



# 9th Grade Family Evening

Welcome!



# Evening Agenda

## Principal's Welcome

A welcome message from  
Greg Neuman!

## Introductions

The team that has your  
student's back.

## 9th Grade Notes ...

attendance/organization

## Counseling Advocacy

What we do



## West Linn High School Principal, Greg Neuman

- Be an advocate
- We are here to support you
- Communicate often
- Go Lions!





# Introductions

**Paul Hanson- 9th Grade Assistant Principal**

**Brittany Bucholz- School Social Worker**

**Michelle Olson- 9th-12th grade School Counselor (A-E)**

**Carly Halverson- 9th-12th grade School Counselor (F-K)**

**Greg Bean- 9th-12th grade School Counselor (L-R)**

**Connor Gustafson- 9th-12th grade School Counselor (S-Z)**



# Adjusting to High School (at a Distance)

“We are all dealing with the collective loss of the world we knew.”



-David Kessler

## Key Challenges in the high school transition:

- Communication with teachers
- Classroom expectations
- Study skills/Time Management/Organization
- Attendance

NEXT!

Attendance is 

## Historical West Linn High School Attendance Data:

- Students who miss 2 or more days per month have **an average GPA of 2.8**, compared to a school average of 3.2.
- A **9th grader** who misses 2 or more days per month drops from a 3.3 to a 2.6.
- Any WLHS student who is absent 2 or more days per month is **twice** as likely to receive a D, or F. WLHS **Freshmen** are **3.2 times** as likely.



# Things to strive for each week.

## Stay informed on what's happening.

- Email list serves.
- Tap into teachers' communication systems.
- Access online gradebook.
- Use "ParentVUE"

## Converse with your child about school. Ask open-ended questions, not yes/no questions.

## Support good homework habits.

- Routine -- Regular time and place.
- No distractions. Computer, TV, phone away!

## Teach organization and time management skills.

- Backpack and binder in order?
- Keep a planner and plan the week.



# To Do List

## An Exercise in Prioritizing Time

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

To Do List \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Task Description	Time Prediction	Began	Done	Time Spent
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2 _____	○ ○ ○ ○	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	○ ○ ○ ○
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## **WLHS Counseling Team**

**Michelle Olson, 9th-12th grade School  
Counselor (A-E)**

**Carly Halverson, 9th-12th grade School  
Counselor (F-K)**

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# Utilization of Counseling Department

- **Encourage your student to make an appointment!**

- Sign up by email or with link on district website!
- Counseling Dept. Secretary: Tracey Riddle

## Social/Emotional

- Teacher partnership supporting the whole child, communication and social skill building, relationship navigation, personal challenges, outside counseling, and more!
- School Social Worker: Brittany Bucholz

## Resources

- Food, clothing, system navigation (ParentVUE, school fees), setting up meetings, extracurricular balance, health/wellness support, and more!
- School Nurse: Michelle Bloom

## College & Career

- Naviance Family Connection, ACT/SAT prep, 4yr planning, class/pathway sequence, personal/private online coursework guidance, work experience credit, and more!
- College and Career Center Coordinator: Kami Vermillion



# Supporting your student's 504/IEP

The Individual Education Plan and 504 are living documents.

- Learning Specialists are Case Managers for students with an IEP
- Counselors are Case Managers for students with a 504
- Maintain communication with your students case manager, and encourage your student to do the same!

Want a meeting?  
Contact the case manager in email.







# Resources

- [WLHS Grab and Go Meal Service Instructions](#)
- [Need help with technology? Support Request Link!](#)
- [Does your student want to get involved in a club this year?](#)
- Wildfire Resources

[Natural Disasters: Helping Children During National Disasters](#)

[Ready Kids: Disaster Facts: Wildfires](#)

[CDC: Staying Safe During a Wildfire](#)



# Anxiety 101

## INFORMATIONAL NIGHT FOR CAREGIVERS

Join our School Social Workers, Brittany Bucholz, LCSW and Sarah Hiatt LCSW, for an introductory overview of anxious feelings, what they look like during these unpredictable times and how we can support our children.

**October 1, 2020 6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

### Topics Covered:

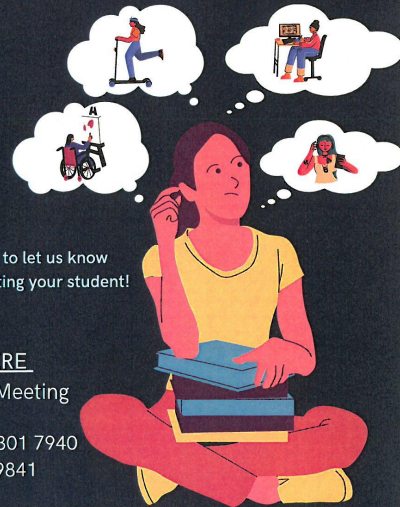
- What is anxiety
- Causes
- What does it look like
- How to support your child
- Coping skills
- Resources

There will also be a parent survey for you to let us know where you want to learn more about supporting your student!

**In Spanish  
and  
English!**

[CLICK HERE](#)  
to join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 955 2301 7940  
Passcode: 239841







**Please join your WLHS Administrators and Staff on Friday October 2nd for a drive through, socially distanced Class of 2024 Welcome Event, complete with Lion gear and prizes!**

**Please arrive at the entrance of the PAC where a staff member will check you in and let you know where to go! Staff in the main building will be notified of your arrival, and when you drive around, towards the 700 building, you will be met by another staff member who will bring your class of 2024 Goodies!**

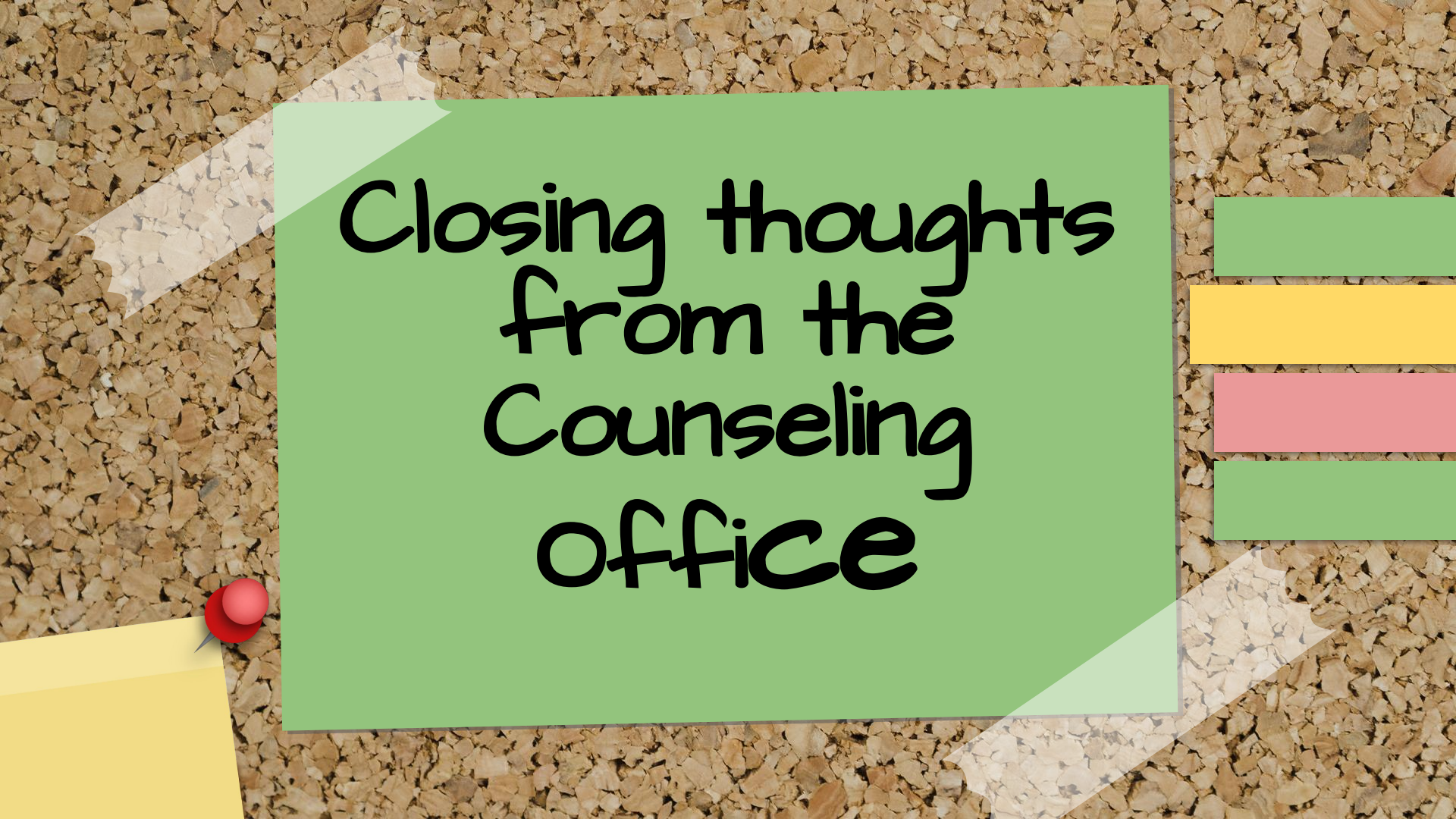
**Please refer to the schedule below and plan to come during your designated time.**

**12:00 -1:00 last names A through E**

**1:00- 2:00 - last names F through K**

**2:00- 3:00 - last names L through R**

**3:00- 4:00 - last names S through Z**



Closing thoughts  
from the  
Counseling  
office