NORTHWAKE COLLEGE & CAREER ACADEMY

PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

September 22, 2024

Hello, this is Kathryn Hutchinson, principal at North Wake College and Career Academy. This communication can be found on our <u>website</u> linked on the Principal's Message icon.

Thank you to everyone that came out on Thursday to meet with Teachers and continue to work with us in supporting your students through our Early College. We had a great turn out and enjoyed building the connections for our students.

We also want to thank everyone that supported our first Spirit Night at Zaxby's for our PTSA. A reminder that the annual membership drive is happening now. Please consider joining.

NWCCA **Griffin Challenge**, the PTSA Annual No Fuss Fundraiser is happening now! The Annual PTSA Fundraiser supports the Reflections Art Contest, important student events, student clubs and organizations, teacher professional development, teacher recognition, and teacher appreciation. Please see how to give down below or at this <u>link</u>.

A reminder again that this past Wednesday the 18th, our students received their final interim report for this quarter. It is important to take some moments to talk with your student and check in on their progress of learning. Remind your student that Academic Griffin's Den is one way they can find their teachers and get some support in their learning. Students do not have to have a ticket to visit the teacher's classroom.

A reminder that our clubs are continuing to collect items both clothing and snacks this next week.

One more reminder to <u>purchase</u> your Yearbook at it's cheapest price. Pay \$40 now for this student built book. The last day at this price is September 27th. More information below.

Thank you for your support of North Wake College and Career Academy where our Griffins shape their futures. Have a great week!

Link for the FULL Newsletter

Homecoming: October 7-11, 2024

Our Student Government Association is excited to share more details about our Fall Homecoming and Spirit Week. This active group takes the lead in preparing, coordinating and making this week happen each year. We are excited for this community building experience and look forward to our students participating where they are able.

Spirit Week:

Monday 7th: Adam Sandler Day

- Tuesday 8th: Inside Out
- Wednesday 9th: Barbie/Ken
- Thursday 10th: Despicable Me
- Friday 12th: Color Wars
 - Seniors: gray (senior shirts)
 - Juniors: blue
 - Sophomore: black
 - Freshmen: white

Our Pep Rally/Homecoming Court will be on Friday, October 11, 2024.

The Hollywood Homecoming Dance is on Friday, October 11, 2024, at North Wake College and Career Academy from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Ticket price is \$20 which covers the cost of the dance.

Tickets can be purchased online or in person. In person ticket sales will be September 16th, October 1st, 8th and 10th, in the front lobby the first 10 minutes of Griffins Den. Ticket sales online can be purchased from this <u>link</u>. (Please note that you must create an account for your student in order to make this purchase. School Cash is a new WCPSS tool for collecting funds.)

College Visits on NWCCA Campus

Ms. Shahid-El, our 9th-11th grade counselor, will be setting up College Visits on our campus this year. These will be announced in morning announcements. Here is what is coming up:

> Campbell University (10/29 during Griffin's Den) Complete this <u>form</u> if you are interested in attending.

> > UNC Charlotte- coming soon

Fall Cleaning and Clothing Donations

From September 10th to the 24th, Volunteers United will be hosting a clothing drive for the nonprofit organization Note in the Pocket. We are collecting gently used and clean children's and teen clothes donations. Please drop all donations in the big white box located in the lobby across from Ms. Lacy-Garner's office.

Wakefield Elementary Snack Closet Food Drive

Our National Honor Society is collecting prepackaged, single serving snacks to fill the Snack Closet at Wakefield Elementary. Our donations will help stock the snack pantry at Wakefield Elementary. The pantry is available to support families who are unable to provide a snack for their student on a regular basis or help a student who has forgotten to bring snack that day. Please keep all items donated nut free, providing healthy options and no glass. The drive will run September 16-30th. Please drop off items in the box outside Mrs. Bethea's room, 1202.

Career Development Event

Join us for Great Xplorations (GX), a career event for 9th and 10th graders from all Wake County high schools, on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. GX offers sessions on networking, leadership, emerging careers, and wellness. The event will be held at NCSU McKimmon Center. Space is limited to the first 40 students who submit forms to Mr. Roman by September 23 (room 1301-A). Download Forms <u>HERE</u>

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2025

We have enjoyed welcoming our Seniors back and seeing that confidence and positive direction they are bringing into the building. We also enjoyed their artwork on the parking spaces. These leaders started their Wake Tech courses with intention and strength.

Please review the information below and contact Megan Walter (<u>mwalter@wcpss.net</u>) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Class of 2025 Graduating Griffins Information and Updates
24.25 Timeline & Costs(DRAFT)

2024 - 2025 NWCCA EARLY COLLEGE CALENDAR

Attendance Reminder

A reminder if one of our student drivers wants to self-check out for an appointment, they must bring a note to the office prior to 7:25 or a parent must communicate from the email that is attached in Powerschools to Ms. Monaco, <u>mmonaco@wcpss.net</u>.

Reflections Art Contest

The National PTA Contest is now open for Fall 2024. The theme this year is Accepting Imperfection. Explore the arts and express yourself. Entries will be scored by a panel of judges and the winner of our school contest will move on to the next level of competition. (At this time our school is only competing in the visual arts category)

All entries are due with an entry form **October 14th** See Ms. Byron mbyron2@wcpss.net for more information and entry forms.

Thank you to Ms. Byron and our PTSA for creating space for this event. Let's go ahead and begin creating and designing.

VOLUNTEER RENEWAL TIME!

Renew your volunteer application for 2024-25 starting July 1

Families and individuals who were approved to volunteer during the 2023-24 school year will receive an email on July 1 outlining the quick and easy volunteer renewal process for the 2024-25 school year. The renewal window will be July 1-Oct. 1. Visit <u>Volunteering in WCPSS</u> to learn more about volunteer renewal or apply to be a first-time volunteer.

Buy a Yearbook!

Our 2023-2024 yearbook staff have started building the memories that will go into this year's book. And NOW is the time to consider purchasing your book at its cheapest price of \$40. The last day for this price will be September 27th. Visit this <u>link</u> to purchase your book.

FROM THE NWCCA PTSA

It's the NWCCA PTSA 2024-2025 Annual Membership Drive!

Joining the PTSA is a great way to support our students and teachers. The PTSA helps to build and sustain a strong and connected NWCCA community of engaged parents, students and teachers. Join the NWCCA PTSA at Nwcca.givebacks.com/store

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https://www.givebacks.com/onboarding/causes/nwcca/campaigns/132ba48c5b4c

PTSA Needs

NWCCA PTSA needs you! The following board positions are open and need to be filled.

Nominating Committee – The nominating committee consists of three members, including a chairperson. We need three members (including a chairperson). The nominating committee is responsible for recruiting Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) for the following school year. The Officers are to be voted in at the last meeting of the year (in May).

If you're interested in filling either of these positions, please email Tracy Pulley, NWCCA PTSA President at TracyCVPulley@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 3: Teacher Workday, 8:00 4:00
- October 4: Teacher Workday, 8:00 4:00
- October 5: SAT Test Day
- October 7- October 11: Spirit Week
- October 8: PSAT Test Day, Report Cards
- October 11: Fall Dance
- October 17: Fall Picture Day
- October 18: Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- October 22: PreACT (all 10th graders) & ASVAB (all 11th and 12th graders)
- October 26: ACT Test Day

- October 30: Interim Report
- November 2: SAT Test Day
- November 5: Workday & Election Day
- November 11: Holiday
- November 12: Workday
- November 19: Fall Pictures make-up, club Pictures
- November 20: Interims
- November 27 November 29: Thanksgiving Break
- December 7: SAT Test Day
- December 12-13: Wake Tech Final Exams
- December 16-19: Exam Week
- December 20: Exam Make Up Day

Get our school calendars on your devices!

You can now add our school calendars to your phones, tablets, and computers. It's easy! Download the 2024-25 Traditional, Year-Round, and Modified calendars in Google Calendar or iCal format from our website and you'll never miss a teacher workday again. Early college calendars will be available soon. Download them on the School Calendars page of our website.

What Is SchoolCash Online?

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https://wcpss.schoolcashonline.com/

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