WHS 1st Quarter Newsletter August 2023

# WARWICK HIGH

All students report August 28, 2023

# MEET YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

- Dr. Kellie A. Mason-Principal
- Dr. Adria Strothers- Assistant Principal of Instruction
- Joe Edwards Assistant Principal of Operations
- Dr. Lakisha Ireland- Students A-F Assistant Principal
- Marjo Holthaus- Students G-O Assistant Principal
- George Page-Students P-Z Assistant Principal
- Dr. Maranda Hall- Specialty Programs
   Administrator

# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Warwick High School
(757) 591-4700

Main Office Ext 58000

Attendance Office Ext 58510

Counseling Office Ext 58531

Cafeteria Ext 58541

Specialty Program Ext 67500

Clinic Ext 58540



#### School Hours

School hours are **7:10 a.m. to 1:55 p.m**. Doors open at 6:50 a.m., with classes starting promptly at 7:10 a.m. Students that are tardy will need to report to the attendance office upon arrival. Any student without a note will be marked unexcused. **There will be no early dismissals after 1:40 p.m.** 

# From the Principal

Dear Warwick Families,

Another exciting year is upon us and your Warwick Family would like to take the opportunity to welcome back all of our returning Raiders, as well as extend a warm welcome to those of you who are new to us this year! We hope that you enjoyed your summer and were able to spend time with family and relax. Our faculty and staff are thrilled that school is starting and are looking forward to an outstanding school year.

I am fortunate and honored to be leading our Raiders and we are ready for the awesome task of preparing all students to be successful learners. Warwick High School is committed to continuing our efforts to provide an excellent and equitable education to all students who enter our doors. Our leadership team, teachers and support staff are set to implement programs that will assist our scholars in developing their academic, social, emotional and citizenship behaviors. We challenge our families and the Warwick community to dedicate themselves to helping our scholars achieve these goals as well.

Enclosed in this newsletter is information which we hope will be helpful as you prepare for the 2023-2024 academic year. This document clearly outlines essential pieces of information that will help ensure the success of your scholar. Much of the information that is included in this document will be posted on Warwick High School's website at www.warwick.nn.k12.va.us. You may also follow us on Twitter @warwickraiders and Instagram @warwickraiders. Additionally, we hope that you will use the embedded link within this document to join our PTSA which continues to be an essential part of WHS and we publicly thank our participants for their unwavering support of our school and NNPS initiatives.

Parents, as a reminder, please ensure that your child attends school regularly, missing only when absolutely necessary. Our students need to be in class every day in order to be successful. Even though students may obtain make up work, they miss valuable instructional time while out which may negatively impact their success. Secondly, reinforce with your student the importance of good conduct and citizenship; all students have a right to learn in a safe and secure environment free from disruption. I ask that you review the Newport News Public School's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook with your scholar, and I appreciate your support in this endeavor.

At Warwick High School, our goal is to continue to build upon a tradition of excellence. With your help, the Raider family will enjoy another outstanding year. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and we are looking forward to seeing you soon! As always, if you have any questions, please call the school for assistance.

Sincerely, Kellie A. Mason, Ph.D. The Proud Principal of WHS #RaiderPride #CopelandCrew #NNPSProud





Dear Warwick Raider Community,

Our top priority is to keep students and staff safe. It is important for you to know that it takes our entire school community working diligently with one another to keep our schools and community safe. We are continually revisiting procedures and implementing the practices recommended by safety professionals as well as following all state and local guidelines. To ensure we work together, we want to keep clear lines of communication open regarding various topics. Please review the important information below.

School Entry: We are continuing the use of the Weapons Detection Systems instituted last school year. Students should only enter the building in designated entrances and should comply with all requests of school staff regarding the entry process (to include taking certain items out of their bags and moving into the building quickly). Please review the list of items not appropriate for school in the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

**Building Safety:** Students should never open classroom or exterior doors to let another person in without permission from an adult. Any visitor wishing to enter Warwick High School must do so at the Main Entrance. Students should also never exit the school building or property unless they are accompanied by an adult. All students must be checked out in the Main Office.

Safety Drills: Each school year, all schools in Virginia are required to conduct Evacuation, Lockdown, and Tornado Drills. These drills are vital to prepare all stakeholders to respond in case of emergency. Please reiterate the importance of these drills to your students prior to the first day of school. Families will be notified with at least 24 hours prior to any Lockdown Drill. Public School drill requirements are:

Drill Type	Lockdown	Evacuation	Tornado
Frequency	1 within the first 20 days of school     At least 1 additional drill after the first 60 days of school	2 within the first 20 days of school     1 Fire drill each month	• 1 drill in March

**Social Media:** Many issues that arise within our school building start or escalate over social media or other online platforms. Please work with your students to promote safe and appropriate use of these tools, especially outside of school hours.

**Reporting Concerns:** Should you hear or see any threats or other concerning behavior, we ask that you report it immediately. Please encourage students to report concerns as soon as they occur. We take all reports seriously and will take the proper steps to ensure the safety of our school community.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain safe schools.

Michael J. Edwards

Assistant Principal of Operations

#### Freshman Seminar Course:

Families, we want to inform you of a useful tool the district has created just for Freshmen. Freshman Seminar is a semester course offered that counts as an elective toward graduation requirements. This course uses the CollegeEd curriculum, which engages students in the college and career planning process. During the semester, your Freshman will learn important information to help them get acclimated to high school, learn about academic planning, learn study skills, learn about colleges and careers and how to be a successful student. If you would like to request that your Freshman takes this course, please contact the school counseling office. We are looking forward to working with you and your Freshman.



Freshmen and New Student Orientation will be August 25th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Families can access student information through ParentVUE. You may register for access at the Main Office .

<u>Upcoming School Photo Schedule:</u>

Prestige Senior Make-Up Photos - October 23, 2023

Fall Individual Photos - September 21, 2023 & September 22, 2023

Fall Individual Retake Photos - November 29, 2023 & November 30, 2023











Warwick's Library underwent a complete HVAC renovation this summer. All books were packed, labeled and placed on moveable tables. With the help of Warwick's amazing custodial team, "everything library" was shifted, lifted, and stacked in nearby classrooms that would serve as air-conditioned storage spaces for our school's library books. As soon as the HVAC work is complete, we will move everything back into place, and the library will be up and running again.

We look forward to encouraging student literacy with Warwick's wide variety of print materials as well as providing hands-on support for projects outlined in all areas of the NNPS curriculum.

Overdue library books from any school in Newport News may be returned to any school in the district of Newport News Public Schools.

Students and families are encouraged to explore the online databases provided on Warwick's Library page.

Databases are available 24/7 from anywhere. Accessing these resources outside of school is easy:

- 1. Britannica School Username: nnps Password: learn
- 2. World Book Student Username: nnpswb Password: nnpswb (also available through Clever)
- 3. Proquest SIRS Username: 94-711 Password: bigchalk (also available through Clever)
- 4. Newport News Public Library- All NNPS students have been given a Student Connect Membership to the Newport News Public Library. This membership, accessed through student ID, gives <u>FREE</u> borrowing privileges for all electronic resources held by the public library system. When asked for a barcode or membership number, enter your student number. Please note: If students already have a card from the NNPL, they will use that card number instead of their student number.
- SORA ebooks: Sign on to access ebooks available in NN Public Schools and NN Public Library System (also available through Clever)

Get your own library card in September. Check out the branches in the NN Public Library System!





# **School Counseling**

The School Counseling Department would like to welcome all new and returning students and parents to Warwick High School for the 2023-2024 school year. We take great pride in serving you and eagerly anticipate a positive and productive school year.

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access their schedules for the 2023-2024 school year. Students can complete a schedule change via the google form. The

link for the form will be placed on

Warwick's website under Quicklinks.

Students WILL follow their current

schedule until notified of any change.

Last day to submit schedule changes

via google form

Senior Classroom Guidance September 11th - 12th

 September 18th **Virginia Peninsula Community College** 

visit

9th and 10th grade Virtual Family Chat September 18th

 September 20th 11th grade Virtual Family Chat September 21st

12th grade Virtual Family Chat

 September 25th - 27th 9th Grade Classroom Guidance

Financial Aid Workshop @ 6:00 PM

Warwick's auditorium

 October 11th **PSAT** 

September 8th

September 27th

 October 17th **ASVAB** 

October 23rd - 28th **College Application Week** 

Regional College Fair @ Hampton October 25th

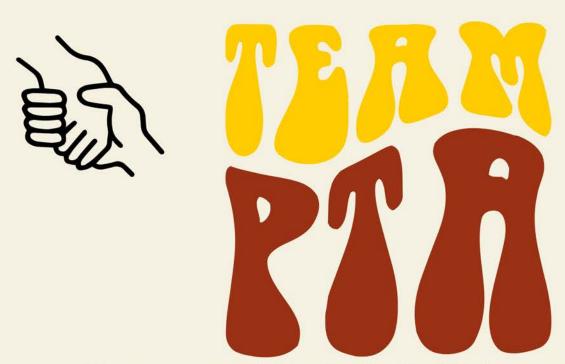
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# Warwick High School Counseling Department Staff Information 2023-2024



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Welcome new and returning families! We have an active and involved PTSA at Warwick Hugh School and we would love for you to join and become a member! The club supports the school in many ways and we're always open to additional help! Please follow the link below to join the PTSA if interested. We welcome parents, teachers, family members, students, administrators, community members and businesses!

#### <u>Givebacks</u> <u>warwickraiders.memberhub.com</u>

We will have a table set at all home football games and at Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 26th. Stop by for additional information, say hello and purchase Warwick spirit wear while you're there!

Looking forward to a great year!

Sarah Marchese, Warwick PTSA President warwickhs.ptsa@gmail.com

# A Note From Our Bookkeeper

#### Register for SchoolCashOnline today

It's fast, easy & free

Create an account today so that you can be notified via email and pay for your child(ren)'s school activity fees online.



#### Help Desk 866-961-1803

#### How to register

- Go to https://nnps.schoolcashonline.com and click Register.
  - Enter your first name, last name, email address, and create a password
  - Select a security question
  - Select Yes to receive email notifications (note that you will not receive any promotional emails)
- You will receive a confirmation via email. Check your Spam folder if you don't receive it.
- Use your email address and password to log in to your account.

#### How to add children to your account

- Sign in to SchoolCash Online: https://nnps.schoolcashonline.com.
- · At the top of the page, navigate to My Account.
- From the dropdown menu, select My Students.
- Click to add a child:
  - Type your school board name.
  - Choose your school from the list.
  - Enter your child's details. You may add up to 8 students to your account.
  - Click Confirm.

#### How to make a payment

- Select the item which you would like to purchase & click Add to Cart.
- Once you have finished adding items to your cart, click Continue to make a payment.









### Notes from the Clinic

Please be sure to continue your daily health screenings and remain home whenever experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms. This ensures the safety and health of all students, guests and staff. If a student needs to miss school due to illness, please make sure to inform of absence via email, written/typed letter, or online to the attendance office. Doctor's notes can be submitted to the attendance office as well, to the attention of the Attendance Clerk: Ms. Katalyna Weir at <a href="mailto:Katalyna.weir@nn.k12.va.us">Katalyna.weir@nn.k12.va.us</a>

\*\*The clinic is unable to excuse any absences and the Attendance Office must be alerted of all student absences.

**Medications at school**: No student will be permitted to self-carry or administer medications without proper paperwork and authorization. The school clinic must be in receipt of the NNPS Medication Order Form, completed by a medical provider and a Permission to Self-Carry Form including a release of liability signed by the student's legal guardian. Medications found during internal safety checks, will be kept in the clinic until persons over the age of 18 that do not attend as a student, stop in to retrieve. Any medications not picked up by the end of the school year, will be discarded.

If your student needs to take daily prescribed or over the counter mediations, please be sure to have their medical provider fill out the NNPS medication order form.

**Please note**: without this form being filled out by their medical provider, the school is not permitted to administer ANY medications.

Asthma and Allergies and Seizure Disorders: We will need up to date LAMP and Asthma Action forms or Seizure Action Forms filled out each school year, should your student need medication while at school. This is to ensure their safety and how we must handle their care. We are not prohibited to provide medical care without orders from a medical provider. Any and all emergencies will result in EMS/911 services being called.

**Immunization Records**- Please be sure to submit current immunization records to the clinic. This is vital to ensure the safety of your student and this is a mandated requirement from the state. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the clinic.

**Water Containers/Bottles**: Please be sure to send a refillable water bottle for students. We are not able to provide cups from the clinic.

Samantha Johnson, CNA Karen Cryer, RN Warwick High School

## **Technology Department**

#### Attention, Parents and Guardians!

- NNPS has two digital portals to keep track of grades, assignments, and messages.
  We use Canvas as the Learning Management System (LMS), a digital hub for
  teachers to post digital assignments and resources and an electronic "inbox" for
  students to turn in online assignments. Parents and guardians can set up their
  own Observer account by following these directions: <u>Canvas for Families</u>.
- Synergy is NNPS digital student information system. Synergy serves as the
  official gradebook, provides a way to view assignments (missing and completed),
  receive report cards, view student progress toward graduation requirements, and
  more. ParentVue is the parent account for access to Synergy. For more
  information on setting up your account, see <a href="NNPS ParentVue">NNPS ParentVue</a>. For help setting up
  your account or resetting your password, email or call Ms. Rose Baker in the
  main office.
- For more information on Digital Learning or resources you may need at home, check out <u>Connected@Home</u>.





#### **WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL**

## FALL SPORTS **SCHEDULES**

SEPTEMBER

**VARSITY FOOTBALL** 

9/7 - VS KECOUGHTAN 7PM 9/15 - VS MENCHVILLE 7PM



#### **AUGUST**

#### VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/9 - VS GREENE CENTRAL HS 5:30PM 8/17 - VS COX 5PM 8/25 - VS GRASSFIELD 7PM

**GIRLS/BOYS VOLLEYBALL** 

GOLF SLEEPY BOLE YOAR

A/24 - VS RECOUGHTAN SPM 6/29 - VS MENCHVILLE SPM

FIELD HOCKEY 8/15 - VS WARHILL 4PM 8/31 - VS SMITHRIELD TPM

IV FOOTBALL

8/12 - JV TEAM JAMBOREE 9AM 8/17 - VS COX SPM

8/31 - VS BETHEL 4:30PM

#### FIELD HOCKEY

9/5 - VS KECOUGHTAN 4PM 9/12 - VS MENCHVILLE 4PM

JV FOOTBALL

9/25 - VS GLOUCESTER SPM

#### GOLF

9/5 - WILLIAMSBURG NATIONAL 10AM 9/7 - KILN CREEK 11:30AM 9/14 - WOODLANDS 10AM 9/20 - DEER RUN 11AM

#### **CROSS COUNTRY**

9/13 - GOSNOLD HOPE PARK 9/20 - NEWPORT NEWS PARK

#### **GIRLS/BOYS VOLLEYBALL**

9/7 - VS DENBIGH 5PM

9/21 - VS BETHEL 5PM



#### VARSITY FOOTBALL

10/13 - VS WOODSIDE 7PM 10/20 - VS HAMPTON 7PM

CROSS COUNTRY

#### JV FOOTBALL

10/2 - V5 HERITAGE 4:30PM

#### GIRLS/BOYS VOLLEYBALL

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10/9 - VS DENSION 4PM





For more information on Raider Athletics, go to the following websites: https://warwick.rschoolteams.com/ https://www.peninsuladistrictva.org/public/genie/295/school/9/



#### Mark Your Calendar!!

#### NNPS 2023-2024

#### APPROVED 3/21/23

#### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Newport News Public Schools + 12465 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23606 + (757) 591-4500 + v



- Independence Day Schools and
- 7, 14, 21, 28 Summer Hours

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- New Teachers Report 17
  - All Teachers & Teacher Assts. Report All Students Report

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- Labor Day Schools and Offices Closed Half Day Dismissal for Bementary Students: Teacher Planning in a.m. Full Day for Middle and High Students

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**NEWPORT NEWS** 

- Schools Closed for Students; Full Teacher
- Planning Day Schools Closed for Students; Half Day 20 Teacher PD in morning and family conferences in the afternoon (and held throughout the week)

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- 22 Schools Closed: Half Day for Twelve-
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- 18-29 Winter Break - Schools and Offices
  - [12 month employees to use 1/2 day leave each day, Dec. 18-21]

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- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 22-24 25
  - Day Students do not report Regional Prof. Development Day

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- - Schools Closed for Students: Full Schools Reopen
- Exam Dates 1/2 day high schools Teacher and Support Staff Work

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- Schools Closed for Students; Half Day 1-5 Teacher PD in morning and family conferences in the afternoon (and held throughout the week)
- Students Half Day Dismissal: Teacher Wark Day

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- Spring Break January 1st week of April for Peninsula school divisions) -School: & Offices Closed (12 month) employees to use 1/2 day leave each day. Acril 1-41
  - Schools Clased for Students; Full Teacher Planning Day

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Memorial Day - Schools and Offices

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- Teacher Planning in p.m.; Full Day for Middle and High Students
- Presidents' Day Schools Closed, Twelve-Month Employees Report

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- High School Graduations (Tentative) 10, 11, 12 ECC, Elementary & Middle -
- Early Dismissal 10, 11, 12 High School - Half Day Dismissal
- 12 Last Student Day
- Last Teacher Day Juneteenth Schools and Offices Closed
- 21, 28 Summer Hours



Religious observances beginning/occurring on 2023-2024 student school days:

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Yom Kippur - Sept. 25 Ramadan - Mar. 11 Eld al-Fitr - April 10 Hanukkah - Dec. 8 Ash Wednesday - Feb. 14 Ascension Day - May 9

Calendar instructional hours exceed 990 state hour requirement.

\*All schools need to schedule at least one evening conference period, preferably in the fall. NOTE: If make-up days are necessary, they will be made up, at the superintendent's direction.

*	First Day of School
	Schools & Offices Closed
	Half Day Dismissal
0	Early Dismissal
	Schools Closed, Offices Open
	Schools Closed, Half Day Offices Only
-	Key Dates