

## Welcome WHHS

### Upcoming Events

Course Selections – February 1-

March 1

**Report Cards– week of February 12th**

PTSO meeting – Third Thursday of

the month

SAT school day testing – March 21

### Did you Know?

- The cornerstone of WHHS was laid on May 10, 1924, and the school opened on September 9, 1925.

### 15 Best Brain Foods For Studying & Exams:

- \* Oatmeal
  - \* Walnuts
  - \* Avocados
  - \* Beets
  - \* Blueberries
  - \* Broccoli
  - \* Celery
  - \* Coconut Oil
  - \* Dark Chocolate-YUM!
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- When hippos are upset their sweat turns red!
  - Human saliva has a boiling point three times that of regular water.
  - In 2015 more people were killed from injuries caused by taking a selfie than by shark attacks.

## Principal's Note Dane Brown, Interim Principal

There are many wonderful events taking place at Warren Harding High School for the month of January. As our students prepare for the end of the 1st Semester they are diligently preparing for their exams and looking forward to transitioning to their 2nd semester courses. The athletic teams of girls and boys basketball, wrestling and cheerleading have been involved in rigorous competition with our neighboring schools and have been practicing diligently on a daily basis. Harding students are excited about the opportunities of off campus experiences that include trips to Bridgeport Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital as well as local and state universities. Our seniors are excited about the prom announcement; the theme this year will be Masquerade Ball. Senior activities are being finalized based on the input from student council members in collaboration with staff supervisors of senior activities. Finally, our seniors have started to receive acceptance letters and scholarship awards. Congratulations to seniors Shanoye Ho-Sang and Shantae McIntyre. Shanoye was accepted to Albertus Magnus College, Thomas Jefferson University, and Quinnipiac University. She was awarded a \$78,000 scholarship to Quinnipiac. Shantae was accepted to Fairleigh Dickinson University, the University of New Haven, and Quinnipiac University. She was awarded an \$80,000 scholarship to Quinnipiac. We look forward to sharing more exciting news in the upcoming months.

## Student Council News

### New Scholars Academy

Attention 9th graders: are you interested in planning field trips and school events? Would you like to be involved in fundraising activities? Are you looking for fun after-school activities? Then join Grade 9 Student Council! We meet on Thursdays at 2:30 in Room 118.

### Law Academy

Law Student Council is always looking for new members so that we can work together to create an academy that works for all of our students. Meetings are Thursdays after school in room 220. February is caring for the community month. This Thursday after midterms we will be making valentines for veterans in room 212 from 12:00-2:00. Please stop by and share some love with the people who fight to keep us safe. We will also be starting a sock drive for the homeless in February. For every pair of socks you donate you will be entered in a raffle to win a prize. We will share further details in the coming weeks.

### Health

The mission of the Health Academy Student Council is to build responsible leaders that promote positivity and work diligently to make our school community a warm and fun environment. We plan several events such as the school's annual Black History Wax Museum, Breast Cancer Awareness Week, Red Cross Blood Drive and Health Week. We aim to connect the school community with school wide events where students can learn and take part in positive events. There is much more to come from this council!

### School Highlight



ConnectiCare Center collected winter clothing for Harding students who were victims of the Hurricane. The collection ended Dec. 18. Dozens of students benefited from this generous donation.

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# Warren Harding High School

## HOSA

HOSA is an international student organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education (HSE) Division of ACTE. HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the healthcare industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA's goal is to encourage all health science instructors and students to join and be actively involved in the HSE-HOSA Partnership.

HOSA provides a unique program of leadership development, motivation, and recognition exclusively for secondary, postsecondary, adult, and collegiate students enrolled in health science education and biomedical science programs or have interests in pursuing careers in health professions. HOSA is 100% healthcare!

The Warren Harding High School Chapter of HOSA has been a successful club for the last two years. At the 2017 regional competition, students Kayla Lewis, Karim Alveranga, Wyanna Burke and Jerushaka Joseph managed to earn medals in competitions ranging from CPR & First Aid to Dental Terminology. This club actively seeks to help students with a passion for medicine to expand their knowledge.



## Irwin Coombs

Meet Irwin Coombs, also known as “Doc”. Doc grew up in Pawling, New York, a small town in Dutchess County. He was graduated from the State University of New York @ Oswego with a BS in Industrial Arts in 1981. Doc followed his dad’s footsteps in becoming a Tech Ed teacher and coach. This is Doc’s 36th year in Bridgeport Public Schools teaching Graphic Communications. He was a baseball coach and football coach at Harding in the 1980’s and early 90’s. He is a former Assistant Football coach, Assistant Baseball and Head Baseball coach.

In 1993 Doc was elected President of the Bridgeport Education Association . He also served as a member of the Connecticut Education Association Board of Directors and the CEA Executive Committee.

Doc and his wife Robin have triplet daughters, Ashley, Heather and Lauren. All three girls followed his footsteps and became teachers. They all started in Bridgeport! Ashley now teaches and coaches boys basketball at Fairfield Woods Middle School.

Doc has 3 grandchildren with a fourth on the way. *“Family is very important to Robin and I. Our most memorable experiences always include our children and grandchildren”,* says Doc.

*“As an Irishman of course when it comes to eating load me up with meat and potatoes while listening to some rock music and watching the New York Giants, Yankees, Rangers or Knicks and I am all sett”.*



Doc and Robin with Payton and Kali and little Grayson. Grand-daughter Parker is on the way!

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT-PTSO NEWS

The December PTSO meeting covered parent involvement and parent engagement. Some ideas shared included parent and student softball games, basketball games, and teacher vs parents sporting events. “We are doing this to increase parent involvement and volunteerism. Upcoming planning includes Literacy night.... different ways to bring literacy into the subject areas. *“We are focusing on connecting school and home and incorporate that into student learning”* said PTSO President, Shavonne Davis.

The meeting also covered the new moving date to the new school. The information session and walk through will give students and staff an opportunity to become familiar with the new building before the move; this will support a smoother transition. The new school is set to open in August, 2018.

Upcoming focus areas for the PTSO: health and wellness. Some ideas include a school wide blackout Zumba night for students, staff and families. The PTSO is formulating ideas to host a night to educate families on the different mandated exams their children have to take such as the SAT, PSAT, etc.

The PTSO is dedicated to parent education and resources in the community. The group is looking into ways to survey parents’ educational needs. This information will be used to put together a resource night for families.