



ARVADA WEST WILDCAT NEWS

August 25, 2021



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From the Desk of the Principal

Dear Wildcats and Wildcat Families,

This week has been great for getting all our students comfortable with this year's Bell schedule, lunches and getting settled into a new school routine. We are so glad to be able to bring back many of our high school traditions and add new ways that our Wildcats can find fun and joy in learning.



One of our traditions happens tomorrow - our Wildcat Welcome is a fun evening to meet this year's teachers, find out about supports available from our counselors, and learn about all kinds of fun school activities. Please join us tomorrow evening between 5-7 pm to visit with us about all things Wildcat.

I'm delighted to let you know that Arvada West has also recently been designated an AP Capstone School. Last spring, we graduated 5 students who also received AP Capstone Diplomas for their commitment to academic excellence as demonstrated by earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing. The educational experience they gain in this work is incredible, and the research presentations given by these students were amazing. The dedication of both our AP teachers and the students is what makes this program so special. Kudos to all our staff and students involved in this program.

Thank you for your good attention to our district health protocols, and for keeping our students safe. Please know you can always reach out to our school nurse, Sara Sanders, with questions on our protocols.

As September is right around the corner, please see all the news about upcoming activities that are opportunities for all students to engage in the high school events of this fall.

See you tomorrow evening for the Wildcat Welcome!

Mrs Genee Santarelli

This Week's Action Items for Students and Families

Wildcat Welcome

Come join us Thursday, August 26th from 5-7pm for our Wildcat Welcome - AWest's version of Back to School Night! Meet your child's teachers, enjoy games and food trucks as well as performances by Poms, Cheers and the Band! Find out information about sports and clubs to get involved in as well as

	<p>listen to a few sessions about what supports are offered at AWest. See you then!</p>
<p>ID PHOTOS AND SCHOOL PHOTOS</p>	<p>Missed getting your student ID in August? Plan to take your ID and school picture during make-up day Wednesday, September 1 from 8 am to 2 pm in the digital lounge.</p>
<p>CLASS PANORAMIC PICTURES</p>	<p>One of our favorite traditions, the panoramic group class photos for seniors and freshmen will be taken on Wednesday, September 1 during Advisement.</p>
<p>YEARBOOK INFORMATION</p> <p>SENIORS PLEASE NOTE!</p> <p>SENIOR PHOTOS AND SENIOR TRIBUTE ADS</p>	<p>Senior Pictures</p> <p>Are you ready to submit your child's Senior portrait for the 2021-2022 school year?</p> <p>To submit a Senior portrait, please go to https://hjeshare.com and enter the school code awest2022. You will be directed to enter contact information, and once complete the upload your portrait button will become active.</p> <p>Before you submit, please be sure to double check the portrait restrictions listed, as well as enter your child's sports and activities to be printed along with their name.</p> <p>Senior portraits will be accepted until Friday, October 15, 2021.</p> <p>Senior Tributes/Baby Ads</p> <p>Senior Parents/Guardians, the Arvada West "Claw" yearbook publication is accepting senior tributes/baby ads for the 21-22 yearbook.</p> <p>If you are interested in purchasing an ad to commemorate your senior, please go to https://www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter the school order number 16074, or you can search by school name.</p> <p>Once you are logged in to the correct school, you will see a button that says "start your ad" and you will be directed, step by step, to complete the ad design process.</p> <p>Senior Tributes/Baby Ads will be accepted until Monday, November 1.</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact Christy Fisher at christy.fisher@jeffco.k12.co.us</p>

Outdoor Lab Leaders Needed! Apply Today!



Outdoor Lab is looking for male student leaders to support 6th graders from Three Creeks K-8/ Coal Creek K-8.

Date: September 13-17 – Overnight stays

Who: 11th & 12th Grade male students – (female students can apply to other trips via the website below)

Here is how to apply:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XwN4GdWtBHq2SbS-PoDRWAp74759m2h_Uvheill48JE/edit

More Information: http://www.arvadawest.org/counseling/outdoor_lab

Contact Person: Annamae Boots – Annamae.boots@jeffco.k12.co.us

STUDENT PARKING PERMITS NEEDED TO PARK ON CAMPUS

Remember that to park in the school parking lot on the North side of the building, students need a parking tag. Free street parking is available as space permits.

Parking Tags/Permits will be available for purchase as outlined below.

Seniors: Purchase beginning – August 23

Juniors: Purchase beginning – August 30

Sophomores: Purchase beginning – September 7

Please click following hyperlink to pre-fill out the application prior to coming to purchase a [Parking Tag](#)

Self Screening at Home for All Students

Continue to self-monitor using our [self-screening tool](#). Anyone experiencing symptoms should stay home. Masks in the building are required for all individuals.

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SPIRIT WEAR SALE!!

SALE ENDS AUGUST 29!

ORDER YOUR PURPLE GEAR TODAY!

Visit the link below to find out about the PTSA and see how to purchase Purple Pride spirit wear items!

<https://sites.google.com/view/awestptsa/home>

Clubs and School Activities

Join Arvada West Esports

Esports is no longer just a hobby but is becoming a powerhouse in the sports world. From being on ESPN, having over 1.1 billion dollars in revenue,



top colleges around the country offering scholarships to athletes, and top athletes making millions of dollars each year, it's hard to see why you wouldn't want to join in on the action!

Fall Games are League of Legends and Rocket League.



There will be an informational meeting on Friday, August 27th for students right after school in room 220. **ALL PLAYERS ARE WELCOME!**

<https://bit.ly/3D7DUUnb>

THIS SATURDAY!! BACK TO SCHOOL

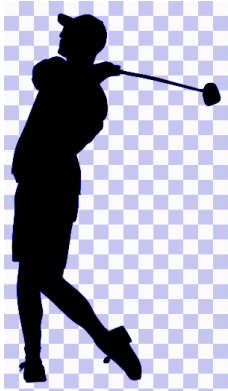


There will be a Back to School Dance on Saturday, August 28th. It will be from 7-10pm in the South parking lot. Tickets will be \$5 for freshmen and \$10 for 10th - 12th grades and will be sold at the dance only. The theme will be "COSMIC, a Night Under the Stars.

Athletics

Have an Instagram? If you do and want information around the school then please follow the Arvada West Athletics Instagram page: [@awestathletics](https://www.instagram.com/awestathletics).

Friends of the Wildcats Golf Tournament



Friends of the Wildcats will be hosting their annual Golf Tournament and Lunch on Sunday, September 26th, 2021 at Highland Hills Golf Course. In the following link: FOTW Golf Tournament, you will find general information and registration.

Friends of the Wildcats is a nonprofit organization with the sole purpose of raising money for all Arvada West student activities!

Feel free to share this with friends or families that might be interested in playing some golf and supporting Arvada West. Feel free to share with any local business that might be interested in sponsoring a hole.

Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible. If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to the Friends of the Wildcats president, Tim Meurer (friendsofthewildcats@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to seeing everyone come out and support our Students and School!

ADVERTISING

If you own a business or work for a company looking to advertise and support Arvada West, please reach out to Gordon Volk (Gordon.Volk@jeffco.k12.co.us) to discuss different options.

Mental Health Resources at Arvada West

Arvada West Mental Health Resources

AWest mental health team has created a “one stop shop” website for all AWest students and families. Use it to quickly access everything from stress management tips and mental health care available at school, to free virtual support groups, educational seminars, and community mental health and aid organizations

Website: <https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/awestmentalhealth/home>

Wildcats - #BetterTogether