



WINSTON-SALEM PREPARATORY ACADEMY

PHOENIX BULLETIN

February 2021

Principal's Message:

We hope the new year is off to a great start. We have learned so much from all of the challenges we have endured during this unconventional time in our nation's history. Our teachers have made excellent progress in learning how to combine the two worlds of teaching in person with teaching online. Thanks for being patient with us as we navigate this new learning opportunity. We welcome any suggestions you have that may help us increase student engagement.

As we welcome more students back to the school building this week for in-person learning, please know that we have implemented the recommendations from the CDC in order to keep our students and staff safe. These best practices include requiring masks, hand hygiene, and social distancing. We have communicated these expectations to staff, students, and parents who attended our information sessions. To review these plans, visit this site:

bit.ly/3rdmhk.

Please take a moment each month to review the PHOENIX BULLETIN so you can be informed of school activities and expectations. In addition to this resource, we will also send mail, emails, phone calls, and texts. If you are not receiving this communication, please call the school so we can update your contact information. We look forward to working together as members of the Phoenix Family.

~ Dr. Keisha Gabriel

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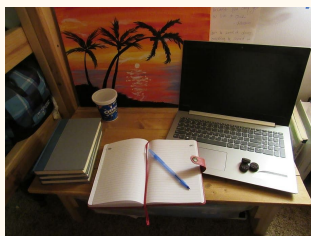
THIS 2021

*"Don't just learn, experience.
Don't just read, absorb.
Don't just change, transform.
Don't just relate, advocate.
Don't just promise, prove.
Don't just criticize, encourage.
Don't just think, ponder.
Don't just take, give.
Don't just see, feel.
Don't just dream, do.
Don't just hear, listen.
Don't just talk, act.
Don't just tell, show.
Don't just exist, live."*

WORKING WEDNESDAYS

All schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system have transitioned from Flex Fridays to Flex Wednesdays. To emphasize the point that **Flex days are not free days**, we've changed the name to "Working Wednesdays".

Working Wednesdays allow more flexible learning opportunities to help students manage their academics in this new school environment.



What should I do on Working Wednesdays?

Students should participate in the following:

- ❑ **Asynchronous work.** Sign into each teacher's Canvas page to complete the independent learning assignment.
 - These assignments must be completed in order to be marked "present" for that class period.
 - Students will be marked "absent" if the assignment is not completed or if they do not engage in one of the following activities:
- ❑ **Tutoring.** Get extra help in individual or small group sessions with your teacher.
 - Each WSPA teacher is available for at least one Open Office Hour during the week and on Working Wednesday.
 - Winston-Salem State University students will also be available to provide extra support to WSPA students from 1:00-3:00 pm on Wednesdays. Zoom link coming soon!
- ❑ **Catch up.** Use Wednesdays to make sure you are caught up on any missing assignments. You can also use this time to redo assignments or retake assessments that you didn't do well on. Discuss these options with your teacher.
- ❑ **Clubs.** Participate in extracurricular activities on Wednesdays. Be on the lookout for club meeting dates!

FEBRUARY 2021



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Notes |
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| 1 - A day Students in ESL Academy and 6th-9th graders in Cohort 1 report to school. | 2 - B day Students in ESL Academy and 6th-9th graders in Cohort 1 report to school. Basketball @ Bishop McGuinness | 3 - A day Working Wednesday Students must complete independent learning assignments in order to be marked present. World Read Aloud Day | 4 - A day Students in ESL Academy and 6th-9th graders in Cohort 2 report to school. | 5 - B day Students in ESL Academy and 6th-9th graders in Cohort 2 report to school. Basketball vs Mt. Airy @ WSPA | Cohort 1 usually meets on Mondays & Tuesdays. Cohort 2 usually meets on Thursdays & Fridays. Students will learn remotely, when they are not assigned to in-person cohorts. Happy Valentine's Day 2/14/2021 |
| 8 - A day Students in ESL Academy and 6th-9th graders in Cohort 1 report to school. | 9 - B day Students in ESL Academy and 6th-9th graders in Cohort 1 report to school. Basketball vs E. Surry @ WSPA | 10 - B day Working Wednesday Students must participate in their grade-level meeting in order to receive attendance credit. - 9th-grade @ 9:00 am - 10th-grade @ 10:00 am - 11th-grade @ 11:00 am - 12th-grade @ 12:00 pm - 6th-8th grade @ 1:00pm Zoom link: bit.ly/2-10-21 Teen Advisory Council, 6:30 pm | 11 - A day Students in ESL Academy and 6th-9th graders in Cohort 2 report to school. | 12 - B day Students in ESL Academy and 6th-9th graders in Cohort 2 report to school. Basketball vs. N. Stokes @ WSPA | |
| 15 - A day Remote learning for ALL students. | 16 - B day Remote learning for ALL students. Basketball @ S. Stokes | 17 - A day Working Wednesday Students must complete independent learning assignments in order to be marked present. Book Club Meeting @ 3:00 pm | 18 - A day Remote learning for ALL students. Curriculum Night @ 6:00 pm Zoom link: bit.ly/2-10-21 | 19 - B day Remote learning for ALL students. Basketball vs. Bishop McGuinness @ WSPA | |
| 22 - A day 6th - 12th graders in Cohort 1 report to school. | 23 - B day Middle schoolers in Cohort 1 report to school. 11th graders will report to school to take their ACT test. 9th, 10th, and 12th graders will work on independent learning assignments. | 24 - B day Working Wednesday for Middle School 9th - 12th graders in Cohort 1 report to school. | 25 - A day 6th - 12th graders in Cohort 2 report to school. Prospective student night, 6:00pm Zoom link: bit.ly/2-18-21 | 26 - B day 6th - 12th graders in Cohort 2 report to school. Football @ Lexington | |
| | | | | | ⚡ Note the change in the schedule on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Middle & High schoolers will have different flex days. |



Panorama Survey

It is Panorama Survey Time! Please take the time to take the survey for parents, students and staff. This

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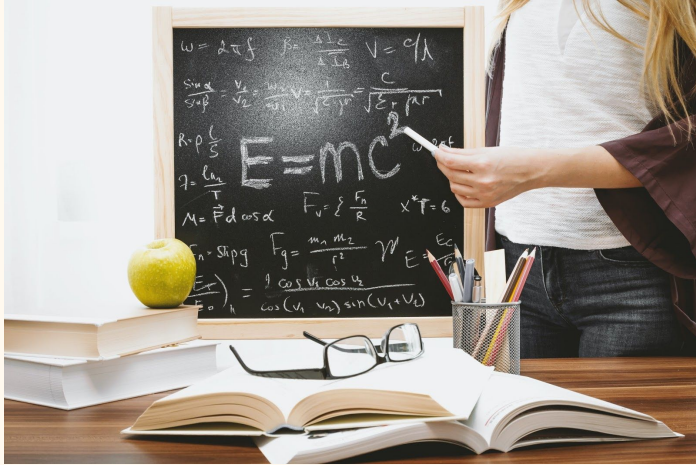
Upcoming Events



Curriculum Night

Thursday, February 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Zoom link: bit.ly/2-10-21



We are halfway through the school year!
This is a great time for a visit.

- ☐ Find out how your child is progressing in their year long classes.
- ☐ Meet your child's 2nd semester high school teachers.
- ☐ Learn about what's coming up next.
- ☐ Discover how you can work together with the school to help your student be successful.



Open House for Accepted and Prospective Students

Thursday, February 25 @ 6:00 pm

Zoom link: bit.ly/2-18-21

This event is to welcome the newest members of the Phoenix Family.

Who's invited:

- ☐ Students who have been accepted into the WSPA magnet program.
- ☐ Current WSPA middle school students who are transitioning into the 9th grade at WSPA.
- ☐ Students and parents who are interested in learning more about WSPA.

Come learn how we can help you prepare for the future!



Join the Phoenix Family!

Only a few spots left! Tell a friend to contact us to reserve their seat.

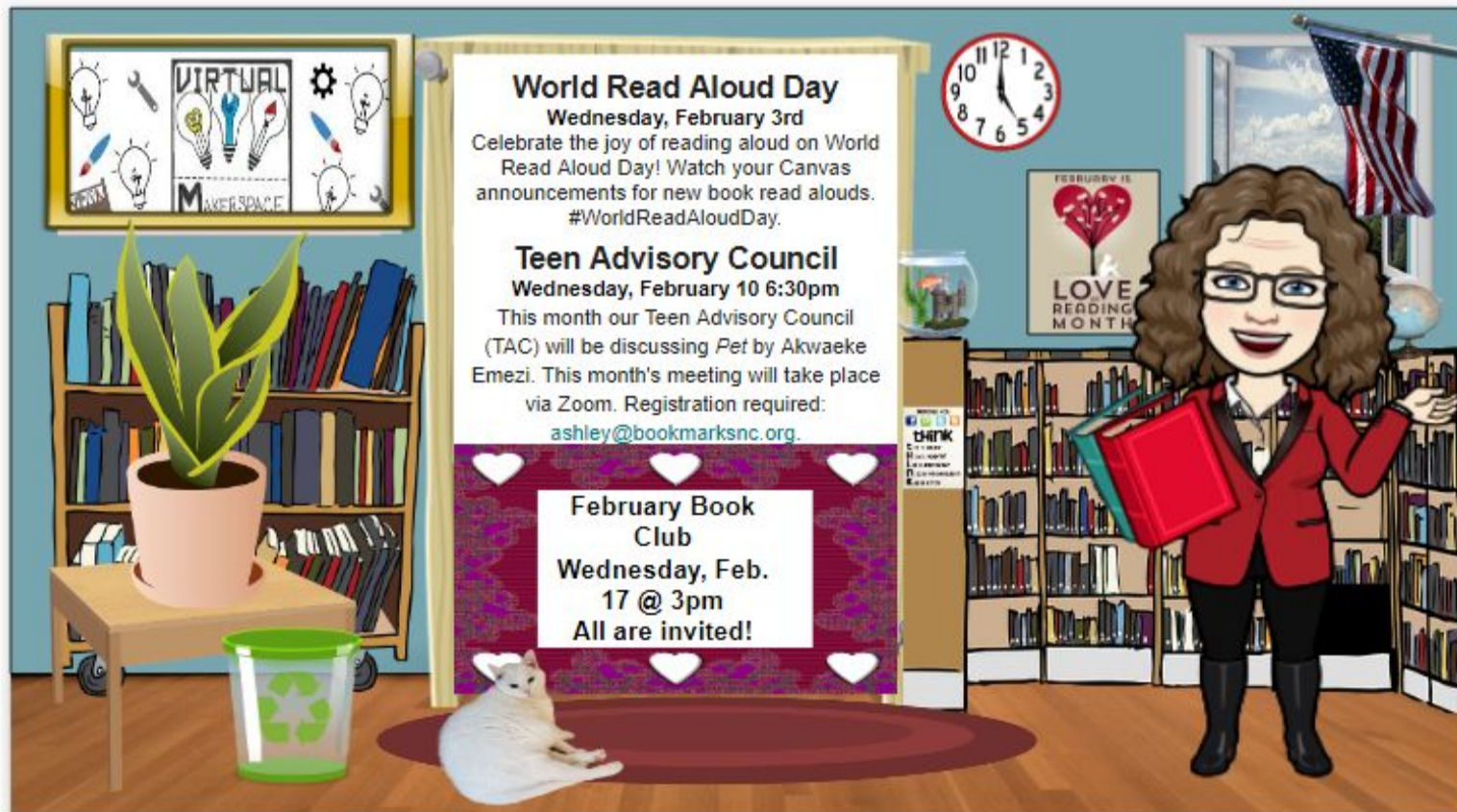
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Media Moment

Check out the WSPA Media Center's Canvas page to participate in fun with books and buddies!

bit.ly/WSPA-library



ATHLETICS

High school sports are active now!

All teams are following CDC recommendations to keep students safe and having fun.

Go to this site to learn more about sporting events at WSPA: www.wsfcsathletics.com/wsprep



Email Coach Holt if you're interested in playing sports this year - rholt@wsfcs.k12.nc.us.

Contact the WSPA office to purchase a ticket to games. Although spectator tickets are limited, you can still watch the games online.



PHOENIX Live Streaming

Winston Salem Prep High School is happy to announce the return of our live streaming initiative for the 2020-2021 school year! Our school's automated live streaming cameras will allow student-athletes, parents, and fans to watch hundreds of athletic events throughout the year LIVE and ON-DEMAND from any device.

**FOOTBALL – BASKETBALL – SOCCER – LACROSSE
VOLLEYBALL – WRESTLING**

A Subscription With Winston Salem Prep Athletics Includes:

- Access to the entire NFHS Network
- JV and Varsity Games
- Watch Live and On-Demand



Annual Pass – \$5.83/mo.

Billed at \$69.99

30% Goes Back to WS Prep

Monthly Pass – \$10.99/mo.

Billed Monthly. Cancel Anytime

10% Goes Back to WS Prep

Please visit www.wsfcsathletics.com/livestreaming to subscribe today and start streaming LIVE.

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Athletics**

★ Congratulations to Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy's
Human Relations Student Award recipients! ★



Oliveah Kendle, 7th grade



*Intelligence plus character – that is
the goal of true education."*

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



Ronald Sanders, 11th grade

★ Join us in celebrating Prep's Core Values Award recipients. ★



Teacher of the Year
Shanice Bullock McKinney

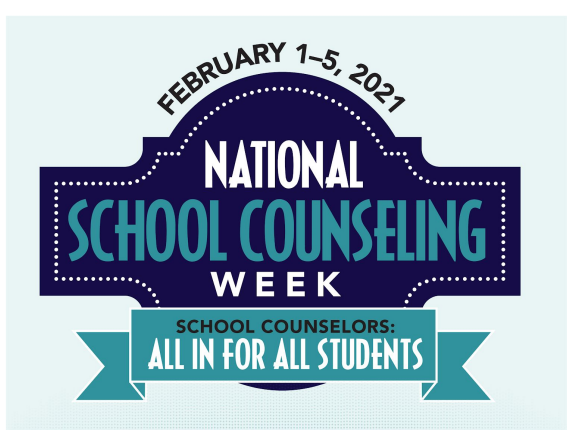


Beginning Teacher of the Year
Melissa Currence



Classified Employee of the Year
Sahar Al Jumaili

"The influence of a great teacher can never be erased." – Unknown



*"We are no longer 'guidance
counselors' only focused on
graduation and course
selection for students. We
are Professional School
Counselors who focus on the
academic, personal/social
AND career development of
ALL students"*

*Mindy Willard, ASCA 2013 School
Counselor of the Year*



Julie Cunningham
WSPA School Counselor



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."
-Harriet Tubman



Follow us on Social Media!



@wspaphoenix

Did You Know?

Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy @ Atkins (WSPA) is housed in the former Atkins High School. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Atkins High School was dedicated on April 2, 1931. WSPA was created as a magnet school to attract highly motivated students whose primary interest is to prepare themselves for a 4-year university education.

The former Atkins High School owes its name to Dr. Simon Green Atkins. Dr. Atkins was instrumental in founding, in 1892, the precursor to what is now Winston-Salem State University. The Atkins name was transferred to a new "Simon G. Atkins Academic and Technology High School" in September 2006 but the spirit of Dr. Atkins lives on at WSPA.

- [Learn more on WSPA's website.](#)



1930: Work began on Atkins High School, the first modern high school for African Americans in Winston-Salem. The school was named for Simon G. Atkins, the founder of Winston-Salem State University. Until the 1960s, it was the only high school for blacks in the city limits.

CHAMPIONS

1953: Atkins won its first state basketball championship in the N.C. Negro High School Athletic Association.

1954: Atkins won the state's first football championship in the association.

- [Winston-Salem Journal, 2019](#)

