



The Colonel Courier

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**ATTENTION: STUDENT COURSE SCHEDULES WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED AT JWHS ON THE FOLLOWING DATES!**

IMPORTANT COURSE SCHEDULE, TEXTBOOK, AND CHROMEBOOK INFORMATION

August 7, 2017	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
August 8, 2017	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION

Chromebooks will be handed out on August 7th and 8th. Students who are new to Frederick County Public Schools will need to make sure the FCPS Mobile Device Take Home Usage Agreement form is turned in before or on August 7th and 8th. If you have any outstanding payments for lost or damaged Chromebooks you can pay them at this time.

PARKING AND DRIVING INFORMATION:

Parking permits will be sold on August 7 and 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Permits will be sold to Juniors and Seniors during normal school hours once the school year begins.



When purchasing a permit the student must have the following items in their possession: 1) the blue parking application completed, 2) a valid driver's license, (3) the vehicle registration, and 4) a check for \$75.00 payable to JWHS.

Sophomores may purchase permits after the end of the first nine weeks. They must also meet the following criteria from the previous grading period: No failing grade in any class, no discipline tardies to school, and hold a good attendance record. Freshman may NOT purchase a parking permit under any circumstances.



NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

All new students and parents to James Wood High School are invited to attend an orientation program beginning at 6:30 p.m. on August 10th in the auditorium. This program will be valuable in assisting all new students as they transition to their new school.

Principal's Letter

Hello Colonels! I hope your summer is affording you an opportunity to relax and do all of those cool summer activities that you look forward to each year. As the new school year nears I would like to extend a warm welcome to the entire James Wood Community. It is important for me, as a new principal, to express my sincere desire to get to know the students and community and therefore invite you to come to any and all school events and activities. The Colonel Courier is designed to keep you informed of these important dates throughout the year as well as to publish success stories, offer information about certain school operations, and provide information about how you might be able to offer your services to JWHS.

The first day of school for students for the 2017-2018 school year is Wednesday, August 16th. In order for our students to continue to experience the academic, athletic, and extracurricular successes they have demonstrated in the past it requires the hard work, effort, and dedication from not only them but from our staff, parents, and community working in unison. The Colonel Courier is one way to stay informed and we hope it provides you with the information to be able to support our students.

Though I am a new principal at James Wood I have been and continue to be a parent of a student attending James Wood. Therefore my interests are on multiple fronts and as such, I wish to work together to provide a safe and enriching experience to each and every one of our students.

If you should have a question prior to or during the school year please know there is an open invitation to contact us.

Go Colonels!!

Sam Gross
Principal



SENIOR PORTRAIT MAKE-UP

Wednesday, August 9th will be the make-up day for Senior Portraits at JWHS in the auditorium. Victor O'Neill Studios will mail those seniors that did not have their portraits taken in July an appointment time. If you do not receive an appointment time, please contact Mrs. Turner in the school office.



CALCULATOR LETTER

Please find the enclosed letter pertaining to all students enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2. If your child is enrolled in one of these math classes for the 2017-2018 school year, please sign this enclosed letter and bring to the library during textbook distribution on August 7-8. **Your child will need to return this signed letter in order to receive his/her graphing calculator which is required for Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2.**

RETURNED CHECKS



Frederick County Public Schools has an agreement with a third party administrator for the collection of all returned checks. If your check is returned by your bank, it will be automatically forwarded to a third party administrator after the first presentation. They will collect the face amount of the returned check plus the maximum collection fee allowable by law. Further action within the limits of law may be taken if you do not properly respond and Frederick County Public Schools may elect to cease accepting checks from you.



MySchoolBucks

Parents or guardians are **encouraged** to use the online payment system, MySchoolBucks, to pay school class fees, and place money on a student's cafeteria account. Parents are able to view current account balances, review recent purchases, receive low-balance alerts, and setup recurring payments on a weekly or monthly basis if desired. Once the payment is made, a receipt is automatically sent to the purchaser and teacher notifying them that a payment has been received. VISA and MasterCard are accepted 24 hours a day. The website is user friendly and allows you to self-register.

Register on the school's website or on the FCPS homepage. Look for the MySchoolBucks payment link.

Athletic Information

Cheerleading

July 31-August 4, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, Auxiliary gym

Cross Country

Monday-Saturday, July 31-August 5, 8:00-10:00 AM, meet at football stadium field house. Designated athletes will have an evening workout at 7:00 PM on August 1 and 3.

Football

July 31-August 5: 8:30 AM team meeting, practice from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, lunch break, then from 1:00-3:00 PM. The morning session will be for JV and varsity, while the afternoon will be only for varsity.

Golf

Tryouts at Shenandoah Valley Golf Club, July 31, 1:30 PM (18 holes) and August 9:30 AM (18 holes). First match is August 2 at SVGC.

Volleyball

Monday, July 31, 5:00-7:30 PM, Gyms.

Tuesday, August 1, 5:00-7:30 PM. We will be doing our first selection of remaining players to return to Wednesday tryouts.

Wednesday, August 2, 5:00-7:30 PM, Final team selections will be made.

Any athlete wishing to try out for a sport must have an approved VHSL physical on file dated May 1 or later. Physicals expire at the end of each school year, so 2016-17 physicals are not valid.



“Help Wanted-Bus Drivers”

Frederick County Public Schools is accepting applications from individuals interested in becoming a school bus driver. No experience necessary. For more information go to <http://www.frederick.k12.va.us/cms/one.aspx?portalId=135936&pageId=819143>



*The Trusted Platform
for School Community Engagement*



Parents and Guardians: You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service.

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school’s short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “**Stop**”.

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the Student Privacy Pledge™, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile phone now

Just send “Y” or “Yes” to 67587



Dates to Remember



July 31	Fall Sports Season Starts
August 7 & 8	Textbook/Schedule pick-up
August 9	Senior Portrait Make-up
August 9-15	Faculty/Staff Workdays
August 10	New Student Orientation, 6:30 p.m.
August 16	First day of school
August 30	Back to School Night, 6:30-9 p.m.
September 1	No School – Staff Professional Development Day
September 4	No School – Labor Day Holiday
September 12-13	Underclassman Pictures
September 14	Senior Parent Night @ 6:30 p.m. – JWHS Auditorium
September 27	College Night @ 6:00 p.m. @ Apple Blossom Mall

The 2017-2018 School Calendar will be distributed to the students on the 1st day of school.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

For the students' protection, if medical insurance is not currently provided through the parents' employer or individual plans, parents are strongly encouraged to purchase insurance from a private vendor or the student accident insurance program available through the school division vendor—The Young Group, Inc. Information about plan types and enrollment instructions can be found on the school's website at www.jwh.frederick.k12.va.us. Click on "Parents and Students" then "Health Services" then Student Accident Insurance, where plan information and enrollment instructions are located. Enrollment and claim forms are also available in each school office upon request. **FCPS insurance plan does NOT provide medical coverage for accidents or injuries to students during school or during school-sponsored or extra-curricular activities.**

For the latest information regarding daily announcements, faculty contacts, policies and procedures, important dates, and other information please visit the James Wood High School Webpage.

www.jwh.frederick.k12.va.us

Frederick County Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination process:

Title IX Coordinator
John Linaburg
Executive Director of Human Resources
1415 Amherst Street
Winchester, VA 22601
(540) 662-3888

Section 504 Coordinator
Michele Sandy
Director of Special Services
1415 Amherst Street
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For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of [OCR enforcement offices](#) for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.