

# WHITEFISH BAY HIGH SCHOOL PARENT/GUARDIAN LINK

## September 9, 2019

Welcome to the first edition of the 2019-2020 Parent/Guardian Link. You should receive a Link each Monday. The letter will contain celebrations and accomplishments, information related to school protocols and logistics, upcoming dates, and announcements from the district. I ask that parents/guardians take the time to skim the Link as I use it as a primary vehicle for communication between the high school and home. Students are now cc'd on the email as well so that all of us are in the loop. Understanding the volume of communications that many families receive, I will do my best to keep it brief!

**Homeroom Schedule:** Approximately twice per month we will hold a homeroom on Friday. We use homerooms throughout the year to meet various interests including, but not limited to those listed below. By using homeroom time, we avoid significant disruption to the instruction of a single class period.

- Emergency drills
- Course selection
- Freshmen Advisory
- Assemblies
- Class meetings for things like graduation prep, financial literacy, student surveys, etc.

During the month of September, we will hold homeroom lessons the first three Fridays to account for necessary school startup activities. Last week, we talked the students through important *School Board* policies and had them sign a form acknowledging that they had been notified of the policies and are expected to follow them. They also signed receipt of their student handbook. These are the same Board policies that parents signed as part of our registration process. I'm not certain students understood the "WHY" behind this. Our only goal is to be proactive. We never want a student to find themselves facing disciplinary consequences for policies that they did not know existed and/or did not fully understand. We will follow up with any students who were absent last Friday to be sure all students have the opportunity to ask questions as needed.

This coming Friday, we will run our reunification drill. The modified schedule for homerooms is:

Period 1	8:15-9:03	ISHP	12:04-12:33
Homeroom	9:07-9:28	Lunch	12:33-1:03
Period 2	9:32-10:20	Period 5	1:03-1:51
Period 3	10:24-11:12	Period 6	1:55-2:43
Period 4	11:16-12:04	Period 7	2:47-3:35

**Senior Dishout:** Throughout the day today, the counselors are hosting *mandatory* Senior Dishout meetings. Meetings take place during study hall periods in room 47. The purpose of these meeting is to outline the college application process. If students do not have a study hall, they should report to room 47 at the start of ISHP.

**Grade Update:** All high school teachers are expected to have their grades as updated as possible every three weeks. The calendar for grade updates for the 2019-2020 school year is listed below. Typically, these are dates in which we check grades for academic eligibility, although that process does not start until the 6<sup>th</sup> week of each semester. In addition, we have a Problem Solving Support Team (administrators, counselors, interventionists, school psychologist) who meets on the Monday of each grade check to collaboratively discuss any students who are in need of greater support, either academically or social/emotionally. As parents/guardians, I encourage you to check grades on these dates as well. A three-week check is long enough to afford your student some ownership/independence of their own, but short enough that you can intervene if things go awry in any course.

**Picture Make-up day:** This Wednesday is picture make-up day. ALL students who did not have their picture taken this summer must report to room 47 between 8:00 and 1:00 to have their picture taken. Seniors may use this for senior pictures, but it is not necessary. Either way, we would like a current picture of each student in our system for use in seating charts, safety identification, etc.

**Ordering School and Team Pictures:** The link below will serve as Whitefish Bay High School's VIP landing page. From here you can prepay for school pictures online or wait to view and purchase them later, schedule and pay for Senior Portraits, purchase formal Team & Individual sports photos and even access candid galleries for view & purchase throughout the year! <https://www.vipis.com/group/2666777b/whitefish-bay-high-school>

**Parent Association Membership and Online Directory:** A reminder for parents/guardians to go to [wfbhsa.membershiptoolkit.com](http://wfbhsa.membershiptoolkit.com) to enter their information for the online directory and join any booster groups by September 15. The first PA meeting is tonight at 6:00 pm in room 121. Thanks!

**Music Parents Association:** The first MPA meeting for the will be held on tonight at 7:00 PM in the band room. Additional meetings will be held on the second Monday of every month. All are welcome to attend!

**Duke Pride:** Please consider supporting our athletes and coaches by joining Duke Pride. A benefit of joining is free access to volleyball, swimming, gymnastics, soccer and track. Please visit [WFBdukepride.org](http://WFBdukepride.org) to join.

**Parent Representatives Sought for Mathematics Renewal and Design Committee:** Our district evaluates and improves every curricular subject area on a six to seven-year cycle through the work of curriculum review committees. Typically, one or two parents/guardians/community members serve on each committee.

Beginning in fall 2019, the academic area of K – 12 th grade mathematics will be reviewed. Per School Board policy, interested parents/guardians/community members must apply to participate on curriculum renewal and design committees. Applications are reviewed by the Administrative Council.

Parents/community representatives are selected based on the following criteria: 1. Training, interest, or experience in this area 2. Reasons for wanting to be on this committee 3. Ability to contribute to meeting the goals set forth in the committee's purpose

The time commitment for representatives will involve six - eight meetings a year. This committee is a multiple year committee (2-3 years). Typically, meetings are held at the WFB High School and are half day meetings scheduled during the 2019-2021 school years and over the summer as well. Below are the dates for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year:

- October 25, 2019 (7:45-11:15)
- November 11, 2019 (12:15-3:45)
- January 17, 2020 (12:15-3:45)
- February 14, 2020 (9:00-11:15)
- March 6, 2020 (12:15-3:45)
- April 13, 2020 (12:15-3:45)
- May 22, 2020 (12:15-3:45)

If interested in serving on this committee, please contact Maria Kucharski, Director of Teaching and Learning, for an application at [Maria.Kucharski@wfbschools.com](mailto:Maria.Kucharski@wfbschools.com) or (414) 963-3927, by September 13, 2019. Applications are also available on the District webpage [www.wfbschools.com](http://www.wfbschools.com) on the Teaching and Learning home page.

Kind Regards,  
Amy Levek

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2019-2020 GRADE REPORTING CALENDAR

<b>Quarter 1</b>	
September 22	Grades updated and Family Access viewable by midnight
October 13	Grades updated and Family Access viewable by midnight
October 23	Parent/Teacher conferences 4:00-8:00 PM in the Field House. Grades as updated as possible prior to conferences, understanding that the quarter does not end until November 1.
November 3	End of Quarter 1 on November 1 - grades finalized and posted by midnight on Nov 3 - be sure to include behavior/effort marks and corresponding comments.
<b>Quarter 2</b>	
December 1	Grades updated and Family Access viewable by midnight
January 5	Grades updated and Family Access viewable by midnight
January 15	Grades updated and Family Access viewable by midnight and then used to determine Semester 1 exam exemption qualification.
January 17	End of Quarter 2
January 21-24	Semester 1 Final Exams
January 26	Quarter 2, Semester Exam and Semester 1 grades finalized and posted by midnight - be sure to include behavior/effort marks and corresponding comments.
<b>Quarter 3</b>	
February 16	Grades updated and Family Access viewable by midnight
March 5	Parent/Teacher conferences 11-7. Grades as updated as possible prior to conferences, understanding that the quarter does not end until April 3.
April 5	End of Quarter 3 on April 3 - grades finalized and posted by midnight on April 5 - be sure to include behavior/effort marks and corresponding comments.
<b>Quarter 4</b>	
April 26	Grades updated and Family Access viewable by midnight
May 17	Grades updated and Family Access viewable by midnight
June 3	Grades updated and Family Access viewable by midnight and then used to determine Semester 2 exam exemption qualification.
June 5	End of Quarter 4
June 8-11	Semester 2 Final Exams
June 12	Quarter 4, Semester Exam and Semester 2 grades finalized and posted by NOON for seniors and by midnight for all other students. Be sure to include behavior/effort marks and corresponding comments. Note: If a senior fails a required course, notify the counselor/principal before graduation rehearsal at 10:30 on the 11th.