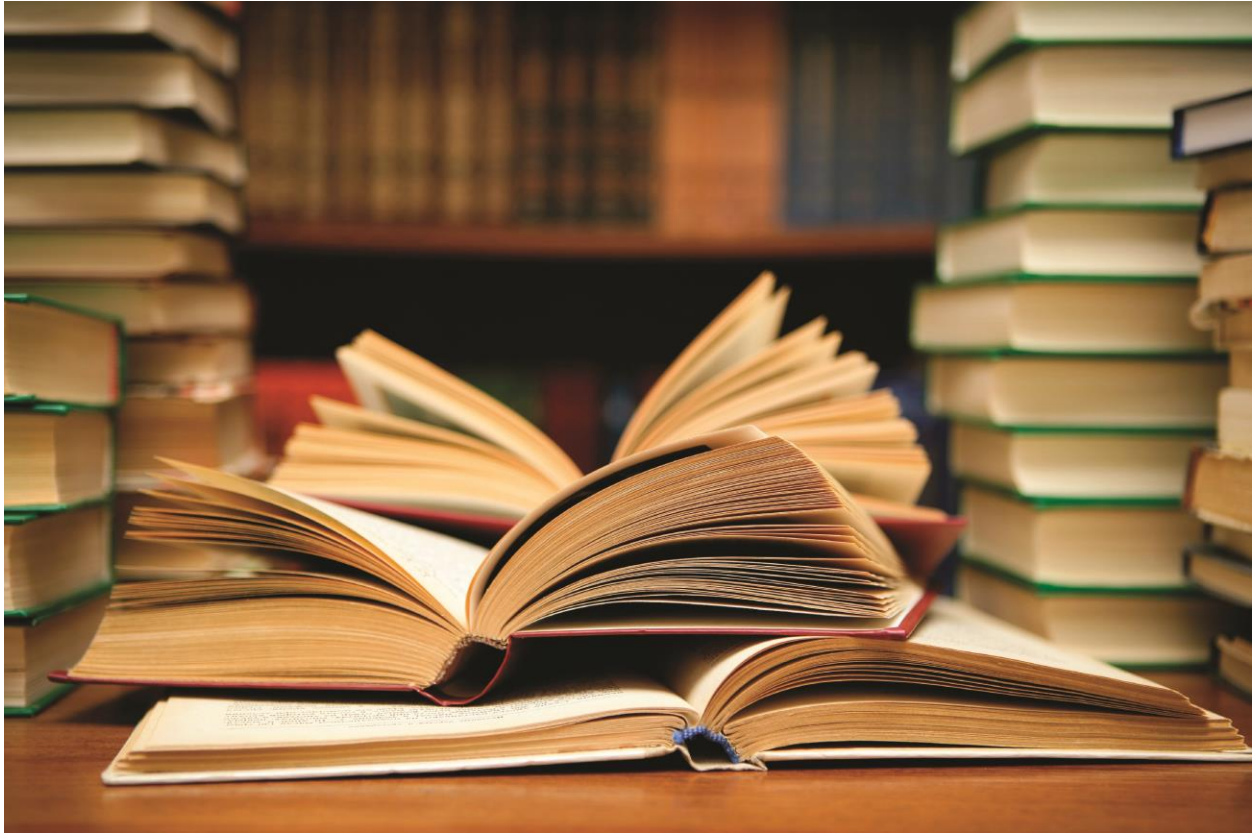




Warren G. Harding High School Newsletter December

December 2023

From the Principal's Desk



It's that time of year when our lives are busy, everyone is getting stretched a little thin financially, and stress levels in our homes are growing. Sometimes it helps to know that there are people and organizations ready to assist you through these times. One of the most reliable resources is to contact the Help Network of Northeast Ohio (formerly the Help Hotline) which provides callers with information on community resources for everyday needs and emotional support in times of crisis. They can assist families & individuals to find area agencies & support groups. Some areas of support include but aren't limited to:

- Access to food, shelter, & utility assistance
- Crisis counseling & household distress

All you have to do is dial 2-1-1 or call 330-393-1565. This hotline is a 24-hour service for all the residents of Trumbull County.

Additionally, if you are in need of food assistance, please use the Raider Pantry. More information can be found later in the

Raider Day



Students will be very busy in their Raider Days during the month of December!

We are incorporating some school spirit fun this month and having students and staff participate in some festive door decorating!

Freshman students will be working on setting goals as identified from the results of their PSAT 9 assessment scores. Students will have the opportunity to access and reflect on their scores, as well as, create a Khan Academy account to practice and reinforce skills in both Reading and Math. In addition, students will engage in lessons to identify their learning style and work on mindful listening.

Sophomore students will continue working with IXL Math to continue to practice and reinforce Math skills, work on time management strategies, and ways to relieve stress.

Junior students will be working on Khan Academy to practice and reinforce Reading and Math skills as they prepare to take the SAT assessment in the Spring. Additional topics this month for Juniors will focus on completing a skill profiler and career cluster lessons.



1 - Some Grateful Gobblers from November!

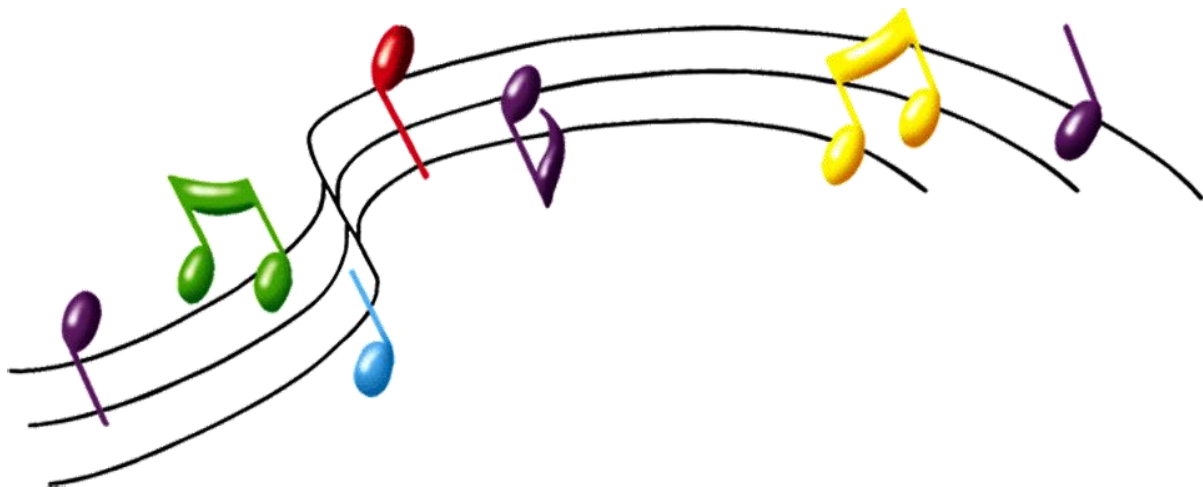


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Ohio Music Educators Association Honors Band



On Saturday, November 18th, nine students participated in the OMEA (Ohio Music Educators Association) Honors Band Event that took place at Stambaugh Auditorium. These students worked with

a guest conductor to prepare a full length concert in only 2 and 1/2 days of rehearsals. Nine of our high school students that submitted recordings were selected through an audition process. We are extremely proud of these students for putting the time and effort into preparing for this fantastic event. Congratulations!

Participating Warren G. Harding Band Members

Faith Blose, Alto Saxophone

Dynasty Brown, Flute

Makayla Isenberg, Horn

Matthew Marksberry, Trumpet

Alex Metzendorf, Bass Trombone

Christopher Ramsey, Trombone

Addison Schubert, Trumpet

Rose Strother, Euphonium

Zavier Taff, Alto Saxophone



[Please Join us for an Evening of Theater!](#)

Our Drama Club will be performing works of Edgar Allen Poe on December 2nd and 3rd in the Harding Cafetorium. Tickets are \$5. Please Join us!

Thank you for joining us for Parent-Teacher Conferences!



Thank you all for joining us for Parent-Teacher Conferences! If for some reason you were unable to attend and would like connect with a teacher, please send them an email so they can follow-up. WGH Staff.xlsx¹

¹https://neomin-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/kampfe_warrencsd_org/Efb_eSa2BjIHraUXBbbOvOMB-NQckzJqXsjouXdog-uOjg?e=LLMWen

Classroom Spotlight: Welding Lab

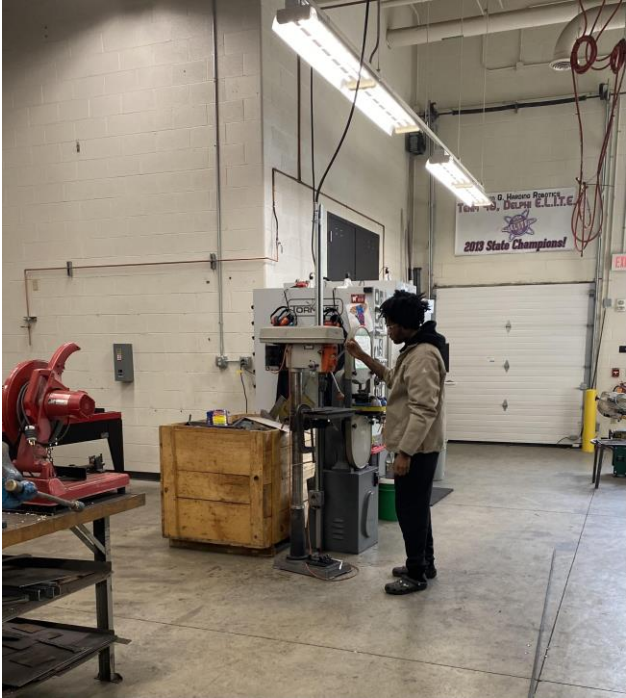


The Warren G. Harding Welding lab is in full production mode! Students enrolled in Foundations of Manufacturing and Welding 1 classes are learning Oxyfuel and Stick Welding under the guidance of WGH welding teacher, Tom Sullivan.

Students are currently working on projects that include making coat hooks and lamps. Students also have the opportunity to work on creating projects using the new Plasma Cutting Table.

The Welding program at Warren G. Harding is affiliated with the Career Connections training program through the Carpenters International Training Fund. Students who participate in the Welding program or the Woods program have the opportunity to develop skills in trade literacy, math related to the trades, safety, and work-readiness. Through successful completion of the Career Connections programs, students can earn a pre-apprenticeship that will give them a huge advantage entering an apprenticeship if they choose to pursue work in the skilled trades after graduation.

If your student is interested in pursuing work in a skilled trade, make sure that they speak with their guidance counselor as we start looking ahead to scheduling for the 2024-2025 school year.





Attendance Counts! Be great. Less than 8, and don't be late!

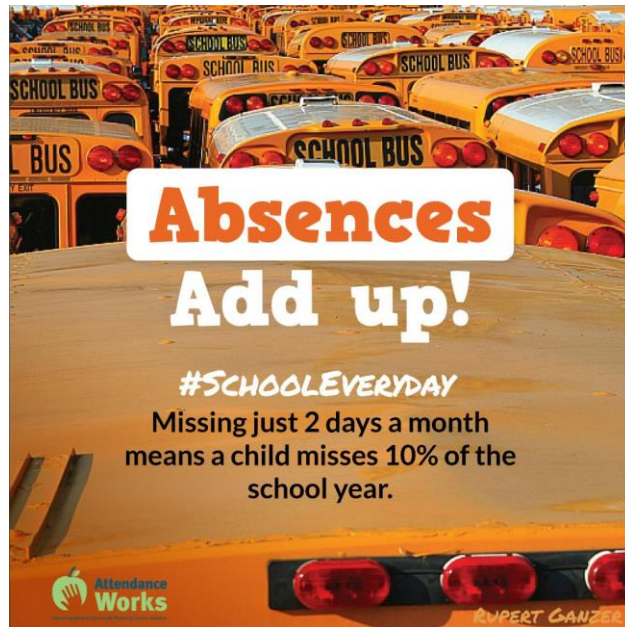
Did you know that missing more than one day of school per month has proven to lessen a your child's chances to succeed in school? Join us in helping to make sure your child misses less than eight days of school this year. Time missed due to tardiness adds up too, so let's make it to school on time, every day! When a student is late to school--the absence multiplies and creates confusion in coursework.

0-8 Days Absent 0 - 52 Hours	9-17 Days Absent 58.5 - 110.5 Hours	18+ Days Absent 117 + Hours
Very Good	Worrying	Serious Concern
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a solid start.	Makes it harder for your child to make expected progress. Missed time in class = missed instruction	Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action, falling behind in reading & math skills, and likely to fail classes.

The following procedures apply for an absence to be considered excused:

- The parent/guardian must call the attendance office 330.841.2316 ext. 2156 or send an email to the attendance secretary, nina.liptak@warrencityschools.org; faxes can be sent to **330.841.2289**.
- The parent/guardian must provide WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION when the student returns to school or within two days of his/her return from the absence.
- Documentation should be in the form of a doctor's excuse, court excuse, or a note from the parent.
- Only seven (7) parent notes will be accepted throughout the school year. After seven notes only a doctor's excuse or court excuse will be accepted to excuse an absence.
- If a student has a written document to submit it should be turned in to the Attendance Secretary. The student will be provided with an excused absence pass.

- Absences are considered unexcused if the student does not bring a note or written documentation.
- A student with an unexcused absence is not permitted to make up missed schoolwork.



The Graduation Seals: this Month-The Science Seal



The Science seal can be earned one of two ways.

- Earn a proficient score of 700 or higher/Performance Level of "3" or higher on the Biology End of Course Exam
- Earn a grade of A or B as an advanced/3rd or 4th year science course

Senior Counselor Corner



This year is full of things to think about and each one of our students is choosing a path that is as unique as they are. To support them, our Senior Transition classes are planning a focus for each month of the

spring semester. Seniors planning to enter the workforce will be learning how to best present themselves to employers whether it is in person, phone, via email, or in social media. Students will practice completing job applications and job interviews. Later in the spring, we plan to have employers come in to talk with interested candidates.

For students interested in a Union Apprenticeship, we are visiting the Electricians, Pipefitters, and Sheetmetal Workers in early December. This is a great way for students to experience these careers first hand before making a big commitment. There will be more opportunities like this as the year goes on.

Our college bound students should be prepared to complete the FAFSA in early January, as it should open by December 31. Students should be finishing up college admission applications and start searching for scholarships in December. Some scholarships require a separate application and have varying eligibility requirements. These can be found on each college's financial aid page. It can take time to find and complete these applications, but it is worth the time investment!

More information can be found on the WGH Guidance Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063739563435> and official school website Guidance – Warren G. Harding High School (warrencityschools.org)²

It's an exciting time to be a high school senior! So many decisions and things to consider can amount to pressure. Please keep in touch if we can help with anything as we enter an important part of your student's senior year!

FAFSA

Any student (and their parent/guardian) who is planning to enroll in college or trade school should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The first step is to create an FSA ID, which will be your secure login to the FAFSA. Anyone who claims a student on their taxes will need to complete the FAFSA and link it to their taxes through the IRS. The law says this must be done in order to receive financial aid. This link will lead to more information and to create a FSAID Create Account | Federal Student Aid³.

Because this is your family's financial aid arrangement, your School Counselor is not qualified to assist in completing the FAFSA, but there are some local agencies who are trained and willing to help with completing the FAFSA. If you are interested in participating in a FAFSA completion night at WGH, please fill out this form as soon as possible. This information will help us know who is interested. <https://forms.office.com/r/GAQqeP8Rih>

²<http://www.warrencityschools.org/wgh/about-us/guidance/>

³<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>

Junior Counselor Corner



4 - Class of 2025 Counselor, Mr. Lowery

As we enter the halfway point of the academic year of your student's Junior year, their attendance, academic performance, and their post-secondary option are becoming increasingly important.

Graduation plans are being reviewed with your student. This will assist with planning for our Senior year as it will be here before we know it!

Seals for graduation are also being discussed. Our goal is to have at least one seal at the end of our junior year. Here is a link to review the options of seal: [Graduation Seals⁴](#)

If your student has already received a F for the first quarter of a course and is at risk of failing the 2nd quarter, you will receive a Final Form email from me.

⁴<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:a0864072-ad3b-46c8-9880-ee3b0d1b8d6d>

Through December, Raider Day for the Junior class will be receiving lessons on the “3 E’s” (Enlist, Enroll, Employ) post-secondary options, prep for standardized testing, and mental health lessons.

Remember, your student is not alone on this journey. Seek guidance and support from your WGH staff whenever necessary. Don't hesitate to reach out to me- tj.owery@warrencityschools.org⁵ or at 330-841-2316 ext.2588

Sophomore Counselor Corner



⁵<mailto:tj.owery@warrencityschools.org>



5 - Class of 2026 counselor, Mrs. Senediak

TCTC Information:

Sophomores interested in attending TCTC: Applications to apply to TCTC will open on December 7 for the 24-25 school year. Please visit TCTChome.com to apply. The priority deadline is January 12. Programs do fill up quickly & students are encouraged to apply early. Applications are due by the priority deadline to be entered into the lottery selection process. Any questions, please give me a call, send me a chat or stop by my office in room 2223.

Student Graduation Plans:

A copy of your child's yearly Graduation Plan will be mailed home the first week of December. This plan shows your child's progress from their freshman year along with their Algebra 1 End of Course status & tentative plan after graduation. A copy of their current transcript will also be enclosed. If you have any questions regarding the Graduation Plan, please contact me.

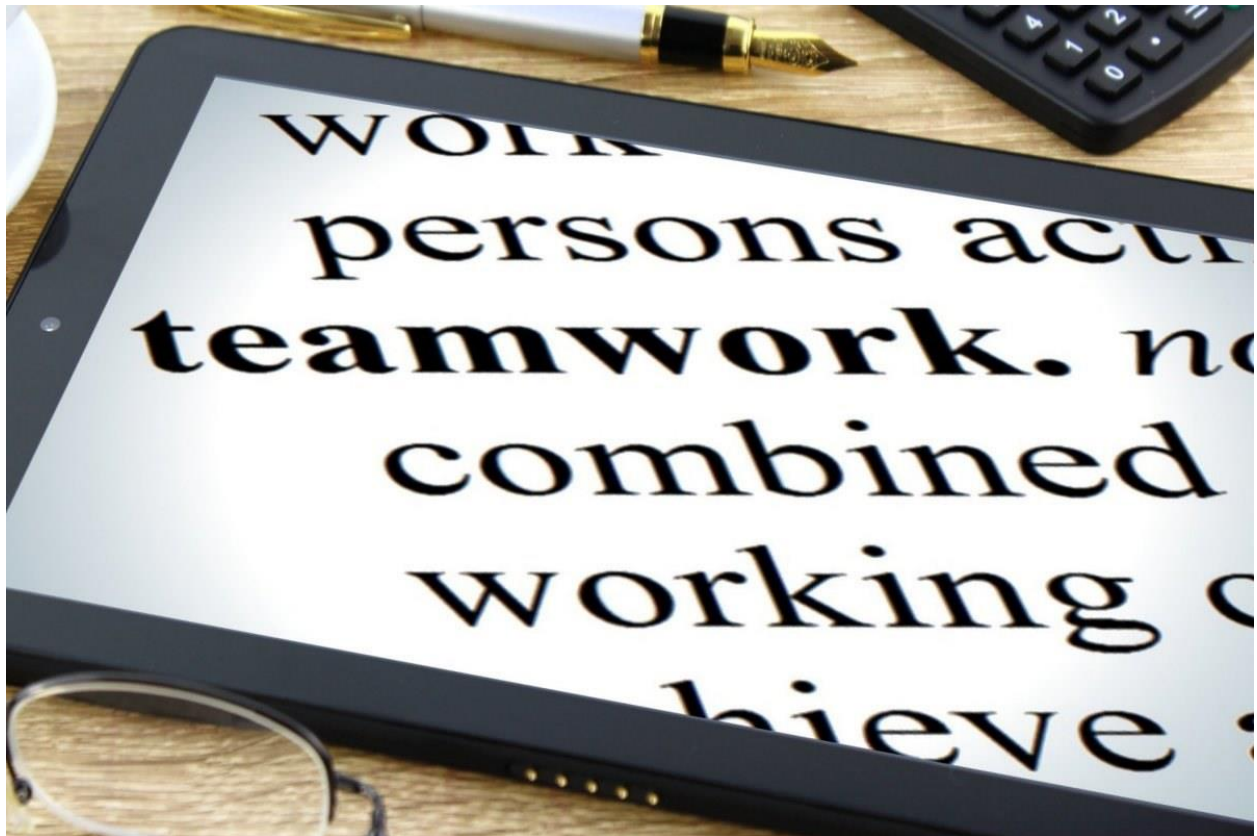
Effective study skills for high school success:

With the end of the semester quickly approaching it is important to develop strong study skills to be successful. Click the following link for some ideas to improve your study habits:

<https://www.connectionsacademy.com/support/resources/article/4-steps-to-forming-effective-study-skills-in-high-school/>

- Be sure to check my Teams Page “Class of 2026 Guidance Senediak” often for updates & important information happening during the school year.

Freshman Counselor's Corner



6 - Class of 2027 counselor, Mr. Cheffo

Class of 2027 Mr. Cheffo

- Graduation Plan one on one meetings with all freshmen are almost finished. Normally this would not be as long, but meeting one on one with each of the students was a wonderful experience. As Freshmen, this process has been a fantastic opportunity to get to know each one of them. The purpose of these meetings is for students to start thinking of their post-secondary

options. Students will be utilizing their strengths and identifying interests to help make informed decisions about being successful in high school and life after high school.

- As always, please get in the habit of checking my 2027 team's page for information as to what is happening in and around the school. As we grow together through the years, the team page will be filled with valuable information pertaining to high school and post graduate options.
- End of second Semester is December 21, After the Winter break, students are expected to go to their second semester course(s) January 2nd, if applicable.
- Students will have the first 2 weeks of the second semester to make changes to their semester 2 classes only (No all-year courses can be changed).

Students are encouraged to join clubs & participate in activities during high school. All extracurricular information is posted daily on WSCN. If you would like to view the announcements they are available daily at: <http://www.wscntv.com/>

From the Library



During the months of November and December, the Warren G. Harding Library will be working with the Warren Trumbull County Public library on their Student Engagement Initiative.

Raider Day classes will rotate through WGH's library to learn what the public library offers and will have the opportunity to apply for and receive a **Take 2** library card.

A **Take 2** card can be used to borrow up to 2 items at a time—books, magazines, comic books, and audiobooks (no DVDs, CDs, or new adult books). The card also allows the use of library computers and

any of the library's electronic resources. This will increase out students' access to both digital and physical reading material and our students will have significantly more opportunities to read!

More information will be coming to you about the opportunity via final forms!

Upcoming Dates

DEC.23	1	World AIDS Day
	2	Special Education Day
	3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
	5	International Volunteer Day
	5-11	National Handwashing Awareness Week
	10	Human Rights Day

- Nov 27-Dec 15: End of Course Testing Retakes
- Dec. 2: SAT Testing
- Dec. 6: Band Concert
- Dec. 7: National Honor Society Induction
- Dec. 9: ACT Testing
- Dec. 11: Jazz Band Concert
- Dec 21: Early Release/End of the Semester
- Dec 22-Jan 1: Winter Break

Key Club



Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership. In the Month of November our WGH Organization participated in Key Club week by posting positive statements on each student locker. They also made WGH themed ornaments & smores packages sold at the Harding at Christmas event. Additionally, Harding was well represented serving hot chocolate and donuts at the Trumbull County Kiwanas Turkey Trot.





SAT and ACT Test Registration

Request To Register for the ACT &
SAT



7 - <https://forms.office.com/r/LTvn6qcaM3>

The ACT and SAT are the two primary tests used by universities for admissions. These tests are offered 5-6 times a year. Due to Harding being a Title 1 school, students are permitted to use 2 fee waivers for the ACT and use 2 fee waivers for the SAT while in high school. All students will take the SAT in March of their Junior year. Additional information will be given to students during Raider Day and from their counselor. Please have your child check their availability before registering. Please use the QR code and your child will be registered by a My Path representative or counselor.

Warren G. Harding Pantry



WGH has a pantry with items available for students and families. To place an order for the pantry, students should scan this QR code to place an order. The QR code can also be scanned for parent pickup at curbside for specific times during the day. Fill out the needed items from the form and choose a time and date for pickup. Students can also pick up an orange referral form from the pantry, guidance office, or main office. Students will need to complete the form and return the form to the main office, guidance office, or room #2249 by 3rd period. Students will receive a pass in their 7th or 8th period class to go to the Pantry to pick up their items prior to dismissal.

Click [HERE](#)⁶ or scan the QR code below to access the Raider Pantry Request Form!

⁶<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=4rV5STcZSkGY3z46QHp5XvkL1GrPPGNKj2XvwsPrBsJUQkw4NFVQRVNUSDNEMk1NMjhFMk5DOU1QMy4u&origin=QRCode&qrcodeorigin=presentation>



Need to contact a staff member? Click this link for staff emails: [WGH Staff.xlsx](#)

⁷https://neomin-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/kampfe_warrencsd_org/Efb_eSa2BjIHraUXBbbOvOMB-NQckzJqXsjouXdog-uOjg?e=LLMWen



ProgressBook is the online gradebook shared with teachers and families. Both students and parents can have their own access account. If you do not have an account, you can request a registration key (parent or student) by email to the Guidance secretary at lisa.duncan@warrencityschools.org⁸ or you may call Mrs. Duncan at Extension 2157.

You can access ProgressBook one of two ways:

1. **Download the Mobile App** Go to the Apple App Store or Android Apps on Google Play and search for “Progress Book Parent/Student” to find the Frontline Progress Book Parent/Student mobile app and download the app.
1. **Log onto the** www.warrencityschools.org⁹ and click ProgressBook Parent Access¹⁰

If You Have a Registration Key

Open the mobile app and tap **Login**.

When redirected to the website, begin typing your district name.

In the results list that displays, select your district, and tap **Go**.

Scroll down to the **New to ProgressBook** and tap **Create Account**.

On the next screen, tap **New Parent Account** or **New Student Account**.

Follow the prompts on the screen to complete registration.

If You Already Have an Account

Open the mobile app or visit the website and tap **Login**.

⁸<mailto:lisa.duncan@warrencityschools.org>

⁹<http://www.warrencityschools.org/>

¹⁰<https://studentparentportal.neomin.org/district/wrrn>

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Enter your Username and Password and tap **Sign In**.