



Wheaton North High School

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FALCON FOCUS News & Announcements August 2, 2019

From the Desk of Mr. Biscan, Principal

Dear Falcon Families,

I hope this first edition of the 2019-2020 Falcon Focus finds you and your family well. The summer months offer many opportunities for all of us to connect with family, spend time with friends, and participate in different learning opportunities. I know for me, it's a great time to reflect, plan, and re energize.

Our building has undergone some changes that will enhance the learning environment that is so essential for our students and staff to work together. For example, a portion of the northeast corner had a new roof installed, flexible furniture and workstations have been added to the 2nd floor of the Robert J. Miller Commons, and our training room and cardio rooms have switched places. Thank you to our district and building maintenance staff for their outstanding work this summer.

Many of our staff, students, and parents have frequented the building this summer. Whether it was a group of teachers collaborating on effective teaching modalities, students participating in a bridge course or summer camp, or a parent who needed assistance with student registration, our school remained a place of gathering and learning. Thank you to our secretarial staff for their kindness and readiness to help.

Although we are entering a new school year, our focus remains steadfast. Our mission is to create a school environment that works for **every student**. Our staff is committed to improving upon one of its greatest strengths; building relationships with all of our students. With the ease of video streaming and online connections, we know that learning can happen in many forms and in any place. Therefore, in order for Wheaton North, or any school for that matter, to be applicable, we must be a place of safety, acceptance, support, collaboration, and challenge. We will do everything we can to provide that place for your child. We are excited to begin this unique journey that is the 2019-2020 school year.

There is a wealth of information in this edition of the Falcon Focus. Please pay particular attention to the important dates at the end of this document as they contain vital information regarding the start of the year kick-off events.

Have a great school year!

We are Falcons. We are Proud. We are North.

From the Desk of Mr. Venckus, Assistant Principal of Student Services

Freshman/New Parent Night

This year, we are merging the freshman schedule & textbook pickup with Freshman Parent Orientation in an effort to make both events more convenient and family friendly. The schedule and textbook pickup process, which also includes ID and yearbook pictures, will take place on Monday, August 12, from 4:30-6:30 and takes approximately one hour to complete. If you are a new parent to Wheaton North, please plan to attend the Freshman Parent Orientation from 6:00-6:30 in the Neibch Gymnasium during that same time frame; our

leadership team will be present to address topics such as school safety, buses, student drop-off/pick-up locations, student attendance, and various academic and support services available to students. Students are welcome to walk their schedules during this time.

Student Drop-Off/Pick-Up Locations

Only 5 doors are unlocked before school each morning. They also serve as our student drop-off/pick-up locations: 1) the main entrance/circle drive (Door 1), 2) the bus doors east of the main entrance (Door 34), 3) the athletic/field house entrance (Door 7), 4) the art/music entrance off Morse Street (Door 16), and 5) on the east side of the building off Papworth (Door 31). Please do not drop off/pick-up students in the visitors'/staff parking lot in front of the school or in the staff parking lot behind the school off Papworth.

Senior Parking Tags and Meningitis Vaccinations

In an effort to prevent as many seniors as possible from being excluded from school beginning September 3, 2019, we are requiring that all seniors have documentation of their meningitis vaccination in the Health Office before they pick up their parking tags starting Monday, August 12, 2019, the senior book and schedule pick-up day. Once the Health Office receives documentation of the vaccination, students will be able to pick up their tags any time before September 3, 2019.

Only seniors are allowed to park on campus. A completed application (available in the Deans' Office Monday-Friday from 7:00-3:00) and \$150 fee are required to purchase a hanging tag. The first day tags can be picked up from the Deans' Office will be during the book/schedule pick-up day on Monday, August 12 from 12:30-3:30. A lottery for juniors will be conducted if open spots remain on campus after the first few weeks of school. There is also limited free, public parking on Thomas east of Papworth, south on Darling, and in the Northside Park parking lot.

Student Parking

Wheaton Bowl has closed and is no longer a parking option for students. The VFW Post at the corner of Geneva and Papworth is selling student parking spots. Wheaton North is not affiliated with them. They will be holding parking registration at the VFW on Saturday, August 3 and Saturday, August 17 from 10-2 and Wednesday nights from 5:30-8. Please call (630) 297-3881 for more information.

TCD (Technology Center of DuPage) Students

The first day of TCD will be on the first day of Wheaton North classes on Wednesday, August 21. Please report to the cafeteria by 7:20 am for attendance and further instructions.

Job Openings

We have 6 open Special Education Licensed Teaching Assistant positions available at Wheaton North for this school year. A description of the positions is on the District 200 website (www.cusd200.org). Please contact Jim Venckus, Assistant Principal of Student Services at Wheaton North, if you are interested or have any questions.

From the Desk of Mrs. Ellett, Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction

We hope you have all had a great summer and are still enjoying these finals weeks before we start the 2019-2020 school year. Schedule, and book pick-up day is right around the corner! Please read the following information regarding our pick-up day process.

Monday, August 12

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors - 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Freshmen 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 13

Make-Up Day 12:30 pm. - 2:30 pm

Only students *new* to Wheaton North can pick up their schedule and textbooks from August 14-August 16. All other returning students, who were unable to attend our scheduled textbook and schedule pickup days, may access their schedule online on Monday, August 19, and may pick up textbooks on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 21.

On Monday, August 19, and Tuesday, August 20, the building will be closed to all students as teachers prepare for the new school year. All students are welcome to walk their schedules and access their lockers the week prior.

Reminder:

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will take yearbook pictures on their scheduled pick-up day.

From the Desk of Dr. Pavlini, Assistant Principal of Support and Enrichment



Wheaton North Testing Dates 2019 - 2020

Testing Window: Actual testing days are only select days within the window of dates listed.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Test</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>Required OR Optional</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Testing Window: TBD (late Aug.-early Sept.) During Academic Rdg. classes	PERA Rdg. Pre-Test	Academic Rdg students	Required	D200-funded
Wed., Oct. 16 Falcon Time Day Testing begins @ 7:30 AM	PSAT/NMSQT	Juniors	<i>Optional</i>	Student/Family-funded (Need-based scholarships available)
Testing Window: TBD (January) During Academic Rdg. classes	PERA Rdg. Post-Test	Academic Rdg students	Required	D200-funded
Testing Window: Jan. 15-Feb. 28	ELL ACCESS English Proficiency	All English Learners	Required	ISBE-funded (IL State Board of Education)
Tues., April 14* <i>(Make-up: April 28)</i>	PSAT 8/9	Freshmen	Required	ISBE-funded
Tues., April 14* <i>(Make-up: April 28)</i>	PSAT 10	Sophomores	Required	ISBE-funded
Tues., April 14* <i>(Make-up: April 28)</i>	SAT (Required)	Juniors	Required	ISBE-funded
Testing Window: March 2-April 30 During Bio classes	IL Science Assessment for Biology	Biology students	Required	ISBE-funded
May 4-May 15	AP Testing	AP class students	<i>Optional, highly encouraged</i>	Student/Family-funded (Need-based scholarships available)
National Saturday Test Dates	ACT & SAT	Juniors & Seniors	<i>Optional</i>	Student/Family-funded <i>register via ACT/SAT websites</i> (Need-based scholarships available)

Tues., April 14 will be a non-attendance day for Seniors. Per IL State Board of Ed, all students Grades 9-12 are **required to participate in and to make up any missed April PSAT or SAT testing. We appreciate your cooperation.*

NOTE regarding ACT: As a school, we coordinate SAT & PSAT testing since the SAT is the official test for IL Juniors. Students who wish to take the ACT are welcome to do so; however, the ACT is taken in addition to the state-required SAT. IEP & 504 students seeking accommodations for a Saturday ACT can contact Ms. Kammer Hufnagle, kammer.hufnagle@cusd200.org for assistance in submitting their accommodations request to ACT. ACT testing is coordinated outside of the school day.

Attention : All Incoming Freshmen

Join us for a crash course in all things Blue and Gold as you prepare to..

COMMIT TO THE FALCON!

We are looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2023 to our Falcon Family on Wednesday, August 14. The fun begins at 3:00 pm and will conclude, promptly, at 6:30 pm. You don't want to miss this opportunity to meet your fellow Falcons **and** to get all of the inside information you need to rock your first day at Wheaton North!

Attention: New Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors to Wheaton North

Are you an incoming Sophomore, Junior, or Senior NEW to Wheaton North?

We can't wait to meet you! Please join us in the Counseling Center on Friday, August 16 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am for a crash course in all things Blue and Gold! This orientation is designed specifically for transfer students so you can learn all about what Wheaton North has to offer, our Falcon traditions, AND get a sneak peek at the best way to run your schedule! Doughnuts and drinks will be provided - all you need is your class schedule! See you on the 16th!

Attention Class of 2019 - Yearbook Pick-up

Please mark your calendars for yearbook pick-up on Thursday, August 15 from 6:00 pm. -8:30 pm in the back lot by the cafeteria. If you would like someone else to pick-up your book for you, please fill out the following form :

<https://forms.gle/oBbMuj8JYnVw4z9S9>

Books will only be released if a form has been filled out. We will not take text messages. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Free and Reduced Lunch Application Forms

Free and Reduced lunch applications are to be completed and returned with the appropriate documentation to Ms. Treacy in the main office. If you have any questions regarding the form you can contact Ms. Treacy at 603.784.7317.

[Free and Reduced Lunch Application](#)

[Solicitud de Almuerzo Gratis y Reducido](#)

Curriculum Night

Save the Date

Wheaton North High School
1st Semester Curriculum Night

Wednesday, September, 4, 2019 7:00-9:05 pm

Details to follow in upcoming Falcon Focus newsletters. Questions? Contact Asst. Principal Julie Pavlini
julie.pavlini@cusd200.org

AP Exam Registration Changes

The College Board, the organization that oversees Advanced Placement, has announced significant changes to the AP exam ordering process, deadlines, late fees and cancellation fees that will be mandated for all schools and all students in the 2019-2020 school year.

To align with these changes, CUSD200 AP students in 1st semester or yearlong AP Courses will register and pay for their AP Exams in the Fall of 2019. Students enrolled in an AP course 2nd semester will have the opportunity to register for that exam ONLY in the Spring of 2020. At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year we will send out more information in regard to the price for AP exams and the specific registration deadlines.

As a school, we feel it is important that all families are aware of these changes to allow for advanced planning. We understand that these changes may cause concern for students, parents and teachers and appreciate your patience as we work to develop processes to fit the timeline from College Board.

If you have further questions, please contact Matt Schoon (630) 784-7312.

Wheaton North Summer Reading 2019

In implementing a summer reading program, Wheaton North wants to foster an appreciation for reading that extends across all curricula. We believe that life-long learners need to be independent readers who can access and use printed material for their edification and entertainment.

To encourage students to continue reading over the summer, the Wheaton North English Department and the Wheaton North LLC invite students to read great books of their choice all summer! Once school begins again in August, any students who have read over the summer will be invited to a casual lunchtime chat about what they read. Treats and awesome door prizes - including parking passes, Homecoming tickets, and gift cards - will be given to students who attend and participate in this lunchtime book chat.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the English Department Chair, Mrs. Blazier, or the LLC Director, Mrs. Pigoni.

Note: ALL Advanced English courses have required summer reading. These titles are available on the website (www.wbbse.org).

From Falcon WiNGS



The Falcon WiNGS **Officers for 2019-2020:**

President: Tara Schreiner
Vice President: Barb Marquardt
Co-Treasurers: Kathy Garazin & Mindy Bergeron
Communication Secretary: Jennifer Merck

If you'd like to learn more about getting involved, please contact *Tara Schreiner* at president@wnhsboosters.org

Interested in **Corporate Sponsorship of the WiNGS**, including the banners you see on the fence by the Football Field & Track? Contact *Dan Walsh* at sponsorship@wnhsboosters.org

Want a **Wheaton North yard sign** for your student? Please **order on-line** Questions? Please contact *Anne Invergo* at yardsigns@wnhsboosters.org

Want to [join the Falcon WiNGS](#)? Check out our membership options! Just join, to support all students. Choose to purchase a sports pass. Or you can even get parking for home football games! Questions? Please contact *Erin Froebe* at membership@wnhsboosters.org

Looking for [Falconwear for 2019-2020](#)? Here's the schedule for sales below. Questions? Please contact *Anne Wanzenberg* at falconwear@wnhsboosters.org

Aug 12, 6:00-6:30 pm: Incoming Freshman night
Aug 20, 5:30-7:30 pm: Soccer Scrimmage
Aug 22, Time TBD: Fall Sports Parent Meeting
Aug 23, 6:00-8:00 pm: Football Scrimmage & Parent Meeting
Aug 27, 5:00-6:00 pm: Girls Volleyball (home opener)
Sept 4, 7:00-10:00 pm: Curriculum Night

Home Football Games, 5:30 - 8:30 pm: Sept 6, Sept 13, Sept 20 (Homecoming), Oct 11

Thursday Lunches:

Aug 29, Sept 5, Sept 12, Sept 19 (Homecoming & Assembly), Sept 26, Oct 3 (WWSHS), Dec 5

Dec 6, 6:30-8:30 pm - Boys Basketball (home opener)
Dec 7, 9:00am-12:00 pm - Holly Dazzle Sale
Dec 7, 2:00-3:30 pm - Girls Basketball (home opener)
January 22, 7:00-8:00 pm - Incoming Freshman night

Health Office - Physical Exam and Immunization Requirements

Attention FRESHMEN: All incoming 9th graders are required to have a physical exam completed on an Illinois Department of Human Services School Physical form within the year before starting 9th grade. The physical exam is expected to be received in the Health Office by the first day of school, August 21, 2019. **If the required physical exam is not received by September 3, 2019, the student will not be allowed to attend school.**

Attention SENIORS: All students entering 12th grade must submit evidence of having received the Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine on or after their 16th birthday. The report of immunization is expected to be received in the Health Office by the first day of school, August 21, 2019. **If the required proof of immunization is not received by September 3, 2019, the student will not be allowed to attend school.**

From the Athletic Office

Fall Sports Tryouts begin Monday, August 12 - Golf Boys/Girls, Girls Swim, Tennis, Volleyball, and Boys Soccer. Fall non cut sports begin on Monday, August 12 - Cross Country Boys/Girls, Football as well. Check the website for detailed times and information: <https://www.cusd200.org/domain/2159>

Freshmen Football

Incoming Freshman who are interested in playing football, it is not too late to join the team. August practice begins Monday, August 12 at 7:30 am . If you have questions about participation, please contact Coach Drover at joseph.drover@cusd200.org. In order to participate, you must have a current physical on file, be registered for fall football, and have completed an IHSA consent form.

Dates to Save

Monday, August 12: Schedule and Textbook Pick-Up - Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Freshman - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

Monday, August 12: Freshmen and New Parent Night - 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Neibch Gymnasium

Tuesday, August 13: Make-up day for Schedule Pick-up - 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

Wednesday, August 14: Commit to the Falcon - Incoming Freshman - 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 15: Yearbook pick up for the Class of 2019 - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Door #26

Friday, August 16: New Sophomore, Junior, Senior Orientation - 8:30 am - 10:00 am -
Counseling Center

Monday, August 19: Teacher Institute Day - Building is Closed

Tuesday, August 20: Teacher Work Day - Building is Closed

Wednesday, August 21: First Day of School - Classes start at 7:20 am

Monday, August 26: Fall Driver Ed Parent Meeting - 6:00 pm - Taylor Auditorium

Wednesday, August 28: Falcon Time - Classes start at 8:03 am.