



Timely information about news, upcoming events, and more.

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A message from Principal Heckert:

With the upcoming festivities for both Homecoming and Halloween, I just wanted to remind all students, staff, and parents that we expect students to engage in positive activities that promote school spirit and pride. Next week's themes will certainly have students festively dressing up. Costumes need to be appropriate and students should not be wearing masks that cover their faces as part of a safety and security measure. This is also a reminder that all school rules apply to all activities taking place this week. I want our student body to have a safe and sober homecoming week. Please be vigilant at home and we will have increased security at WCHS. Officer Homrock as well as other members of the MCPD and WCHS security will be present at the homecoming game and dance. I want our students safe and making good choices. Thank you for your continued support.

WCHS DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Staff Development: The members of the Churchill staff enthusiastically grew as a learning community on Thursday, October 18th, by participating in professional development about differentiation of content, process and product of curricular materials.

Math: The math department is offering extra support in Algebra 1 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Support sessions will be held in room 117 from 2:45 -3:45. Mu Alpha Theta students remain available to tutor in room 123 during lunch and after school.

Social Studies: The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture will host its inaugural film festival from October 24-27. The four day celebration will feature more than 60 films that illuminate the black experience in the United States. There will be several discussions by filmmakers and scholars. For more information and tickets see the links below.

<https://aafilmfest.si.edu/tickets>

[Festival Promotional Video](#)

[Click here for WCHS Homecoming Information](#)

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 10/29-11/2—Spirit Week
- ◆ 11/2—Homecoming Game
- ◆ 11/3—Homecoming Dance
- ◆ 11/6—No school for students and staff
- ◆ 11/7, 11/12 & 11/13—
Early dismissals @ 11:50

General Reminders to Parents & Guardians:

- ◆ Reminder, Churchill has a new phone number: Our new number is: 240.740.5400.
- ◆ Per MCPS policy, all visitors must check in with the Main Office and sign in with a government issued photo ID. Our secretaries are happy to assist you with our new self-serve sign in system. MCPS Policy will not permit visitors into the building without signing in and presenting a government issued photo ID. Please also add your car information to the binder that is located on the counter. Please do not park in reserved spaces that are designated for WCHS Administrators or Support Specialists. Parking in a student spot is not permitted. Student spots are identified with a number and signs are posted "parking permit required". If visitor parking spots are full, there are additional staff spots down by the stadium that may be used.
- ◆ Did your child forget their lunch? You may leave lunches at the drop off table as you walk through the new corridor to the main office. All lunches left on the table will be discarded by 3PM. Please remind students that sports equipment must be brought to team rooms each morning as we do not have the means to store equipment. If they are unsure as to where to place equipment, have them speak with their coach directly. Please do not leave money or valuables on the drop off table. WCHS is not responsible for any item left for a student.
- ◆ Please refer to the [ATTENDANCE PAGE](#) for policies and regulations. All college visits must be approved at least 2 full school days prior to the visit. If you have an unexpected early departure, please check in with the Main Office at least 15 minutes prior to your required departure time. This is especially important at the end of the day, as collecting a student from a class may take several minutes and will interfere with the afternoon dismissal.

Staff Spotlight—Mr. Ray Blankenship, Security



Mr. Blankenship is our newest Security Team Member who has already made a positive difference to our WCHS Community. Each day he welcomes our students with his warm smile and is eager to know each student by name. Mr. Blankenship is a MCPS graduate of Wheaton High School. In his spare time, he enjoys fantasy football, bass fishing and spends time with his girlfriend and family. He loves to cook and also caters weddings. Prior to coming to Churchill, Mr. Blankenship was in Sports Radio for 9 years. If you see Mr. Blankenship at sporting events or in the hallways, please introduce yourself!