



# Warner Robins High School

## Parents' Corner

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### Calendar of Events

**January 6**  
Report Cards

**Jan. 16**  
Martin L. King Holiday

**Jan. 17 - 20, 23**  
EOCT retest

**Jan. 28**  
SAT, NHS

**Jan. 28**  
Demon Dress Drive

**Feb. 4**  
Senior Ball

**Feb. 11**  
ACT (deadline Jan. 13)  
WRHS- Rumble campus

**Feb. 17**  
Progress Reports

**Feb. 20-24**  
Winter Break

**Feb. 29**  
GHSWT retest

**March 10**  
SAT, NHS

**March 19 - 23**  
GHSWT spring testing

### Parent Involvement Does Make a Difference!

Schools understand that parents are busy people, but there are many different ways you can get involved in your child's education. No matter how little or how much time you have, there are many ways you can positively impact your student's education at school and at home. Remember, when parents get involved and stay involved, all students achieve at higher levels.

1. **SHOW YOUR STUDENT THAT YOU CARE.** Have a conversation with your student about school and homework regularly. Ask specific questions that inform you about your child's day. Know what classes your student is taking, who their friends are, and other essential information.
2. **EXPRESS HIGH EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS.** Encourage your student to take challenging courses and monitor your child's academic performance (homework, grades, and test scores) throughout the year. Emphasize effort and achievement.
3. **VISIT YOUR SCHOOL'S WEBSITE.** Access all kinds of information, including upcoming Parent Nights, school events, school report card, test dates, faculty directory, and grades on this site: <http://www.hcbe.net/schools/warner-robins-high-school.aspx>

### Parent Action Committee

Warner Robins High continues to recruit additional members for our Parent Action Committee. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 10 AM. If you are interested in serving on this committee tasked with increasing parental involvement and improving student achievement at WRHS, or if you have suggestions or ideas, please contact Lynn Parker, Parent Involvement Coordinator at 929-7877, Ext. 51625

### WRHS Parent Resource Center

Parent Resource Centers are located on both campuses of WRHS. They contain a multitude of pamphlets and flyers on various topics of interest to parents. The center is available for parent use during normal school hours, parent nights, or other times by appointment with our Parent Involvement Coordinator, 929-7877, ext.51625.

### Parents, Did you know.....?

- We have a special **emphasis on improving Reading/Literacy Skills** this year. Building strong reading skills and an interest in reading is one of the most important things parents can do to ensure their child's academic success. Here are some strategies you can use with your student at home:

**Compare Books to Film:** Have your family read a book and then check out the video version of that book. Talk about the similarities and differences in the two mediums. What did you like about each form? What didn't you like? Did your family prefer the book or the movie, and why?

**Compare Authors' Books:** Have your family read two books by the same author. Compare how they are similar and how they are different. Which did you and your student like best? Why?

- **Smart Web** can be set to notify you automatically of concerns with your student. After logging in, select the blue "manage profile" tab, on the upper left-hand side. If you need assistance please contact Lynn Parker, PIC, at 929-7877, Ext. 51625
- **FAFSA** (form necessary for college financial aid) assistance will be available several days in March and April here at WRHS. Completed 2011 tax forms will be needed. More specific dates and times are forthcoming.

- **AYP Update:** \*The Georgia Department of Education released amended Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports for 2011 on Nov. 2, 2011. The amendments include summer retest scores, which resulted in three more schools - **Warner Robins High School**, Thomson Middle and Northside Middle - making AYP.

It has become very difficult for high schools to make AYP. In order to make AYP last year, the requirements for the passage rate on the Georgia High School Gradation Test were: 76 percent met or exceeded math standards; and 90.8 percent met or exceeded standards for English Language Arts. In addition, at least an 85 percent graduation rate was required.

**Warner Robins High has now made AYP for six consecutive years.**

\*<http://www.hcbe.net/media/348010/news%20rel%20ayp%20nov%202011.pdf>

- **Testing: Jan. 17-20, 23 EOCT retest**

**Feb. 29-GHS Writing retest, March 19 - 23 GHS GT.**

**We have purchased the use of the leading online test review website: [www.usatestprep.com](http://www.usatestprep.com).**

- **Tutoring Available, Other Educational Opportunities:**

**Math Tutoring:** All WRHS math instructors have arranged tutoring times for their students. Talk to your math teacher to obtain the tutoring schedule or to see more tutoring opportunities available from other math teachers.

**Tutoring is available at WRHS**, students need to check with their individual teachers for tutoring schedules.

**WRHS Library Hrs.: M.-Th. 7:00-3:15, Fri. 7:00-3:00.** Click media ctr. on school website for helpful links.

**Georgia’s Virtual Library, GALILEO:** <http://www.galileo.usg.edu/high-school/hcbe/search/>.

Password: **overpass**, valid through 3/24/12.

**Learning Express—Test Prep** visit: [www.houpl.org](http://www.houpl.org), a Houston Co. Public Library resource. Enjoy free, unlimited access to interactive skill-building courses in math, reading and writing as well as a broad range of practice tests based on official exams such as the ACT, SAT, GED, ASVAB, Firefighter, Police Officer, Paramedic, U.S. Citizenship, Postal Worker, Cosmetology, Commercial Drivers License, Dental Assistant, Nursing School Entrance, and many more. This valuable service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, from any internet-enabled computer—in your library and even from your home. You must have a public library card.

**First Baptist Church**, 210 Garmon Street is offering tutoring to all students in every grade level, every Monday and Thursday from 6 – 7 PM with a snack provided. Phone 923-2279 if there are questions

**Middle Georgia Technical College** Free ESL, and basic and secondary level instruction for adults interested in remediation or obtaining a GED is provided through the Adult Education program at MGTC, phone 929-6789 for information.

### **HCBOE Offers Free Adult Computer Classes**

The Houston County School System will offer **BASIC** computer classes **free of charge** to our adult community again this school year. The classes are taught by employees and students who volunteer to help with the classes. Classes meet 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday evenings. Each site will accept a maximum of 56 participants with the exception of the Crossroads Center which is limited to 22 participants. Remaining classes are:

<u>Houston Co. High</u>	<u>Warner Robins High</u>	<u>Veterans High</u>	<u>Crossroads Center</u>
January 9, 2012	February 6, 2012	March 5, 2012	April 9, 2012
January 23, 2012	February 13, 2012	March 12, 2012	April 16, 2012
January 30, 2012	February 27, 2012	March 19, 2012	April 23, 2012

To sign up for the free training, please call Susan Ponegalek in the Teaching and Learning Department at 478-218-7523, ext. 10523. For questions related to these classes other than registration, contact the Director of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education, Barbara Wall, at 478-988-6222, extension 10226.

- **“In the Pink” Health Notes:**

An improved outdoor walking trail, now with gym equipment that’s free to use, opened Nov. 2 thanks to funds raised by the 2011 Leadership Class of the Robins Region Chamber of Commerce. The paved path runs from Corder Rd. to Fountain Park and is 1.2 miles long. Plan a family walk during one of our mild winter days and go check it out soon!