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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 2017-18 school year. It is our collective effort to build upon White Oak High School's foundation of excellence in academics, the arts and athletics. 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** are being mailed home (*by Aug. 10, 2017*). Counselors have worked to create student schedules based on course requests and graduation requirements. With the work that has taken place prior to sending schedules, there is no need for a set face-to-face schedule change date. A digital link has been established in order to report schedule change requests. In order to maximize your time as well as ensuring accuracy, the schedule change request form **MUST** be utilized for a schedule change to be considered. The form should **ONLY** be completed if the schedule has the following issues:
 1. missing a class for graduation *or*
 2. enrolled in a class for which you already have credit *or*
 3. enrolled in a class for which you have not met the prerequisite requirements

Access the request form through the following link:

<http://whiteoak.nc.och.schoolinsites.com/ScheduleChange>

Due to the master schedule, course request conflicts, and enrollment limitations, there is no guarantee that the requests will be accommodated. Please note that changing courses may result in the use of alternate courses and could alter your entire schedule. You will be contacted VIA EMAIL if a change is made to your schedule. Please be sure to provide the most accurate information on the form.

- **Open House** will be held on **Thursday, August 24th** from **11:00 am to 1:30 pm** or **4:30 pm to 6:30 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. Open House items to note:
 - The format of the Open House is floating. You may attend within the set hours. Marshals and Service Leaders will help you find your way about the campus.
 - In order to maximize your time meeting teachers, please bring your copy of the schedule. There will be a station in the gym with backup copies or changed copies of student schedules for those who are in need.
 - You will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and learn about expectations for the new school year.
 - Fees will not be collected during Open House.
 - Student leaders will be available in the gym to share opportunities for club and organization involvement for 2017-18.
- The **first day of school** for students is **Monday, August 28th**. A warning (move to class) bell will ring at 7:09 am. Student should be seated by 7:15 am. For the first few days of school, students should first report to Academic Advisory.

DRESS CODE

The "Knees and Sleeves" dress code seeks to promote attire that prepares the Career and College seeking student with "Professional Modesty." Shorts, skirts, and dresses must approach 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, exposure of undergarments, 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 15 days of each semester during the student's Advisory period and classes. The laptop fee (\$25) and instructional supply fee (\$5) are paid for the entire year (\$30 total) to the AA teacher. All other fees are based on the semester/courses. Teachers of courses requiring a fee (art, CTE, science, music, etc.) will collect their fees individually. If there is a hardship that requires a single payment, it will need to be made in the main office. Students MUST have all fees paid to continue to have a parking permit, receive a driver's eligibility form, and participate in athletics, prom, graduation exercises and other extracurricular events.

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

PARKING PASSES

Parking pass eligibility is determined by presenting a 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 fees. The cost is \$25.00. Passes will be sold on **Aug. 21 and 22, 2017** (8am – 11am; 1pm – 4pm) in the main office.

FINAL THOUGHTS

The White Oak faculty is very excited about 2017-18. If you have any questions or concerns as we get ready for the school year, please do not hesitate to give us a call. Enjoy the final days of summer and we will see you at **Open House on Thursday, August 24th!**

Sincerely,



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