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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

WELCOME TO THE HAWKS NEST!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

10/10/2025 - NO SCHOOL

10/10 - 12/2025

- Cross Country @ Jacksonville

10/10/2025 - 1:30pm

- Homecoming Parade

10/10/2025 - 7pm ~ Homecoming

- Varsity Football vs Freeport @ SWHS

10/11/2025

- Cross Country in Jacksonville

10/13 - 15/2025 - 3:15

- Girls Soccer Tryouts

10/14/2025 - Time TBD

- Volleyball Districts @ SWHS

10/15/2025 - 3:30pm

- Men's Golf vs Mosley @ Sharks Tooth

10/16/2025

- Report Cards Distributed

10/16/2025 - TBD

- Volleyball Districts TBD @ SWHS

10/17/2025 - 7pm (Senior Night)

- Varsity Volleyball vs Wakulla @ SWHS

10/18/2025

- Marching MPA @ Tommy Oliver Stadium

10/20/2025 - 3:30pm

- Girls Golf vs Seacoast @ Origins

10/20/2025 - 6pm

- Boys Soccer Parent Meeting
@ SWHS Media Center

10/21/2025 - 5pm

- School Board Meeting

10/22/2025

- PSAT & SAT School Day

Welcome to South Walton!



Weekly Reminders

- 10/10/2025 - **NO SCHOOL**
- 10/10/2025 - **HOMECOMING**
- 10/16/2025 - **Report Cards Distributed**
- **Absences:** To report your student's absence, please email attendance.swhs@walton.k12.fl.us
- School begins at 7:45am and ends at 2:50pm. Students will not be permitted to enter the building before 7:30am.
- Parent pick-ups are not permitted after 2:30pm.
- Please make sure your student is adhering to the dress code laid out in the student handbook. The SWHS dress code will be strictly enforced.
- Parking at the Coastal Library for pick up or drop off is **NOT** permitted.

2025

BOYS SOCCER TRYOUTS

PROVE YOUR SKILLS - EARN YOUR SPOT - LEAVE YOUR LEGACY



3:15PM- 5:00PM | OCTOBER 13TH THRU 16TH
AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FIELDS

PLAYERS MUST BRING A PLAIN WHITE SHIRT, CLEATS & SHIN GUARDS

SOUTH WALTON GIRLS SOCCER TRYOUTS



Monday, October 13 -
Wednesday, October 15, 2025
3:15pm - 5:00pm
South Walton Practice Fields



Juniors
and Seniors
interested in being
on the prom committee, see
Ms. B. Erwin in room 403.

BOO MY YARD



FUNDRAISER

South Walton High School cheer
PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT COMPETITION TRAVEL

\$25



**Order by
10-25-25**

SURPRISE YOUR KIDDOS WITH A HALLOWEEN HUNT

20 "seeds" aka Halloween eggs will be scattered throughout your yard
 We'll ring your doorbell and run...don't miss out on this spooky fun!!!

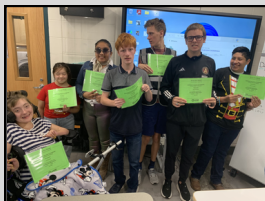
**DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME
 THE NIGHT BEFORE HALLOWEEN**

This Week in Pictures

HOCO Pep Rally



Your SWHS cheerleaders, dance team, color guard and band performed. Students brought their spirit and Seniors won the Spirit Stick for this Pep Rally.



Thank you to Ms. Baur's 3rd period CNA class for assisting Ms. LeBlanc's ACCESS students in completing the "ACS Stop the Bleed Course". Students received a certificate for successful completion!



Your SWHS 2025 Homecoming Court

9th Grade

Melody Chavous
Delany Perk
Baxter Briggs

11th Grade

Chloe Davis
Madison Shubert
Darnell Johnson
Boston Blick

10th Grade

Cameron Martin
Violet Torrey
Reed McDowell

12th Grade

Allegra Castle
Bayleigh Miller
Adyson Nelson
Jordyn Swift
Anthony Aresco
George Coleman
Madden Jackson
Hudson Quinn

Super Seahawks 1st Nine Weeks Congratulations!



Pictured left to right

Coleman Borthwick - Senior
Caden Barnhart - Junior
Peyton Joyce - Sophomore
Lily Runnels - Sophomore
Parker Rooney - Freshman
Ellory Lord - Freshman
Alina Hinojosa - Junior
Mrs. Devon LaMonica - Staff Member
Not Pictured: Ella Driggers - Senior
Not Pictured: Melissa D'Amico - Teacher

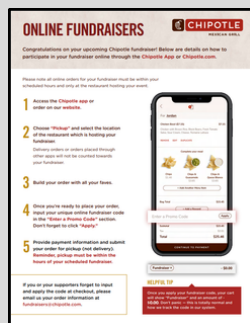
Even your SWHS teachers and staff
participate in dress up days!



Lady Seahawks Basketball Fundraiser

Help support your Lady Seahawks and enjoy a delicious dinner at the same time.

Join us at Chipotle, or get it to go, on Sunday, October 12, at the Pier Park location, and 25% of your order will go to support the Lady Seahawks. See you there!



Weekly Bell Schedule

Monday - Regular Schedule

Tuesday - Regular Schedule

Wednesday - Regular Schedule

Thursday - Regular Schedule

Friday - Regular Schedule



NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

"TASTE THE WORLD! YOUR SCHOOL LUNCH PASSPORT!"

LUNCH MENU

Monday (Asia): Filipino Chicken Adobo, General Tso Chicken, Veggies, Ginger Smashed Cucumber Salad, Woodles, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Tuesday (Hungary & India): Beef Goulash, Butter Chicken, Green Peas, Hungarian Sauteed Potatoes, Honey Donuts, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Wednesday (Italy): Pizza, Chicken Alfredo, Lemon Pepper Broccoli, Italian Veggies, Pasta Salad, 100% Fruit Juice, Fresh Fruit, or Chilled Fruit, Choice of Milk

Thursday (Mexico): Crispy Beef Burrito, Beef Crunchy Taco, Refried Beans, Steamed Corn, Churros, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, or Fruit Juice, Choice of Milk

Friday (America): Cheeseburger, Hotdog, French Fries, Seasoned Green Beans, Cookie, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice

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Club Information

Oct. 13 - Oct. 17, 2025

Monday.

Garden Club

HOSA

Academic Team

Best Buddies

Tuesday.

Color Guard

Speech/Debate

Creative Photography

Wednesday.

Anchor Club

Spirit Club

FPSC

Garden Club

Magazine Club

ESports

Thursday.

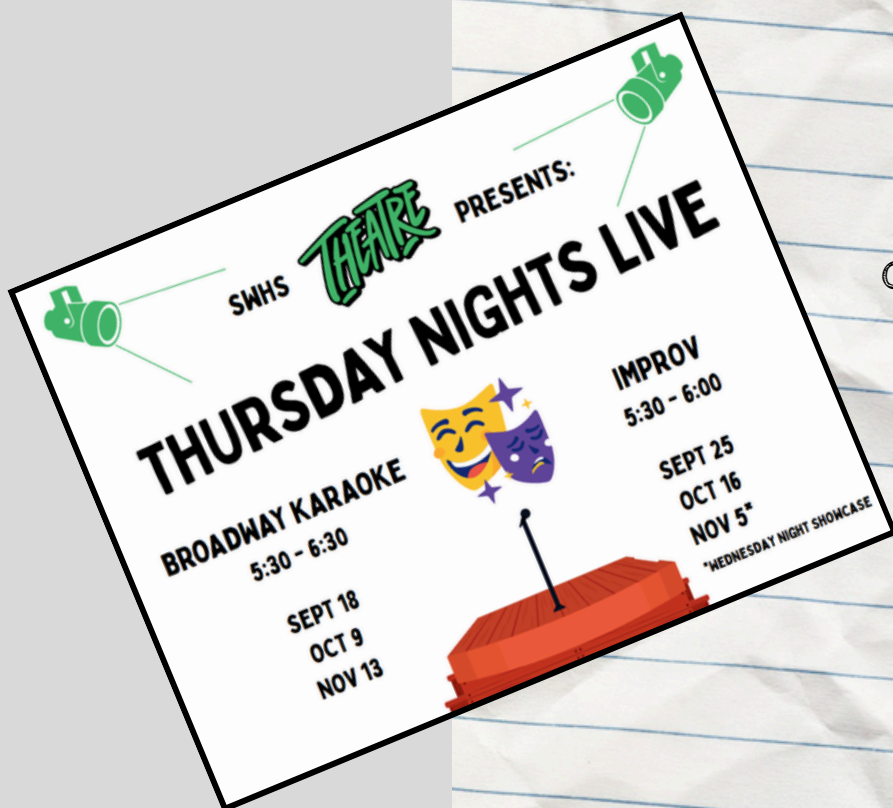
Color Guard

Mock Trial

National Art Honor Society

Friday.

FCA



SEAHAWKS AVE. SPONSORSHIP BANNER

SUPPORT SOUTH WALTON BY SHOWCASING YOUR LEGACY
We're proud to offer students, families, alumni, community members and local businesses a unique opportunity to sponsor a custom Seahawks Avenue Banner displayed on campus street lights throughout the 2025-2026 school year!

These banners will serve as a bold display of community support and Seahawk pride—visible to thousands of students, families, athletes, and visitors all year long.

Limited space available!
Link to order form!
<https://forms.office.com/r/sJFWb6UbP>

Please Email:
mathew.mccown@walton.k12.fl.us with questions



Support Our Seahawks: Sponsor a Custom Banner on Seahawks Avenue!
We're proud to offer students, families, alumni, local businesses, and community members a unique opportunity to sponsor a custom Seahawks Avenue Banner, prominently displayed on campus street lights throughout the 2025-2026 school year.

Your sponsorship contribution of \$1,000 directly supports the South Walton Athletic Department, with all proceeds funding initiatives that benefit every Seahawk student-athlete.

Contributions will be used to:

- Enhance athletic facilities across campus
- Provide essential resources and equipment for all sports programs
- Support student-athlete health, performance, and development

This is more than a banner—it's a visible symbol of your commitment to our student-athletes and the future of South Walton Athletics. Join us in building a stronger, healthier, and more competitive athletic community.

Seahawks Avenue Banner Sponsorship – Key Details

- 📍 Location: Banners will be displayed on Seahawks Avenue, the road off of J.D. Miller near South Walton High School.
- 📅 Display Duration: Entire 2025-2026 school year
- 💰 Cost: \$1,000 per banner
- 📄 Order Requirement: Must fill out an official order form to reserve your banner
- 🎯 Eligibility: Open to students, families, alumni, local businesses, and community members
- 🏆 Purpose: All proceeds benefit the South Walton Athletic Department
- ✉️ Contact: For questions, email mathew.mccown@walton.k12.fl.us

Make Sure You Have a Seat



2025 South Walton TD Club Reserved Seating – NOW AVAILABLE! 🎉

The reserved seats for the 2025 South Walton TD Club are officially open and ready for purchase – but TODAY is the LAST DAY before seats open to the general public!

🚨 Don't forget to buy now to secure your spot before they're gone!

<https://southwaltontdclubtickets.replit.app>

Important Information:

• Reserved Seating does NOT include admission to the game. Tickets must be purchased separately on GoFan.

• However, 2025 TD Club members and sponsors will receive free entry through the gate.

✅ Check your spam/junk mail for email verification and confirmation of your seat reservation.

✅ Your email receipt serves as your proof of purchase and reservation.

💎 Game tickets are available for purchase on GoFan – don't wait!

Helpful Reminders:

🗨️ Let's pack the stands! When selecting your seats, please avoid leaving empty single seats between groups.

👥 Booking with friends? We encourage one person to reserve for the entire group to ensure you're all seated together.

! All sales are final – no refunds.



SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

Sporting Events

Prohibited Items:	Procedures:
Weapons	Clear Bags Only
Pets	Field Access by Badge Only
Outside Food or Drink	

NO FAN FIELD ACCESS POST GAME
Contact Admin for Commercial Use field Access
SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE EXPECTATION
Unsportsmanlike conduct will lead to dismissal

HOME GAME

FRIDAY AUGUST 15TH 2025 | DOORS OPEN AT 7PM

TICKETS GO FAN

SOUTH WALTON VS. MOSLEY





FAST Testing **Explanation and** **Resources**

All Florida students take a state required progress monitoring test three times a year. For short, our district calls these assessments PM1 (Progress Monitoring 1), PM2, and PM3, or FAST, Florida Assessment of Student Thinking. All 9th & 10th students took FAST in reading during the first two weeks of school. Students will take the tests again in December and in May. These tests focus on the current grade level students are in. For example, if your child is in ninth grade, PM1 in August measures what they already know about 9th grade standards. Many times we might see a student score low at a Level 1, but after weeks and months of teaching, these scores quickly go up in December and May. The tests are graded Level 1 to Level 5. Level 3 is passing, and Level 4 is considered mastery of grade level standards. In 10th grade a Level 3 on PM3 is required to meet the state graduation reading testing requirement.

The two websites below provide great resources for parents about our FAST assessments. The first site is a list of resources, including a fact sheet and also information about computer adaptive testing, which FAST is. The second site provides released tests so parents and teachers can see what the actual tests look and feel like. Please take advantage of these resources.

<https://www.fl DOE.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>

<https://flfast.org/resource-list/en/test-release-support-document>

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NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE
FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

OCT - NOV 2025

View information about the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at the following link:
www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SAPFMAIN/SAPFMAIN

The Bright Futures Student Handbook is divided into three chapters covering a variety of topics.

CHAPTER 1: INITIAL ELIGIBILITY, INCLUDES:

- Requirements for Scholarship Types (FAS, FMS, GSC, and GSV); and
- Non-Traditional Students (Home-Education, Personalized Education Program, GED, Out-of-State, and Mid-Year).

CHAPTER 2: SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION, INCLUDES:

- Length of the Scholarship Award;
- Award Amounts; and
- Transferring the Award between institutions.

CHAPTER 3: RENEWAL ELIGIBILITY, INCLUDES:

- Renewal Requirements; and
- Reinstatement/Restoration Requirements.

Bright Futures Florida Medallion Scholarship (BFFMS) students enrolled in an associate degree program at a Florida College System (FCS) institution receive 100 percent of tuition and specific fees. Upon completing an associate degree, a student may use his or her award to pursue a baccalaureate degree and receive 75 percent of tuition and specific fees.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 2026-27 Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA): We encourage all high school seniors to submit an application, even if you do not plan to attend a Florida university, college, or technical center or attend immediately after graduation. The state application will open on October 1, 2025. Read the fact sheets for program deadlines found here: <https://www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/PDF/StudentHandbookChapter3.pdf>
- 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): The anticipated opening date for the federal application is October 1, 2025. Create your FSA ID and Password here: <https://studentaid.gov/fafsa-id/create-account/fafsa?continue-to-fafsa>
- National College Fairs: <https://www.nacacnet.org/nacac-college-fairs>

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS:

Many scholarship committees are looking for students who have the ability to communicate effectively in writing. Essays are an excellent way for scholarship judges to choose the most qualified candidates. Tips for writing the essay include:

- **Give yourself time** - Quality essays take time;
- **Follow directions** - Word count and font size may be eligibility requirements;
- **Focusing on the topic** - Answer the question that is being asked;
- **Proofreading and editing your work** - Be clear, concise, and correct any errors; and
- **Get feedback** - Ask family or counselors to read your essay and provide feedback.

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HONESTY
Parent Resource

GRADES 9-12

What is honesty?
Honesty means telling the truth.

As your child gets older, honesty will continue to be a valuable characteristic. It is important for your child to learn how to be honest and to communicate in a respectful, kind and truthful manner.

In grades nine through twelve, children begin or continue:

- ✓ Demonstrating effective and respectful communication skills and strategies.
- ✓ Modeling honesty in responsible decision-making.
- ✓ Navigating leadership and career opportunities.

Below are some ways you can help your child learn, practice and demonstrate honesty:

TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE
Talk about the importance of honesty when working as part of a group at school or in the workplace. Showing up on time, meeting deadlines and being honest when a mistake has happened contribute to accomplishing the group's goal.

DISCUSS INTEGRITY
Discuss the importance of showing integrity. Describe how dishonesty can affect your child's future goals or create challenges and setbacks. In contrast, highlight how being honest and showing integrity can positively impact your child's goals such as his or her career or educational opportunities.

TOPICS TO CONSIDER DISCUSSING WITH YOUR CHILD:

- Demonstrate effective and respectful communication to combine honesty with kindness.
- Analyze how actions and reactions can influence one to respond in different situations and how this can make it challenging to practice honesty.

DINNER TABLE CONVERSATION STARTER
Discuss with your child potential future career options. Talk through how honesty is valued in the workplace. Why is it important to be honest in his or her chosen career path?

BY ENCOURAGING YOUR CHILD TO BE HONEST, YOU CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE HONESTY IS PRACTICED, EXPECTED AND APPRECIATED.

RESILIENCY FLORIDA

EARLY ACTION DEADLINES

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SAT Test Dates August 2025 – June 2026

(These test dates and deadlines apply to all students, US and International, taking the SAT)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 23, 2025	August 8, 2025	August 12, 2025
September 13, 2025	August 29, 2025	September 2, 2025
October 4, 2025	September 19, 2025	September 23, 2025
November 8, 2025	October 24, 2025	October 28, 2025
December 6, 2025	November 21, 2025	November 25, 2025
March 14, 2026	February 27, 2026	March 3, 2026
May 2, 2026	April 17, 2026	April 21, 2026
June 6, 2026	May 22, 2026	May 26, 2026

2025 – 2026 ACT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 6, 2025	August 1	August 19
October 18, 2025	September 12	September 30
December 13, 2025	November 7	November 24
February 14, 2026	January 9	January 23
April 11, 2026	March 6	March 24
June 13, 2026	May 8	May 29
July 15, 2026	June 5	June 24

Test Dates	2025 - 2026 ACT Workshop Schedule	Times	Where Test Dates
September 6th ACT	#1 Gulf Breeze Saturday, Aug. 16 Sunday, August 17 Saturday, Aug. 30 Sunday, August 31	9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00 9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00	Monday, August 4th
October 27th ACT	#2 Gulf Breeze Saturday, October 4 Sunday, October 5 Saturday, October 11 Sunday, October 12	9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00 9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00	Monday, September 22nd
December 13th ACT	#3 Gulf Breeze Saturday, November 15 Sunday, November 16 Saturday, December 6 Sunday, December 7	9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00 9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00	Wednesday, November 5th
February 14th ACT	#4 Gulf Breeze Saturday, January 31 Sunday, February 1 Saturday, February 7 Sunday, February 8	9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00 9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00	Friday, January 16th
April 11th ACT	#5 Gulf Breeze Saturday, March 28 Sunday, March 29 Friday, April 3 Saturday, April 4	9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00 9:00 to 12:00 1:00 to 4:00	Thursday, March 12th (Lunch from 12 to 1:00 which I will provide)
June 13th ACT	#6 Gulf Breeze Tuesday, June 2 Wednesday, June 3 Tuesday, June 9 Wednesday, June 10	9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00	Thursday, May 14th
July 15th ACT	#7 Gulf Breeze Monday, July 6 Tuesday, July 7 Wednesday, July 8 Thursday, July 9	9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00 9:00 to 12:00	Friday, June 19th

Help take the confusion
out of the college
planning process

sallie mae

Welcome back!

A new school year means a new journey for students. For many seniors, that includes planning for college—and making a plan to pay for it. Let's start them out on the right foot with the following free college planning and paying resources, available for you to download immediately:

- [Applying to college checklist](#)
- [1-2-3 approach to paying for college](#)
- [Scholly® Scholarships by Sallie](#)
- [Filing the FAFSA®](#)
- [Decoding financial aid offers](#)
- [Comparing financial aid offers](#)
- [Help your student pay for school \(comparing Parent PLUS Loans and private student loans\)](#)

Also, it's never too early to start thinking about scholarships! A scholarship that's quick and easy to apply for is Sallie's \$2,000 No Essay Scholarship. It takes less than two minutes to enter, and no essay is required. Better yet, we give a scholarship out monthly, so students can enter every month!

IvyPanda's Video Contest Scholarship

\$1,500 Annual Video Contest Scholarship for Students

Eligibility: Current high school, college, or university students from any country

Awards: The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The runner-up prize is \$500

Deadline: October 31, 2025

Link: <https://ivypanada.com/scholarship-video>

Vocational, Technical & Trade School Scholarships

Discover trade school scholarships that suit your career goals and apply for awards specific to your trade school or vocational school, today!

Fastweb: Oct. 2



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Join Parents with Purpose and help support your SWHS Staff throughout the year!



Parents with PURPOSE
SOUTH WALTON HIGH SCHOOL

We exist to recognize our most valued asset — our amazing staff who support our Seahawks daily. Your support helps us celebrate and encourage our faculty and staff, while also funding student-driven projects that enhance their classrooms and strengthen student-teacher collaboration. SWHS Faculty & Staff Goal for the School Year - \$13,500

Where will your time and/or money go?

- 5 Teacher Luncheons Per Year for our Faculty and Staff of 100
- Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week
- Funding student-led classroom support initiatives
- Knowing who to call when teachers need help in their classrooms

PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECEIVE OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTE IF YOU CAN!

RETURN THIS FORM or SIGN UP ONLINE

NAME _____

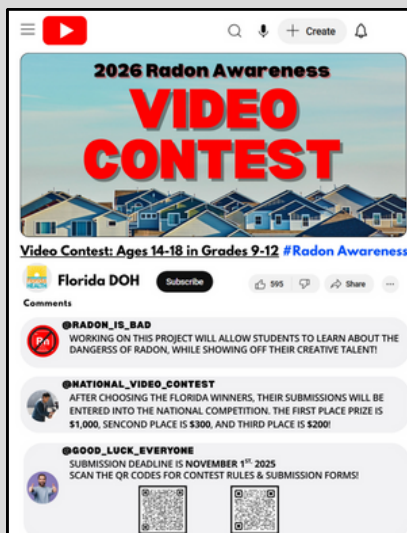
EMAIL _____

VOLUNTEER TO:

☐ **GIVE TIME:** Contribute to coordinated teacher luncheons and events via signup & volunteer in the school

☐ **GIVE MONEY:** Contribute funds to purchase food and supplies through local vendors

CASH OR CHECK CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE ATTACHED TO THIS PAPER AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL OR VENMO @SWHSPWP

Say "Hello" to Rooms

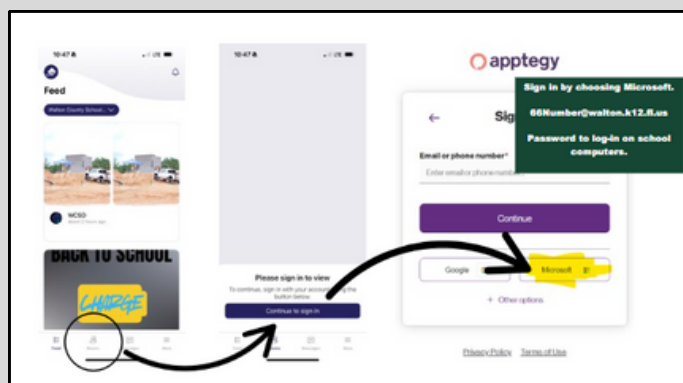
Rooms is the new district-approved communication platform. Rooms offers secure, two-way messaging between families and their child's school. Teachers can send broadcasts, announcements, and messages to parents, guardians, and students.






Get Important Updates & Info

Make sure to download the Rooms app to receive important information and updates from SWHS! Please see the directions below.



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Volunteer Opportunities for SWHS Students



2025 Flutterby Arts Festival
SU sign up.com



Flutterby - Sunday, Nov. 9, 2025

Join us on Saturday, November 9th from 10am - 4pm as the beloved Flutterby Festival returns to Watersound Town Center!

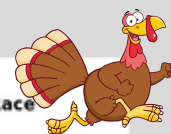
We're looking for 89 volunteers throughout the day to help with tasks like load-in/load-out, hanging student artwork, selling merchandise, and running fun event activities such as our Imagination Art Tent.

This is a great opportunity for students and local teams who need to fulfill volunteer requirements - we can even help coordinate special group volunteer projects. If you know any local teams or students who might be interested, please send them our way!

30A 10k Thanksgiving Day Races November 26 - 27, 2025



2025 30A 10k- Thanksgiving Day Race
SU sign up.com



The 30A 10k Thanksgiving Day Race Series is a 501c3 non-profit organization, whose purpose is to serve the community by producing a world-class 10k and related events that raise money to benefit local charities, while promoting health and fitness. To date, the series has raised more than \$870,000 for our charity partners to help local families and children in need. The Thanksgiving Day Race Series offers two days of fun and has become a family tradition! With 10k, 5k and 1 mile run/walk, there is a race distance for every ability.

We're looking for about 45 volunteers to help cover our assigned shifts-and our funding from this event depends on both filling those spots and having volunteer show up on race day.

This is a fun, family-friendly way to spend Thanksgiving morning! Tasks include selling merch, helping set up the race course, and handing out water along the route. We had such a great time last year, and we'd love to have you join us again!

If you'll be in town this Thanksgiving, please consider signing up!



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YOUR SEAHAWKS ARE RANKED IN THE TOP 10
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FLORIDA AND AN A+ SCHOOL FOR 12
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