



8/30/24

Hello Wolf Pack Students and Parents/Guardians,

Any student wanting to park on campus (this includes Seniors who want to purchase a parking spot.. more information to come once school starts for Seniors who want to purchase a spot) needs to show proof of attending **one** "Start Smart" class with a parent and display a valid parking permit on their vehicle. If you obtained a parking permit in previous school years, you do not need to get another permit unless you lost yours.

If you are in need of a permit **AND** have completed the Start Smart course, please come to B-8 during lunch or after school on August 15 and 16th 2024. If it is beyond these two days, stop by B-8 after your last class of the day. **This course needs to be completed ONCE in high school.**

Students who have not completed the Start Smart Course and plan to park on campus when school resumes in August, you must sign up for a Start Smart Course ASAP. Once you are signed up, you are permitted to park on campus on a temporary basis (pending completion of the program). **We will send out information to get a temporary permit once school starts.** Students are permitted to park on campus the first week of school without a permanent or temporary permit. Enforcement will begin the second week of school.

Students who complete the program will be issued a permanent parking permit. **If you do not sign up or complete the course, you may lose your privilege to park on campus. This includes Seniors who want to purchase a parking spot this year. More info will be sent out about purchasing a Senior Parking Spot at a later date.**

If you want more information about the Start Smart Program, please see Page 2 of this document.

West Hills has set up our Start Smart sessions for the first half of the 2024-25 school year in the WHHS Theatre.

- ~~August 21, 2024 from 6pm-8pm~~
- ~~August 29, 2024 from 6pm-8pm~~
- ~~September 10, 2024 from 6pm-8pm~~
- September 24, 2024 from 6pm-8pm

**Check in time is 5:45PM for each session. A student or parent is required to sign in using a smart phone. Please do not be late as we promptly start at 6:00PM.**

**Students: sign up** by [CLICKING HERE](#) and attend one of WHHS offerings with one parent/guardian. You will be emailed a confirmation once signed up.

Just a reminder to please **obey all traffic laws and speed limits** in and around West Hills. Our student parking lots are a PRIVILEGE and can be revoked for reckless driving. Students are not permitted to drive on the access road. We will begin enforcement of parking permits soon.

Once you have completed the course, please go to B-8 or the Assistant Principals' Office to get your parking permit during school hours.

**If you have already presented proof of this class, you do not need to present proof again.**

If you are not able to attend the WHHS dates above, you may complete it at any participating location throughout San Diego County. El Capitan has multiple sessions and you may attend one of their courses by signing up [via their website](#).

Thank you and drive safe!

Questions? Please contact Assistant Principal John Hoadley.

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*From CHP Officer Jared Grieshaber:*

*For those new to driving or to WHHS, this is a free 2 hour driver safety class for students and their parent/guardian to take one time during their years attending WHHS and can be taken at any age. It is a requirement to attend the class before the student is issued a parking permit and allowed to park on campus. (Proof of registration of a Start Smart course will suffice.) Seniors must take the class or show proof of registration of a Start Smart course before they are allowed to bid on a Senior parking spot. CHP public affairs officer Travis Garrow conducts the class and is very passionate about teaching kids and parents about driver safety, traffic laws and parent liability.*

*The class is designed to:*

*\*Help newly licensed and future teenage drivers understand the responsibilities associated with driving a motor vehicle.*

*\*Reduce the number of teen-related injuries and deaths due to motor vehicle collisions.*

*\*Show how a poor choice behind the wheel can change the lives of everyone involved.*

*\*Learn more about civil liability and social host laws.*

*Some insurance companies offer a discount for attending the program. If your student is a freshman, there is plenty of time to take the class before they start driving. If your schedule is hectic or your student is an athlete or in band and has practice every evening, I would try to take the class as soon as you have a free evening. Valhalla, El Cap, & Steele Canyon High School also offer the same class so if our dates don't work for you and your student you can take theirs. Sign up on their website for their class.*

*If you have any questions, please call me at 619.401.2000. We have limited seating so make sure to register today.*