Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship Parent Night

Region 4 School-Based Technology Specialists will host an Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship Parent Night on Tuesday, January 26th, 2016, from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Robinson Secondary School. The event is open to all parents in FCPS Region 4 and will cover issues pertaining to students in elementary through high school. This event will begin in Robinson’s Davala Hall with a general session, followed by four breakout sessions on these topics of discussion:

- Your Child’s Digital Footprint
- Online Communication and Social Media
- Cyberbullying
- How to Talk with your Child about Difficult Issues Surrounding this New, Complex Digital World.

We hope you will join us! Please RSVP here if you plan to attend.

Guitar COFFEEHOUSE next Wednesday, January 27th in Spartan Hall 5-8pm. Enjoy acoustics stylings our players, as well as barista favorites and sandwiches! YUM!
Change in Weight of Courses

Our School Board voted in November to make changes to the weighting of several courses in mathematics, science, and world languages to better reflect the level of rigor associated with these courses. The changes are detailed below:

Courses changed from a 0.0 to a 1.0 additional weight:
- Advanced Computer Science AB

Courses changed from a 0.0 to a 0.5 additional weight:
- All Level 5 World Languages courses

Courses changed from a 0.5 to a 1.0 additional grade weight:
- IB Mathematics SL1
- IB Chemistry SL1
- IB Physics SL1

These weight changes have been applied to all currently enrolled FCPS students who are either enrolled in these courses this school year or who have completed these courses previously. The students’ Grade Point Averages (GPA) have been adjusted to reflect these changes.

For our seniors who are currently applying to post-secondary institutions, the seventh semester grade report that will be sent to all schools to which the student has previously sent a transcript, will include a statement regarding this change.

Please contact your child’s school counselor if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Malicia Braxton
Director of Student Services
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Upcoming Fundraisers

Crew Dining Out at Ledos! Mark your calendars: The next Team Dining - Out is on Wednesday, January 20 from 5-9pm at Ledo’s Pizza (next to the Giant). Spread the word - tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers as we receive 20% of total evening sales! The more people the better our fundraiser.

Girls Lax 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 Tuesday, January 26th, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring in this flyer or show it on your smartphone and help support the girl’s lacrosse team.
MEMBERSHIP: Thank you for supporting your PTSA. This is our only fundraiser for our annual budget. Goal: one member per student. We currently have 680 members. Please help by joining today: http://wshsptsa.net/membership.html. Membership is open to all families, students, and teachers.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROCEDURAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE: Our new PTSA Special Education Liaison to FCCPTA wants all parents of Special Education students at WSHS to be aware of resources available to support your student. Every school is assigned a Procedural Support Liaison (PSL) to help parents, students and teachers understand how special education laws apply to them. The PSL helps everyone involved reach a consensus on the best way to provide services to your student. The PSL for West Springfield High School is Mary McGreevy-703 317-3000.

-Office of Special Education Instruction- http://www.fcps.edu/dss/sei/index.shtml

SAT & ACT PRACTICE TESTS: January 30th, 2016, 9:30am in the Cafeteria
The WSHS PTSA is offering practice SAT & ACT in the new formats. Cost: $10 each. (100% of the proceeds go to the PTSA). 10-14 days following the test, a detailed score report highlighting personal strengths and weaknesses will be emailed to you. Register on-line: http://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/wshs

ABOVE & BEYOND AWARDS: Nominations for the second quarter are due by February 10th. If you would like to recognize a student, teacher, staff member or someone in the Spartan community whose contributions exceed expectations, please review the guidelines and submit nominations using this form.

Visit WSHS PTSA online: www.wshsptsa.net

Follow us on Twitter @wshsptsa

SAT BOOTCAMP: FEBRUARY 27 & 28. Back by popular demand, Catalyst SAT Bootcamp, a one-weekend seminar that arms students with go-to strategies for every question they’ll face on the day of the test, so you can march into the test with confidence and momentum. For more information or to enroll, visit www.CatalystPrep.com. Cost is $175 and a portion of the proceeds benefit WSHS ANGP.

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE ANGP. We need many volunteers to run the party! Sign up here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4fa4a922a7f49-wshs or use the link on the PTSA website.

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Events in the Community

Relay For Life 2016 Kicks off this week with two activities:

Tuesday, January 19th – 5-9pm Ledo’s Pizza: Dine in or carryout and mention Relay. This year’s Relay leadership team will be there to welcome you and answer any questions you have about this year’s event.

Friday, January 22nd - Sunday, January 24th: Tysons Corner Ice Rink will present its inaugural Hope on Ice, an event to benefit the American Cancer Society. All weekend long, $4 of every ticket will benefit the American Cancer Society.