

Welcome to Woodson!

We know it can be overwhelming starting at a new school. Below are a list of things that we hope will make your transition to Woodson a little smoother.

We are glad you are here!

Technology:

1. School Computer Login: You will need to know your school log in and create a password for using school computers. This log-in will be the same as you will use for Blackboard and SIS (see below). To log in for the first time, use your student ID for the username and then your student ID and the first 3 letters of your birth month with the first letter being capitalized for the passcode:

Example:

User Name: 1235677 (Student ID)

Password: 1235677Nov

Once you log on you will be prompted to create a new password.

***2. BlackBoard:** This is a webbased platform where teachers post assignments, homework, and anything else. It's pretty important to make sure you can sign in and that you use it frequently. You will have an account about 24 hours after you enroll.

***3. SIS:** Student Information System is where you will be able to log on and see your grades for each class. You should use the same login as BlackBoard.

*** In order to set up your Blackboard and SIS account, you must first login to a school computer.**

4. Using school wifi: If you have a mobile phone or bring your computer to school you will want to select the FCPSonboard wifi. This is the the school's wifi. It will ask you to login as either a guest or a student using the same password from SIS, Blackboard, and the school computer. After this it may ask you to download or run an application called xpressconnect. This is necessary to use the wifi so please click yes and follow the instructions displayed. After this you will be logged in and connected.

5. Google e-mail account: You have an FCPS google e-mail account. To activate this you should go to your blackboard homepage and find the link for FCPS Google Apps and follow the instructions for setting up your account. This is what you will use to use Google Classroom as well if your teacher uses it. However, be aware that this e-mail is designed for class communication only as it will not allow you to receive emails from anyone outside of FCPS.

If you are having problems with online tech, change web browsers. Some FCPS things only work well with Internet Explorer (we know...we know...). It's a pain but it's worth a try.

Another option is to try logging in on a school computer. The library has computers for you to use before or after school if you are having problems.

There is also a website: <https://www.fcps.edu/resources/technology/password-management> that may be able to answer some questions.

School Culture: It's a Great Day to be a Cavalier!

6. School Spirit: We have an active student body and a lot of School Spirit. We hope you'll feel at home here very soon. Leadership is the class that organizes the school spirit activities. Feel free to ask them any questions if you see them in your class. The student body at Woodson supports all their teams. Check signs in the hall or announcements or social media for the latest in school spirit.

7. How to be in "the know" A great way to keep up to date on everything going on at Woodson is through twitter. If you have a twitter account we recommend you follow WTWoodson High School and your Class Twitter. These twitter handles are: @WTWCavalry, @Woodsonathletic, @WTWoodsonHS. Each class also has their own twitter handle. A quick search should be able to locate it.

8. Hey Day: Hey Day is an all school activity during the day (during return period) in the fall and the spring. This is an opportunity for clubs to sell things. Tables are set up outside and the student body goes outside or has tournaments with teachers.

9. Extra-Curricular Activities: Woodson has a LOT of Clubs - whether it's honor societies or social service clubs or special interest clubs. There are too many to list here but we recommend that you look online and listen or check announcements for meetings. Please don't be shy - just ask about clubs and show up - we are generally a friendly bunch. There are also plays, musicals, singing groups, bands, and just about anything else you could be interested to participate. If something sounds interesting to you - give it a try!

The seasons for sports may be different from the school you came from. Look at the website to see which sports play when and what requirements/forms you need to complete prior to tryouts (physicals, concussion training). Try-out dates for sports are often a season or two before the season starts. If you are interested in playing a spring sport there is often an interest meeting in the fall or winter. So again - listen to the announcements. However, don't be shy - if you come late in the year and are still interested in playing a spring sport contact the coach and go to the tryouts. Explain your situation - again, people are pretty understanding.

10. Our last words: As I'm sure you've seen Woodson is a large school. We know it's easy to be overwhelmed and you may not know what's going on. But don't be afraid to just go to a meeting or activity. Even students who grew up in this school are constantly meeting new people so we are generally a friendly bunch.

If you have any other questions. Feel free to e-mail Mr. Joo at DJoo@fcps.edu. Mr. Joo will either be able to answer the question or find a way to get you the answer.

Again – Welcome to Woodson! We are glad you are here!

~Student 2 Student