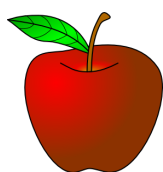




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**WARRENTON-HAMMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**



**(L)earning opportunities for  
(E)ach student to  
(A)cquire  
(R)esponsible and productive citizens  
(N)ow and in the future**

**Parents of Seniors**

It is time to make your appointment to have your senior's graduation portrait taken. (Class of 2018) The school needs three 2.5 x.3.5 pictures. **Two** for Mr. Hackwith and **one** for Mrs. McMakin (yearbook). Also Mr. Hackwith needs 3 baby pictures and any group photos with classmates to be used for the senior slide show. It would be helpful to have all these pictures before Christmas.

**DID YOU KNOW:**

14 and 15 year-olds may not work during school hours, may not work more than three hours on any school day, and may not work more than eight hours on non-school days. Also, 14 and 15 year olds may only work between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM (and as late as 9:00 PM between June 1 and Labor Day).

**Seniors and Parents  
FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP**

Save this date Saturday, October 14th! There will be a one hour workshop at noon for FINANCIAL AID in room 5 at noon. Pizza lunch will be provided. This will be our only Financial Aid workshop for the 2017-18 school year. This is an one hour session to log onto FAFSA site to register for financial aid for your student. You will need your 2015 tax return information. Experts will be on site to make this smooth and easy. ALL SENIORS NEED TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID. Both student and one parent need to be in attendance. We will be also enrolling for the Oregon promise which is free scholarship money for community college. REGISTER NOW FOR THIS FREE WORKSHOP BY CALLING Pamela Keuter at 503 861-3317 ext. 117.

**Parents:**

WHS uses a weighted grading system. The goal of the weighted system is to better assess student learning and proficiency.

What will this mean to your child? **They will notice an increased emphasis on assessments of their learning.** In other words, our students will be more heavily graded on quizzes, tests, major projects and final draft written work.

The explanation below is from the following link ([http://www.classactiongradebook.com/HTML%20College%20User%20Guide/Weighted Vs. Unweighted Grades.htm](http://www.classactiongradebook.com/HTML%20College%20User%20Guide/Weighted%20Vs.%20Unweighted%20Grades.htm))

**Grading – Weighted Categories Versus Unweighted Points****Unweighted Points: Total Points**

Name	Course Grad		Homework		Quiz/Projects		Tests		Total Points
	Possible Points	Grade	500	Hmk%	300	Quiz%	200	Test%	
Cooper, Sheldon	76%	C	352	70%	250	83%	155	78%	757
Hofstadter, Leo	80%	B	470	94%	220	73%	110	55%	800
Koothrap, Raj	94%	A	480	96%	275	92%	185	93%	940
Penny	83%	B	400	80%	240	80%	190	95%	830
Wolowitz, H.	52%	F	100	20%	255	85%	160	80%	515

**Weighted Categories: Homework, Quiz/Projects, Tests**

Name	Grade	Homework 10%		Quiz/Project 40%		Tests 50%	
		Grade	Wtd Points	Grade	Wtd Points	Grade	Wtd Points
Cooper, Sheldon	<b>79%</b>	70%	<b>7.0</b>	83%	<b>33.3</b>	78%	<b>38.8</b>
Hofstadter, Leo	66%	94%	9.4	73%	29.3	55%	27.5
Koothrap, Raj	93%	96%	9.6	92%	36.7	93%	46.3
Penny	88%	80%	8.0	80%	32.0	95%	47.5
Wolowitz, H	76%	20%	2.0	85%	34.0	80%	40.0

**What Are Weighted Categories?**

Points are no longer listed, because they have meaning only when a weighting factor is applied. The weight of each assignment category (that is, its contribution toward a student's grade) is listed under to the right of the category in the table. Students' grades are not the same as they were under the unweighted system.

Grades have been calculated as follows: A student's percentage in each assignment category is multiplied by the weight of that category and the results added to get a final percentage.

Here is the calculation made for Sheldon Cooper in A Sample Class:

Category	Weight	X	Percent	= Weighted Score
Homework	.10		70	7.0
Quiz/Project	.40		83	33.3
Tests	.50		78	38.8
<b>Total</b>				<b>79.1%</b>

### What Are Unweighted Points?

The unweighted or total point, grading system is the most common grading system; probably because grades are easier to hand calculate. Every point, whether it is in homework, essays, tests, or whatever, is worth exactly the same as every other point.

Add up a student's points, divide by the total possible, and you have his or her percentage.

### Relative Merits of the Two Systems

A major advantage of an unweighted or "point" system is that it is familiar to most students and teachers. In an unweighted system, "a point is a point is a point," no matter whether it was earned doing homework or taking a test.

**Problems in unweighted grading systems can occur when the number of points in an assignment area becomes disproportionate to its "value" as an indicator of achievement.** If you give more homework and fewer tests than you planned, students' grades might be too greatly influenced by their homework scores. Such a situation cannot occur in a grading system using weighted categories. If you decide that homework is to be worth 10% of your students' grades then, no matter how much you assign, its contribution will remain at 10%. This is the major advantage of a weighted system. It allows you more precise control.

As we change our grading practices, it will be very important for students and parents to monitor progress on ParentVue and StudentVue. If you have not logged on to the ParentVue website to evaluate your child's progress, I encourage you to do so. The URL is

<https://parent.cascadetech.org/whsd30/>. If you need a login or you are having problems accessing the website, please email [parentvuesupport@warrentonk12.org](mailto:parentvuesupport@warrentonk12.org). If you have any questions, please call the high school office.

### GET UPDATES INSTANTLY ON SCHOLARSHIPS AND EVENTS BY ADDING MRS. KEUTER TO YOUR TEXT MESSAGES It's so easy:

1. Go to your text box on your cell phone
2. Type 81010 in the To: area
3. Type @mrskeute (No r at the end) in the message box and send. Once you have signed up with me you will begin to receive updates.

Don't forget to check daily in the senior files at the front office for hard copies of Scholarship applications!

## PSAT

### ALL Sophomores

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

8:00—11:30 AM at WHS

This SAT practice test is a great tool for students. The results of this test will tell a lot about the individual student's strengths and will prepare them for the SAT test later. All students received practice booklets in September.

There is not a fee for 10th graders taking the PSAT.

\*\* Juniors may take or retake the PSAT for \$15.00. Pay in the WHS Office and sign up with Mrs. Keuter.

## Attention Juniors planning to attend a four-year university



We recommend that you take the ACT and/or SAT test during the winter or spring of your junior year. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Keuter.

## News and Information

[www.gowarrenton.com](http://www.gowarrenton.com)

**Parents, WHS has a great tool available to you and your student to find out**

**what's going on at Warrenton High School.  
This great tool is our web-site!**

**Just a few of the things you will find are:**

**Up-to-the-minute updates for athletic schedules**

**Calendar of events**

**Scholarship Information**

**Teacher contacts**

**School and athletic policies**

**And much more!**

**Parents, please check-out Mrs. Keuter's web-site!**

**Just go to "COUNSELING".**