

#### **Principal's Message**

August 2018

#### Woodgrove High School

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Welcome to Woodgrove High School, Home of the Wolverines! This will be our ninth year serving western Loudoun County! We are looking forward to seeing the students and all the other members of the Woodgrove family back together again on August 23, the first day of school. Our enrollment for the first day is projected to be approximately1586 students.

Many thanks to our students Colin Hoffer, Maryam Khan, Theo Kostal, and Lauren Sheehan, PTSO President, Dana Carmichael, former PTSO President, Adrienne Lyne, for welcoming staff back on August 15. In addition, many thanks to Woodgrove parent and Round Hill Mayor, Scott Ramsey, for also joining us with welcoming remarks as well. All shared wonderfully encouraging- and humorous - comments with staff. As we embark upon this year, we look forward to continuing our work with our local community businesses and towns to establish thriving relationships that will enhance our students' educational opportunities.

In addition, I also want to thank the fifteen local restaurants who helped welcome our teachers back on August 15 by providing them with delicious lunches. We are most grateful for their exceptional efforts to make this an excellent first day back for our staff! Those magnificent restaurants include Andy's Italian Restaurant, Anthony's Italian Restaurant, Hunters Head Tavern, Lovettsville Pizza and Subs, Lowery's Crab Shack, Market Table Bistro, Nery's Pupuseria, The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm, Pen's Oriental Kitchen, Petite Lou, Rasco NY Pizza, Stoney Brook Farm, Tammy's Diner, Thai Verse, and Velocity Wings in Lovettsville.

For these celebratory lunches, staff are placed into cross curricular teams and provided with directions to the restaurants that are not the most direct – we take them through the many back roads that Western Loudoun has so they can see the routes some of our students must take to get to school. This gives teachers a great perspective of just how far away some of our students live. It also provides many other insights such as helping teachers understand that there are still areas within our boundary zone that do not have internet access and the significant impact inclement weather will have on some students when traveling to school. We are again most thankful that so many of our local businesses/restaurants join us in this endeavor.



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Also, a tremendous thank you to students Alina Bhatti, Maryam Khan, Lorallye Partlow, Lauren Rapp, Craig Robertson, Andrew Rishmawi, and Lexi Rovang for leading staff development for our teachers on Thursday, August 16. These students are Facetime (our student-staff advisory) leaders and they led interactive sessions throughout the day informing staff of the goals and objectives for FACEtime for the upcoming year. It was an outstanding session!



L-R – Lorallye, Partlow, Craig Robertson, Maryam Khan, Alina Bhatti, Andrew Rishmawi, and Lauren Rapp

(The soda can says "Leader" ③)

This year we will continue sending out an on-line monthly newsletter from the school, which will be accessible on our school website. The purpose of this newsletter is to share information about Woodgrove which will include the activities at the school, upcoming events, and important dates. We also will be highlighting our students' successes as we move through the year. In addition, organizations supporting the school, such as the Parent, Teacher, Student Organization (PTSO), the Woodgrove Music and Arts Association (WMAA) and the Woodgrove Wolverine Athletic Booster Club (WWABC) may also have information included in this newsletter. If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you, please contact Ms. Teri Hoover at 540 751 2600. Below is a direct link to our Parent organizations - the PTSO, WMAA and WWABC on our website:

http://www.lcps.org/domain/5115



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**Rusty Lowery** Athletic Director Inside this newsletter, you will find school information which will assist you and your son or daughter in preparing for school. The 2018-2019 school calendar, bell schedule, the Loudoun County dress code, and other school information articles can be found within. Also, please be sure to discuss with your son/daughter the safest route to the bus and proper behavior. Students must conduct themselves appropriately to and from school and at the bus stops. If you have any questions, please call the school. Likewise, for students who are driving to school, please discuss the safest route to school. Students who are driving to school must also purchase a parking permit – these may be purchased in the main office.

In preparation for the year, our open house will be Tuesday, August 21. We are inviting all students and parents/guardians to Woodgrove for this open house. Rising freshman should plan on attending from  $1:00\ PM-2:00\ PM$ , and sophomores, juniors, and seniors should plan to attend from  $2:00\ PM-3:00\ PM$ . Please note that student schedules will be available on StudentVue beginning on Monday, August 20, at  $3\ PM$ .

The first day of school, Thursday, August 23, will be an "A" day, with blocks 1-4 meeting. All students must report to their assigned homeroom. The second day of school will be a "B" day, with blocks 5-8 meeting. School will begin at 9:10 AM and end at 3:58 PM. Dentime will meet on Wednesdays and FACEtime will meet on Thursdays. During Dentime students will have the opportunity to meet with their teachers and on specifically designated days, clubs also will meet during that time on Wednesdays. This year we also are including study hall blocks for students. During their study hall block, students will be able to work on assignments, receive help, or make up any missed quizzes or tests. Our lunch shifts will be held during 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> blocks. We will continue to follow the alternating day A/B schedule – this is a set schedule for the year and all days have already been designated on our school calendar. Since each block is eighty-eight minutes, attendance is critical. If your son or daughter must be absent, please notify the school. Here is the link to our school calendar: <a href="https://www.lcps.org/Page/37534#calendar65838/20181017/month">https://www.lcps.org/Page/37534#calendar65838/20181017/month</a>

A copy of the 2018-2019 bell schedule is included in this newsletter.

We will host our annual Kickoff Celebration on the grass parking lot beginning at 4:30 PM on Friday, September 14. This celebration will culminate with our award winning Woodgrove Wolverine Band leading us to the stadium for our first home football game against the Huskies of Tuscarora High School at 7 PM.



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This year, parents and guardians will continue to have access to their son or daughter's grades through ParentVue. If you have any questions regarding ParentVue, please contact our counseling department at 540 751 2607.

We have had a number of staffing changes for the upcoming year, and we have welcomed new staff to our team. We have included a listing of all new staff and their positions in this newsletter.

I certainly hope you find this information useful. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school at 540 751 2600. You also may visit our website. Please continue to be involved with our school – our Back to School Night is on Thursday, August 30, beginning at 7 PM. There will be a meeting for parents of seniors beginning at 6 PM in the auditorium regarding the college application process. In addition, the next PTSO meeting for this year will be Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 PM. Please mark those dates on your calendar and we hope you will be able to attend.

Once again, welcome to Woodgrove - we are looking forward to a spectacular 2018-2019 school year!

William S. Shipp Principal Welcome Wolverine Parents, Staff and Students!

On behalf of the PTSO, I would like to warmly welcome all new and returning families to Woodgrove High School. My name is Dana Carmichael, and I am happy to be your PTSO President this year. Like some of you, I am new to Woodgrove with a daughter in the Class of 2022. I am looking forward to a fantastic year and getting involved in high school life.

The PTSO supports the entire school in numerous ways. We hope that you will join the PTSO! Membership doesn't require attending meetings or selling products! Great news, right? Plus, with membership, comes the knowledge that you are helping to:

- Support clubs and organizations
- Provide the welcome-back breakfast for teachers
- Offset the costs of local, regional and state competitions and conferences
- Support our Senior class
- Support our amazing teachers and staff
- Provide college academic scholarships
- Provide volunteers for school-related events and activities
- Support the Parent Liaison to assist students in need
- Fund teacher requests for equipment, curriculum, online instructional programs and support materials

Wouldn't you like to be part of an organization that does all of that and more? Having been to several PTSO meetings last year, I saw first-hand several student organizations and teachers asking the PTSO for funding. The PTSO would love to give out even more grants to student organizations and teachers so that they can continue to do fantastic things at Woodgrove.

We would love to have YOUR enthusiasm, YOUR ideas, YOUR help and YOUR membership! To do all that we do, we need YOU! The PTSO raises funds through membership dues, donations, school reward programs, volunteer work, Kaplan ACT/SAT test registrations, and other fundraisers throughout the school year.

In addition, we strive to keep parents informed of all school activities by publishing the Woodgrove Weekly e-Newsletter, and through the PTSO website, the PTSO Facebook page and Twitter feed. No matter your situation, everyone in the WHS community can make a positive difference in our school. We are looking forward to meeting you and working with you, so please join us today. Every person counts! Every moment matters!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas, comments or concerns. I am proud to be part of the Woodgrove High School community! It's going to be a wonderful year!

Dana Carmichael, WHS PTSO President WoodgrovePTSOPresident@gmail.com

#### Woodgrove High School Mission Statement

The mission of Woodgrove High School is to enable all members of the school community to think critically and act responsibly, while preparing students for their futures.

#### Beliefs:

- We believe that critical thinking means using knowledge to make informed decisions and to solve problems, both independently and collaboratively.
- We believe that we must be responsible for achieving our own goals, for contributing to society, and for being effective global citizens.
- In order to be successful, we all must work, honor, and strive.

# Woodgrove High School 2018-2019 New Staff

Kate Corrado – Social Studies
Kelly Crandall – English
Paul "Wes" Dick – English
Tyler Dorsey – Health/PE
Kelly Eom – Special Education
Tammy Greer - Math
Dr. Melissa Hartman - Special Education
Kristie Keeler - Business/Marketing
Matthew Maynard – Special Education
Brian Miller – Social Studies
Seneca Sowers – Math
Matthew Talboo – German
Patrick Weaver – Counselor

#### Student Dress Code

All students who attend Loudoun County Public Schools are expected to dress appropriately for a K-12 educational environment. A student's attire should facilitate the participation in learning as well as the health and safety of students. This policy is intended to provide guidance for students, staff and parents.

A. Appropriate Student Attire. Students must wear clothing that is appropriate to a K- 12 educational environment and that does not or is not likely to cause a substantial disruption that includes the following attire:

- 1. Clothing must cover the midriff.
- 2. Tops with straps greater than one inch wide.
- 3. Clothing that covers private areas should be opaque and appropriate undergarments must be worn.
- 4. Clothing that does not reveal undergarments and/or private areas.
- 5. Clothing should be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities where unique hazards exist.
- 6. Clothing that is required in specialized courses, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.
- 7. Clothing that includes head covering if worn for religious purposes, as a matter of safety, medical condition, or in connection with a school-sponsored program, activity, or event.
- 8. Faces should be clearly visible by other students and staff, as a reasonable measure of safety and security.
- 9. Clothing free from language that is profane or images that depict, advertise or advocate illegal, violent or lewd conduct, the unlawful possession or use of weapons, drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances or are discriminatory.
- 10. Clothing and/or head coverings free from gang related or associated symbols, such as words or drawings that could pose a reasonable threat to the health or safety of any other student or staff.

**POLICY: 8270** 

#### Page 2 STUDENT DRESS CODE

#### B. Responsibilities

- 1. Student Responsibility. Students are responsible for complying with the division dress code during school hours and school sponsored activities.
- 2. Staff Responsibility. Staff are responsible for communicating and equitably enforcing the division dress code during school hours and school-sponsored activities.
- 3. Parent Responsibility. Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring student compliance with the division dress code. Parents or guardians of students requiring accommodation for religious beliefs, disabilities, or other good causes should contact the principal or principal's designee.

#### C. Enforcement

- 1. Enforcement of this policy is the responsibility of the school administration.
- 2. Enforcement must be reasonably discreet, equitable, and gender neutral in implementation.
- 3. Enforcement should include options for reasonable remediation of the infraction that demonstrates respect and where possible, minimizes loss of instructional time.
- 4. Enforcement may include disciplinary actions that are consistent with other discipline policies and sufficiently escalatory to encourage compliance.

#### D. Appeals.

In accordance with policy §8-26 parents or guardians may appeal a disciplinary action by notifying the office of the appropriate person to whom the appeal is made.

[Former Policy 8-33] Adopted: 8/11/71

Revised: 6/22/93, 12/13/11, 6/27/17

Current Revision: 8/8/17

Woodgrove High School Bell Schedules 2018-2019 School Year								
Period	Normal Day Monday, Tuesday, and Friday		Activity Day Wednesday and Thursday		Two-Hour Delay Day			
1 51155	Time	Instructional Minutes*	Time	Instructional Minutes*	Time	Minutes*		
1 or 5	9:10 - 10:47	88	9:10 - 10:29	77	11:10 - 12:15	65		
DenTime			10:34 - 11:10	36				
Open Lunch					12:15 - 12:48	33		
2 or 6	10:52 - 12:50	88	11:15 - 1:13	88	12:53 - 1:51	58		
Lunch Shift 1	10:47 - 11:17	30	11:10 - 11:40	30				
Lunch Shift 2	11:18 - 11:48	30	11:41 - 12:11	30				
Lunch Shift 3	11:49 - 12:19	30	12:12 - 12:42	30				
Lunch Shift 4	12:20 - 12:50	30	12:43 - 1:13	30				
3 or 7	12:55 - 2:23	88	1:18 - 2:35	77	1:56 - 2:54	58		
4 or 8	2:28 - 3:58	88	2:40 - 3:58	77	2:59 - 3:58	59		

<sup>\*</sup>Several minutes are added to certain periods to accomodate announcements.



#### 2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR for Students

August 23 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

September 3 Holiday (Labor Day)
October 8 Holiday (Columbus Day)

October 22 Student Holiday (County-wide Staff Development)

November 2 End of First Grading Period

November 5-6 Student Holidays (Planning/Records/Conference Days)

November 21-23 Holiday (Thanksgiving)

December 21-January 1 WINTER BREAK (Classes Resume January 2)

January 17 End of Second Grading Period

January 18 MOVEABLE STUDENT HOLIDAY\*\*

(Planning/Records/Conference Day)

January 21 Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

February 18 Holiday (Presidents' Day)
March 28 End of Third Grading Period

March 29 Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
April 1 Student Holiday (County-wide Staff Development)

April 15-19 SPRING BREAK May 27 Holiday (Memorial Duy)

June 7 Last Day of School for Students/End of Fourth Grading Period

\*\*Parents with childcare or other weekday scheduling concerns – The date of this MOVEABLE Planning/Records/Conference Day between first and second semesters may change, if the school calendar must be changed due to school closings for inclement weather or other emergencies. Parents with childcare or other scheduling concerns should be prepared.

#### 9 Week Grading Period Ending Dates

November 2, 2018 January 17, 2019 March 28, 2019 June 7, 2019

Schedule subject to change based on possible school closing due to inclement weather.

# HELP BUILD ON OUR SUCCESS...JOIN THE

# WOODGROVE HIGH SCHOOL Parent Teacher Student Organization

#### JOIN ONLINE TODAY!! www.lcps.org/Page/69200

### Woodgrove PTSO: How we contribute to our school and Community:

- Award academic scholarships to seniors and CAMPUS program graduates
- Fund teacher requests for equipment, curriculum, online instructional programs and support materials
- Fund extra-curricular club participation in regional competitions
- Sponsor staff appreciation functions
- Support our Parent Liaison to assist students in need and their families
- Provide volunteers for various WHS sponsored events

#### With your support, we will continue to:

- Help fulfill the needs of our WHS learning community by supporting projects not funded by the school budget.
- Recognize, publicize and celebrate our school's successes in all avenues.
- Publish the Woodgrove Weekley newsletter to keep you informed all WHS happenings (please "like" us on Facebook too!)
- Ask for your help and assistance in areas of need our volunteers are very important to our school's success.

#### Dues are only \$25 a family or \$10 for individuals and \$5 for students and faculty.

MEMBERS NAME(S):			JOIN ONLINE
ADDRESS:			TODAY!! www.lcps.org/ Page/69200
CITY:	STATE	ZIP	
EMAIL:	, ALL ADDRESSES WILL REMAI	(REQUIRED FOR WOODGROVI IN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL)	
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	(ADDITIONAL DONATIONS	to WHS front office) are WELCOME and are TAX FREE	



# SUBSCRIBE TO THE WOODGROVE WEEKLY

The Woodgrove Weekly is your best tool for staying informed about everything that takes place within the Woodgrove Community.

The Woodgrove PTSO's weekly newsletter, the Woodgrove Weekly, will keep you up to date about school news and events as well as PTSO activities. The newsletter goes out by email every Monday, and you can sign up in only a minute by putting this address into your web browser:

#### http://tinyurl.com/woodgroveweekly

You do not have to join the PTSO in order to get the newsletter. This is a PTSO service for our whole school community. We will never share your contact information, and you can easily unsubscribe at any time.

The newsletter will come to you from this e-mail address:

WoodgroveHighSchoolPTSO@gmail.com

Remember to add this to your address book or trusted contacts so it doesn't end up in your spam or junk folder.

## **Grocery & Shopping Reward Programs**

Help Woodgrove earn money to supplement the school's educational needs.

Woodgrove High School is registered with <u>Giant's A+ School Rewards Program</u>, <u>Harris Teeter's Together in Education Program</u>, and <u>AmazonSmile</u>. Woodgrove has earned *thousands of dollars* through these free programs, so please enroll or confirm this year's participation today!

The earlier you register, the sooner Woodgrove can start earning credit toward purchasing needed equipment and supplies to benefit our students and teachers. Please follow the directions listed below to sign up online.



#### Giant A+ School Rewards (School ID 09152)

https://giantfood.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/aplus/

Select Register Your Card to sign up or Confirm Your Schools to check which schools you support

#### Harris Teeter Together In Education (School Code 1613)

https://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education

Click Link Your School Today to register or re-link your VIC card





#### **AmazonSmile**

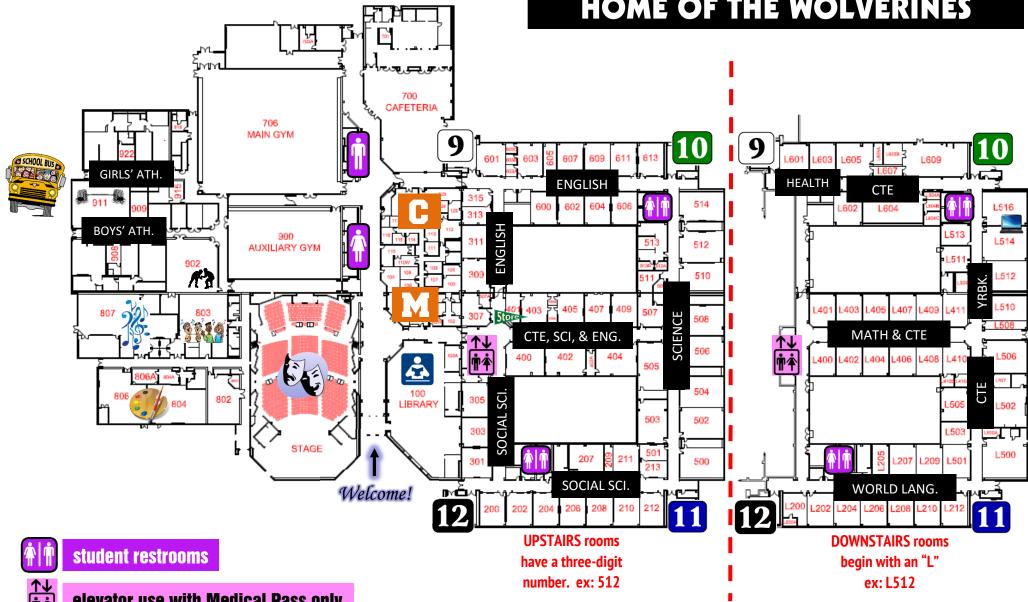
https://smile.amazon.com

Choose *Woodgrove High School PTSO* as your charitable organization. Every eligible purchase you make through <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a> will result in a donation to the PTSO.

Please contact WoodgrovePTSOFundraising@gmail.com with any questions.

# **Moodgrove High School**

#### **HOME OF THE WOLVERINES**





elevator use with Medical Pass only

use any of the four stairwells



to access the other floor

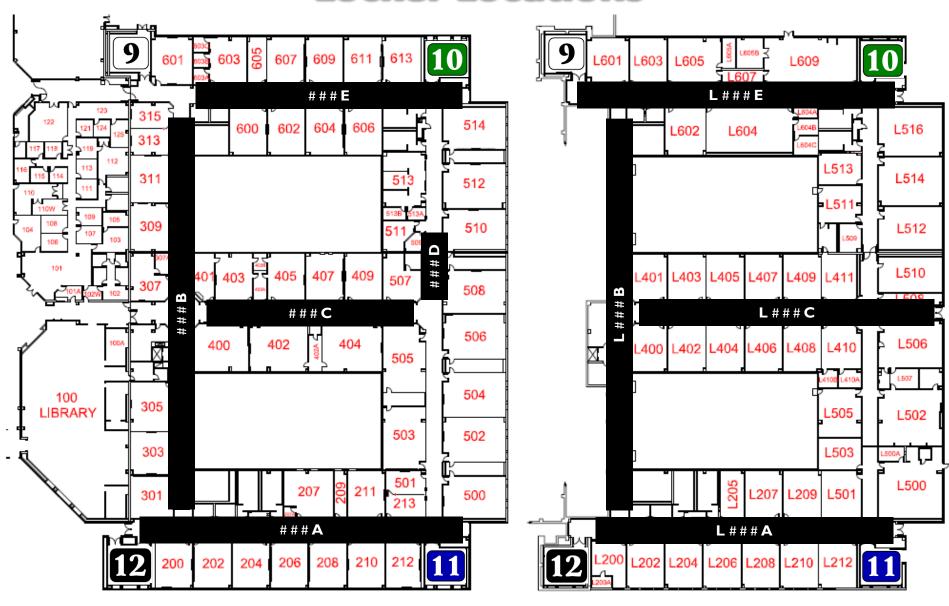


**Main Office** 



**Counseling Office** 

# **Locker Locations**



UPSTAIRS lockers have a 3-digit # and a letter (A, B, C, E).
ex: 368A

DOWNSTAIRS lockers have an "L," a 3-digit #, and a letter (A, B, C, E).

ex: L368A