

The Cat Scratch

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William Henry Harrison High School

Our Focus

- Leadership
- Integrity
- Attitude
- Character

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Welcome Back

I would like to be the first to welcome everyone back for the 2010-2011 school year. It has been a busy summer filled with changes around every corner. We are excited about the start of the school year, and anxious to get the students back into the routine of school and learning.

As we start back to school, I want to share what our focus will be for the upcoming school year. Over the course of last school year and the summer, I have had many conversations with parents, students, staff and community members. We asked the questions "What do you want a Harrison High School graduate to be known for?" We received a variety of answers, but

they all centered around four key themes: Leadership, Integrity, Attitude, and Character. Using this feedback, we will be improving our current programs to promote these



themes, as well as create new programs that will assist in our students developing these key assets. Over the course of the next year, we will be mailing a bi-weekly digital newsletter focusing on these themes.

The faculty and staff of William Henry Harrison High School are proud of the relationships that we have built with our students and the community. We look forward to continuing these relationships and developing new ones with our local community.

As we begin the school year, please talk with your students about how they will incorporate the themes of leadership, integrity, attitude, and character into their everyday lives.

We look forward to a great school year working with our students, parents, and community, and constantly improving through these relationships.

The First Day of School—Changes to Look for...

The first day of school can be strenuous on everyone. It is difficult to adjust from a summer of staying up late and sleeping in. This year when students come into school they will notice an abundance of changes.

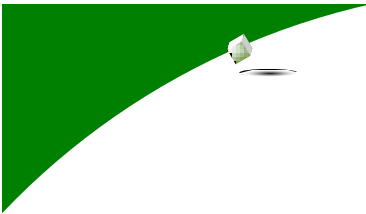
School will start and end at a new time beginning this year. Students will start their school day at 7:25

and the school day will now end at 2:35. This will allow us more of an opportunity each day to focus on student learning.

In addition to the change of starting and ending times, all students will now have assigned parking and all student parking will now be behind the high school. Parking passes are

already on sale for \$20; students can stop by the office during business hours to pick up their new parking pass.

Finally, we will continue to use the Social Networking website Facebook to continually update all of the positive items that Wildcat students are participating in. A link is now available on the high school web



The Principal's Office—A Message from Keith Klinefelter

Welcome back.

As we start the upcoming school year we want to welcome everyone back to what we hope will be the best year in our school's history. For the second year in a row our staff and students have achieved an excellent rating on the state report card. I would like to thank the parents, teachers, and students who have made that possible. Our goal this year is to move forward and become Excellent with Distinction.

Beyond our goals of state testing we are excited to continue our partnership with

the Great Oaks Vocational System. This year Harrison High School will be one of three schools in the state of Ohio to offer Biomedical Science as a high school course. This is a great program for students who are interested in entering into medicine as a career.

The new school year is new with changes. I would like to thank the boosters for the help in updating our facilities. In addition the new school year brings a new start and end time of the school day. School will now begin at 7:25. School will

end at 2:35. This will allow 1800 more instructional minutes over the course of the school year.

Finally, I would like the aide of all parents in encouraging their students to get involved. We have set the ambitious goal of having 100% of our student involved in an extra/co-curricular event during the 2010-2011 School Year.

Again, we wish everyone the best of luck during the upcoming school year.

Go Wildcats!

Council and Spanish Club.

Miss Landers is our new Art teacher and will be joining us as a graduate of Miami University and Harrison High School. Her education experiences include being a Young Life leader and a swim coach.

Ms. McKnight is our new attendance clerk. She is a graduate of Harrison High School and looks forward to working with our students this year.

four children. Her education includes degrees from the University of Guadalajara, Florida International University and Xavier University.

Miss Biddle is a graduate of Harrison High School and the University of Cincinnati. This year she joins our Foreign Language Department teaching Spanish. She has coached the last few years at Harrison for our cheerleading programs, and she is excited to be involved with Student

Meet Our New Staff

WHHHS would like to welcome our new staff members as we start the school year.

Mrs. Maldonado is our new Bio Medical Science instructor. Her course will provide exciting hands-on projects and problem-based learning. This new program prepares students for careers in biotechnology, medicine, or other health-related fields.

Mrs. Maldonado was born in California and has been married for 20 years. She has

Facility Changes

Over the course of the summer we have worked to improve the facility of William Henry Harrison High School. We would like to thank our many booster groups for their help in updating our facilities.

As you drive through the high school you will notice that there are many updates at the high school football and track stadium. A new windscreen has been installed on top of the bleachers. In addition,

a much-needed update has been installed on the press box.

Also, a windscreen and scoreboard has been added to the soccer stadium.

Again, we would like to thank our boosters for their financial support in making Harrison High School a first class facility.



Meet our new

Staff:

Miss Landers

Ms. McKnight

Mrs. Maldonado

Miss Biddle



Thank you to the boosters for the updates to our stadium.

Athletic Update

The William Henry Harrison High School Athletic department would like to welcome everyone back to school. We have many exciting events that are taking place with our Wildcat Athletic programs.

The Wildcats will face East Central on Saturday, August 28th at the University of Cincinnati's Nippert Stadium in the Skyline Chili Crosstown Showdown. The game will begin at 5:30. Tickets are available for \$10 presale at the school, Back's Drive-Through and Village Pharmacy. Tickets the day of the game are \$13.

We invite all Harrison Wildcat fans to check out the new athletic web site at www.harrisonwildcatathletics.org for the latest news, updates, information, and schedules about Wildcat athletics.

Also, at this website you will find our new online Spirit Shop where you can purchase the latest Harrison Wildcat gear and design your own designs with the click of the mouse. Orders are shipped directly to your house.

Feel free to contact Athletic Director Mike Schering with any of your questions and

concerns regarding Harrison Wildcat Athletics.

Go Wildcats!

—Mike Schering
Athletic Director



Tickets available at Back's Drive-Through, Village Pharmacy or the High School

Important Information WHHS Senior Pictures Class of 2011

Executive Studios Photography is our official school photographer. For your convenience they will have photography sessions at Harrison High School this fall. To schedule an appointment, please call 421-2422.

ONLY EXECUTIVE PORTRAITS WILL BE USED IN THE YEARBOOK AND THE COMPOSITE.

In order to appear in the 2010-2011 Senior Section of the Yearbook and on the Senior Composite Picture.,

students must schedule a sitting with Executive Studios. There is a \$25 sitting fee, but you are not required to purchase any packages.

Additionally, all Senior proofs must be submitted to Executive no later than the start of Winter Break in December. If you have any questions, please call 367-4169 or email Jane Hinterlong at jane.hinterlong@southwestschools.org

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Attention To All Spanish Students

During the upcoming school year members of the Harrison Wildcat Spanish Club are invited to tour Barcelona, Spain with Mrs. Martini and Miss Biddle. This trip will take place in June of 2011.

To be eligible to attend this trip, students must have completed at least two years of Spanish courses.

The travel will be held through the Student Discoveries Travel Program. Some

of the highlights of the trip include a Walking Tour of Barcelona, visiting the Paggasso Museum, Flamenco dance lessons, and visiting Roman ruins.

Included in the price of the trip is the opportunity to work with a multi-lingual local tour guide who will help our students as they explore Spain.





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Our mission at William Henry Harrison High School is to ensure that all students can develop as responsible, independent and contributing citizens and become lifelong learners. This process is the shared responsibility of students, parents, teachers and community members.

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