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Dear Parent/Guardian and Student:

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and students for the 2017-2018 school year. I hope this letter finds you and your families enjoying the last few weeks of summer vacation. The high school staff and administration have been preparing for a great school year. We have numerous opportunities for students to explore academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities. Please contact our Extracurricular Department for a more detailed description of the offerings available.

The School District will once again be providing each student with a Google Chromebook, with a goal to empower teachers and students to harness the power of the internet to collaborate, create, communicate, and problem solve. We will distribute Chromebooks to students who currently do not have one in grades 10 thru 12 on the first day of school. The school district will be offering insurance on student Chromebooks. This insurance is \$20 per student (\$10 for free/reduced students). Insurance this school year will include the first damage incident repair at no charge. Please consider purchasing this coverage. Payment of this fee should be made prior to September 1 and can be completed by logging into Skyward's Family Access. Once in Family access, click on fee management and then the link to make payments online. On this page, you will have to create an account for eFunds, if you have not already done so in prior years. You may also send a check made payable to the Wilson School District with your child on the first day of school. For more information, please visit <http://www.wilsonsd.org/1to1>.

On Monday, August 14, your child's schedule will be available via our online program, Skyward. Please make sure your child reviews the schedule prior to the start of the school year. All students are to report to their 1st period class listed on their online schedule on Monday, August 28. If you have any questions, please contact your respective school counselor. In addition, you can find more detailed information in the student handbook on our website, www.wilsonsd.org/whs. In our continuous efforts to become cost conscious, we will be moving most of our communications to the district and school website. Additionally, I will send numerous communications via email this school year. Please make sure you have an updated email address in Skyward so that you do not miss any important information.

Freshmen students will have orientation on Thursday, August 24 from 12:15-3:15 pm in the High School Gym. This is a great opportunity for your child to acclimate to Wilson High School as well as make new friends. 9th grade students will receive their Chromebook at the conclusion of orientation. Please reach out to Mr. Damiani, 9th grade principal, at ext. 5032 with questions regarding the transition to 9th grade.

I wish you and your family a restful last few weeks of summer, and look forward to meeting the students on the first day of school, Monday, August 28.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Trickett
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Thursday, August 24	9 th grade student orientation
Monday, August 28	First Day of School & Picture Day
Thursday, September 28	Meet the Teacher Night – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 11	Picture Retake Day

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please read the following information carefully; it is designed to help each student begin school in the best way possible. Special attention should be given to our opening day schedule. Our first day will be dedicated to student clerical activities, class meetings, student pictures, and student ID's. Students are to report no later than 7:33 a.m. to their first period class listed on their online schedule.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Please do not hesitate to contact our counselors if you have any questions. Please visit the counseling web site to find information regarding PSAT, SAT, Armed Forces, the college process, and post-secondary education opportunities.

All 9 th Graders	Frank Hutchko	ext. 4444
A - De	Mark Greaves	ext. 1197
Df -Jd	Julia Huang	ext. 5140
Je- M	Rebekah Marconi	ext. 4730
N - Se	Jaclyn Burdis	ext. 5138
Sf - Z	Sabrina Andrieux	ext. 5137

INTERESTED IN STUDENT INSURANCE?

The Wilson School District has again made available student accident insurance. The School District does not endorse any personal insurance you may wish to purchase; however, as a service to you, arrangements have been made to make this coverage available from the same company that provides the school's team sports accident insurance. Please do not contact the school directly. A brochure that describes benefits and prices is available on our website at: www.wilsonsd.org/Resources/ParentResources/AGStudentInsurance. If you decide to purchase the coverage, which would provide coverage for accidents while participating in intramural sports, gym and physical education classes, the brochure should be returned directly to the local regional administrator of the plan: Tompkins Insurance, Attn: Rhonda M. Mayer, 1240 Broadcasting Rd., P.O. Box 6707, Wyomissing, PA 19610. Phone (610) 603-7477. Please feel free to contact Tompkins Insurance if you have any questions or want additional information.

PARKING HANGTAG PROCEDURES FOR 2017-2018

Wilson High School has limited parking on our campus. Parking hangtags will be sold August 22-24 in the High School Office lobby. Parking hang tag registration forms must be signed by parent/guardian.

August 22 & 23 10:00 to 12:00 PM Seniors

August 24 10:00 to 12:00 PM Juniors

- Friends are not permitted to purchase hangtags for each other. Only the student or his/her parent may purchase the student's hangtag, and the student's driver's license must be presented at time of purchase.
- The cost of a hangtag is \$25.00.
- Parking registration forms will be available on our website, www.wilsonsd.org/whs on Monday, August 14.
- Parking without a hangtag on our campus will result in a \$25.00 fine.

Parking lot rules as stated in the *Wilson Student Handbook* will be enforced. Please note that the streets surrounding the high school (including all of Grandview Blvd.) will be posted as "2 hour parking" and Spring Township police will ticket vehicles out of compliance.

KEYSTONE TESTING DATES

Families with children who will be in grades 9 - 11 during the 2017-2018 school year should avoid planning family trips due to Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Biology, and Literature) on the following testing windows: January 9-23, 2018 and May 14-25, 2018.

Students that are enrolled in Algebra I, Biology (all 11th graders), CP/Honors English 10 (all 10th graders), and any students that have not previously passed any of the aforementioned Keystone Exams are required to be in school during the testing windows. Please schedule family outings around these dates so that all students will be able to participate in these required state assessments. Students are not permitted excused absences during these testing windows. The Wilson School District appreciates past efforts of families to support their children at home to ensure they are in attendance on testing dates. This has resulted in Wilson High School continually being successful on state assessments as required by federal law.

PROVIDING THE ARMED SERVICES WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires all schools to provide a list of names and addresses to the Armed Services for every high school senior. Unless you provide us with a letter stating otherwise, we will provide the information as directed by the law.

BULLDOG BLITZ

The BULLDOG BLITZ is a weekly email that will highlight WSD district news, recognitions, upcoming events, and important reminders for all K-12 students, families and staff. This is also the only way that district-wide flyers are distributed (via web links). If you already receive the Blitz, you do not need to sign up again. If you would like to receive the Blitz, please go to www.wilsonsd.org/BulldogBlitz to submit your email address. We look forward to keeping you up to date!