

WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/GUARDIAN LINK

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As a school district, Whitefish Bay continues to evaluate our policies and practices related to student safety. All of our schools have moved to secure entrances and the addition of the Raptor system this year has increased the accountability for visitor management throughout our buildings. Given these efforts, the high school understands that our open campus lunch system remains a point of vulnerability as it limits our capacity to restrict access to unauthorized visitors. Given that our ISHP/lunch period is one of the greatest academic and social/emotional assets of our school day, we are **NOT** interested in changing this practice, but we are seeking a way to maintain a locked facility for the entirety of our school day.

We believe that a viable solution is to issue a key fob to each of our students. A key fob is a small security device with built-in authentication that can be swiped at specific entry points to allow access to the building. **Beginning with the 2019-2020** school year, our intent is to print student IDs onto cards that will double as a student fob.



Each student will be issued a unique fob as it will be tied to their student ID number. Thus, if a student loses a fob we can deactivate it at anytime. To maintain cost effectiveness, students will be issued a fob at the start of their freshmen year and it will remain theirs until it is deactivated following graduation. Students will no longer receive a new ID at the start of each year. Instead, their ID/fob will be printed with their graduation year. Student pictures will still be taken annually for our yearbook.

Student fobs will be programmed to work from 7:45-8:15 am and from 12:24-12:54 pm. Fobs will work on doors 1,3, 9 and the FH. This practice will allow our building to be locked and secured 30 minutes prior to the start of academic classes and remain locked throughout lunch. Students will use their fob to gain entry prior to school as well as when they return from lunch. If students are not in school by the start of 1st hour or 5th hour, they will need to enter through the front doors as they normally would.

Certainly, students must take responsibility by refusing access to any strangers who wish to enter the building with them. They must also report a fob lost or stolen. *Training will be provided through our homeroom system in the fall.* There will be a fee of \$10 for the first lost fob, \$20 for a second and \$50 for a third; however, we do not anticipate this to be a problem as students will need/want their fob in order to enter school, get their books, check out computers, and access games/dances, etc.

We expect questions and will provide additional information with our back to school mailing in August. At this time, we simply wanted to keep students and parents informed about our anticipated next steps regarding student safety. This Friday, we have a homeroom period that will include our annual tornado drill as well as our second intruder safety drill. Teachers will overview this fob system at that time, but there will not be significant training beyond that. We will wait until fall to roll the specifics/logistics out with students.

Instructional Minute Make-Up:

As you know, the high school needs to make up instructional minutes *within existing school days* in order to compensate for the minutes lost during snow/cold days. In order to accomplish this, we will make modifications to our exam schedule as outlined below:

June 10th: We will run a half day of classes from 8:15-12:00 followed by ISHP and Lunch. We will then hold our 7th period exam from 1:00-2:45 (exams will each run for 1 hours, 45 minutes in the spring).

June 11th: Period 6 and Period 5 exams, each 1 hour, 45 minutes

June 12th: Period 4 and Period 3 exams, each 1 hour, 45 minutes

June 13th: Period 2 and Period 1 exams, each 1 hour, 45 minutes

Note: Graduation Practice for seniors will be moved to June 14th, at 10:30. Additional information related to this will be forthcoming in April.

Mock Trial: WFB's Mock Trial team had incredible success this weekend at the State competition in Madison. WFB went an undefeated 4- 0 in the first four rounds of the competition (22 teams total) on Friday and Saturday. This earned WFB a place in the State final trial (the final two teams), held in the State Capitol. This was the first time in school history that WFB has advanced to the final round at State. The team lost in the final to Shorewood, the defending State champion, in a very close competition and finished in second place. Congratulations to all participants in Mock Trial for their record-setting success this year and a huge thanks to their advisor and volunteer parent coaches for the incredible time spent in preparation.



Congratulations Mathletes! The AMC 10/12 Math Contest results are in and Whitefish Bay has two students who qualified for the AIME invitational, Henry Fetzer (AMC 12) and Henry Coyle (AMC 10). This is a very prestigious recognition in mathematics, meaning that Henry Fetzer scored in the top 5% in the nation, and Henry Coyle scored in the top 2.5% in the nation on their respective tests. Other Student Honors included:

- AMC 12 - Abraham LeMaitre second place, Hye Sung Jung third place
- AMC 10 - Jing Jing (Amy) Wang second place, Ash Ahrenhoerster third place

Kind Regards,

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