



ARVADA WEST WILDCAT NEWS
September 8, 2021



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From the Desk of the Principal

Dear Wildcats and Wildcat Families,

Congratulations to our students who have been chosen as College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars! We are extremely proud of you!!



It's also great to see our students so engaged in our school activities. School spirit is everywhere and our students' energy and enthusiasm is so much fun to see. Our activities fair this Friday during Advisement will give students many ways to become involved in school, make new friends, and spark a new interest. Please encourage your students to explore these Wildcat opportunities.

As we settle into the routines of school, I want to remind everyone of a few school norms. Students should plan ahead so they arrive on time for classes. Freshmen and sophomores are expected to remain on campus for the day. All students are expected to abide by the Dress Code ([linked here for reference](#)) and the mask wearing policy.

Although we don't all agree with mask wearing, we are being required to wear masks in the building at all times. Please discuss this again with your student, and proper wearing covering the nose and mouth is expected of all of us.

Most importantly, your student should be concentrating on the academic pace of school at this point. Homework should be a normal part of your student's day. If homework and academic concepts are starting to cause your student to struggle, encourage them to seek out extra support during Advisement/Access. This time allows for students to see teachers for additional support during the class day. Students will start moving from their Advisement class with their "passport" folders and should be making plans for two travel times to get additional help from teachers during the Access portion of the Wednesday and Friday block days. Teachers are there to help your students get what they need to be successful. Encourage them to reach out especially during this time of the school day.

And a reminder too that our staff has a wealth of resources to support your student's mental health as well. Please see the link at the end of the newsletter for accessing those supports.

Mrs Geree Santarelli

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind." Unknown

This Week's Action Items for Students and Families

Parent Chat



Thursday, September 9, 2021 - Scholarship Information

7:15am- Auditorium *Morning meeting

Is your student heading to college next year? Scholarships are one of the best ways to pay for college, and the return on investment can't be beat! Come learn about how to search for and find scholarships, prepare to apply, and organize yourself to make the most of the opportunities out there. We will also discuss the prestigious Boettcher Scholarship and the timeline for applying.

Students are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Congratulations to these College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars

Congratulations to our own Giselle Balderrama Hernandez, John Rodocker, and Miguel Wills, who were some of 32,000 students from across the country to earn academic honors from the College Board's National Recognition Programs! These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs use these honors to identify students from underrepresented groups through College Board's Student Search Service. Giselle, John, and Miguel earned this recognition by excelling on their PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, or AP Exams and in their classrooms. Students who may be eligible have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous, and/or attend school in a rural area or small town. Eligible students are invited to apply during their sophomore or junior year, and are awarded at the beginning of the next school year. Please take a moment to congratulate these Wildcats!

Gifted and Talented Parent Night and Book Club

- GT Information Night - [informational flier](#) Please visit [this website](#) for more information.
- Jeffco's GT SEL's present : [monthly Parent/Family Book Study Groups for the 2021-22 school year.](#)

Optional PSAT/NMSQT Test Sign-up

Juniors and Sophomores are invited to sign up for the optional PSAT/NMSQT test on Wednesday, October 13th. Please refer to the link below for more information and sign-up details. Students must sign up and pay by Tuesday, September 14th.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K1OZQSUBN14ZDITp4ZZZTEd5cSBs1w1Y/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108318139232224217066&rtpof=true&sd=true>

**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.

School News

**No Hate Tour -
Wednesday, September 15**



Bullying impacts 1 in 5 students in America. The NO HATE TOUR unites, engages, and educates communities nationwide to prevent bullying through the use of creative, interactive resources. For too long bullying has been considered a 'rite of passage.' No Place For Hate's goals are to change the culture so that bullying is no longer acceptable in our society, to provide tools to combat bullying, and to offer help to individuals who are subjected to bullying.

We will be hosting the NO HATE TOUR as an all-school assembly held outside on Wednesday, September 15th.

**YEARBOOK
INFORMATION**

SENIORS PLEASE NOTE!

**SENIOR PHOTOS AND
SENIOR TRIBUTE ADS**

Senior Pictures

Are you ready to submit your child's Senior portrait for the 2021-2022 school year?

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.


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.

Senior portraits will be accepted until Friday, October 15, 2021.


	<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. 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>
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<p>COVID TESTING</p>	<p>There will be free COVID testing on-site for staff Monday thru Friday. Testing will be held in our school nurse's (Ms. Sanders) office - E106 by the Museum. Testing will be available on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm, as well as Tuesday and Thursday from 2 pm to 6 pm. During these times, students will also have the opportunity to test. More information will be coming about this process as we receive it from the district.</p> <p>Also, The Jefferson County Public Health order JPH-PHO-21-002 (PHO) issued on August 17, 2021 and revised on August 28, 2021 requires Jeffco Public Schools to implement weekly COVID testing for unvaccinated students who participate in athletics and/or activities, and all unvaccinated Jeffco Public Schools staff. More information on the process for our athletes and activities students will follow as we receive it.</p>
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Clubs and School Activities

<p>Instrumental Music Fundraiser at Noodles</p> 	<p>Come out to support AWest's Instrumental Music program and have dinner! We will be holding a fundraiser at Noodles & Company on 64th and Yank on Wednesday, September 8, from 4pm-8pm. See flyer for details.</p> <p>IM Noodles Fundraiser</p>
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<p>School Wide Tie-Dye sponsored by NAHS</p>	<p>Do you want to tie dye a tshirt or mask?! National Art Honors Society is hosting a SCHOOL WIDE tie dye event that ALL students are welcome to participate in! Tie dye will take place on Friday, September 10th during both rotations of</p>
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	<p>Connections. Please use this link to secure a spot (plus shirt/mask) and bring Cash please!</p> <p>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0944a9a92ca5fe3-tiedye1</p>
<p>Activities Fair!</p> 	<p>There will be an Activities Fair for students during ACCESS rotations on Friday, September 10th. All clubs will be set up outside the Main South entrance along the circle. Students may elect to attend either rotation and will remain there the entirety of the rotation. Here is a list of all current Clubs at AWest:</p> <p>Clubs/Activities at AWest</p>
<p>Run with the Wolves 5k - West Woods Elementary</p>	<p>Come join this family-friendly 5k run/1k walk to help raise money for West Woods Elementary. We'll have post-run snacks, awards, music and fun activities! AWest students may sign up at an \$18 discounted rate. See flyer for details.</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qfnZxyUbPnIDZTS_m_zUJWtuZ68m_kvA/view?usp=sharing</p>
<p>AFW is a Helping Partner!!</p>	<p>Supporting Arvada West through American Furniture is EASY! See how here: AWF Partners Info</p>
<p>September is National Suicide Prevention Month</p>	<p>Please check out the resource link regarding ways to support your student(s).</p> <p>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CZQ9A0EKcMep6xTKWFsLquFU_ZG3b1My/view?usp=sharing</p>
<p>Athletics</p>	
<p>Have an Instagram? If you do and want information around the school then please follow the Arvada West Athletics Instagram page: @awestathletics.</p>	
<p>Arvada West vs. Horizon Live Stream</p>	<p>Arvada West vs. Horizon football game this Thursday, September 9th will be live streamed on FanVu. Please tune in at FanVu.tv this Thursday to cheer on the Arvada West Wildcats.</p>



We have two different ways for you to support Arvada West. If you are interested in advertising, please contact Gordon Volk (Gordon.Volk@jeffco.k12.co.us). Please join us on Sunday, September 26th at Hyland Hills Golf Course for our annual Friends of the Wildcats Golf Tournament. If you would like to join but can't find a foursome please contact Gordon Volk for assistance. Please see the flyer for more information: [Golf Tournament](#)

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