SAT/ACT Test Preparation: (reputable sights and organizations)

Online resources:

Khan Academy: Online tutorial for all grades. Khan Academy is not only the most recommended online resource from College Board for Practice of the NEW SAT, but also for other subject areas. There are practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard for students to study at their own pace. Subjects include: math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. Visit https://www.khanacademy.org/sat

SAT Skills Insight: helps students familiarize themselves with and practice for the SAT. Visit www.collegeboard.com/satskillsinsight

Organizations:

Kaplan: Visit: www.kaptest.com (stop by the School Counseling Office in the fall for any discount offerings being made)

First Choice College (Milford, CT): Visit https://firstchoicecollege.com (stop by the School Counseling Office in the fall for any discount offerings being made)

Please note: If you are applying for Accommodations (Special Needs or Section 504) you must complete a Student Eligibility Form (available from your counselor). This form must be complete 6 weeks prior to test date.

ACT: The ACT has become another option for most college admissions. Many students take the ACT to see if they score at a higher level than the SAT. The ACT is more of an academically orientated test compared to the SAT. The ACT is given at nearby schools (www.actstudent.org).

NCAA: Any students interested in playing sports at the college level should check with the Athletic Department to see if they are eligible. Students must register with the NCAA in order to participate in any Division I or Division II sports, or receive any form of athletic scholarship for college. Forms are available in the Athletic Department.
Food and Drink Policies

All food and drinks must be consumed in the cafeteria. Only water bottles are allowed in classrooms or hallways.

Students who bring their lunch to school must have it in a lunch bag or lunch box.

The WHHS cafeteria has several offerings each day, including:
- Made-to-order salad bar
- Made-to-order deli bar
- Pizza with several different choices
- Hot entrée of the day: see online menu
- Grill area: chicken patty, hamburger, cheeseburger

The cost for a student meal for lunch is $3.25 for paid students, $0.40 for reduced students.

The cost for breakfast is $1.25 for paid students and $0.30 for reduced students.

Please fill out an application as soon as possible to determine whether or not you are eligible for free or reduced meal benefits in the National School Lunch Program. This can be found on the district website (whschools.org) under the “Forms” tab.

My School Bucks is the online payment system for parents to apply money to their students’ meal account. To register, visit http://www.myschoolbucks.com. You will need your student’s ID number. Once you’ve signed up, fund your student’s account via the mySchoolBucks website or mobile app, which is for iPhone and Android.

Core Values — West Haven High School Students will: Demonstrate respect for themselves and others; Promote a positive and safe school climate; Promote and demonstrate the components of a healthy lifestyle.
School Governance Council
School Governance Councils (SGC) were created by the recent education reform law to enable parents, staff, students and community leaders to improve student achievement. Guided by the WHHS School Climate Plan, the WHHS SGC has identified a need for parents to get more involved in their child’s schooling and is working toward that goal. The SGC needs new members – please consider getting involved. It includes 7 parents, 5 teachers and 2 students. Email Pame-la.gardner@whschools.org. —Parents still needed!

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)
New and existing members of the Parent Advisory Committee are welcome. Contact Dr. Rose Paolino, rose.paolino@whschools.org, or phone x7118, for more information. The goal for the PAC is to increase communication between parents, school and community in matters of secondary school guidance services.

WHHS PTSA
The first PTSA Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6th.....The schedule is as follows: October 4th, November 1st, December 6th, January 3rd, February 7th, March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd, and June 6th.

Email Roberta O’Brien @ roberta.obrien@yale.edu or Ellen Collins @ 5collins@sbcglobal.net to join.

The PTSA meets on the first Wednesday of every month in the conference room by the Little Theater at 6:30 pm (Sept-Dec) and from Jan – Jun, we meet at 6:30 pm for Project Graduation followed by the PTSA Meeting at approx. 7:00 pm.

Blue & White Up All Night: 2018
A planning committee for the alcohol-free all-night graduation party is seeking volunteers to help plan and fundraise for the event. This event was started to help keep kids safe on graduation night. It is a free event for seniors. If you would like to help with this event, email pame-la.gardner@whschools.org. Parents from ALL GRADES are invited to help plan this exciting event for our graduates.

Earn Money for WHHS
The WHHS Class of 2017 Top 20 was an accomplished group that displayed an extraordinary commitment to academics, community service and WHHS.

Rank
#1 Alice Li
#2 Rose Silver
#3 Paige Sheridan
#4 Lauren Lewis
#5 Maggie Yeh
#6 Marilyn Tran
#7 Evelyn Fabian
#8 Olivia Marie Vining
#9 Irvie Mumar
#10 Christian Zapata
#11 Andrew Gordon
#12 Marianna Kalander
#13 Jacob Brentson
#14 Nasrin Jabarkhyl
#15 Jared Sandler
#16 Alexis Miller
#17 Morgan Lambert
#18 Amy Loja Marquez
#19 Monica Ghaly
#20 Elizabeth Repetsky

What’s Available on WHHS Website
*Bus Schedule will be on the school website, whhs.whschools.org, and in the Voice newspaper
*Daily menus for the cafeteria
*WHHS 2017-18 Handbook—If you would like a paper copy, please check the box “Need School Handbook” when you register your child for this school year. The handbook contains all rules and regulations for WHHS students. Please review it with your student.
Standard of Dress at WHHS

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children’s dress conforms to the requirements set forth below. The health, safety and education of the child must be the concern of every parent/guardian.

A student is expected to be neat in appearance and maintain good personal hygiene at all times. A student dressed inappropriately will be asked to arrange for a change of clothes, remove jewelry, hats, outerwear, etc., or cover areas of the body prior to admittance to class.

Since styles are continuously changing, the administration may modify this list at any time. If an administrator determines that a student is in violation of the school’s dress code, the student may be excluded from class or sent home.

Acceptable garments are listed in the table below:

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<th>Pants:</th>
<th>Jeans, dress, khaki, capri, and cargo styles of any color. Pants must be worn at the waist.</th>
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<td>Shorts, Skorts,</td>
<td>Knee-length jean, khaki, cargo, and Bermuda style shorts, skorts, and skirts of any color. Items must be worn at the waist.</td>
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<td>Skirts:</td>
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<td>Dresses:</td>
<td>Knee-length dresses of any color. Dresses must have two straps and must not expose cleavage.</td>
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<td>Shirts, Blouses,</td>
<td>Collared shirts, blouses, knit tops, and t-shirts of any color. Shirts must be long enough to cover the midriff when arms are raised. Shirts can be long or short sleeved, must have two straps, must not expose cleavage. Basketball style shirts must be worn with an undergarment.</td>
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<td>Tops:</td>
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<td>Sweaters, Hoodies,</td>
<td>Crew neck sweaters, V-neck sweaters, and pullover sweatshirts/hoodies.</td>
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<td>Outerwear:</td>
<td>Zip-up sweatshirts/hoodies, blazers, suit jackets and vests may be worn over clothing as long as the standard of dress policy is adhered to once they are removed or unzipped.</td>
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<td>Footwear:</td>
<td>Footwear must be worn at all times. Shoes, sandals, flats, boots, flip-flops, and sneakers of any color. **Slippers are not permitted.</td>
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Detention Policies

Saturday detentions are scheduled once a month, from 8 a.m.—noon, as an alternative to being suspended from school for smoking, failing to comply with the School Board policy regarding tardiness to school, truancy, or other infractions which are not threatening, violent or disruptive to the educational process. Students must to complete community service in the detention.

Extended detention (three hours) is an alternative to being suspended from school for smoking, failing to comply with the School Board policy regarding tardiness to school, truancy, or other infractions which are not threatening, violent or disruptive to the educational process. Extended detentions are held twice a month on Wednesday from 1:50 p.m.-4:50 p.m.

Campus Safety Team

The WHHS Campus Safety staff strives to be a proactive presence on campus, identifying potential problems before they disrupt the learning environment and enforcing school rules and procedures. The Campus Safety Team is comprised of men and women who are school resource officers and security guards and have a demonstrated commitment to caring for others, service, loyalty and integrity.
COMMUNITY RESIDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACCREDITATION OF WEST HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Pamela Gardner of West Haven High School is inviting parents of high school children and other interested community residents to assist in a self-study visitation which is currently being conducted by the school’s professional staff.

The self-study is a significant component in the accreditation process of the Committee on Public Secondary Schools for the accreditation of West Haven High School by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Volunteers are most urgently needed on Sunday, September 24, 2017 to discuss the strengths and needs of the school. The visitation will begin at 1:00 pm with a panel presentation and parent meetings to follow.

Anyone interested in volunteering time or in learning more about the self-study visitation should contact Robin Ferreira and/or Wendy Charbonneau, who are coordinating the accreditation process at the school. They may be reached by email at: Robin.Ferreira@whschools.org or Wendy.Charbonneau@whschools.org.

Thank you for your time and commitment to the accreditation process.

Congratulations to our second place recipients in the 2017 eeSmarts Student Contest sponsored by the Energize Connecticut Initiative Eversource Energy and United Illuminating. Our Westies beat out over 1,200 entries submitted statewide to receive this recognition. Congratulations to Natalia Lecce, Ashlynn O’Keefe, Amanda Hill and KC Marron!

Ivy Grows on WHHS

Congratulations and best of luck to all of our seniors. We want to give special kudos to our three students who will be attending Ivy League Institutions. Pictured with Principal Pamela Gardner and Superintendent of Schools Neil Cavallaro are Alice Li (Yale), Andrew Gordon (Cornell), and Evelyn Fabian (University of Pennsylvania).
West Haven High School is getting updated and renovated, with an estimated completion date of spring, 2022. Gilbane Building Company is the Construction Manager on this project working with the architectural firm of Antinozzi Associates. This summer the campus was busy with activity including utility relocation and environmental abatement of the Technical Education temporary space. You may have noticed the gates and temporary traffic patterns if you visited the campus. This fall, the Technical Education temporary space in the auxiliary gym will be completed to make space for the environmental abatement and demolition of the G Wing in the winter of 2018. You are all invited to the official groundbreaking on August 22 at 1:00 p.m.

The Superintendent and High School Administration will be working closely with Gilbane Building Company to assure the least amount of disruption to the educational process, as well as maintaining a safe environment for all. We ask all staff, parents and students to pay attention as our traffic patterns may be adjusted as construction needs dictate. Bus drop-off and dismissal will remain at the back of the school, but students are asked to enter the building through the gym entrance. Parent drop-off remains at the front of the school. Please plan to arrive early as congestion builds up the closer it gets to 7:25am. We will communicate all pertinent information to you as the project proceeds. Mark your calendars for a special meeting on the High School Construction Project on September 14th at 6:00pm. More information to follow. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at pamelagardner@whschools.org

To give you an idea of how the project will be completed, here is the anticipated phasing plan:

Construction Phase 1 - Spring 2018 – Summer 2019
  - Construction of New Cafeteria and Auditorium & New spaces will be occupied in Fall 2019
Construction Phase 2 - Summer 2019 – Summer 2020
  - New Gym Addition and D-Wing Renovations & New Gym will be occupied in January 2020
  - D Wing will be occupied in Fall 2020
Construction Phase 3 - Summer 2020 – Summer 2021
  - E and F Wing Renovations & New space will be occupied in Fall 2021
Construction Phase 4 - Summer 2021 – Spring 2022
  - C-Wing Renovation, Demolition of A, B, and C Buildings, and Landscaping
  - Work at the High School will be complete in Spring 2022
WHHS Student Parking Agreement

It is a privilege to drive to WHHS and park on campus. This privilege is reserved for juniors and seniors only.

YOU MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING WITH YOU IN ORDER TO PURCHASE A PARKING PERMIT

1. Car registration (for the car you drive daily); car must be registered in the name of parent, guardian or self.
2. Valid driver’s license.
3. Proof of insurance (current, not expired).
4. STUDENT ID
5. $5 CASH (no checks or money orders)

Student Parking Application—Consent to Search—Waiver of Liability

I agree that it is a privilege, not a right, to have a WHHS student parking permit, to drive or to park on the campus of West Haven High School. I agree that if I fail to comply with WHHS policy or the conditions contained in this application, WHHS will immediately suspend or revoke my parking permit and parking privilege.

I agree that the student parking decal I am issued and the parking lot is the property of WHHS.

I hereby waive any expectation of privacy in ANY VEHICLE (and its contents) that I drive or park on a WHHS campus. I give consent and authorize WHHS employees, agents, and any law enforcement officer of any agency located within the State of Connecticut, to open and search any vehicle and its contents that I drive or park on a WHHS campus at any time, without prior notice or additional consent and without my knowledge or presence. I specifically waive the provisions of Connecticut Statute (CGS §) 10-221 (d) and consent to the use of animals, such as dogs, trained to detect weapons or drugs. I agree that WHHS and all law enforcement agencies are hereby released and held harmless from all liability, claims, or damages, connected in any way with the search of the vehicle while on a WHHS campus, or the removal of a vehicle as provided herein.

I understand that if I refuse to cooperate with the search of a vehicle pursuant to this agreement, WHHS may have that vehicle towed or removed from the school’s campus at the owner’s expense.

I agree that WHHS and its officers, agents or employees, and any and all law enforcement personnel shall not be responsible and are released from liability of any theft, loss or damage to my property or vehicles while on a WHHS campus.

I understand that the parking decal must be hung and displayed on the rear view mirror of the car.

I understand that the parking permits are non-transferable. If lost or stolen, the student will be responsible for purchasing another decal at the cost of $5.

Once students arrive at school and park on campus, no one is allowed to enter the car until the school day is finished. Students must leave their cars immediately upon parking them on campus. No sitting in vehicles allowed.

The administration has the right to suspend or revoke a parking permit for violation of school or district policy, including unexcused and/or excessive absences, tardies, failing grades or excessive suspensions.

Cars are not lockers. You will not be able to access books or materials stored in your vehicle during the day. Failure to follow this rule may result in revocation of your parking permit.

No parking is allowed on sidewalks, no parking zones, fire lane or in spaces marked RESERVED.

I agree to follow the state, county, and city driving laws, including reporting accidents, following the posted speed limit, etc. Failure to follow driving laws will result in immediate suspension of the parking privilege.

I understand that the speed limit for the parking lot is 5mph. Reckless or dangerous driving will result in revocation of parking permit.

I agree to follow all verbal instructions of the security office in charge of the parking lot.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PARKING PERMITS ARE NON REFUNDABLE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

By signing this form, I agree to adhere to the policies stated on this form.

Student Printed Name ___________________________ Student Signature ___________________________ Date ________________

Parent Printed Name ___________________________ Parent Signature ___________________________ Date ________________

Obligations Clear Yes No ___________________________ Office Staff signature/Print last name

Parking Permit # ________ Space# ____________ Sold by: ___________________________

Bring to SRO office (D12) for processing
WHHS STUDENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM

Student Vehicle Information
(for vehicle authorized to park in designated parking space)

DRIVER’S INFORMATION
Driver’s Name _______________________________
License # ___________________________ Exp. Date __________
Address: ________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________ Cell Phone: ____________________________

VEHICLE INFORMATION
Vehicle #1
License Plate ____________________________________________
Year ______ Make ___________ Model ___________ Color _________

Vehicle #2
License Plate ____________________________________________
Year ______ Make ___________ Model ___________ Color _________

INSURANCE INFORMATION
Insured’s Name ______________________________________
Insured’s Address: ______________________________________
Insured’s Home Phone: ____________ Insured’s Cell Phone: ____________
Insurance Company ______________________________________
Insurance ID # _______________________________________

Signature
I ________________________________, do hereby attest that the information given above is
(print full name here)
complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will also be responsible for contacting West Haven High School
if any changes or updates occur.

____________________________________  ________________________
(sign here) (date)

For Office Use Only

Student Parking Permit #: __________________________
Core Values and Beliefs for Learning

The West Haven High School community is dedicated to providing a positive and safe environment that celebrates differences while inspiring students to be self-motivated learners, critical thinkers and effective communicators. We believe all students should have access to 21st-century educational opportunities to prepare them to be responsible, ethical, and contributing members of a global society.