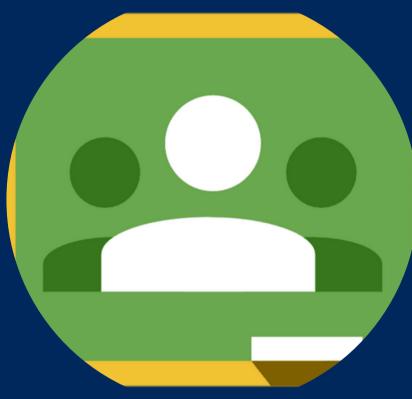


# Your high school journey starts

#### Connect with Wills







Google Classroom



PowerSchool



Facebook



#### WBHS Website

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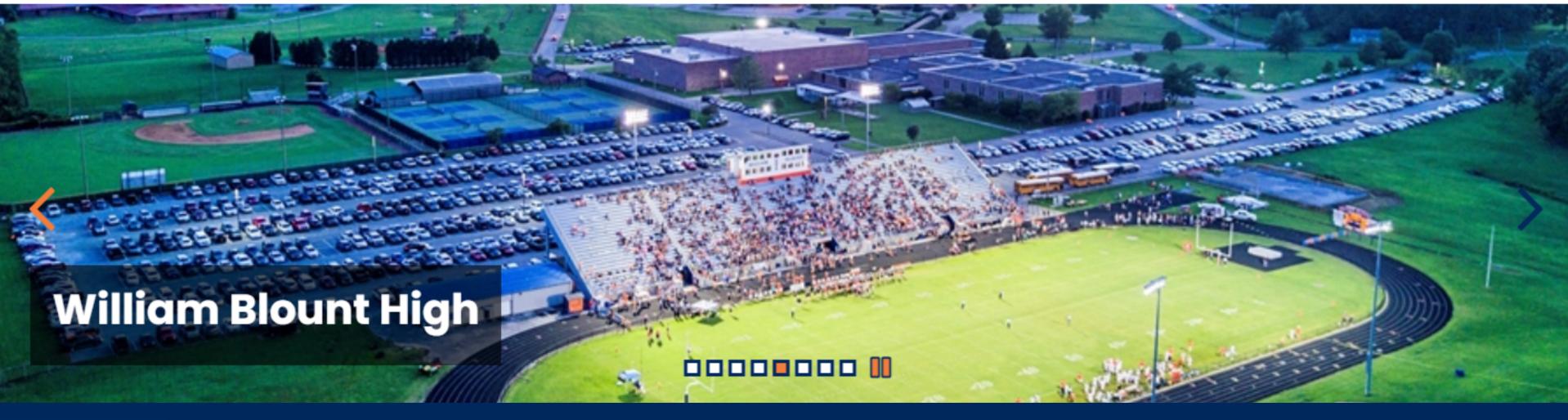


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GRADUATING STUDENTS EQUIPPED TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE

OME STUDENTS & FAMILIES NEWS CALENDAR FOR PARENTS STAFF DIRECTORY

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# 9th Grade Counselors & Administrators

Ashlee Ivens - 9th Grade Asst. Principal Michelle Harris - Asst. Principal Bethanie Rinicker - 9th Grade Counselor Jane Wichert - School Counselor

#### Attendance Policy

An absence in the class will be recorded for any student who is more than 10 minutes late or leaves class more than 10 minutes prior to the ending time.

When an absence is necessary, the parent/guardian should notify the school in writing of the reason for the absence. Five parent notes per semester.

Students may earn semester exam exemption by having four absences or fewer, achieving a passing grade and have no in-school or out of school suspensions.



#### Gell Phone Policy

Students may use their cell phones in the classroom for educational purposes when allowed by the teacher.

If a teacher doesn't give permission for the use of the cell phone and a student chooses to use his/her device, it may be taken up.

The taking of photos or the recording of videos in places where privacy is a reasonable expectation is strictly prohibited.

Using your cell phone to record altercations on school grounds or at school events is prohibited.

Your cell phone may be confiscated and other consequences may be assigned.

#### Gell Phone Policy

First offense: A parent/guardian must pick up the device after school and read and sign policy acknowledgement.

Second offense and subsequent offenses: The device is confiscated for five school days and a parent/guardian may pick up the device from school at the end of the fifth day.

\*Students who refuse to relinquish their device may receive suspension.



#### Dress Gode Policy

- Tears, rips or holes must be below mid-thigh (inseam to knee).
- Shirts and tops must completely cover the abdomen and back.
- Shorts should be appropriately fitted with length at least comparable to popular athletic shorts.
- Skirts and dresses should be of appropriate fit and not be shorter than just above the knee.
- Head apparel, except for religious or medical reasons, must not be worn in any campus building.



#### Dress Gode Policy

If a student is caught wearing head apparel inside the school building that does not fall under the medical or religious exemption...

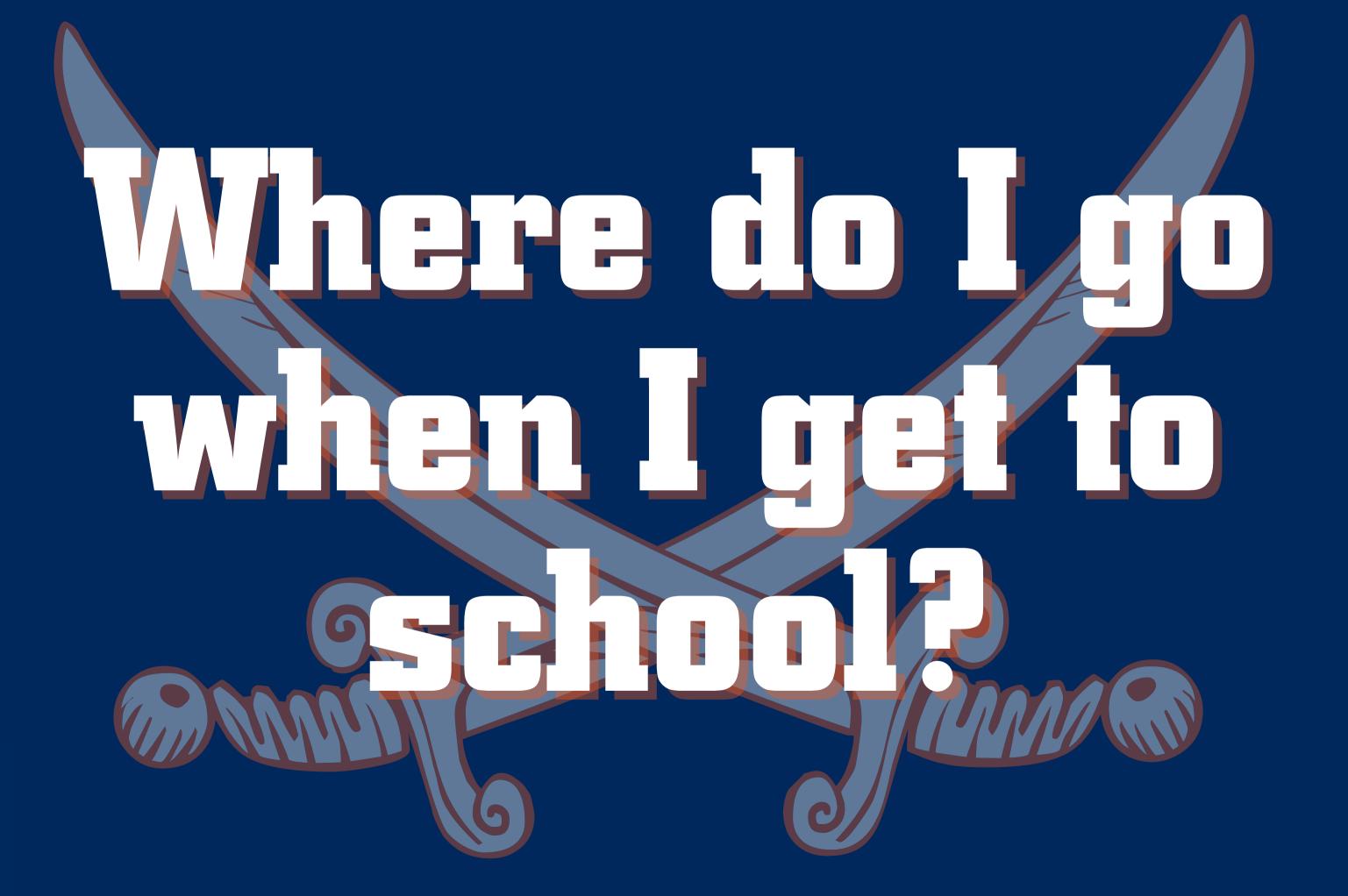
First offense: The head covering will be confiscated and a parent/guardian must pick it up after school.

Second and subsequent offenses: The head covering is confiscated for five school days and a parent/guardian may pick it up from school at the end of the fifth day.

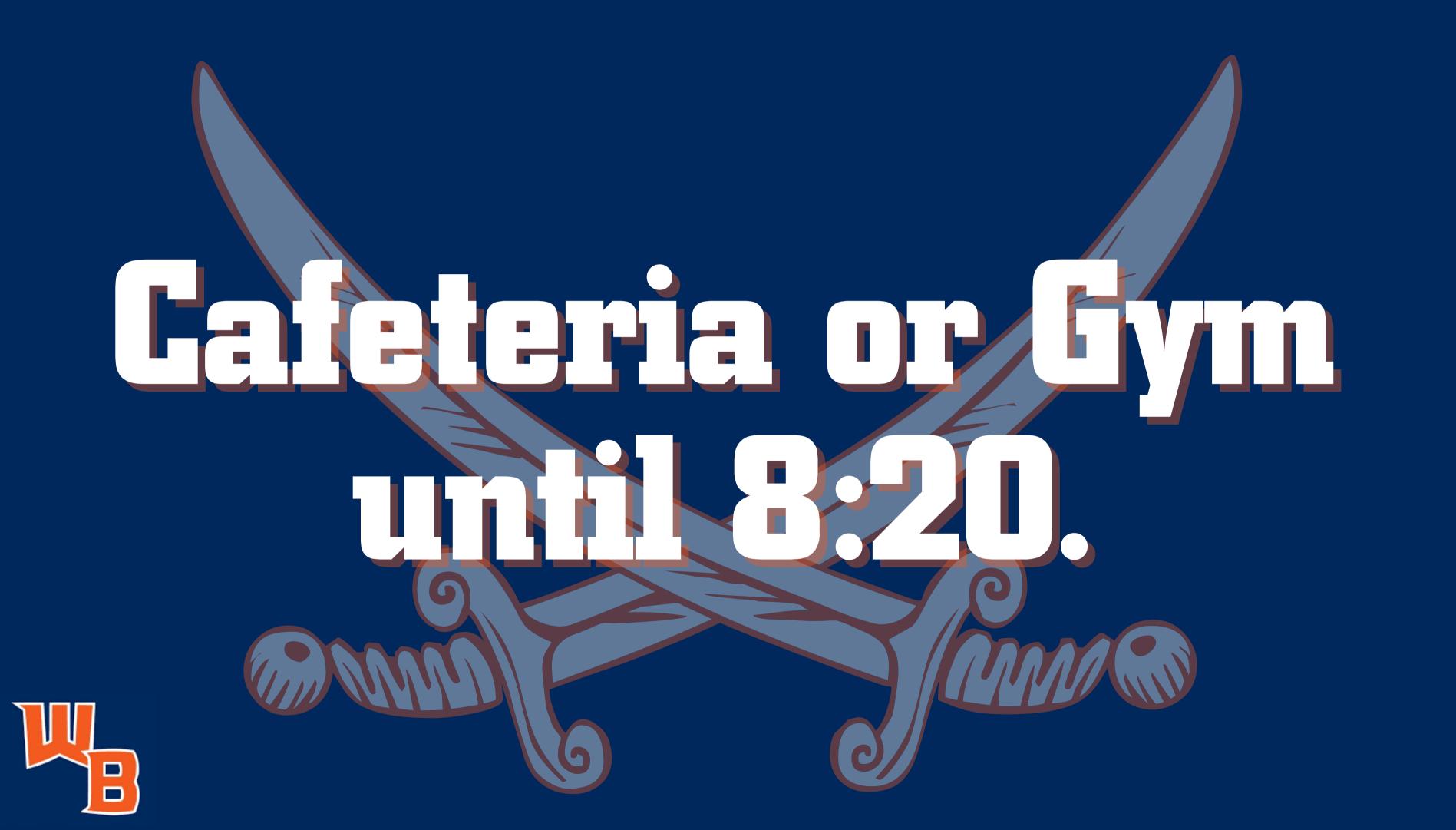
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### Students will have 55 minute class periods. There are 6 periods in

Time for remediation in the subjects where you need extra help.

Explore careers
through
YouScience &
college/career
planning

Occasional social/emotional lessons



#### Interest Groups

Chess Club Recess Mario Kart Coloring Fortnite Student Council Motorcycle Enthusiast Group Future Farmers of America (FFA) Kindness Group Wildlife Conservation

Off-Roading Enthusiasts Sports Card Collectors Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) HOSA YouScience Career Exploration Arts & Crafts Vinyl Records 60s, 70s & 80s Jigsaw Puzzle Group American Sign Language Esports

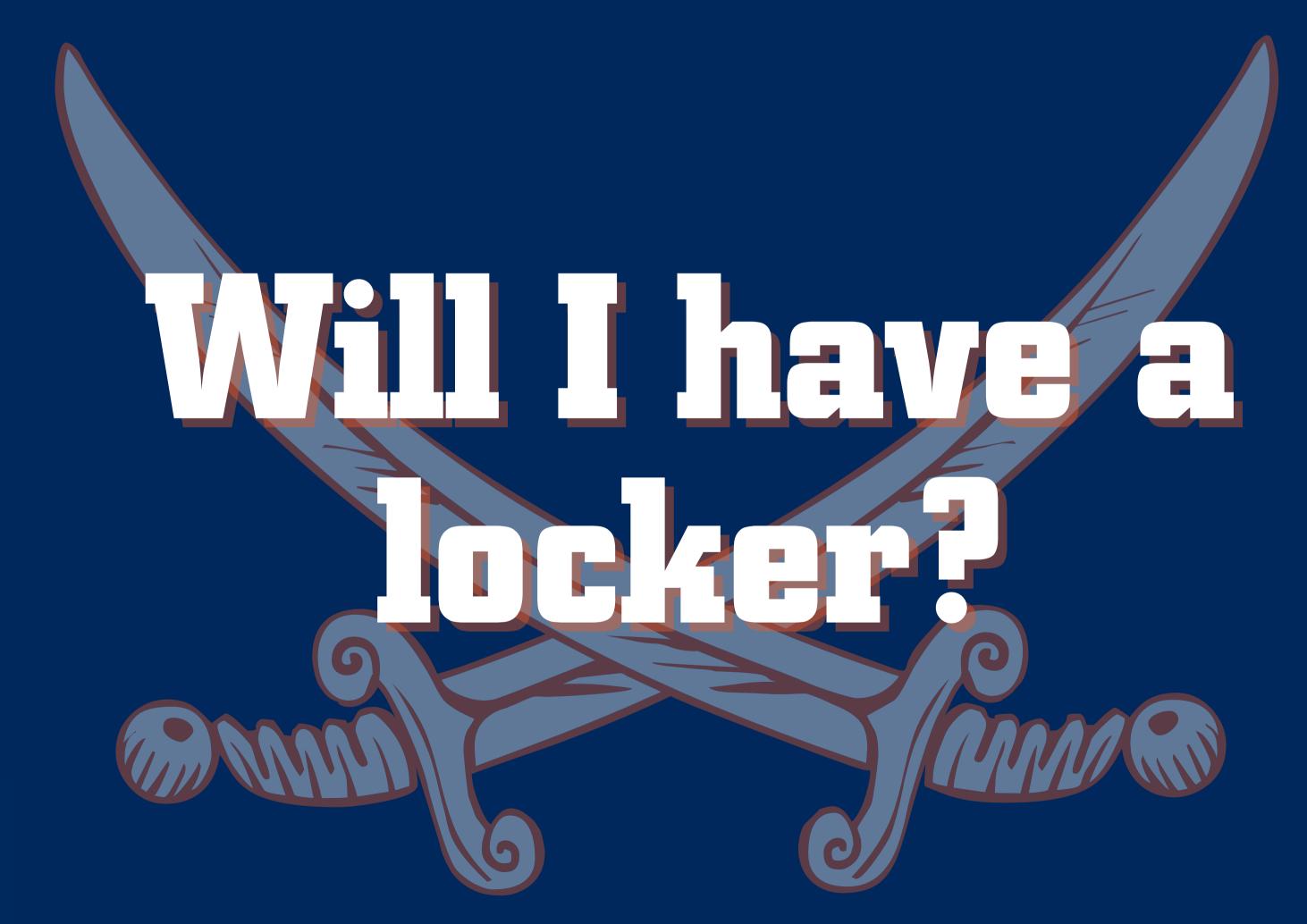




## There are three lunches. You'll eat with your 4th period teacher.

1st Lunch	12:00 - 12:30
2nd Lunch	12:30 - 1:00
3rd Lunch:	1:00 - 1:30

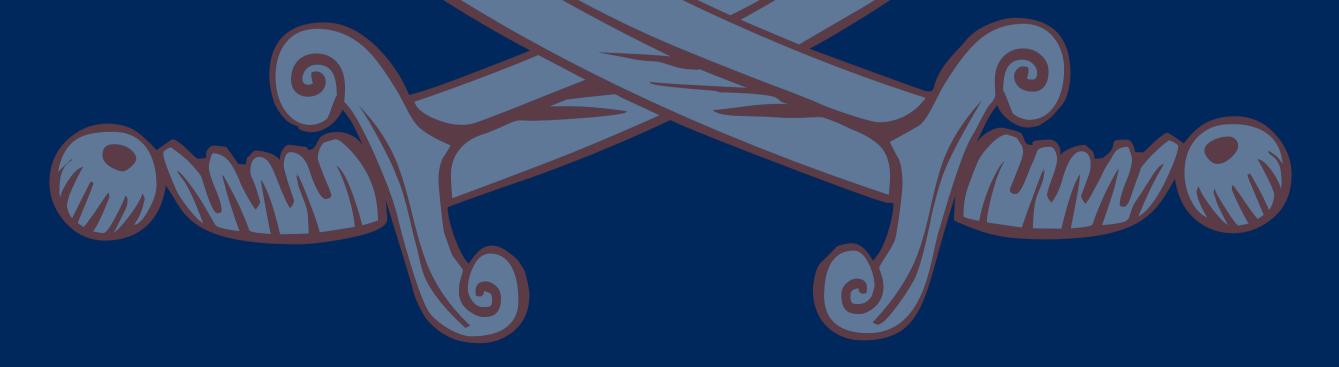






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\*However, if you need a locker because of something like an injury or illness, please let your teacher, an administrator or a counselor know.

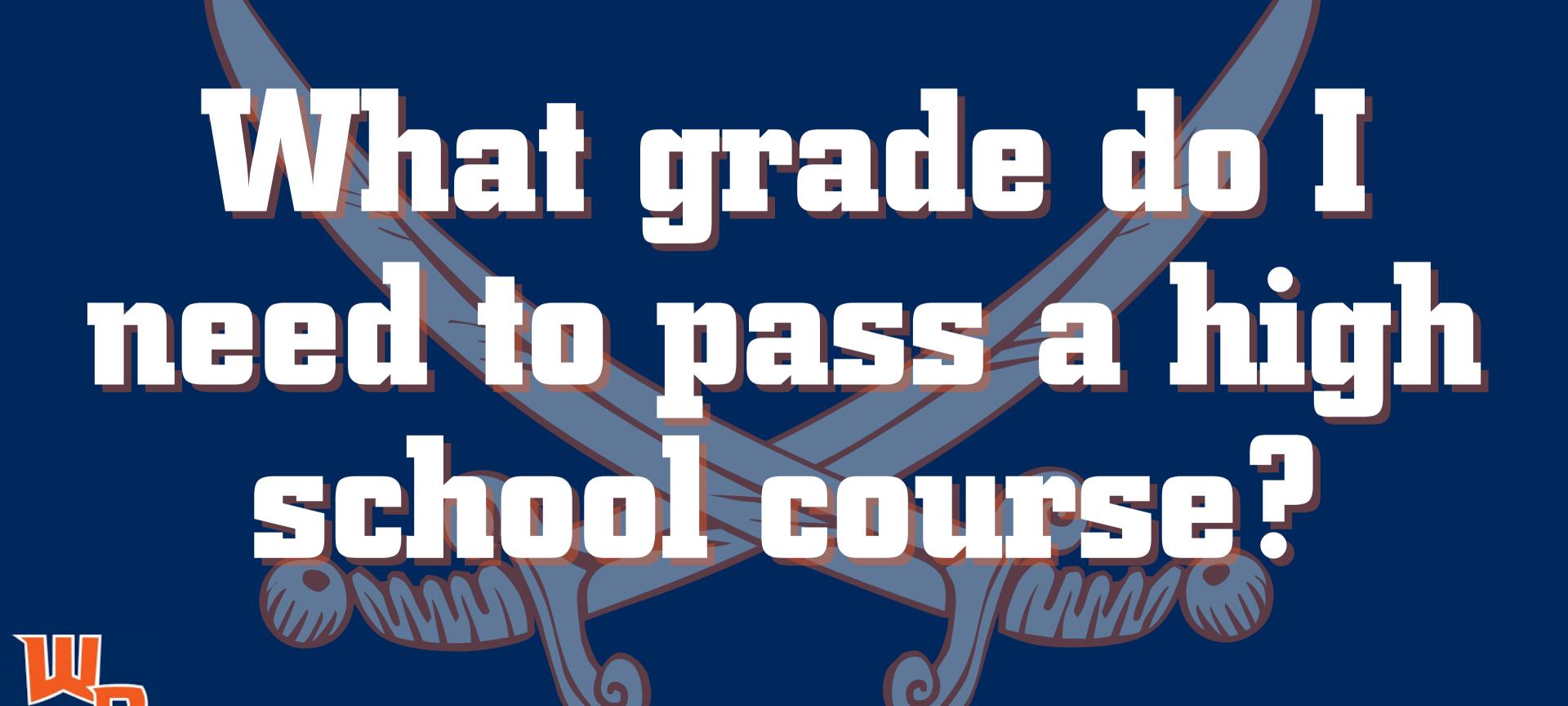








#### A credit is what is awarded to you upon BURRASI completion of a high



#### Grading Scale

#### NUMERICAL GRADE LETTER GRADE GRADE POINTS

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade
100-90	A
80-89	B
70-79	
60-69	
59 and below	F



# What hanners if I fail a high school

### You might have fo..

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Take credit recovery (fail with a 50-59)

Go to Summer School (fail with a 50-59)

Re-take the course for NEW credit (fail with a 49 or below)

# How many credits COVOU TEECTO





Pers. English 4 credits 1 credit Finance/Econ. Fine Art\* 1 credit 4 credits Math \*Do not need if not taking foreign language Foreign Science 2 credits 3 credits Language\* \*Or additional program of study Social Program 3 credits 3 credits of Study Studies \*Or 6 credits if waiving foreign language Physical Computer 1 credit 1.5 credits Education\*/ Science Wellness







# GPA stands for grade point average. It is the average of all of your

#### How to Calculate a GPA

	GPA QUALITY POINTS					
Numerical Grade	Letter Grade	Regular Course	Honors Course	Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, & Dual Enrollment		
90-100	A	4.0	4.5	5.0		
80-89	В	3.0	3.5	4.0		
70-79	CO	2.0	2.5	3.0		
60-69		1.0	1.5	2.0		
Below 60	F (5)	0.0	0.0	0.0		



#### TN Promise Scholarship

Tennessee Promise is both a scholarship and mentoring program focused on increasing the number of students that attend a postsecondary institution in our state. It provides students a last-dollar scholarship, meaning the scholarship may cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees not covered by the federl Pell grant, the HOPE Scholarship, or the Tennessee Student Assistance Award at any of the state's 13 community colleges or 27 colleges of applied technology.



#### HOPE Scholarship

The HOPE Scholarship is established and funded from the net proceeds of the state lottery and awarded to entering freshmen who are enrolled at an eligible postsecondary institution within sixteen (16) months after graduating from an eligible high school in Tennessee. Up to \$2,250 per full-time enrollment semester as a freshman and sophomore; then up to \$2,850 per full-time enrollment semester as a junior and senior

Entering freshmen must achieve a minimum:

- <u>21 ACT OR</u>
- Overall minimum 3.0 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale

# What are AP/Honors courses?

#### Homos

Taught at a faster pace with a more intense course load.

#### Advanced Placement

This is a college-level course where you can receive college credit for a class.



## Things to Consider about AP/Honors

- Boosts your GPA, which qualifies you for more scholarships
- Receive college credit
- Are you a multi-sport athlete? Do you struggle with anxiety? Do you have bad organizational skills? Do you learn at a slower pace?
- What is your work ethic?
- Do you have a lot going on at home?
- Who do you want to be when you grow up?

"Honors classes move a lot faster." "I wish I would've known that taking all honors classes would be almost too much. Although I'm passing, I'm stressed all the time. I would tell upcoming ninth graders that if you get stressed easily, only take a few in the subjects you like most."



#### 9th Grade Course Options

English
Year-Long

- English I
- English IHonors

Math

Year-Long

- Algebra I
- Algebra IHonors
- GeometryHonors

Science

Year-Long

- Biology I
- Biology IHonors

Social Studies

Year-Long

- -World His. &
  - Geog.
- AP Human Geog.

P.E.\*

Semester

-Physical

Education

- PE II: Football
  - -ROTC I
- -Other elective if waiving PE

Wellness

Semester

- -Wellness
- -ROTC I

Computer Sci.

Semester

- Intro to Comp.
  - Sci.
- -Fund. of Comp. Sci.

Elective Semester



# Example of a Student Schedule

Period	Term	Course	Teacher	Room
N1(A)	S1 Physical Education		Cortez, Jacob	N202
N1(A)	S2	Intro to Business/Marketing	Johnson, Michael B	N112
N2(A)	23-24	Algebra I Honors	Valdez, Hillary Kate	N301
N3(A)	23-24	English I	Tipton, Brenna Katherine	N110
N4(A)	S1	Contemporary Issues	St. Clair, Blake A	N303
N4(A)	S2	Lifetime Wellness	Bolinger, Ryan Timothy	N203
N5(A)	23-24	World History & Geography	Rowe, Jason	N309
N6(A)	S1	Biology IA	Curtis, Anna	N104
N6(A)	S2	Biology IB	Curtis, Anna	N104



#### 9th Grade Elective Options:





## What our current freshmen wished they would've known...

"That you gotta stay on top of ur work."

"That everything was gonna be okay so I could've been relax."

"Your not going to stay friends with everyone but it'll be okay your stong and the classes really aren't bad and the teachers are nice believe in yourself and don't let people talk down on you."

"what it would take, the amount of effort i have to put in." "How kind and understanding most of your teachers are and are willing to work with you or if you play sports they will work with your schedule and help you adapt to that to make sure you can still participate in your everyday work."

"nothing i love it so much"

"To just ignore all the mean things people say.
Classes are actually really fun and the teachers are kind and understanding."

"Your entire friend group will most likely change."

"drama is not as important as you think it is..."

### What our current freshmen wished they would've known...

"I wish I would have known high school is not as scary as everything makes it seem. It is so much fun I love doing all the games and watching the wresiling matches. I wish I would have know that high school is a fun place to be and there is nothing to worry about."

"Let them know that they probably wouldn't be able to sit with ALL their friends at lunch." "It's not as stressful as it seems."

"I wish I would've known the importance of time managements and organization for classes better and what kind of activities would go on at the academy."

"I wish I had known that while the workload increases in 9th grade, it isn't as bad as I thought it would be. No matter what you will be able to handle balancing school work and a social life, but you shouldn't focus on one more than the other, enjoy your time in 9th grade but also make sure to get your work done, it's surprisingly easy to find a balance that makes you happy if you just try a bit, and even if you don't think you'll be able to do it, you will."

"how great most of the teachers are, and the food is amazing too."

"That 9th grade is not as hard as you would think it is. Just pay attention in class and do your work and you will be just fine."

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Orientation

Wed. July 31 - A-L
Fris Aug. 2 - May 2



# IMPORTANT 8th Grade Parent Night

Thurs. Feb. 22 5:00 - 7:30///







#### Still have questions?





If your question wasn't answered today, please scan this QR code and fill out the Google form. We will answer your questions when we return for registration!

