Calendar of Events:
For more the most up to date calendar please see our master calendar here.

SOL Testing Schedule
The Spring 2016 Testing Schedule for West Springfield HS is now available on the school’s web site at http://www.fcps.edu/westspringfieldhs/student_services/testing.html.

The main SOL exam period will begin on Tuesday, May 24, and continue through Wednesday, June 1. Expedited retakes for eligible students will be administered June 6 through June 8. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Phil Cronin (pscronin@fcps.edu, 703-913-3812) or your student’s teacher.

April is Month of the Military Child
It is a time to honor military youth for the important role they play in contributing to the strength of the military family.

For more info, visit http://fcpsnet.fcps.edu/ssse/ips/military/april/

AP Pre-registration Information for all AP students

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All students should check into their Learning Seminar and then report to the Cafeteria when an announcement is made. If you are unable to attend your appropriate registration day, simply attend the next available session. If you miss all three, please contact Assessment Coach, Phil Cronin to schedule an appointment at pscronin@fcps.edu or call 703-913-3812.

Save the Date Teacher and Staff Appreciation Lunch
April 29th will be our Teacher and Staff appreciation luncheon. Sign up lists to help will come out closer to the date. We look forward to working with you to let them all know much we appreciate what they do for our children. Thanks! WSHS PTSA Board
Teen 101 Parent Resource Night for Region 4, April 7, 6-9 PM at Robinson Secondary School

Join us for a night of discussion regarding mental health and safety resources for parents of FCPS students in Region 4. See a partial list of topics below.

- Managing social media and digital citizenship
- Adolescent development
- Building resilience in teens
- Talking with your teen about difficult issues
- Conflict resolution
- Bullying prevention and intervention
- Suicide prevention
- Transitioning to high school

**Yearbook Sales Close April 30!**

Listen up, Spartans! You still have time to order your 2016 WSHS Yearbook online. Just visit [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter the West Springfield Order Number: 4150. If you place your order online, your student will be assured of getting a yearbook when they come in during the first week of June. Online sales close April 30. Order your West Springfield Yearbook today – don’t delay!

**Fundraisers**

**Girls Lacrosse at Austin Grill:** Please come out to support the West Springfield Girl's Lacrosse Team. Come to Austin Grill on Old Keene Mill Road and have some Tex-Mex on Monday, April 11th, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Bring in this flyer or show it on your smart phone and help support the girl's lacrosse team. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Glory Days in Burke.** When you dine at a Glory Days Grill any time before April 30, the restaurant will contribute 10% of your total food purchases to the West Springfield High School All Night Grad Party. Bring your neighbors, friends, and relatives, because the 10% applies to the total food and beverage bill. Simply ask your server for a copy of your guest check (not credit card receipt), and mail it to: WSHS ANGP-Fundraising, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152 or drop them in the main office at the school. No flier is needed but here is a [flyer](#) with the information.

**Do you need help spreading your mulch?**
The Boy's Lacrosse Team can help you out!
When: April 9 and April 10
How much: Donations accepted
How to sign up: [https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0448a5af2fa13-mulch2](https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/30e0448a5af2fa13-mulch2)

**Need Help with Mulch Spreading? We got it!**

*April 9th and 10th, 2016*

The West Springfield Boys Lacrosse program will be able to help with mulch spreading this spring! If you bought mulch from the Touchdown Club and need help, go here:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/3E0E4B5A5AF2FA13-mulch2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/3E0E4B5A5AF2FA13-mulch2)

We accept donations for our work!
A Note from the VRE

Spring is here and with it comes an opportunity to get over to Lake Accotink Park to jog, hike or fish. It’s also time for graduation photo shoots. But, there’s one very important thing to remember when you are out at Lake Accotink or scanning Pinterest for creative photo shoot locations; stay off of the railroad tracks and never walk out onto the Accotink railroad bridge.

Last year around this time, a Virginia Railway Express train struck and injured some teenagers who had hiked through the woods and were walking on the tracks near the bridge. Thankfully a real tragedy was narrowly avoided, but the resulting injuries were bad and certainly not worth it. Had these people walked out onto the bridge when the train was approaching, they wouldn’t have been so lucky.

Train traffic is unpredictable through this area and in most cases, you will not hear the train coming until it is right upon you. In addition, trains are travelling around 50 miles per hour in this area and can’t stop in enough time to give you a chance to run or get clear of the tracks.

In the United States, trains hit something or someone at a rate of once every three hours. This is an issue that is taken very seriously by the railroad and surrounding communities. Fairfax County Police and Norfolk Southern Railroad Police have committed to patrolling the area for trespassing and railroad crews communicate what they see by radio, so please, stay safe and stay off the tracks!

Congratulations to former Spartan, Ginny Thrasher who will represent the US at the summer Olympics in Rio!
SCHOLARSHIP FOR SUCCESS: The PTSA is pleased to announce the availability of the PTSA Scholarship for Success. This year the two winning West Springfield High school seniors will each receive $500 each toward post-secondary education, including four-year, two-year or vocational programs. Students eligible to apply must have had an Individualized Education Program (IEP) in place for at least two of his or her four years in high school. Applicants must complete the application form and include a 1-2 page essay describing how the he/she has grown and what they have achieved through his/her high school years through the Individualized Education Program.

Applications are available through the Career Center or the PTSA web site. Submissions must be turned in to the WSHS Career Center not later than Thursday, May 19th to be considered. Winners will be contacted individually prior to the Senior Awards Ceremony. For questions about the PTSA Scholarship for Success program contact Elissa Zadrozny, elissaz74@aol.com.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The new school year is approaching quickly and your PTSA is looking members to serve on the Executive Board and all Committees. No experience necessary - only an interest in supporting our school. Please see attached flyer for more information or contact Louise Oliver at Bookclubgirlie@yahoo.com. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP: It's not to late to join your PTSA. This is our only fundraiser for our annual budget. Goal: one member per student. We currently have close to 700 members. Please help by joining today: http://wshsptsa.net/membership.html. Membership is open to all families, students, and teachers.

Visit WSHS PTSA online: www.wshsptsa.net
View meeting minutes here.
Follow us on Twitter @wshsptsa

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Do you want to stay up to see the sunrise?
Then you need to volunteer for the All Night Grad Party!

Volunteers are needed to help during the All Night Grad Party on June 17th. Sign up here to help out. All parents are welcome, regardless of your student’s grade. Don’t miss this opportunity to be part of the largest celebration that the PTSA sponsors.

This not to be missed party is the most popular event of senior year. There will be games, activities, food, fun, and friends. Buy your ticket online or download the form at wshsptsa.net/angp. The price is currently is $85, but it goes up to $100 on May 1.

Not sure if you’ve already bought a ticket? Check out the Look Who's Coming list outside the cafeteria or online at http://wshsptsa.net/angp-who