

Opinions

Welcome back students, teachers, and other staff to an exciting new year at WHS! The WHS faculty and staff is constantly trying to make this school a safer, more pleasant place to learn. New fine arts classes and extracurricular activities are continuously being added to this year's schedule. Mr. Bidwell would like to note that this exciting year started with first day games, and an enjoyable back to school bash, and great wins for the varsity volleyball and football teams. Mr. Bidwell explained "since the students are overflowing with excitement, spirit, and energy, this will be a better and more productive school year. Not only are the students getting involved, but so are the staff and the community."

Mr. Bidwell has many goals for this school, including sports teams bringing home district titles, and becoming an "A" school. Good luck to each and every faculty member, staff, and student as we get back in the swing of things!

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

Abraham Lincoln

Should we have three lunches?

We have gone around WHS, and asked a few students whether they think we should have separate high school lunches. Of course, we got a variety of answers. We got a few students for yes, a few for no, and we even got suggestions to try.

A minority of students we asked answered with "No, the combined lunch lets me socialize with people I have no classes with. The majority, ones that answered "yes," said it was because the lunch room doesn't have enough table space and seats for everyone, unless we had assigned seats. Another reason people would say "yes" is because it takes the entire lunch period to go through the line because of the amount of people.

The most liked suggestion we got was a longer lunch, even just an extra five minutes would be enough. Another helpful suggestion was moving freshmen to the junior high lunch. One thing the school may do next year is to make three lunches instead of two. Another suggestion is that we could assign each student a number, instead of using names, so the line would move faster. It was also suggested that the seniors get their choice of a subway sandwich once a week, or make a line for kids just paying in cash.

Dump Your Water

Earlier this summer the Gulf County Health Department announced that you should dump any water you have outside in containers. Any chance you get to go outside and check to see and dump it would be great. You're probably wondering what this is about? Well this is because the Zika virus has recently come into our panhandle. We know that there is no vaccine that exists to prevent Zika, so just try and avoid getting bit if possible. Many people who are infected with Zika virus won't have any symptoms or will only have mild symptoms. If you do happen to start having symptoms, this is what you should look for: fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). Other symptoms include muscle pain and headache. How long do symptoms last? Zika is usually mild with symptoms lasting several days to a week. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. Because of this, many people might not realize they have been infected. A blood or urine test can confirm if you have the virus, but sadly there isn't specific medicine for Zika.

Seniors: Make your Mark!

This year, WHS has made an offer to customize your parking spot this year. Keep in mind that to qualify for this you must be a senior and you must have bought a parking permit already. You will have to pay \$20, including the price for the permit. And for just \$10 more, Mrs. Cole's Painting Class will do it for you. The parking spots should be painted by the end of September. The parking spot design MUST be school appropriate. If you do not meet these guidelines, you could have your right to a parking spot removed and you will not get a refund. This offer is aimed at improving school pride and camaraderie with not only the seniors, but other students as well. We look forward to seeing the parking lot filled with your awesome designs!