

10 IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW IF YOU ARE NEW TO WOODSON

1. TOOLS TO STAY CONNECTED

SIS Parent Account (for parents only)- enables access to view grades, attendance, and personal information. Logging into SIS gives you a current snapshot of your child's grades.

Blackboard FCPS 24/7 – *Your student uses this everyday to find out about homework.*

Blackboard gives you information about your child's current assignments, upcoming quizzes and tests. Blackboard provides access to view all of your child's courses, Family Connection for Academic and Career Planning, and Bus Stop Information. You can also update your child's Emergency Care Information through weCare@school.

***The same login will be used to access both the SIS and FCPS 24-7 systems
FCPS=Fairfax County Public Schools***

My School Bucks – allows you to pay for your student's cafeteria purchases through an online account; the student will pay by telling the cafeteria cashier their account number. www.myschoolbucks.com

2. SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

"KIT" Messages – "Keep In Touch" is the FCPS notification system. It is used for sending out updates and communication to parents, staff and community. It is a good idea to read these when they are sent out.

WeMail – Woodson's PTSO (Parent, Teacher, Student Organization) Weekly Announcements, called WeMail, are used to provide information about upcoming events and activities. WeMails are sent out on Wednesdays during the school year.

3. CALENDAR INFO

There is no one complete list of all the great activities at Woodson, but a good starting point is the Student Services list of calendars located under the ABOUT US tab on the Woodson website:

<http://www2.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/about/calendar.html#Cal>

Here you will find a list of useful calendars for Woodson including: Athletics, Student Services, Testing, and FCPS academic calendars.

4. STUDENT SERVICES

The mission of the W.T. Woodson High School counseling program is to address the academic, career and personal/social development of all students and prepare them to be responsible citizens and life-long learners. The department offers:

- * individual and group counseling
- * educational and career planning
- * consultation with parents and staff
- * informational programs and activities
- * identification and support of students with special needs
- * crisis intervention/problem solving and referrals to community agencies

For a complete list of staff and services look at the WT Woodson website under the Student Services tab. **Dr. Carlyn Floyd** is the director and a great resource.

5. PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

The W.T. Woodson (WTW) Parent-Teacher-Student Organization meets monthly every 1st Monday, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Whether you decide to join the PTSO or not, go to the meetings! The Principal will present his monthly report so you will know what is going on at the school.

The best way to get involved at a new school is to volunteer.

There are many opportunities at Woodson! The Library, Hospitality Committee, Grants Committee, Career Center, Cavalier Cruise, and many more. It is easy to sign up on line on the WT Woodson Website. Just click on the Parent Tab and then PTSO.

6. CAREER CENTER

Woodson's Career Resource Center provides students with information to help them explore educational and career options, make realistic career decisions, and establish career goals. The Career Center Specialist, Kathleen Ishii, will also share info about everything you want to know about college prep but were afraid to ask. The Career Center is in the front hallway, room E109. Here is the link to the weekly Career Center newsletter, full of the latest tips: http://www2.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/sservices/career/cc_news.html

7. DIRECTORY (the phone book!!)

The Woodson Directory is an invaluable tool. Put one in each car you drive! The directory contains contact information for staff and student families. It can be purchased in the front office and may be available at large events/activities like football games, concerts.

8. NEW SCHOOL YEAR EVENTS

Cav Kickoff – Typically held a few days prior to the first day of school, in the gym from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. You can buy PE uniforms and parking passes, put money on your student's lunch account, pick up a FREE bus pass, learn about lots of clubs, activities and sports.

Back to School Night – Typically held one evening in September, from 7:00-9:00 pm. This will be a chance to meet your child's teachers as you follow their schedule from class to class. Hear from them about what your child will be learning this year. Try not to miss this important event.

9. WOODSON SPORTS, BAND, ORCHESTRA, DRAMA and CLUBS

Woodson offers a wide variety of sports from football to field hockey to gymnastics and many, many more, not to mention over 75 clubs and other organizations for students to explore their interests. For additional information on Athletics go to: <http://www.wtwoodsonsports.org>. Band, Orchestra and Drama info is found under Performing Arts at: <http://www2.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/activities/co.html>

A list of active clubs and organization is located at: http://www2.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/activities/co_list.html

10. WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL ELECTRONIC PACKET

You will need to look at this to be prepared for the first week of school. There are several forms to be filled out and returned to the school. This is a must before the first day of school.

You can access this through the WT Woodson website:

(http://www2.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/docs/_2016%20Electronic%20Packet.pdf).

Welcome to Woodson!!

If any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Welcome to Woodson Team -- we will find you the answer! You can reach all our team members at: welcometowoodson@gmail.com