Welcome Back Broncos!!



We understand that the beginning of a school year can be very stressful and overwhelming so we hope this helps you prepare for the start of school. We look forward to working with you and your child to prepare them for the next level of success!

School starts Thursday August 14th from 7:45 (tardy bell at 7:55) to 2:30

NEW STAFF

Please join us in welcoming the following people as new staff members at Western Brown High School:

Chaz Patten - Freshman Gold Team ELA Melissa Brown - from I.S. to Government Monet Nichols - Studyhall Noah Brown - WEST Aide Brilynn Elliott - WEST Aide Eric Brewer - CC Unit Aide

ORIENTATION

Freshmen and New Students

Freshman and New Students will have a traditional "Open House" on Tuesday August 12th from 5:00-7:00pm. The Freshmen classrooms are mainly in the rear of the building so parking in the back lot near the tennis courts would be more convenient for families. Maps will be available as soon as you come in the doors to assist you in the building.

You should have received your schedule at the end of last school year. However, if you are a freshman or new student who doesn't have one and you have already made one, there will be extras at each of the main entrances. If you have yet to make a schedule, please report to the Community Room (Room 196 near audeteria) to be assisted by the counselors during open house. This is also located in the rear of the building. No schedule changes will be occurring on this evening, only newly created schedules.

Upperclassmen

Upperclassmen can pick up their schedules in the **student parking** anytime on August 12th from 5:00-7:00. Teachers will be there to assist you and if you have not filled out your schedule please contact our office before Monday afternoon. Please remember that the district is not accepting online students, so if you have not scheduled with your counselor, you may do so any time before school starts. No schedule changes will be occurring on this evening, only newly created schedules.

Seniors

You will be receiving an additional email very soon with an information sheet attached that will include dates specifically for you and your final year of high school. Also, making sure that you stay up to date with your emails and the website will be crucial for you to be aware of the many things you will be responsible to take care of towards graduation. It will include senior picture dates with Setty, Jostens information and ACT and college info as well.

FINALFORMS

The email and phone number you use for FinalForms will be a very important way that we will communicate with you throughout the school year. So, please make sure the information provided is up to date, that your student phone number is included, and if there are changes made in your current living situation or phone numbers through the year remember to log in and correct those in FinalForms as well. To sign in please visit www.broncos.com. The link for Final Forms is in the middle of the page. You will then be prompted to begin the sign in process from there. Your username is your Western Brown email and password is your last name and last 4 digits of your school ID. Example – heather.cooper@wbbroncos.com

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ATTENDANCE - EXAM EXEMPTION POLICY

Attendance and hard work on the multiple assessments that our students are required to take in a given year are very important. We reward these behaviors with exemptions for exams at the end of a semester. The following are the multiple ways you could earn one or more of those exemptions. There will be additional communication about these options the closer we get to exams each semester.

- 1. Attendance comes from the guidance office, can choose from any exam 2 exam exemptions = 0 UNEXCUSED absences for the semester 1 exam exemption = 1 UNEXCUSED blemish on attendance for the semester
- 2. EOC Scores comes from individual classrooms, can only be used on the proficient course

Math, SS, Science, ELA proficient scores

- 3. MAP Assessment comes from individual classrooms, can only be used on the specific MAP course
- 4. ACT College Readiness score comes from individual classrooms, can only be used for the corresponding course you were college ready in

Math - 22

Science – 23

Reading - 22

English - 18

PARKING PERMITS

Just a reminder that your parking permit will be matched by a space number and you will park in that spot for the entire school year. They will be available for purchase prior to the start of the school year. The early purchase dates are Tuesday August 5th from 1:00-2:30pm and Wednesday August 6th from 9:00-11:00am. You <u>must</u> have the following items with you at the time of purchase in order to get your permit:

**Already have completed the Final Forms Parking Permit form by you and your parent **Must bring with you at time of purchase:

Driver's license Proof of insurance

\$25

If this is not purchased before school then you must park along the back of the junior parking lot on the first day of school. Any student who plans on driving to school when school starts must have their parking permit purchased no later than Friday August 22nd. Anyone else that receives their license throughout the year will do this process during their lunch time.

SUPPLIES

Please note that at the high school all schedules vary per student. Freshmen will receive information the night of open house from their teachers about any supplies needed. However, elective classes and all upperclassmen classes will be handing out their supply lists if they have any the first day of school.

CHROMEBOOKS

All Western Brown High School students are assigned a chromebook. They will be handed out on the first day by their 5th period teachers. Please be aware that this is school property and anything that the device is used for is subject for our tech department to search and inappropriate information will alert them through a filtering system.

FEES

Below is a list of the mandatory and optional fees at the high school and how you can take care of paying them. AT WBHS, NO ONE IS WAIVED OF THE \$40 or \$10 Tech MANDATORY FEES, NO MATTER FINANCIAL OR ACADEMIC STATUS. This includes free and reduced lunch status, CCP, SHCTC, etc. Individual class/lab fees will be waived if a student is deemed free or reduced lunch status.

- \$40 (mandatory class fee) PaySchools *see the attached document for directions
- \$10 (mandatory technology fee) PaySchools
- \$65 (one time transportation fee for any extra-curricular activity) PaySchools
- \$50 (OPTIONAL Activity fee which gets them into Homecoming dances and all home athletic events
- 7-12 in the district) Hometown Ticketing *see attached document for directions
- **There may be additional individual class/lab fees tagged due to particular courses on your student's class schedule**

BREAKFAST/LUNCH

We do have a "grab and go" breakfast at the high school. Breakfast starts on Friday August 15th. The students can enter the building at 7:45, grab their breakfast, and then go on to class before the 7:55 tardy bell. Lunch has a formal line and a-la carte line that offers various items. Student breakfast = .50 full price and .30 reduced and student lunch = 3.25 full price and .40 reduced.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

All student drop-off and pick-ups are in our front parking lot. In the afternoon you will be asked to park in the east side of the front lot (closest to the middle school) until your student comes to your car. We ask that no one waits along the sidewalks or roadway, or drops off/picks up in the student lot on the side of the building. We have worked to make sure that entering and exiting the building is as safe as possible. All bus riders will enter and exit at the rear of the building.

Please limit the amount of time your student will need to wait for school to start. The drop off area gets very crowded and we would like to limit the amount of time waiting to under 15 minutes. This applies for after school as well. If a student is not waiting for an activity that they are participating in, then they need to go home when the bell rings at 2:30.

PICTURES

Lifetouch school pictures will be taken on Thursday August 21st. There will be information on the school website for pre-ordering if you prefer that option.

Senior composite pictures (yearbook) with Terry Setty will be the following days with a sitting fee of \$20/\$25:

@WBHS Wednesday August 27th 2:30-5:30 on the stage @WBHS Thursday August 28th 8:00-11:00 on the stage

@SHCTC TBD

DATES

All dates including Parent Teacher conference are located on our website on the school calendar. I will also send periodic lists of date updates as those approach.

Football Homecoming: Game - September 12th

Dance – September 13th (7:00-10:30)

No jeans allowed

Dresses must be appropriate for a high school dance

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

The purpose of the Western Brown dress code is to instill an acceptable standard of appearance for the educational environment. Extremes of any nature that detract from the educational process will not be permitted. In the final analysis, the building administration has the duty to interpret that, which negates a reasonable standard of appearance.

- Student clothing must be such that it does not pose a safety or health hazard for students or staff. Certain classes such as science, vocational agriculture, physical education and JROTC, may impose a stricter dress policy as deemed necessary.
- 2. Lower garments are to be worn at an appropriate level not dragging the floor. The lower garments may NOT allow any portion of the buttocks or undergarments to be exposed when the student stands, sits, raises his/her hand(s) or bends over, and they SHALL NOT reveal skin above mid-thigh.
- 3. Sleepwear is also prohibited (pajama pants).
- 4. Shirts and tops must have a high enough neckline to cover ALL cleavage and must be long enough to show NO skin between the upper and the lower garment. Shirts / Dresses must have a sleeve. Examples of inappropriate apparel include but are not limited to, halters, midriff tops, crop tops, spaghetti straps, strapless tops, revealing/see-through tops, open mesh garments, tank tops, or muscle shirts or any top with over-sized arm holes.
- No clothing, jewelry, drawings, tattoos, or imprints with reference to violence, alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia, tobacco or tobacco products, improper innuendoes, gangs, obscenities, profanity, or lewd symbols (confederate flag) may be worn or exhibited.
- 6. Shoes must be worn at all times.
- 7. Exposed chains, jewelry, dog collars, spiked clothing or jewelry may not be worn.
- 8. No piercings other than ear or nose piercings will be permitted including those covered with Band-Aids, etc. Due to safety, ear gauges are not to exceed the size of a dime.
- 9. No hats, head coverings, hoods of clothing, bandannas, sweatbands or sunglasses, are to be worn in the building.

*DISTRICT HANDBOOK POLICY on VAPING**

10 day Out of School Suspension with recommendation for expulsion. Students who exhibit severe discipline problems (fighting, theft, drug abuse, <u>vaping</u>, obscene language, harassment, disrespect, etc.) will automatically be referred to the office for disciplinary action, and are subject to placement on the disciplinary plan toward suspensions, and/or expulsion.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR STUDENT THIS SCHOOL YEAR!!!

GO BRONCOS!!

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Act with Courage #WBPride

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^{**}PLEASE HAVE YOUR SENIOR PORTRAIT ORDER FORM AND \$ AT THE TIME OF PORTRAITS – these forms will come to seniors only in a later communication

^{**}Seniors, please remember that you will still need to get a picture taken on the 21st during picture day for your school ID.