



# 9th Grade Level Townhall

Friday August 30, 2024

# *Ms. Pamela (Pam) Krawczel*



# WHEATON



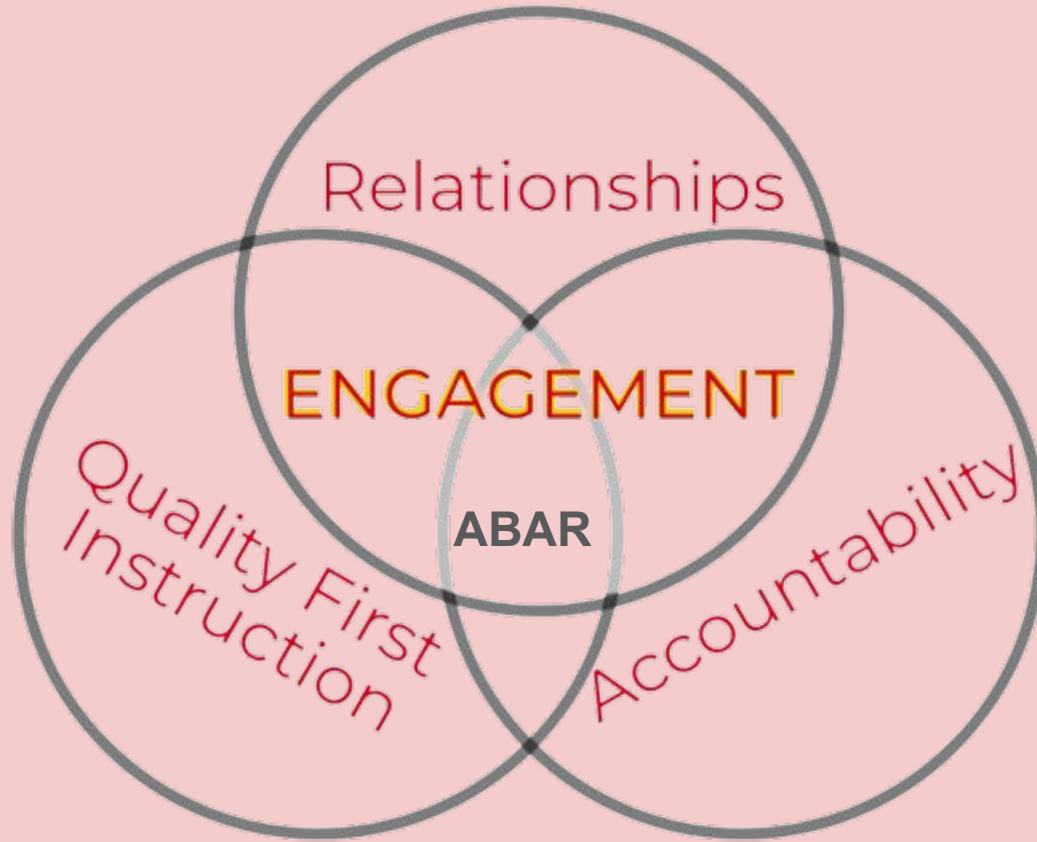
# HIGH SCHOOL

## OUR VISION VISION

Wheaton High School will prepare all students to reach their greatest potential and be college and career ready.

Wheaton High School will provide all students access to a rigorous, collaborative, comprehensive and equitable school experience in a caring environment in order to be successful in college and career.

## OUR MISSION MISSION

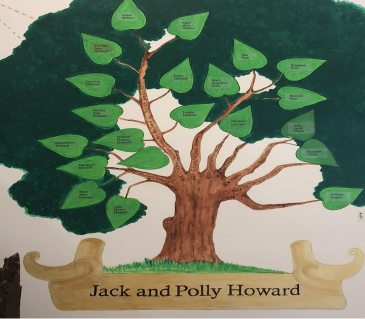


# Rights and Responsibilities

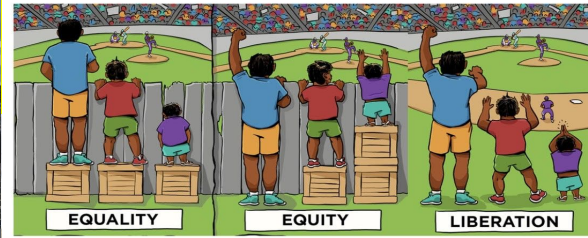
## Code of Conduct

- WHS has always had high expectations for the conduct and behavior of its students, and that has not changed.
- WHS is also committed to making sure all of our students feel safe and secure at school.
- WHS will utilize restorative practices in all cases when appropriate.

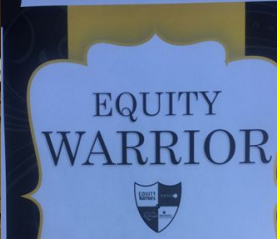




Jack and Polly Howard



"YOU CANNOT HAVE A MEANINGFUL LIFE WITHOUT HAVING SELF-REFLECTION."  
-- OPRAH WINFREY



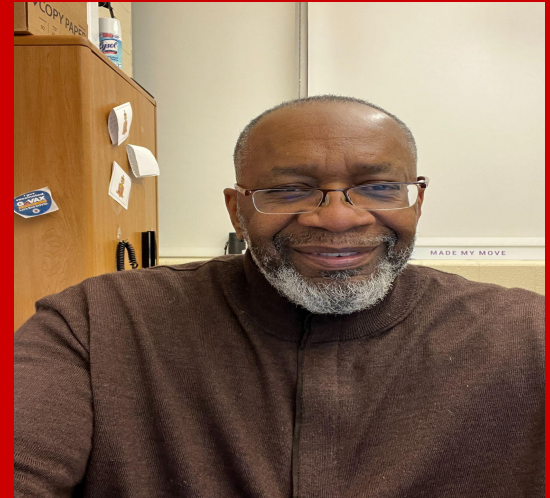
A child educated only at school is an uneducated

# *Introducing the Wheaton Admin Team*

## Mr. Nate Collins

- 9th Grade Administrator
- Science
- Media Center
- Alt I

24 years MCPS administrator









**661**

- 7 Credits this year
- Student Service Learning Hours
- Testing Requirements

**MAKE DECISIONS THAT POSITIVELY  
IMPACT YOUR ACADEMIC SUCCESS...**



## *What's New at Wheaton for the 24-25 School Year*

1. **Weekly messages** to the community that will go out every Friday during the work day.
2. **Wellness Wednesdays**- Every Wednesday beginning on September 4, a department will be responsible for hosting a Wellness Wednesday. During that time, students will either complete and SEL lesson and/or engage in reteaching/reassessment activities. There should be no new instruction on that day.
3. **Remind Messages**- Admin, counselors, and teachers will communicate with families via Remind. Admin will send out grade updates every two weeks for those who have D's and E's.



# CELL PHONE POLICY



In classrooms, students have the following options to leave their phones:

- ✓ SCHOOL PROVIDED CASES ATTACHED TO DESKS
- ✓ IN BACKPACKS AND BACKPACKS IN THE FRONT OF THE ROOM
- ✓ IN A CELL PHONE CADDY

Students are allowed to have their cell phones out during the following times.

- ✓ IN THE HALLWAYS
- ✓ DURING LUNCHTIME
- ✓ WHEN TEACHERS ALLOW STUDENTS TO USE PHONES FOR A LESSON
- ✓ AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS



# Absenteeism



- It is expected that you attend school, on time, every day
  - Students that are here everyday...
    - Feel more connected to the school
    - Like their classes more
    - Tend to graduate on time and get better grades than students who are not here
- Missing 2 days of school a month is considered chronically absent
  - Attendance meetings will be scheduled with parents/guardians/students
- 10 consecutive unexcused absences= withdrawal from school



**Late Procedures-** For 1st and 6th periods, at the sound of the late bell, teachers will shut their doors and students will need to sign in at one of three stations, one located on each floor. Students will be given a pass, which they should turn in to teachers upon entering the classroom. Parents of late students will be notified daily. This same process will be used occasionally for other class periods depending on hall traffic.



**15**

**min**

**Passes-** No pass first  
15 minutes and last 15  
minutes of classes

# NOT Permitted to Leave Campus

Lunch ends at **12:50-** in class on time

Late:

Sign in at the attendance office

Progressive discipline:

- Phone call home
- 6:30am detention

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**Breakfast-** All students are entitled to a federally funded breakfast (Maryland Meals for Achievement). The breakfast will be served on the perimeter of the cafeteria so that students can grab the breakfast on the way to class. Students should be allowed to finish their breakfast.

# What Courses Do I Need to Graduate?

<b>English</b> <b>4 credits total</b>	<b>Math</b> <b>4 YEARS enrolled in Math</b> <b>&amp; 4 credits min.</b>	<b>Science</b> <b>3 credits of NGSS</b> <b>aligned courses</b>	<b>Social Studies</b> <b>3 credits minimum</b>
English 9 English 10 English 11 English 12	Algebra Geometry Any math course Any math course	Biology Chemistry NGSS aligned science (Physics, AP science, Astronomy)	US History NSL Government Modern World History

**22 credits (min)**

- 1 Credit Each:**
- Fine Art
  - PE
  - Basic Technology

**1 Credit:**  
Health

- Program Completer (choose one option)**
- 2 credits in World Language (same language) **-OR-**
  - 4-9 credits at Edison **-OR-**
  - 4 credits in Child Development **-OR-**
  - \*5 credits in Engineering Academy **-OR-**
  - \*4 credits in Bioscience Academy **-OR-**
  - \*4 credits in AOIT (including research or internship)
  - \*must be taken in sequence (Academy “program completers”)

# Testing

## **October 16th- PSAT**

- ✓ **Practice PSAT (free)**
- ✓ **Official PSAT 8/9 first 100 students to sign-up cost \$13.65**

## **MCAP** Maryland comprehensive assessment program, Fall/Winter

- ✓ **English, Algebra, Government. (December/January)**

## MCAP Spring

- ✓ **English, Algebra, Government. (April/May)**

## **WIDA**

- ✓ **For students in EML January - March 2-25**

Attending school everyday improves your chances of graduation, completing college or working in a career, and succeeding in life.



ATTEND. WORK HARD. REPEAT.

ALL YOU  
NEED to  
KNOW  
WAS IN THE  
CLASS  
YOU  
MISSED

IT'S JUST THE STUFF YOU'LL NEED  
THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

90%  
of success is  
showing up.

School attendance counts.

 Be  
there.

**For Sports.**

**For Success.**

**Be  
Eligible.**



Minimum  
**2.0**  
GPA

GPA  
Calculator



**For College and  
Career Readiness.**

**For Clubs.**

75 TO GRADUATE!

## STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING

1

### CHECK STUDENTVUE

TO VIEW YOUR SSL HOURS UNDER  
"COURSE HISTORY"

2

### FIND SSL OPPORTUNITIES

AT YOUR SCHOOL OR ON THE MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY VOLUNTEER CENTER WEBSITE

3

### SUBMIT PROOF

BY COMPLETING THE SSL ACTIVITY  
VERIFICATION FORM 560-51

4

### KEEP GOING!

REPEAT UNTIL YOU EARN ALL 75 SSL  
HOURS NEEDED TO GRADUATE!

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:

[SSL75TOGRADUATE.MCPSMD.ORG](https://SSL75TOGRADUATE.MCPSMD.ORG)

QUESTIONS?

SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR SSL COORDINATOR



## Student Service Learning

- Summer Hours must be submitted by September 30th

Ms. Kazosi

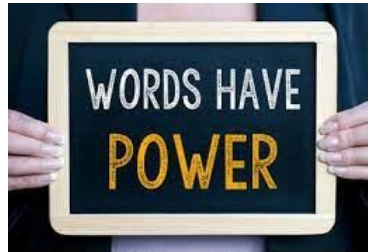
Turn forms into the main office

# Maximize your learning by being present in class

- Minimize distractions, ie.. cell phones (unless for assignment use)
- While in class use positive language when interacting with your peers and teacher, build positive relationships

## Dress Appropriately for school

- No Midriff tops, tube tops, muscle shirts, or extreme shorts
- No clothing with obscene language or images
- No bandanas





# 9th Grade Team

- **Who?**
  - 1 Team Leader, 2 Administrators, 1 Counselor
- **What do we do?**
  - Help 9th Graders transition into High School
  - Have frequent contact with parents and guardians
  - Target subjects for lunchtime support
  - Provide supports to students who are struggling
  - Work with students who have attendance concerns

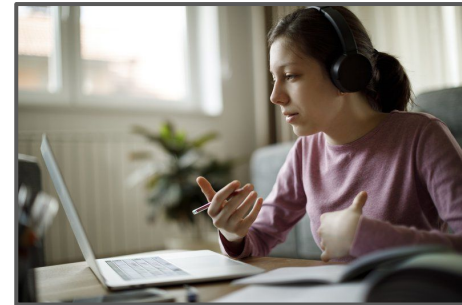


# I need help in a subject!

- **Teachers are available during:**
  - Most lunchtimes for lunchtime support
    - Lunch is 55 minutes long!
  - Students make appointments with teachers outside of these times



- **Upperclassmen Tutors**
  - Offered through National Honor Society
  - You have to agree to meet with the mentor virtually or in person once a week
  - Email [Lauren\\_K\\_Zolkiewicz@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Lauren_K_Zolkiewicz@mcpsmd.org) to request a tutor



# What should I do during lunchtime?



- Where can I eat?
  - Cafeteria, teachers rooms, courtyard, patio
- After you eat your lunch....
  - Clean up behind yourself
  - **See your teachers for support**
    - **Especially if you have missing assignments**
  - Join a club or activity
    - Lots of clubs happen during lunch
  - Request to see your counselor if needed
  - Utilize the media center for a quiet space (no food/drinks)



# Welcome to the Wheaton H.S. Writing Center



English Composition Assistants  
(Click name to email directly.)



**Mrs. Atkin**



**Ms. Gilfrich**

## WRITING RESOURCES

[NARRATIVE](#)

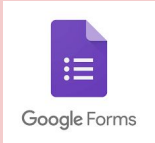
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**ROOM 2134  
OPEN AT LUNCH  
AND  
AFTER  
SCHOOL  
2:30 - 3:30**

**MAKE DECISIONS THAT PROMOTE THE  
SAFETY OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS....**





WHEATON  
HIGH SCHOOL



**AVERY DAVIS**

OYG: 2025



ID:0123456789

**Student and Staff IDs-** Beginning this year all students and staff will be asked to have their ids visible when walking through the hallways. Ids may be worn on lanyards, clipped to clothing or attached to a backpack. Underclassmen pictures will be taken on September 6-10, which means the full enforcement will not take place until September 16.

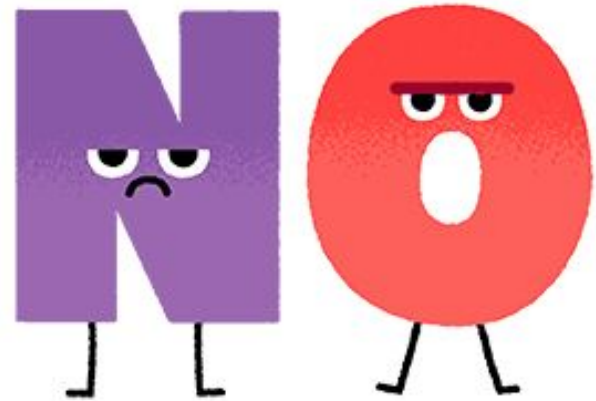
# Trusted Adult?

- You don't have to figure things out by yourself
- The best solution is to have three adults that you know you can trust. Pick them before trouble arises.
- Qualities of a trusted adult:
  - Confidentiality/Anonymity
  - Listens
  - Work together to find a solution
  - Available
  - Makes you feel safe
  - Helps you do the right thing
- Examples of trusted adults might be: TRUST Counselors, teachers, guidance counselors, school police, coaches, administrators, security guards, or cafeteria staff.



# What should **NOT** do during lunchtime?

- LEAVE
  - DO NOT LEAVE CAMPUS DURING LUNCH
- ORDER FOOD FOR DELIVERY
  - It will NOT be taken by the main office





Use technology productively; once you post something it is out there, can't get it back and can't delete it



Do not leave your property unattended; (ie.. cell phone, charger, etc..)



Safety is everyone's responsibility -do not open side door for anyone



# Edison's 16 CTE Programs

## Services

Graphic Design  
Law & Leadership  
Network Operations

Cybersecurity  
Acad. of Health Professions  
Prof. Restaurant Mgmt.

Hospitality & Tourism  
Cosmetology

## Construction

HVAC  
Electricity  
Masonry

Plumbing  
Carpentry  
Foundations of Construction

Architecture

## Auto

Automotive Technology  
Auto Collision & Repair



# Edison Application

Select Language



## THOMAS EDISON HIGH SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

HOME

ABOUT

APPLY

PROGRAMS

VISIT

STUDENT SUPPORT

SKILLSUSA

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### MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Expanding Opportunity and Unleashing Potential*

Montgomery County Public Schools 2021-2022

Application programs for students enrolled in 9th, 10th and 11th Grade

Please click on your current grade level to access the after round 2 Upper Grade Career Readiness Part-time programs application.

[Grade 9](#)

[Grade 10](#)

[Grade 11](#)

Activate W  
Go to Settings



**College & Career Center**  
**Come and see Ms. Mejia in room 1003**  
**Office hours 7:00 AM - 3:00PM**

**THE CAREER CENTER IS A GOOD  
RESOURCE FOR:**

- RESEARCHING MAJORS & COLLEGES
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- FINANCIAL AID
- TRADE SCHOOL OPTIONS
- MILITARY OPTIONS

**WHEATON HS COLLEGE  
& CAREER WEBSITE**



Make sure to check out the College & Career  
website  
periodically to see new scholarship information,  
Colleges/Military visiting Wheaton, Workshops and  
more!

# Career Advisor

All Students will have an opportunity to interact with the Career Advisor. She will introduce RIASEC to 9th graders in order for them to learn their strengths to help guide them toward future career goals. All 9th graders will meet with her by the end of September.

**Ms. Salena Geahwie**

Contact Information: [Salena\\_F\\_Geahwie@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Salena_F_Geahwie@mcpsmd.org)

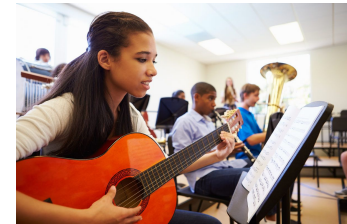
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# Extracurricular Activities

Research shows that students who are involved in extracurricular activities tend to be more successful in school. During the school year, you can also sign up and join any of the organization / clubs / teams during before/after school meetings, lunch meetings, & sport tryouts!

- National Honor Society
- Asian American LEAD
- Debate Team
- Diverse Voices Club
- Latino Student Union
- Black Student Union
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Robotics Team
- Science Bowl
- Student Government Association
- It's Academic
- DECA
- Gaming, Coding, & Hack Club
- Rainbow Alliance
- Drama Club
- Future Faces of Medicine
- World Language Honor Society
- Threads Club
- National Art Honor Society
- Jazz Band
- Key Club
- Girls Can Code Club
- International Club
- Model United Nations
- Green Team
- Society of Women Engineers
- Women Empowerment



# Sports Teams

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Spring</b>
Boys Soccer	Girls Basketball	Softball
Girls Soccer	Swim & Dive	Boys Lacrosse
Football	Unified Bocce	Girls Lacrosse
Field Hockey	Boys Basketball	Baseball
Golf	Wrestling	Tennis
Girls Volleyball	Indoor Track & Field	Outdoor Track & Field
Poms	Cheerleading (Competition)	Boys Volleyball
Cheerleading	Poms (Competition)	Coed Volleyball
Cross Country		
Girls Flag Football		



# Student Focus Group





# You are the STAR Player



We are just on the TEAM



# WE ARE WHEATON

