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Dear WOHS Families,

We are quickly approaching the start of a new school year! For new and returning families, let me extend to you our thanks for trusting us to work with you for the 2016-17 school year. Although high school is the last four years of the K-12 journey, I think we can agree that there is nothing more important than providing a safe and supportive environment to work and learn. As the new principal, my effort is to be a supportive member of the White Oak family and build upon the foundation of excellence in academics, the arts and athletics set by our prior leaders. You will find a talented and dedicated team of teachers ready to facilitate learning and engage our students in order to prepare them for the challenges of postsecondary education and meaningful careers.

As we prepare for a new year, I would like to share some important information and dates:

- With this letter, **student schedules** for 10th, 11th and 12th graders are being mailed home by **Friday, August 5th**. Our counseling office has set the following schedule change dates to address errors, balance/course load problems and graduation requirement issues:
 - **Tuesday, August 16th** - Senior schedule changes, 8 am to 11 am & 1 pm to 3pm
 - **Wednesday, August 17th** - Juniors schedule changes, 8 am to 11 am & 1 pm to 3pm
 - **Thursday, August 18th** - Sophomore schedule changes, 8 am to 11 am
 - **Thursday, August 18th** - Freshmen schedule changes, 1 pm to 3 pm
- **Freshman Orientation** will be held on **Monday, August 15th** and **Tuesday, August 16th**. Students will learn about accessing grades, academies, dress code, discipline policies, academic program, athletics, activities and clubs. Freshman will attend one of two sessions based on last name.
 - **Monday, August 15th** - Freshman with last names A – K, 8 am to 12 pm
 - **Tuesday, August 16th** - Freshman with last names L – Z, 8 am to 12 pm
- Our **Open House** will be held on **Thursday, August 25th** from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. This time has been coordinated with the other schools in the White Oak district in order to allow families to attend Open House at the elementary school, middle school and high school. We ask that attendees report to the gym to collect schedules and begin moving through the schedule in 10 to 15 minute intervals. You will meet the teachers, learn about expectations for the school year, pay fees, get supply lists, and find out about opportunities for involvement during the 2016-17 school year.
- The second **Varsity Home Football** game is on **Friday, August 26th** at 7:00 pm. Come out and support the Vikings as they battle a local rival, the Monarchs of Northside High School. Check the web calendar for more early games and events. Go Vikes!
- The **first day of school** for students is **Monday, August 29th**. The initial bell will ring at 7:00 am. A warning (move to class) bell will ring at 7:09 am. Student should be seated in class by 7:15 am.

DRESS CODE

White Oak High School will continue the “Knees and Sleeves” dress code for the 2016-17 school year. Shorts, skirts, and dresses must fall no shorter than the top of the knees for students and all shirts,

blouses, and dresses must have a sleeve that goes all the way around, under the student's arm pit. Some other provisions of the dress code include prohibitions on sagging, hats/sunglasses on in the building, tight fitting materials/clothes, bedroom slippers/attire, blankets and any clothing, style or representation of gang affiliation. Check the dress code guidelines online for more information.

FEES

Fees should be paid during the first two weeks of each semester during the student's Advisory period. Parents may write one check payable to White Oak High School for all required fees for each semester. Fees include those assessed for all classes, programs, and county required instructional fees. Students **MUST** have all owed fees paid to obtain a parking permit, receive a driver eligibility form, and participate in athletics, prom, graduation exercises and other extracurricular events.

Agriculture	\$5.00	Instructional Supply (required)	\$5.00
Art	\$7.00	Health Occupations	\$5.00
Instrumental Music	\$10.00	Family and Consumer Science	\$5.00
Vocal Music	\$5.00	Science Lab	\$5.00
Computer Courses	\$15.00	Trades & Industry	\$5.00
Locker (optional)	\$2.00	Parking Space	\$25.00
Masonry	\$5.00	Replacement Parking Tag	\$5.00
Laptop (Insurance)	\$25.00	PLTW	\$15.00

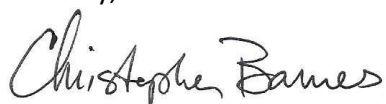
PARKING PASSES

Parking pass eligibility is determined by presenting the following information to the office: signed and dated WOHS Campus Parking paperwork, a valid NC Driver's license, a valid vehicle registration form in the student's name or the name of a parent or guardian (or another person that has presented a notarized letter giving the student permission to drive the vehicle) and the payment of other school fees and cafeteria account balances. The cost of a parking pass is \$25.00. Passes will be available on the designated schedule change days (Seniors- 8/16/16, Juniors- 8/17/16 and Sophomores- 8/18/16).

FINAL THOUGHTS

The White Oak faculty is very excited about 2016-17. I am honored to be a White Oak Viking and will remain open to questions and feedback throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns as we get ready for the school year, please do not hesitate to give us a call at the school. Have a safe and relaxing rest of your summer, and we will see you at **Open House on Thursday, August 25th**!

Sincerely,



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