



Cheetah Family News

2019-2020 School Year

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Dear Parents,

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve success in school is basic: attend school every day on time. By attending class consistently, your child is more likely to keep up with daily lessons and assignments and master content standards. Research has shown that your child's regular attendance may be the greatest factor influencing his/her academic success.

Research findings from *Attendance Works*:

- One in 10 kindergarten and first-grade students nationally are chronically absent, missing nearly a month of school. Emerging research shows even higher rates among preschoolers.
- These early absences correlate with **reading difficulties** and poor attendance patterns in later years. One California study found that only 17 percent of students who were chronically absent in both kindergarten and first grade were reading proficiently in third grade, compared to 64 percent of those with good attendance.
- The effects of poor attendance are particularly pronounced among low-income children, who need more time in the classroom to master reading and are less likely to have access to resources outside of school to help them catch up. Unfortunately, low-income children are four times more likely to be chronically absent.
- Students can begin to reverse their academic difficulties if they improve their attendance.
- Parents are often unaware of the corrosive effects of absenteeism and how quickly absences add up to academic trouble in the early grades.
- <http://www.attendanceworks.org/tools/for-parents/>

Please help us make every instructional day count by keeping absences to a minimum and making sure your child arrives on time.

Thank you for your support.

- Dr. Garrett



IMPORTANT DATES

- February 7th- Progress Reports go home
- February 17th- No School for Students
- March 5th- PTO Spirit Night at Sonic



CheetahFest

preparations have begun! Parents, please be on the lookout for information from your child's Room Parents regarding classroom silent auction baskets. Also, please be sure you have **April 3rd** saved on your calendar!

Also, save the date for our next **Spirit Night at Sonic on March 5th**!





Independence High School Baseball will be conducting a fundamental camp for grades K- 8 on February 8th (10 am to 1 pm). Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt. For more information please contact Mike McLaury at michael.mclaury@wcs.edu or call 615-971-3303.



This Month's Habit...
...is Synergize!
"Two is better than one."

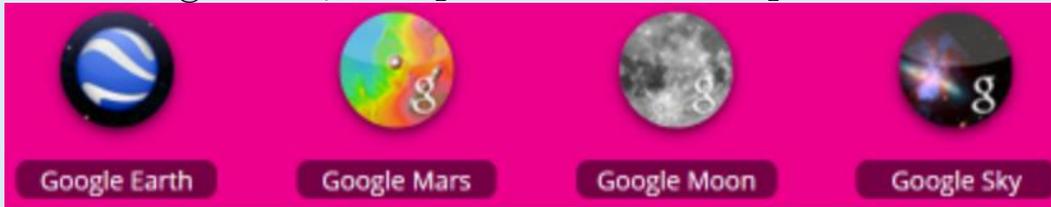
Check out the steps in the Synergy Action Plan below.

This month we're focusing on working together in a group setting. By teaming with others, we can create better solutions than anyone of us can alone.

Define the Problem	Make sure you understand the problem or task.
Their Way	Try to understand everyone's ideas.
My Way	Seek to be understood. Share your ideas.
Brainstorm	Be creative. Everyone create new ideas.
High Way	Find the best solution

This Week's Technology Tip

Our third quarter has a large focus on research skills in every grade level. To help teach our students how to research we have several apps available on our WCS Classlink Dashboard. When you student logs in to their dashboard they have access to grade level appropriate apps, such as Google Earth, Google Sky, Google Moon, and Google Mars. Each of these apps have non-fiction information about events and places. It's a great way to explore the world and practice research skills!



Google Street View



<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/google-street-view/id904418768>

Is your student interested in VR (virtual reality) games and experiences? Did you know you can create your own VR experiences based on places you visit? Using the Google Street View app allows you and your student to construct your own personal VR experiences by taking pictures with your mobile device. You can save the pictures to your phone so your experiences do not have to be published. It is a safe way to relive family moments and integrate technology in way that brings your family together! Add the app, select take photo sphere and begin the adventure!

Lost & Found



Lost and Found is busting out at the seams. In the last five weeks, we have seen a big increase with the number jackets, sweaters and clothing items in lost and found. All items were placed in the main hall on Monday January 20th. If you have noticed missing jackets or sweaters, please encourage your child to check the tables. All items will be taken to Good Will on Friday, February 7th.

Animal Shelter Drive

The Cheetah Council will kick our next school-wide drive this Thursday. We will be collecting items for the Williamson County Animal Shelter.

Please consider donating one of the following items: dog food, treats, and toys, peanut butter, Fancy Feast canned food, cat litter, towels, paper towels, washcloths, detergent, dish soap, and laundry detergent

This drive will run Jan. 29th - Feb. 19th
You may place donated items in the labeled boxes in the foyer!



Changing Our Community
One Animal at a Time

National School Counseling Week 2020, "School Counselors: Helping Build Better Humans," will be celebrated from Feb. 3-7, 2020, to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Roller-skating is right around the corner! Our skating unit runs from February 19th - March 13th! We would love to have parents come and help tie skates! Please be sure to sign up for your student's PE time! Thanks so much!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aaea62aabfe3-skating>

Health News from WCS



With widespread cases of flu being reported across Tennessee, parents are encouraged to review the [Williamson County Schools Illness Guidelines](#) when deciding whether a student should go to school or stay at home.

In addition to seasonal flu, school nurses are seeing students with respiratory viruses, stomach viruses, and strep throat.

Here are some important considerations for parents when making the decision to keep a student at home:

- A student should be **fever-free for 24 hours** without fever-reducing medication before returning to school. If your child has a temperature of 100.0 or above, do not send them to school. Do not give your child Tylenol or Advil and send them to school if you suspect they are coming down with something.
- When **antibiotics** are prescribed, students must wait **24 hours** before returning to school, regardless of whether they have a doctor's note.
- A student should **not experience any signs of diarrhea/vomiting within 24 hours of school start time**. If a student vomits in the evening, don't send them to school the next morning. Students should be symptom-free and able to tolerate regular food.
- If your child **is coughing uncontrollably**, they should stay home or seek advice from a health care provider. An uncontrollable cough is disruptive to the classroom, and it is difficult to manage the spread of germs.

Student absences related to illness are excused with documentation from a parent for up to eight days. After eight days, parents need to provide a doctor's note to the school attendance office.

Williamson County schools are following [guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) to help reduce the spread of seasonal influenza, including the routine cleaning of surfaces and allowing extra hand-washing time in student schedules.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse or the health services department.

December 3rd,

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Calling all Softball Players!

SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL CLINICS **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH: K -8th grade**

In this 3-hour clinic, athletes will work in small groups to improve fundamentals and increase their knowledge of the game just in time for the upcoming Spring season! Campers will be working on throwing, fielding, hitting, bunting, baserunning, the mental game and will even participate in a little Spartan-style workout! Participants will be split into groups based on age and ability.

The clinic will be led by members of the Summit High School Coaching Staff with assistance from the 2020 team! Coach Stevenson and Coach Edwards have a lot of experience in both high school and college level softball as Coach Stevenson played D1 softball at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and is in her 15th year as a coach and Coach Edwards is in her 7th year of coaching high school softball! Come learn from coaches who know what it takes to play at the next level!



LOCATION: Summit High School* (2830 Twin Lakes Dr.)

***Clinic will be held either on the softball field or in the gym. Please bring cleats and tennis shoes so that you are prepared for either location.**

TIME: 1:00-4:00pm

COST: \$40 (payable to Spartan Diamond Club)

WHO: Kindergarten - 8th grade

CAMP DIRECTOR: Jenny Stevenson jennifers4@wcs.edu 615-472-5080 ext.12876

Updates on Twitter - @wcsSHSsb

*Walk-ups will be allowed, if space is still available, but signing up in advance is strongly encouraged for planning purposes.

Player Name _____

School _____ Grade _____ Cost \$40

Email _____

Phone _____

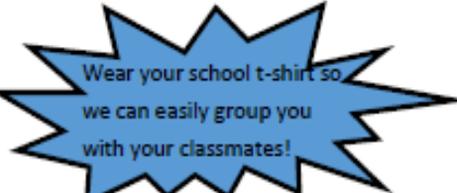
Mail or drop off registration to:

SPARTAN DIAMOND CLUB (Softball)

ATTN: JESSICA EDWARDS

2830 TWIN LAKES DRIVE

SPRING HILL, TN 37174



Wear your school t-shirt so
we can easily group you
with your classmates!

Medical Treatment Authorization & Liability Release

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, do hereby grant permission for my child to attend Summit High Athletic Camps I have completed the Student Medical Release Form with the necessary information. In the case that my child should sustain injury or illness during the time of the camp, I hereby authorize medical treatment deemed necessary and as prescribed by a licensed physician. I further acknowledge that I will be responsible for any medical expenses incurred on behalf of my child for physical injury or illness that he/she may sustain during the camp. I also agree to release and hold harmless the Williamson County Board of Education, its officers, trustees, agents, and employees, including but not limited to all persons employed or hired to help with the camp from any liability for personal injury or property damage arising out of the participant's participation.

Participant Responsibilities

1. All players are expected to adhere to all applicable Williamson County School Board Policies. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco is prohibited for the duration of the camp. Any participant found in violation of any of these rules may be sent home immediately at his/her own expense and will be disciplined accordingly under the applicable Williamson County School Board policies.
2. If a player exhibits irresponsible behavior that endangers the health, safety, or welfare of others, then the parent or guardian will be notified and the child will be sent home immediately at the parents' expense.

I have read the medical release and rules and agree to the adherence thereof.

Participant Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

Student Medical Release Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Name & Phone of Other Contact Person _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____