

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- SENIORS ONLY (8-27-17)

## Senior Message: August 27, 2017

**School Messages:** If you want to receive this message via text and/or email, please go to our website and look for the link on how to opt-in via School Messenger.

**Decorating Senior Parking Spaces:** If your senior has a parking space, all parents are highly encouraged to meet at the school parking lot from 5:00pm to 7:00pm to decorate your son or daughter's space. You will bring your own chalk and know your child's parking space number and location.

**Senior Car Parade:** Class of 2017, kick off your senior year by participating in the car parade on Aug 28th! Line up at the Cary Tennis Park any time after 6am; the parade will begin at 6:45. Cars will be judged in four categories: Most School Spirit, Most Original, Tackiest, and Best Overall. Please note that seniors must remain inside the car from the time they leave the Tennis Park until they arrive in the Green Hope parking lot! Please take a look at the SignUpGenius to see where you can donate or pitch in as a volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044faeaf2aab9-green1>

**Senior Shirt Day (Good V18BES):** If you need to pick up your shirt on the first day of school, Mr. O'Brien will be in his room (3310) at 6:00 am. You can also pick it up from him during the first week of school. If you did not order a shirt, you will have one more opportunity to do so at the Senior Class Meeting on Tuesday with Ms. Summers.

**First Week of School:** Due to continuous growth in student enrollment, we highly encourage students to check your schedule on PowerSchool before tomorrow am. We will have tables set up in the Commons Area to assist with schedules and transportation questions. The Senior class will meet with administration and Student Services on the second day of school to review administration expectations, graduation requirements, post-secondary options (including college application process) and graduation information from Jostens. Senior meetings are for students only. Below is a schedule:

### **Class Meetings in Auditorium**

Date	Time	Class
Tuesday	Sept. 7:45 to 8:30	Seniors (Last Names A to K)
29th	9:30 to 10:15	Seniors (Last Names L to Z)

**Morning Commute:** Traffic on the first day of school will not be pleasant. The traditional senior car parade will impact traffic. We are asking everyone to be patient. If you are carpooling, we highly recommend leaving your home early. Please use the round-a-bout to access the carpool line.

**Transportation Update:** On August 18, WCPSS Transportation published bus routes and stops for students in traditional calendar schools. All families with students planning to utilize bus transportation need to check transportation information in PowerSchool ASAP to ensure that eligible students who need bus transportation have it. Even if you've always had bus transportation, we are advising everyone to check PowerSchool to ensure that everything is correct because students must be assigned to a bus and a stop before they can ride a WCPSS bus. If transportation is not listed in PowerSchool, we encourage you to submit/re-submit the bus rider registration form at the following link: <http://www.wcpss.net/Page/30596>. One final word on buses--we are slated to have 40 different routes this year. Of these routes, 13 of them will be shared runs, meaning that a bus driver will complete one run where they will pick up students on one route and take them to their destination before proceeding to complete a second run. We certainly hope to make this all as smooth as possible; however, please be patient with the process as we work through the initial days of the new school year. As always, if you have any questions about transportation that can be addressed at the school level, feel free to contact Mr. Carrington at [jcarrington@wcpss.net](mailto:jcarrington@wcpss.net).

**Free and Reduce Lunch:** Beginning this school year all families with children attending a Wake County Public School will be able to apply online for free/reduced-price meals instead of completing a paper application. Paper applications will still be available at schools for families to complete. Online link: [www.MySchoolApps.com](http://www.MySchoolApps.com)

**Student WakeID Passwords:** On Sunday evening, all Green Hope students' WakeID passwords will be reset to their student ID numbers. Last year, students came to the library to request a password reset if they couldn't remember their logins. This year, we hope to save everyone time by having this done before the first day of school. The WakeID portal gives students access to Google Drive, Canvas, and e-mail and can be found at [wakeid.wcpss.net/](http://wakeid.wcpss.net/) or by going to the Green Hope High [web site](#) and clicking on the WakeID icon.

**Morehead-Cain and Park Scholarships:** We will have an interest meeting for the **Morehead-Cain Scholarship** (full scholarship to UNC Chapel Hill) and **Park Scholarship** (full scholarship to NC State) on this **Thursday, August 31st at 2:30pm** in the Media Center. Both scholarships are very competitive, and most students who receive

these awards far exceed the rigorous admission requirements for both schools (e.g., high GPA and test scores, very competitive class rank, leadership roles, community service, extra-curricular involvement). School nomination applications for both scholarships will be available after school starts under “Resources” on the Student Services’ website (From the GHHS homepage, click the “Students” tab and click “Student Services”). **All students interested in pursuing the school nomination for these scholarships must attend the interest meeting.**

**Senior Conferences:** Senior Conferences will begin on **Monday, September 5th**. Each senior will have the opportunity to meet with his/her assigned counselor individually. We will review transcripts and discuss progress towards graduation requirements during the individual sessions. Senior Conferences are for students only. Seniors will sign up for appointments online using SignUp Genius and more information will be given at the Senior Presentation.

**Parent Volunteers:** If you want to volunteer in any WCPSS school, you will need to follow these directions:

- **Reactivation for Continuing Volunteers:** All continuing volunteers approved for the 2017-2018 school year MUST reactivate as a volunteer no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 31, 2017. Volunteers may go to any WCPSS site and register. Current volunteers, who provide a valid email address, will receive an email 30 days and 15 days prior to the expiration of their volunteer status reminding them to reactivate.
- **New Volunteers for 2017-2018:** Any new volunteer applicants must register and have an approved criminal record check prior to engaging in volunteer work. Applicants may register at any WCPSS site. Applicants will be notified by email once their application has been approved.

**PTSA Membership:** Membership is the only active fundraiser to support the PTSA’s programs. Please help by becoming a member! Join online or download a form and mail payment to the school office: <http://ghhsptsa.org/MEMBERSHIP.html>

**FalconVision:** FalconVision is a site that will be home to Sports, Fine Arts, and Guest Speaker Live Streaming services at GHHS. Students will Direct, Shoot, Edit, and create live productions on a specific monthly schedule. In order to kick off our first streamed event, please subscribe to: <https://youtu.be/jCXrK7G68pU>

**Senior Portraits:** If you were not present for senior portraits in July, Strawbridge Studios will offer some "Studio" hours for students who wish to have portraits made on the various

backgrounds. Customer Service (866) 624-6229 will be handling all of those appointments. Make-ups for basic cap/gown will be at the school, date TBD.

**SAC (Senior Advisory Committee) Meeting:** All parents are welcome to attend our senior parent meeting on Monday, September 11th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Media Center. We need your help to make this a special year for your son's and daughter's.