

WINTER HAVEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

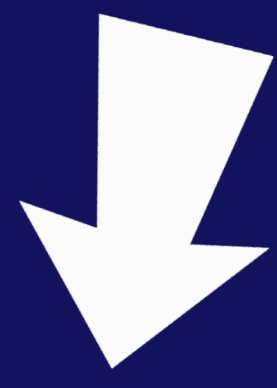


MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PACKET 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLO SHIRTS

MS/HS LOGOS ARE DIFFERENT FROM
ELEMENTARY, SO PLEASE BE
CAREFUL WHEN YOU ORDER

CLICK THIS LINK TO
ORDER UNIFORM SHIRTS



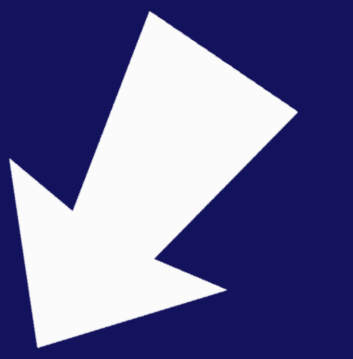
[https://www.candeprint.com/
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LAST DAY TO PLACE C&E ORDERS
JULY 9TH

C&E WILL CALL THE PARENT WHEN
THE ORDER IS READY FOR PICK UP
AT THE STORE.

OUTERWEAR ORDERS

OUTERWEAR MUST BE
SCHOOL LOGO APPAREL



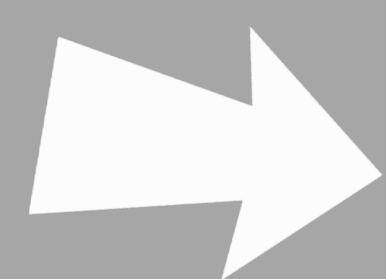
[WHCS Outerwear](#)

LAST DAY TO PLACE ORDERS
JULY 9TH. PAYMENT MUST BE
MADE ONLINE THROUGH SCHOOL
WEBSITE

ATHLETIC PACKET

In order to participate in athletics at WHCS, your student will need a sports physical & completed athletic paperwork. Your sports physical needs to be done after July 1st, 2023. The athletic packet and physical need to be turned in before the first practice. The athletic fee needs to be paid at the beginning of each season.

CLICK THIS LINK TO THE ATHLETIC PACKET



<https://www.whcsonline.org/athletics>

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR
SAVE THE DATE
FOR ORIENTATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

- 6th Grade 1:00-2:20 p.m.
- 7th & 8th Grade 2:30-3:20 p.m.
- 9th - 12th Grade 3:30-4:20 p.m.



Winter Haven Christian School

2023-2024 Calendar



WHCS

August

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Nine-Week Reporting Period	Days
August 9- October 11	45
October 12-January 11	45
January 12- March 26	45
March 27-May 30	45

August

August 2 Teachers Return
 August 9 First Day of School

September

September 1 Early Release
 September 4 Labor Day / No School
 September 8 Progress Reports

October

October 11 End of 1st 9 weeks
 October 13 Early Release
 October 19-20 FACCS Convention/ No School
 October 23 Parent/ Teacher Conferences/ No School

November

November 9 Early Release
 November 10 Veterans Day Obs./ No School
 November 16 Progress reports
 November 17 Early Release
 November 20-24 Thanksgiving Break/ No School

December

December 15 Early Release
 December 18-29 Christmas Break/ No School

January

January 1-2 Christmas Break/No School
 January 3 Students and Teachers Return
 January 11 End of 2nd 9 weeks
 January 12 Early Release
 January 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day/ No School
 January 22 Parent/Teacher Conferences/ No School

February

February 2 Early Release
 February 14 Progress Reports
 February 16 Early Release
 February 19 Presidents Day/ No School

March

March 8 Early Release
 March 11-15 Spring Break/ No School
 March 26 End of 3rd 9 Weeks
 March 29 Good Friday/ No School

April

April 19 Early Release
 April 26 Progress Reports

May

May 27 Memorial Day/ No School
 May 30 Last Day of School/ Early Release

WHCS

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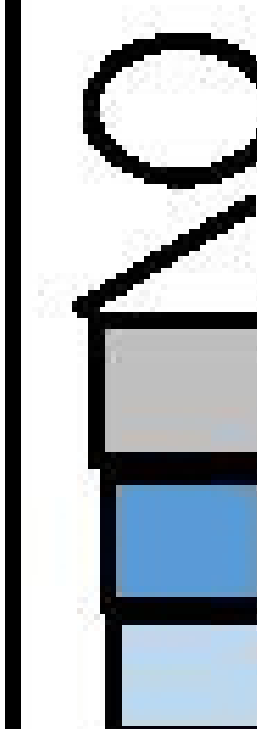
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○ First/Last Student Day
 ◯ Half Day of School
 ◻ Holiday (No School)
 ◻ End of the 9 weeks
 ◻ Progress reports

** School events are available via School Information System**

** Subject to Change**

revised 3/15/23

EQUIPPING STUDENTS - CHANGING LIVES - IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

CHANGES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Please note some of the improvements we have made to benefit the students' learning environment at WHCS!



CELLPHONE & SMART DEVICE CHECK IN

Once inside the building, all students are required to check in all phones and/or smart devices into the Phone and Smart Device Locker located at the Middle School/High School entrance. (Smart watches are considered watches that can be paired to a phone or have a SIM card allowing them to send/receive texts, data, or any type of communication.)

TARDIES

Three tardies per semester are permissible; however, every three tardies after that will result in an assignment to Saturday detention at the rate of \$10 per hour in this manner:

1st offense (6th tardy/sem) = 1 hour of Saturday detention (\$10)

2nd offense (9th tardy/sem) = 2 hours of Saturday detention (\$20)

At the 10th tardy/semester, the student will be referred for disciplinary action.



ATTENDANCE



Students must be in regular attendance to receive course credit and to be promoted. Greater than 10 absences within a semester is considered excessive and beyond the limit of required seat time necessary to earn course credit.

GIRLS' UNIFORM BOTTOMS

One change you will definitely want to know about is that girls are allowed to wear pants and capris. Shorts are NOT permitted.



CELL PHONES AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

WHCS is a no phone zone. Upon arrival on campus, all personal electronic devices, including smart watches, and phones must be turned off and stored in the student's backpack. Once inside the building, all students are required to check in and secure all phones and/or smart devices into the Phone and Smart Device Locker located at the Middle School/High School entrance. (Smart watches are considered watches that can be paired to a phone or have a SIM card allowing them to send/receive texts, data, or any type of communication.) Any phone or smart device found on campus will result in demerits and a possible suspension for the offense. Once the school day has concluded, the students will return back to the Phone and Smart Device Locker to check out their units. At this point, students will keep their devices off and will stow them in their backpack while on campus. Once again, failure to comply with this policy will result in demerit(s) and possible suspension being issued for the offense.

Discipline Structure For Cell Phone/Personal Electronic Device Offenses:

1st Offense → Demerit, Probation Notice sent home for parent (or guardian) of student to sign.
(Signed Probation Notice to be returned by student the following school day).

2nd Offense → Demerit(s), Possible Suspension.

IMPORTANT: Realize that all students who bring these devices to school do so at their own risk, and WHCS is not liable if any item is lost, damaged, or stolen. WHCS reserves the right to restrict or ban any new device/electronic that comes out after the publication of this handbook.

PHONE CALLS

Students needing to contact their family may come to the MS/HS office to do so. Students are not permitted to use personal cell phones to call or text home to report medical problems, or to receive forgotten items. Medical problems are only to be reported to parents by the middle/high school office.

SOCIAL MEDIA, INTERNET POSTINGS OR TEXTING

Winter Haven Christian School reserves the right to ask a student at any time to show their texting history, social media or any internet posting pages to staff or administration for monitoring or if inappropriate content is suspected. Students and adults may NOT post any items about any student, staff or parent from WHCS past or present without their permission. Students understand that they can be severely disciplined and/or expelled from Winter Haven Christian School if any items are posted online that the administration deems as inappropriate, this includes postings by parents and students.

ATTENDANCE

Student attendance and academic learning are closely intertwined. Missed instruction and classroom activities directly impact overall student learning. Likewise, parental attitudes regarding the value of education and the importance of studies often shape priorities when it comes to student attendance. Our attendance policies are designed to reflect and encourage the importance of education. Parents can support this high standard by limiting unnecessary absences.

The following table identifies excused versus unexcused absences:

Excused (AE)	Unexcused (AU)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Personal illness/injury ● Quarantine ● Medical/dental appointments ● Family emergency ● Impassable roads <p>*Pre-Arranged Absences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Requirement to be in court ● Scheduled medical procedures ● Death in the family <p>*Pre-Arranged Special Events (up to 5 days/year)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family vacations/outings ● Mission trips ● Church functions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lack of transportation ● Cutting classes ● Oversleeping ● Working a job ● School suspension <p>*Pre-Arranged Special Events (> 5 days/year)</p>
<p>All excused absences, unless pre-arranged in advance, must be followed by a note of explanation or call from a parent on the day the student returns to school; otherwise, they will be considered unexcused. After 3 days of consecutive absences, a doctor's note is required for medical absences to remain excused.</p>	
<p>*A Pre-arranged Absence Form needs to be completed in advance of all foreseen absences.</p>	

FULL DAY ABSENCES

Excused absences

Excused absences, as listed above which are either pre-arranged or followed by a note, are considered excused upon the approval of the principal. These absences have no academic penalty, but students are responsible to make up all missed work. They will be given at least one school day to make up work for each day missed. A teacher may choose to give more days, if needed.

Note: Students are allowed a maximum of 5 excused pre-arranged absences per year for special events such as family vacations, mission trips, or special occasions. Any additional absences will be considered unexcused.

Prolonged illnesses with consecutive absences may result in an "incomplete" (I) on progress reports and report cards until missed work is completed. Any missing work should be submitted to the teacher no later than ten days into the next quarter or three days following the 4th quarter; otherwise, the incomplete assignment grades will become zeroes and may result in a failing grade for the quarter.

Unexcused absences

An absence will be considered unexcused under any of the following conditions:

- The type of absence is listed as unexcused in the chart or not listed at all.
- A parent note/call/email of explanation is not received by the office upon the student's return.
- Administrative determination.

Excessive absences (“15 Day Rule”)

Students must be in regular attendance to receive course credit and to be promoted. Greater than 10 absences within a semester is considered excessive and beyond the limit of required seat time necessary to earn course credit. As a courtesy, parents will be emailed a reminder letter when their student reaches 8 absences and a warning letter when they reach 10 absences. 15 absences, excused or unexcused, within one semester is deemed the maximum allowable number of absences and will result in no credit being issued for that semester’s work. Under extenuating circumstances, such as documented medical absences, the administration may choose to assess an academic penalty to the semester grade or require additional coursework as a replacement for lost instructional time.

School-Sponsored Activities

Students who attend school-sponsored activities will be labeled as attending a “field trip” which does not count toward the student’s absences.

College Visits

Students in 11th or 12th grades are allowed two absences to visit prospective colleges each school year. These visits should be pre-arranged through the high school office and approved by administration in advance. They will be coded as a personal “field trip” and not count toward excessive absences.

PARTIAL DAY ABSENCES

Arrival & Tardiness

Students are expected to be in the classroom all day when school is in session. Students who arrive at school after 7:30 AM (start of school day) must check in at the school office and parents must notify the office as to the reason for the tardiness via a note, call, or email. Three tardies per semester are permissible; however, every three tardies after that will result in an assignment to Saturday detention at the rate of \$10 per hour in this manner:

1st offense (6th tardy/sem) = 1 hour of Saturday detention (\$10)

2nd offense (9th tardy/sem) = 2 hours of Saturday detention(\$20)

At the 10th tardy/semester, the student will be referred for disciplinary action.

Dismissals & Early Check-Outs

Middle/High school dismissal is at 2:20PM (blue: MS & HS), unless those students have siblings in elementary who are dismissed at 2:45 PM (green: K-2nd) or 3:00 PM (red: 3rd-5th). On early release days, grades 6-12 will get out at 11:15 AM (blue: MS & HS), and elementary dismissal will be at 11:45 AM (green: K-2nd) and 12:00 PM (red: 3rd-5th). Students who leave school before these times must check-out through the office and have permission to leave. Since student attendance in class and academic success go hand-in-hand, parents should limit check-outs to necessary appointments only. Under these circumstances, a parent should send a note to the office, call the office, or check the student out in the office to provide permission and a reason for the absence. The reason given for the absence will be used by administration to determine whether the absence is excused or unexcused. If a pattern of early check-outs is determined, the students will be referred to administration for further action.

Early check-outs and tardies are monitored and recorded as follows:

An absence/tardy/check-out in 4 or more periods during a day = Half day absence (A/2)

An absence/tardy/check-out in 6 or more periods during a day = Full day absence (A)

Extracurricular Activities

Students must attend school or a school-sponsored activity for at least 4 periods of the day to be eligible to participate in that day’s practice, game, or activity. If a WHCS team, organization, or club misses school or leaves early for an event; homework due in that day’s classes (the day of the event) is not considered make-up work and should be turned in before leaving or the next school day to avoid being counted late.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to comply with the dress code and parents are expected to monitor compliance before their children leave home. Students who are not in dress code may be removed from class until the violation is corrected. Uniform clothing must be neat, clean, fit appropriately, and be absent of signs of excessive wear, such as rips or fading. Students should be encouraged to take pride in their appearance. Final authority regarding code interpretation rests with the administration and is not subject to appeal. Students not in compliance with the dress code will not be allowed to attend classes until the situation is rectified.

DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS

Failure to comply with the dress code will result in the student being issued a Dress Code Violation Notice (DCVN) that must be signed by a parent (or guardian) and returned by the following school day. In addition, students may incur Demerits for dress code violations.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM

Shirts	<p><u>6th-10th Graders:</u> Uniform shirts with WHCS logo <u>must</u> be ordered through C & E Imprinted Sportswear.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle School colors: royal blue, black, gray, light blue (new), or white (retired color)• High School colors: multiple color choices are available <p><u>11th-12th Graders:</u> Permitted to wear WHCS middle/high school spirit wear shirts, instead of polos (see "Spirit Wear")</p>
Bottoms	<p><u>6th-10th Graders:</u></p> <p>Young Women: Solid khaki, black, or navy uniform-style skirt, skort/scooter, capris or pants; Shorts are NOT permitted. Pants, capris, skirts, skort/scooters must extend at least 2 inches below the knee.</p> <p>Young Men: Solid khaki, black, or navy uniform-style shorts or pants (cargo-style permitted). Shorts must be 4" above the knee or longer.</p> <p>Guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uniform bottoms may be either pleated or flat style with no elastic hem and must fit in such a way that they do not reveal any midriffs or backsides. Bottoms should not be excessively tight or baggy. Garments should be loose enough to gather one inch of material.• Bottoms must be worn at the waistline. Belts are encouraged but not required. Color and style should not be a distraction.• Administration has the right to amend this policy as styles change often. If you are uncertain, see an administrator. <p><u>11th-12th Graders:</u> Permitted to wear WHCS spirit wear, instead of uniform bottoms (see "Spirit Wear")</p>
Indoor/ Outdoor Wear	Hoodies, sweaters, sweatshirts, or jackets must be school logo apparel offered through the WHCS Middle/High School or issued by the WHCS Athletic Department. No hats/caps are permitted except for special events (see "Special Events"). If the temperature is below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, outdoor activities will be limited.
Socks, Tights, Leggings	Socks must be neat and clean and should not be distracting to the educational process. Tights and/or leggings in place of uniform shorts or pants are not permitted. . No distracting decorations are allowed.
Shoes	All shoes must be closed-toed and closed-heeled. The following are not allowed: sandals, flip flops, slides and backless footwear (e.g. Crocs) of any kind. For safety reasons, shoe heels should be no higher than 1". Shoes must be clean and neatly tied or fastened with Velcro, where applicable. Light up shoes and shoes with wheels are not allowed.

C & E Imprinted Sportswear links for shopping can be found on our website at:
<https://www.whcsonline.org/parent-resources/> under *Uniform Information*.

ADDITIONAL UNIFORMS

Spirit Wear	<u>6th-10th Graders</u> : Fridays only Athletic department t-shirts, retreat t-shirts, and middle/high school spirit t-shirts can be worn on Spirit Days with blue or black (no white) jeans, jean shorts (boys), or jean capri pants (girls). Jeans must be modest and may not be excessively baggy and/or tight (should be loose enough to gather one inch of material). They should be as solid as possible with no holes, rips/tears, frays, patches, or embellishments. Belts are not required on jeans.	<u>11th-12th Graders</u> : Every day
P.E. Uniform	Students in grades 6 – 9 must dress out for P.E. class and wear the following: solid blue(royal or navy), black, or gray fingertip length athletic shorts with a solid blue (royal or navy), black, or gray t-shirt with no words on it or a middle school/high school spirit shirt. No spandex or leggings permitted.	

SPECIAL EVENTS

Student attire for all special events will be outlined and approved by the respective department, adviser, or administration. At the discretion of the supervising administrator, students not adhering to these guidelines will not be permitted to participate in the special event. The administration may at times require the outfit to be pre-approved by faculty, staff or administration.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Hair	Hair coloring/styles that are a distraction to learning are not allowed. Hair color must be a natural color or natural looking color, highlights should be subtle and natural looking (no hair paint). Excessively short or shaved hair is not allowed. In addition, hair cannot be spiked, unevenly cut or styled in a way that is extreme. If you have doubts see an Administrator BEFORE YOU GET THE HAIR STYLE.
Makeup	Girls may wear natural-looking makeup. Nails are allowed as long as they are not too long, and nail polish is permitted as long as the design is not extreme (too bright, black) or a distraction to the learning environment. Tattoos (permanent or temporary) are not permitted at WHCS. The Principal is the final arbitrator regarding makeup and nail designs so if you have any doubt ask.
Jewelry	Earrings are permitted with a limit of two earrings per ear lobe but no other part of the ear. Large hoop or dangling earrings are not permitted for safety reasons. Body piercings or nose/face piercings are not allowed ever at WHCS or school functions. Necklaces are limited to 18" in length. Any other jewelry that is excessive or a distraction to learning will not be allowed

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR YOUNG MEN

Hair	Hair must be neatly trimmed (no longer than an overall maximum length of 4 inches) and not touch the top of the uniform shirt collar in the back. Hair should not cover more than the upper half of the ear. Bangs cannot be below the eyebrows. Hair must be a natural and uniform color (no hair paint). No ponytails, shaved heads or shaved designs are allowed. In addition, hair cannot be unevenly cut (mohawk, mullet, spiked, or excessively long). Administration has the right to amend this policy as hair styles and fads change often. If you have doubts see an administrator BEFORE YOU GET THE HAIR STYLE.
Facial Hair	Boys' faces are expected to be clean shaven at all times.
Tatoos	Tattoos (permanent or temporary) are not permitted at WHCS.
Jewelry	A standard watch (no beeping), necklace, and/or one ring are permitted as long as the ring is subtle. Necklaces or chains should be 18" or shorter. No jewelry is allowed that is excessive or a distraction to learning.

ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO BAN OR RESTRICT ANY FASHION ITEM THAT BECOMES A FAD AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THIS HANDBOOK, OR THAT IS DEEMED TO BE DISTRACTING TO SCHOOL.

JACKETS FOR SALE

We are excited to announce that we have more WHCS jacket options for students & their families. For the 2023-23 school year, students will only be allowed to wear school approved outerwear on the WHCS campus.

Please visit the following link to place your order!

[2023-2024 Outerwear Order Form](#)

Due to stock issues, there are limited sizes for each color & jacket.

All orders will be placed after spring break and should arrive by the end of April.

ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 7/9 AND PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITHIN 12 HOURS OF YOUR ORDER.

**JACKET OPTIONS:
\$30 EACH (+\$3 FOR 2XL & 3XL)**



1/4 ZIP



FULL ZIP



HOODIE

COLOR OPTIONS:



DARK HEATHER



SPORT GREY



ROYAL



NAVY



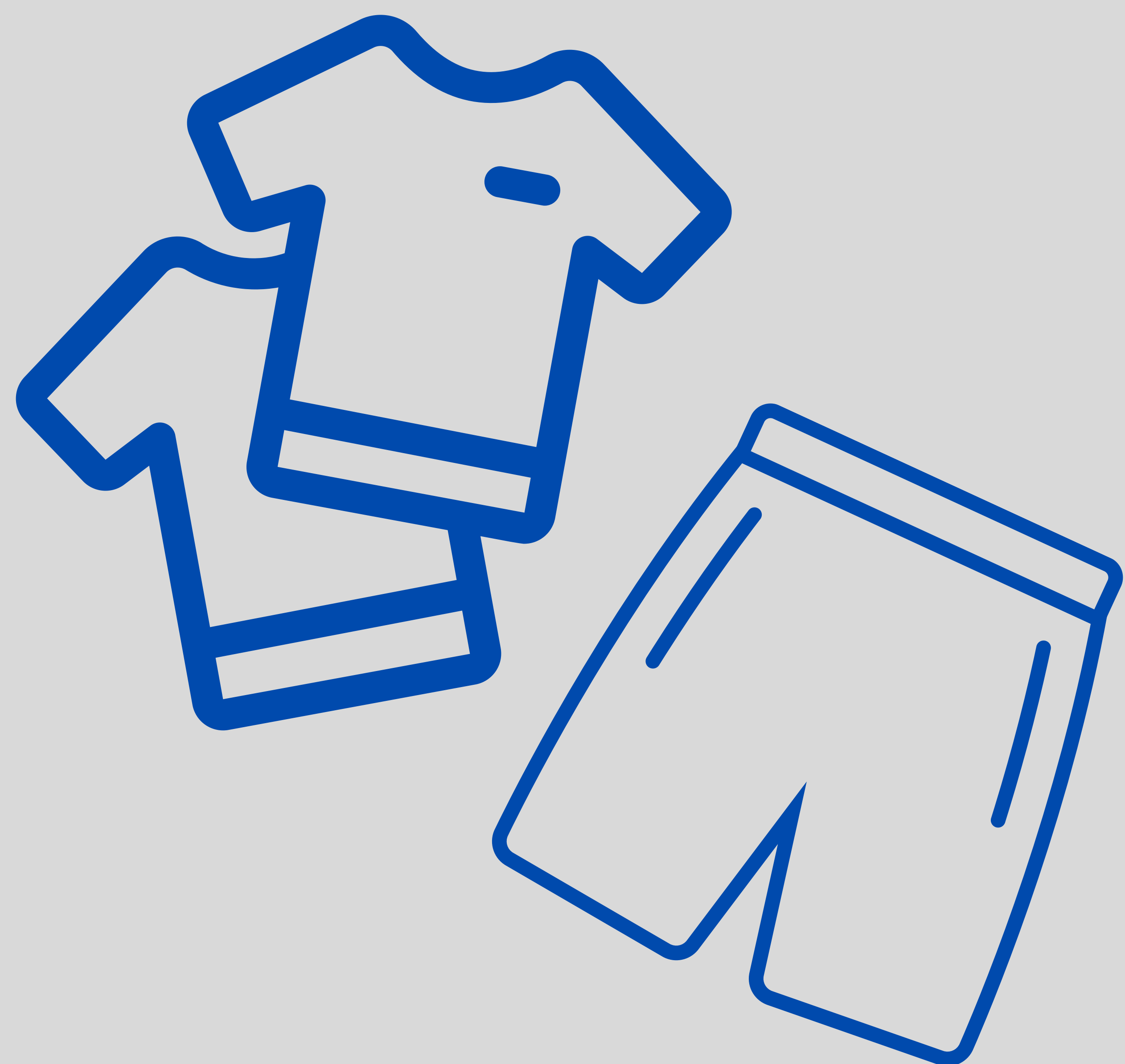
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Physical Education Uniform Guidelines

Here are the updated guidelines:

- **SHIRTS:** solid blue (royal or navy), black, or gray t-shirt with no words on it or a middle school/high school spirit shirt.
- **SHORTS:** solid blue(royal or navy), black, or gray fingertip length athletic shorts
- No spandex or leggings permitted.

**Middle schools students will have 9 weeks of PE each school year.
9th grade students will participate in PE all year.
Each student must dress out for PE.**





DEAR STUDENTS,

We want to provide you with various options to expand your horizons and provide new possibilities as you move towards the future.

WHCS

NEW HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

COMING SOON...

SENIOR SCHEDULE



Late Start Option

Seniors have the option to skip academies and arrive at the senior lounge by 8:15.



Senior Lounge

Room 317 will be converted into a lounge area equipped with a seating area and snacks. It will be available to late start seniors who arrive early or early checkout students who stay late.



Early Check-out*

Any senior who has all the credits necessary for graduation will have the opportunity to check out after 6th period at 12:40.



DE and OJT Students*

Dual enrollment students or those in an on-the-job training program may be able to leave even earlier.



DE: Bible & English

Senior English and Bible will be an optional in-house DE course through Warner University.



HIGH SCHOOL HONORS COURSES

The advanced math track courses count as honors credits. English, history, and science credits for 9th-11th grade will be honors or regular based on the prior year grades.



ACADEMIES FIRST PERIOD

High school academies will be moved from second period to first period, and homeroom will be conducted between first and second period.



JUNIORS: DE BIBLE & ENGLISH

Junior English and Bible will be an optional in-house dual enrollment course through Warner University. We strongly recommend getting the college credits, but the alternative is taking the same course for just high school honors credit.



SCIENCE SHIFT

8th: Honors or regular Physical Science (Honors science will be a high school course)
9th: Honors or regular biology
10th: Honors or regular Biology (Starting next year, the 10th grade science will be Anatomy.)
11th: Honors or regular (1st semester) Chemistry and (2nd semester) Forensic Science.

*Current graduation requirements must be met for participation.