



WALKERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Wolfpack Student and Parent,

As summer break draws to a close, I want to welcome you to the new school year at Walkertown High School. Your first day of school is Monday, August 28. Classes will begin at 8:55 am and end at 3:40 pm. You will attend Advisory/Homeroom and then each of your first semester classes on the first day of school. Your class schedule should include eight classes and is based on course selections (including alternates) made during the registration process. If you have concerns regarding your schedule, you will have the opportunity to pick up a "Request for Schedule Change" form during Open House or from your Advisory teacher on the first day of school. Guidance Counselors will work diligently to address concerns during the week of August 28— September 1. Only requests for the following reasons will be considered:

1. You have a "hole" in your schedule during one or more periods either semester.
2. You are scheduled for a course you took previously and passed.
3. You are scheduled for a course and you do not meet the pre-requisite.
4. You are scheduled for a course with a teacher under whom you failed previously.

In preparation for the new school year, our faculty and staff extend an invitation for all students to attend Open House on Tuesday, August 22, from 5:00-7:00 pm. You may come any time during this period to learn your way around the building and to meet informally with your teachers. Students will need 15-30 minutes to walk their schedule. Information regarding buses, the Wolfpack PTA, Walkertown Athletic Boosters, and Child Nutrition Services will be available.

Arrival/Dismissal Students will be allowed to enter the building at 7:45 am and should be picked up by 4:00 pm each day.

Parking Student parking is available for Juniors and Seniors. The cost of a WS/FCS/Walkertown High School parking permit is \$50. All fines must be paid before obtaining a parking permit. Seniors may purchase parking permits beginning August 21 and Juniors may purchase parking permits beginning August 23. Parents choosing to drop students off should use the main entrance and drop students off at the sidewalk next to the front of the school. The bus, the student, or the staff lots should not be used for drop-off points. This same procedure should be followed for afternoon pick-up.

Lunch Prices This year all students receive free breakfast and lunch as we are a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school. A la carte items are priced individually. Free and reduced lunch applications are available in the main office and online at <https://www.wsfcs.k12.nc.us/Page/120143>. Please follow the directions for returning the application if you wish to be considered. Parents are encouraged to complete the Free and Reduced Lunch application even though there is no cost for breakfast and lunch because students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch may also qualify for fee waivers to take the SAT and the ACT.

Student-Parent Handbook

The WS/FCS Code of Character, Conduct and Support for the 2023-2024 year may be viewed using this link. Students will receive a copy of this document during the first week of school. You may view the document using this link: <https://www.wsfcs.k12.nc.us/code>. The Walkertown High School student handbook is available online via the following website: <https://www.wsfcs.k12.nc.us/whs>. The handbooks include useful information regarding school and county policies as well as a school calendar. During the first few days of school, teachers and administrators will review the handbooks with students and emphasize school rules and policies.

Communication

During the school year, parents should inform the Data Manager, Jennifer Linville, (336.703.4151) of any changes in name/address/phone number. Having correct contact information on file is essential in communicating with you regarding the academic progress of your child.

Throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher(s) and/or counselor. Walkertown High School teachers maintain Canvas playlists for each course that contain information regarding classroom expectations, homework assignments and other pertinent information regarding your child's classes.

Parents may have instantaneous access to your child's grades and attendance through the use of Parent Portal. You may access Parent Portal, tutorials for using the website, as well as frequently asked questions about Parent Portal via the following website: <http://wsfcs.k12.nc.us/parentportal>. If you have any questions regarding Parent Portal, please contact the school office by calling 336.703.4151.

Student Orientation

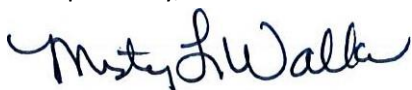
On Tuesday, August 22, the Class of 2027 (Freshmen) is invited to attend orientation from 8:55 am-2:30 pm. Students will participate in team-building activities, meet counselors and administrators, and attend their 1st semester classes for a few minutes. Transportation will be provided for students living within our attendance zone.

WS/FCS Chromebook Distribution

All incoming freshmen will receive new Chromebooks to use during their high school career. The Chromebook is to be used for instructional purposes and should be brought to school fully charged daily so that the device can be used in each class. Chromebooks will be distributed during the first week of school to our students.

As the 2023-2024 year begins, I encourage you to become involved at Walkertown High School. Whether your interest is in the arts, band, athletics, student government, or in one of our many extra-curricular clubs, you will find multiple ways of expressing your Wolfpack Pride! I look forward to beginning our exciting and productive year on August 28 and welcome you to Walkertown High School where we provide a climate of mutual respect and high expectations while empowering students to set goals, welcome challenges, and achieve success.

Respectfully,



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Principal