

### PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

October 12, 2025

Hello, this is Kathryn Hutchinson, principal at North Wake College and Career Academy. This communication can be found on our <u>website</u> linked under Our School.

**WCPSS** has a new website and all schools will be transitioning in the coming months to new websites as well. In the meantime, it will be easier to find this message in the drop down menu called Our School and click Principal's Message. The link will be at the top of this message as well.

Be sure to review your student's **report card** that was given to them on Friday. Attached to all 10th through 12th grade report cards was also a **contact information sheet**. Please review these documents. Please update what is needed and return the paperwork with any corrections to the office.

We want to celebrate our Hispanic Heritage Club for the fabulous **Hispanic Heritage Festival** that was presented this past Friday. We also want to thank so many of our other clubs for their participation in creating the artwork, building signs, volunteering in so many capacities and all of our students for a great participation in the event.

Today is our last call for donations to the **PTSA fundraiser**. Life is busy, and our PTSA gets it! We extended the fundraiser through **TONIGHT** (Sunday, 10/13). We've **currently raised 53%** of our goal (THANK YOU) but we still need help. If you've been waiting to donate, this is your time. Any size donation is welcome and appreciated! The website **will close tonight**, **10/13**, at 11:59PM. <a href="https://www.givebacks.com/causes/nwcca/campaigns/4773606609A">https://www.givebacks.com/causes/nwcca/campaigns/4773606609A</a>

A reminder as well that our **Arts Reflection contest participants must submit their artwork by tomorrow, October 13th.** See below for any detail needed.

Another reminder that **picture day for underclassmen is this Friday.** To order, be sure to review the information below in this communication.

**School tours for our school begin this week**. Please share with your neighbors who are considering North Wake to join us for a tour. They are offered at 9:00 or 1:00. We also will have two evening tours as well as a Magnet Open House event coming soon. All information can be found on our website.

Parents with younger siblings in 8th grade, please be reminded that if you want your next child to be considered for North Wake, they will need to apply again during the **application window which opens on October 15th and closes on December 12th.** 

Thank you for your support of North Wake College and Career Academy where our Griffins

shape their futures. And have a great week!

### **Link for the FULL Newsletter**

#### **Arts Reflection Contest**

North Wake is accepting submissions for the PTSA Reflections Contest. Students can create a piece of art based on the theme "I Belong!" and turn into Ms. Byron in room 1602. Winning entries will move one to compete against students across Wake County. Entries due October 13th

Students can pick up the student entry form from Ms. Byron or find <a href="here.">here.</a>

All of our Honor Societies are combining efforts this year for the **2025 Students Against Hunger Campaign with the North Carolina Food Bank beginning October 6 through the end of November. Students** are asked to pay attention to announcements through the next weeks to support this great event.

### **Fall Picture Day Information**

Place your order on mylifetouch.com using your Picture Day ID: EVT46XCVF. Order before midnight on Picture Day to get FREE shipping!

Your student can also bring their completed flyer with cash or check on Picture Day. Orders after Picture Day must be placed online only on mylifetouch.com.

## SPIRIT WEEK AND HOMECOMING DANCE

Monday- October 20 Pajama Day

Tuesday- October 21 Fandom Day

Wednesday- October 22 Pumpkin Day (Wear Orange against Bullying)

Thursday- October 23 Mathletes & Athletes

Friday- October 24 Grade Level Colors PEP RALLY

Freshman- Gray

Sophomores- Blue

Juniors- Black

Seniors-White

Homecoming is Friday, October 24th 6:00 - 8:00. Tickets on sale now.

https://wcpss.schoolcashonline.com/

Please carefully read all expectations before purchasing the tickets. Ticket sales close on Tuesday, October 21st.

### **Credit by Demonstrated Mastery**

The Credit by Demonstrated Mastery window is open. The window will close on November 14, 2025. Credit by Demonstrated Mastery offers North Carolina students the opportunity to personalize and accelerate their learning by earning course credit through a demonstration of mastery of course material. Information along with process and procedure information is linked <a href="here">here</a>. If you have questions, please reach out to Megan Walter, mwalter@wcpss.net.

### Yearbooks on Sale NOW

Our Yearbook is now on sale. Orders can be made here at this link.

### **Mock Interview Volunteers Needed**

On Thursday, November 13, 2025, our 11th-grade students will participate in a Mock Interview Event to practice real-world interview skills. We need parent volunteers and professionals to serve as interviewers or help us recruit others. If you or someone you know can participate, please sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1KpvdR8YZLMqe3VYUI3w2EIPkIFJEW\_kQ0RJXTHxgdNU/preview

Please reach out to Mr. Rafael Roman, our Career Development Coordinator, with any further questions about helping with this event. rroman@wcpss.net

# **Infinite Campus**

Be sure to pay attention to district emails on how to log into Infinite Campus, our new student/parent information system.

Log in information has been emailed as well as information on how to get the app on your phone.

It is important to stay connected to support your students through high school.

## **Locker Request**

Students who wish to have an assigned locker should complete the <u>Locker Request Form</u> Lockers are only assigned to students who complete the Locker Request Form. Once the form is completed, Mrs. Lacy-Garner will assign lockers and send students an email with their assigned locker number and lock combination. Most student lockers will be on the 1400 hallway, where students enter and exit the building. Students in the Culinary Arts Program of Study will have priority for lockers on the

1300 hallway near the Culinary Classroom/Kitchen. Students can begin requesting lockers immediately. Please contact Mrs. Lacy-Garner for questions (clacy-garner@wcpss.net).

# **Parking Permits**

Students who would like to park on campus should complete the <u>Student Parking Application</u>. The application is available on our school website. Students must have a valid driver's license to apply for on-campus parking. If your student has not completed this form by the first day of school, they may do so these first weeks of school.

The parking pass application form will need to either be signed in the presence of school personnel or notarized by a certified notary.

# **Off Campus Lunch Pass**

Juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for an <a href="https://exampus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off-campus.com/off

## ATTENTION CLASS OF 2026

Ms. Megan Walter, our school dean, will be the point person for all communication for graduating seniors. It will be important to read her communications and follow any of the information she shares.

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

Class of 2025 Graduating Griffins Information and Updates
25.26 Timeline & Costs

2025-2026 NWCCA EARLY COLLEGE CALENDAR

FROM THE NWCCA PTSA



### **Griffin Challenge**

The PTSA "Griffin Challenge" is a vital fundraiser to support our students and school community. This is our one big ask for the school year. By raising necessary funds without the hassle of selling items or losing valuable contributions to outside vendors, we are able to keep 98% of all donations through our website. 100% of your cash or check donation stays at NWCCA and your donation is tax deductible no matter how you give! Contributions to the Griffin Challenge help fund essential programs, extracurricular activities, and educational materials that enrich the learning environment. We rely on this fundraiser to help us fulfill our mission of ensuring that all our students have the opportunity to be successful at NWCCA! For full details visit our website and donate today.

#### **URGENT PTSA Needs**

PTSA needs Committee Members for the following committees:

Audit Committee (2 members needed)

Nominating Committee (2 members needed)

The auditing committee reviews monthly bank statements to ensure funds are being spent within the budget and PTSA guidelines as well as performs the annual audit (review of all financial records for the year). The time commitment each month is less than 20 minutes. The annual review does take longer; however, it should only take about an hour.

The nominating committee recruits next year's Officers and Committee Chairs that are required to keep PTSA running.

If you're available to fill any of these positions, email Phylicia Washington at phylicia evans@yahoo.com.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Oct. 17: Fall Underclassmen Picture Day
- Oct. 20- Oct. 24: Spirit Week
- Oct. 21: PTSA Board Meeting 7:00 PM virtual
- Oct. 24: Pep Rally & Homecoming Dance
- Oct. 27: Interim Checkpoint
- Oct. 29: PreACT- 10th grade, ASVAB-11th grade, WorkKeys- 12th grade

- Nov. 1: WCPSS Magnet Fair 9:00-12:00
- Nov. 4: Teacher Workday
- Nov. 6: NWCAA Magnet Open House 6:00- 7:00 for prospective families
- Nov. 11: Holiday
- Nov. 12: Teacher Workday
- Nov. 17: Interim Checkpoint
- Nov. 18: Fall Picture Make-Up/ Club & Program Pictures
- Nov. 18: PTSA General Meeting 7:00 PM virtual
- Nov. Nov. 26-28: Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 8-12: Spirit Week
- Dec. 11 & Dec. 12: Wake Tech Final Exams
- Dec. 15- 19: Final Exam Week
- Dec. 22- Jan. 6: Winter Break
- Jan. 7: First Day of Class Second Semester
- Jan. 9: Report Cards

## 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 2025-2026 Traditional, Year-Round, and Modified calendars in Google Calendar or iCal format from our website and you'll never miss a teacher workday again. Download them on the School Calendars page of our website.

### What Is SchoolCash Online?

SchoolCash Online is an easy to use and safe way to pay for your children's school fees. Now, with a few clicks, you can pay for your child's yearbook, class trips and so much more from your own home. All you have to do is register an account, attach your children and in no time you will be able to make payments online. Please review the information below to learn more.

- Parent Registration Instructions.pdf
- ParentRegistrationInstructions Spanish.pdf

https://wcpss.schoolcashonline.com/

Paying for school items just got easier! Sign up to get started today.

### **School Meal Benefits**

If your family would like to receive meal benefits anytime during this school year please visit the online application <a href="https://www.myschoolapps.com/">https://www.myschoolapps.com/</a> or stop by the main office for a paper application. Families must reapply every school year if they are interested in receiving meal benefits. Applying for these benefits can also assist in benefits outside of school as well.

WAKEFIELD ATHLETICS

**NWCCA** 



Please visit the Wakefield Athletic Website for more information about Fall sports and tryouts. <a href="https://wakefieldathleticzone.com/">https://wakefieldathleticzone.com/</a>

OFFICE HOURS 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM (919) 694-8650

