

The W

It's all about the W!



Wakefield High School PTSA Newsletter, Raleigh,

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From the Principal's Desk

As we wrap up first quarter, many great things have taken place thus far at Wakefield High School. Our students have exemplified excellence in a variety of ways from the classroom to band and Winterguard performances to athletic events to induction ceremonies. More and more of our students are recognized on a daily basis for their accolades. In addition, our faculty and staff are not to be outdone with their accomplishments. Mr. Tim Walker was recently selected as Wakefield High School's 2013-2014 Teacher of the Year. Additionally, Dr. Laura Inscoe was recently selected as the North Carolina Counselor of the Year. Both of these individuals exemplify the W, and I am proud and honored to serve as the leader of such a fine high school.

By now, you should have received a username and password through the mail, if you submitted an application to obtain access to PowerSchools/Home Base. Home Base will allow you to view grades, progress reports, assignments, and attendance for your student, in real-time. The system is similar to SPAN, which a majority of you are familiar with. As indicated in a phone message a couple of weeks ago, the system has been going down regularly, which is why we delayed implementation at Wakefield High. The Welcome letter and Quick Guide you receive will explain how to create your Parent Portal account. The guide will explain how to access the system and how to create your account. If you completed an application and do not receive information by November 1st, please contact our school. If you have not completed an application, you are encouraged to do so to help you in remaining up-to-date on your child's records. More information, including application forms, can be found on our school's website. Students received their access information on October 21st in order to access the system.

This year, Wakefield High is going through the SACs accreditation process. Ms. Dorothy Corrigan, Dr. Laura Inscoe, and Ms. Melissa Thomas serve as the leaders of our school-based team to ensure we complete the necessary requirements as expected. As part of the process, we will be meeting with various stakeholders to gather input on ways to enhance Wakefield. We look forward to communicating with you throughout the year to build upon our outstanding school.

I had the honor of speaking at the National Honor Society induction ceremony a few weeks ago, and I shared with the inductees the pride I have in them and the school. Most notably, I talked about the passion I have in serving as principal at Wakefield High School. Every morning, I go on the announcements after the Pledge of Allegiance stating, "It's All About the W." It is my hope that by saying this after the announcements on a daily basis, our students will always think about the W when making the choices at school, at home, or within the community. If they always think positive and think about the great things that make up the W, there is a good chance our students will be successful both in and outside the classroom. At the end of each phone message I send out on Friday mornings, I end it with my motto, "It's All About the W!" I encourage our stakeholders to continuously promote the positive things going on at Wakefield High School as we continue to work together towards the meeting our school's mission of taking collective responsibility for creating an educational environment that results in a high standard of learning for all students and effectively prepares them to progress morally and confidently into an ever-changing society.

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Tripp Crayton
Principal



WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
**Mistletoe
 Market**
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*Handmade jewelry,
 arts and crafts,
 Basket raffles, food,
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 WHS Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA).

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**SAT and ACT dates and registration
 deadlines for 2013-2014**

SAT 2013-2014

ACT 2013-2014

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 5, 2013-	September 6, 2013	September 21, 2013-	August 23, 2013
November 2, 2013-	October 3, 2013	October 26, 2013-	September 27, 2013
December 7, 2013-	November 8, 2013	December 14, 2013-	November 8, 2013
January 25, 2014-	December 27, 2013	February 8, 2014-	January 10, 2013
March 8, 2014-	February 7, 2014	April 12, 2014-	March 7, 2014
May 3, 2014-	April 4, 2014	June 14, 2014-	May 9, 2014

A Word from your Counselors...



Important Information!

Students in any grade level can go on **college visits** or attend **college open houses**. To set this up, visit the college's website or call their admissions office. Current juniors have earned one college visitation day and seniors have earned two where they can visit four year colleges/military recruiters/community colleges on a school day. A letter from that college must be submitted to the WHS attendance office within two days of the student's return so that the day will not count as an absence.

College Application & Awareness Week is Nov. 18-22. Various **speakers, workshops, and activities** will take place that week. Counselors will be available in the media center to assist students with college search and applications. Seniors will be able to **apply** to 58 NC Community Colleges, 31 NC Independent Colleges, and 5 UNC Universities **for free** that week! Among the colleges waiving their application fee are: Wake Forest, Davidson, Meredith, Wingate, North Carolina Central, NC Agricultural & Technical State University, and many more. For a full listing, please visit the WHS Student Services website.

Counselors, teachers, and community members are working with seniors who need to pass all 8 classes to graduate. This is called the **Graduation Together On Time program**. This is an initiative to support students with academic need, prepare them for life beyond high school, and to increase our graduation rate.

As a reminder, all **mid year graduates** who are beginning college in January need to provide Dr. Inscoe with a college acceptance letter by Dec. 1 in order to be able to begin college in early January. These students will take final exams the week before holiday break and not return after the break.

Mid year graduation is on January 22 at 7 pm in Wakefield High's auditorium.

To receive text or emails when new student services information is posted to the website please register for our **Remind 101** text notification system. **Text:** @whsthe to **919-800-0885** or follow the instructions at this link:
http://wakefieldhscounselors.weebly.com/uploads/8/6/0/6/8606988/student_services_remind_101.pdf

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Wakefield High School Auditorium

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Winter Sports Tryouts!



Tryouts begin October 30th!
See your coach for times and locations!



Student Government Association

is pleased to offer custom made stadium scarves. These scarves were manufactured by Jostens specifically for our Wakefield Wolverine community. The scarves are two sided with "Wakefield" on one side and "Wolverines" on the other. They are now available for purchase for \$20. Show your support for our Wolverines at games, school functions, and around town. If you would like to purchase one, please contact SGA Advisors Tim Walker (twalker2@wcpss.net) or Emily Scales (escales@wcpss.net). Cash or check is accepted. If writing a check, please make it payable to *Jostens*.

FCCLA

The mission of FCCLA is to promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

FCCLA started off the year with the officer retreat. All of the officers spent a night bonding and participating in leadership activities at Umstead Park. We learned a lot about each other's strengths and used them to our advantage when creating the 2013-2014 officer team.

On October 13, FCCLA held onto our reigning title of the Official Cheerleaders for the Walk for Hope which raises money for mental health research. Many members and officers attended the walk and cheered on the runners and walkers. We love this event because we get to give people that little push of encouragement they need to keep walking!

From October 14-31, FCCLA will be collecting Yoplait yogurt lids to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Also, to raise money for this foundation, we have teamed up with the Wakefield Wackos to sell Pink Out shirts. In one week, we collected over \$1,000 to donate to the foundation.

On November 1st, we will be attending the District Meeting. At this meeting, our officers will be presenting leadership workshops and learning about competitive events. Officers and members will get to experience new leadership opportunities, which will further enhance our leadership skills. Also, in November, FCCLA will be collecting soda can tabs to help raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

Lastly, from November 22-24, members and officers will attend the National Cluster Meeting in Charlotte where we will further our leadership skills. This is a terrific learning experience and I know all of us involved with FCCLA are extremely excited!

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