Decatur ~ Gator Days

August 22, 23 & 24

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22nd = SENIORS
WEDNESDAY, 23rd = JUNIORS & SOPHOMORES
THURSDAY, 24th = FRESHMEN

"MORE INFO ON PAGE 13"

(1) Scholar Profile
(1) Health History Form

must be...

• filled out completely
• signed by your parent or guardian
• turned in at the entrance to Gator Days
(across the bridge to lower PA/stage door)

You will NOT be issued your schedule without your Scholar Profile

First day of school for ALL students will be Wednesday, September 6, 2017

7:25 am—1:55 pm

*** Please note we will be on “GOLD” schedule ~ Classes 2, 4, 6, & 8
Hello Decatur families!

It is an honor to return to my alma mater, Decatur High School (class of 1997) to serve as Principal. I am looking forward to meeting our scholars and families as we begin the 2017-2018 school year. As I walked the halls back in June and over this summer getting to know Decatur again, I felt the genuine warmth and strong sense of pride that our scholars and staff have for Decatur.

As we look to the future, this year and beyond, we will focus on skills that will allow our students to be successful in post-secondary education or their career of choice. I encourage you to talk with your scholar about the skills and content they are learning in class each day. As a part of our focus on necessary, career and college-ready real skills, we will be focusing on improving literacy school-wide. It is an expectation that all scholars will read a book of their choice for at least 30 minutes outside of school each day. Please check your scholars ParentVue account regularly. This year, ParentVue will be the primary communication method from the school to our families. Please check that your contact information is up-to-date and accurate. In an emergency situation, being able to contact families in a timely manner is vital.

There are so many things to look forward to this year, from our arts to our athletics. One recent addition is the return of the “Golden Gators” mural in the newly remodeled gym. We also have a couple of construction projects nearing the finish line. The new turf field and tennis courts are set to be complete this fall.

I have high hopes and high expectations for our scholars and cannot wait to see who and what they become. I know that with the right planning and support, our scholars WILL be successful. The future looks bright!

GO GATORS!!!

Jamie Tough, Principal

Jtough@fwps.org
Appropriate Attire

Student Dress Code

Students should make responsible decisions in selecting attire that “reflects pride and respect for themselves and their school.” (FWPS Policy 3224) School administration and staff expect students to dress in good taste and appropriately for school and learning. Students will be asked to correct the problem and/or be subject to disciplinary consequences for not following the dress code:

1. Clothing that promotes or contains obscene/offensive language, images, or innuendos is not allowed, including violent, sexual, drug, alcohol, tobacco, and/or illegal substance content.

2. See-through, excessively, or revealing clothing is not permitted. Underclothing should not be visible.

3. Sunglasses may not be worn inside the building unless it is for an approved Spirit Week activity, or medical issue/Dr.’s letter.

4. Bandanas may not be worn in the building. Exceptions to this policy may be made for religious or medical reasons or for an approved Spirit Week activity. Orange Spirit Bandanas are permitted on spirit days but MUST NOT cover the face.

5. Hats and scarves may be worn in the building as long as the face is fully visible

Dress Code Violations:

• 1st referral: Correct the problem. Call parent to provide appropriate clothing/inform.

• 2nd referral: Call parent.

Repeated violations = insubordinate behavior = Parent Conference
A LITTLE HELP FROM YOUR FRIENDS!

Every freshman at Decatur meets regularly with an upperclass mentor. The focus of the IGNITE Leadership program is to help freshmen “learn the ropes” and be successful in high school. Everything from class punctuality to study habits is emphasized to increase student achievement and success. We have an outstanding group of mentors being trained this year to help transition our ninth grade students into their life as a Decatur Gator.

Sian Fankhauser, IGNITE Leadership Teacher ~ sian-fankhau@fwps.org

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2017-2018 SAT

All seniors will be registered by the District to take the SAT during the school day on

Wednesday, October 11th! (This is provided free of charge for ALL seniors)

2017-2018 ACT

Complete information, location, prices, and registration online @ www.actstudent.org

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED MEALS
MAY QUALIFY FOR SAT/ACT FEE WAIVERS
A LIMITED NUMBER ARE AVAILABLE
PLEASE INQUIRE EARLY

Seniors planning to apply to four-year colleges and universities should register online now to take either the SAT or ACT college admission test. (Please note: The school day SAT on October 11th is provided free of charge to all seniors. Students must register for all other test dates themselves).

Testing registration and preparation materials are available online or in the Career Center.

Seniors are strongly advised to register early because the Decatur test center fills up quickly in the fall.

Be sure to check the Decatur Career Center website for more information and news on upcoming college visitations and scholarships!!
Life After High School

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
6:00-8:00 pm
at Federal Way High School

FAFSA Workshop will begin at 5:00 pm.

Representatives from over 60 four-year colleges and universities, community colleges, technical schools, all branches of the military, apprenticeships, a variety of specialty schools, and more will be available to talk to you about your future plans!

There will also be seminars on college admissions, financial aid, and scholarships. All students and parents from the Federal Way School District high schools are invited to attend.

2017 - 2018 Fees

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(see parking regulations)
Replacement / Additional Vehicles $ 5.00

NOTE: All “FINES” must be cleared to purchase a Parking Permit

*Fees are based on 2016-2017 budget and are subject to change.

!! ATTENTION !!

2018 Seniors

High School and Beyond Plan

You MUST complete a High School and Beyond Plan to graduate!

Your High School and Beyond Plan will be presented to your Advisory teacher and checked off by Mrs. Novak during the Spring Student Led Conferences. If you do not have an advisory teacher (Running Start, Vital), your final due date will also be during the Spring Student Led Conferences. Students are encouraged to complete their portfolios early and present to Mrs. Novak. If your portfolio is presented before Spring Student Led Conferences, the conferences become optional for you.

Penalties will accrue for all seniors who do not meet the due date.

For more information, please see our website at:
http://fwps.org/page/4147.html
Contact Mrs. Novak in the Career Center or at rnovak@fwps.org with any questions.

Decatur High School

Supply List

Sturdy backpack or book bag
Three-ring binder with dividers
Pens: blue or black and red
No. 2 Pencils, several packs
Highlighters: green, yellow, blue, pink
Notebook paper: college ruled (large pack)
9 x 11 spiral notebook
Colored pencils
Ruler: with metric & standard measurement
2 Glue sticks
1 Eraser
Protractor (optional)
Scientific calculator
Electronic or Pocket Dictionary/Thesaurus (optional)

Individual teachers may request additional items.

DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL

is a
CLOSED CAMPUS

Students who leave campus without approval are TRUANT and will have discipline assigned.
SCHOLAR PROFILE

This form is our main source of information for contacting persons (parent or designee) in the event of an emergency at school. It is important that it is accurate and complete.

The form includes spaces for emergency contact persons. Please make sure that these are people you would trust to make serious decisions regarding your child’s welfare if you are unavailable. These are also the ONLY people who are permitted to pick your child up at school without your permission.

It is essential that all contact information is kept accurate and up-to-date via ParentVue. If additional assistance is needed, please contact Decatur Data Office at 253-945-5214.

2017-2018 DECATUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Executive ASB Officers

- President: Tony Choi
- Vice President: Kayla Watkins
- Secretary: Angela Hong
- Treasurer: Dahvae Turner
- Activities Coordinator: Ben Ray
- Community Relations: Marquesha Greene
- Advisor: Matthew Paterra

HEALTH HISTORY FORM

This information is used by the school nurse as needed with your student. Please make sure that this information is current and accurate. If more health information should be shared with the nurse, please call her. She will be available before school starts and will return your call.

Students are allowed to carry a one day supply of labeled over the counter medication (ie Tylenol) with a note from parent. All prescription medicines require a doctor’s order to be given at school. The medication will be locked in the health room and administered by the nursing staff.

Students may carry an inhaler for asthma. An order from their medical provider is required to be on file in the health room. Students with medical orders for inhaler will be required to carry them on field trips or sports activity busses.

Decatur’s school nurse is
Sue Inglis, R.N. ~ 253.945.5209

Please call with any concerns.

Good News from the Attendance Office

Contacting the Attendance Office is easier than ever!

- Handwritten Note
- E-mail: decattendance@fwps.org
- Telephone: 253.945.5205
- Fax: 253.945.5387

Please include your student’s FIRST AND LAST NAME and Student ID number in all your correspondence. Thank you!

Carol Cessna, Attendance Secretary

LOCKERS

Lockers will be assigned to new students and incoming freshmen (grade 9) during GATOR DAYS.

Returning Decatur students will keep the SAME locker as last year.
We are Proud Gators! Respectful United Present Determined Proud Ownership

DANCES, ATHLETICS, ETC.

*Decatur High School Student ID Card is required for entry into all dances.*

All school rules and regulations apply to dance & athletic contests, as well as all other school activities and student performances. Lewd conduct or music is not allowed and violators will be subject to disciplinary consequences. Violators are also subject to removal from dance without refund. *Students violating regulations may result in loss of extra circular activity.*

Students current years Rights & Responsibility must be signed and turned in. All detentions served and all fines must be paid in order to attend school dance.

Non-Decatur students are ONLY allowed with a permission form when it is a designated school dance ALLOWING a Decatur student to invite one guest only. Non-Decatur students must have valid ID. Once a student departs the dance, there is no re-entry.

*PARENT CHAPERONES are always welcome!*

Please contact T. Perez at 253-945-5220

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PARKING PERMIT INSTRUCTIONS

PARKING REGISTRATION BEGINS Gator Days

Seniors = Tuesday, August 22nd
Juniors = Wednesday, August 23rd

*Students MUST submit application AND photocopies of:*
- their Driver’s License
- current registration
- proof of insurance

*(copies WILL NOT be provided by the school)*

You cannot have ANY outstanding fines or discipline to get a parking permit!

1. Pay for the parking permit during Gator Days. SAVE your receipt - you’ll need to present it, with all your completed parking forms and photocopied documents, to receive a Decatur parking tag.

2. Present your receipt, with ALL of your completed parking forms, at the Parking Station. Your paperwork will be verified and you will receive your 2017-2018 GATOR PARKING TAG.

Parking space is limited and in high demand

Students are not allowed to purchase a parking permit if they have any outstanding discipline or fines.

*ANY student who parks in a staff parking space may be fined $20.*

Those vehicles on campus that are unauthorized and/or in violation may receive a parking ticket and/or be TOWED at the registered owner’s expense.
School Breakfast & Lunch

For your convenience and ease
Nutrition Services has everything you need on-line:

- Menus
- Payments
- Applications

Check it out... we think you will be pleased with what you find!!

“Lunch Money Now”
is available for online payments!
www.lunchmoneynow.com/lmnfwy

2017-2018 FWPS Meal Prices

Breakfast .........................$1.75
Secondary Lunch ...............$3.00
Milk ....................................$.60

Students are required to present their Decatur Student ID Card when purchasing meals.

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications

Parents and guardians now have another option for applying for free and reduced lunch in Federal Way Public Schools. It’s called MEAL APP NOW, and it’s a program that lets parents apply for free and reduced-price school meals via the Internet.

If you don’t have Internet access or prefer to fill out the paper form, no worries – you can still do that. The paper form will be available to all families at the start of the school year just as it always has been.

Filling out the form online has advantages. Applying online is the fastest way to get your application approved. The district can review and process the application within a few days. Paper forms can take up to 10 days to process. They system is very, very secure; your information remains private. It will be used only for the meal application process.

To apply online, you’ll need to create an account. To do this, you will be asked to provide your student’s full name and birth date, just as you do on the paper form.

To fill out the form on the internet, go to http://www.fwps.org/domain/197 and click on MEAL APP NOW and follow the instructions. The website also has more information and instructions on using the features of MEAL APP NOW. We think you’ll agree - it’s an efficient and convenient service.

Questions? Call 253.945.5555
Nutrition Services

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RENEWED ANNUALLY EVERY SEPTEMBER...

WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR YOUR RENEWAL FORM!

(TO BE MAILED FROM NUTRITION SERVICES)
PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

All Day: Friday, September 15, 2017

PICTURE RETAKES DAY

All Day: Friday, October 20, 2017

SENIOR GROUP PHOTO DAY

Friday, October 20, 2017 at 1:00 pm

STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

You have a say in who can see your child’s directory information. We ask parents to think carefully before restricting this information. Unfortunately, by restricting your child’s directory information for school publications, your student’s name and photo cannot be included in student annuals and yearbooks. He or she will not be able to be part of a classroom, team or club photo which are intended to be published in yearbooks. And this is just one example.

If you need more information before you decide, go to:
www.fwps.org
Search form “Request to Restrict Student Directory Information”.

Opt Out forms are also available in the school office.

ATTENTION

CLASS of 2018

Senior yearbook photos will be taken by Leo’s Photography during GATOR DAYS

Please dress appropriately for your photo during GATOR DAYS!

Photos done by outside studios:

*Submit before October 31
*Blue background with a 1” headsize

ASB Card & Pictures

Pictures for the 2017—2018 yearbook and for individual purchase, as well as for student ID cards, will be taken at Gator Days. All orders must be paid for at that time.

There is no charge for ID card/pictures.

ASB Cards will be validated upon payment of the $35 ASB fee.
2017–2018 Decatur Events

Aug 16..........Football ONLY first turn-out
Aug 22..........GATOR DAYS – Class of 2018 (Sr/12)
Aug 23..........GATOR DAYS – Class of 2019 (Jr/11)
Aug 23..........GATOR DAYS – Class of 2020 (Soph/10)
Aug 24..........GATOR DAYS – Class of 2021 (Fresh/9)
Aug 21..........All other Fall Sports turn-out
Sept 4..........NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Sept 5..........NO SCHOOL - Data Day
Sept 6..........First Day of School
Sept 20..........Early Release
Sept 27.........Open House (6:00 pm—7:30 pm)
Oct 4 ..........Early Release
Oct 13 ..........NO CLASSES - Teacher In-Service
Nov 18 ..........Early Release
Nov 1 ..........Early Release
Nov 8,9.........NO SCHOOL - Student Led Conferences
Nov 10.........Veterans Day
Nov 22..........Early Dismissal, Thanksgiving Break
Nov 23—24 ... NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 6 ..........Early Release
Dec 18—Jan 1.NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
Jan 10.........Early Release
Jan 15..........NO SCHOOL – MLK Day
Jan 26..........NO SCHOOL - Semester Break
Feb 14.........Early Release
Feb 19-20......NO SCHOOL - Mid-Winter Break
Mar 9 ..........NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service
Mar 14.........Early Release
Mar 22-23 .....NO SCHOOL - Student Led Conferences
Mar 28 ..........Early Release
Apr 2-6.........NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Apr 11 ........ Early Release
Apr 25 ..........Early Release
May 16......... Early Release
May 28.........NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
May 29.........Pre-Scheduled Snow Make-up Day, if needed
June 6.........Early Release
June 20.........LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, Early Dismissal
**Decatur High School Athletics - GO, Gators!**

**• Fall Season •**

*August 16 - Football * First Practice  
*August 21 - All Other Fall Sports * First practice*

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**• Winter Season •**

*October 30 - Girls Bowling * First Practice  
*November 6 - Gymnastics * First Practice  
*November 13 - All Other Winter Sports * First Practice*

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**• Spring Season •**

*February 26 - All Spring Sports * First Practice*

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**• Year Round •**

*Cheer & Drill (Spring tryouts)*

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**Athletic Clearance in 4 Steps**

- forms are available on-line •

1. Complete online registration at Rank One Sport website: https://federal-way.rankonesport.com
2. Have a physician conduct an athletic physical and fill out FWSD physical form (every 2 years),
3. Pay $35 for ASB Card
4. Turn in completed physical form and receipt for ASB to the Athletic Office

**IMPORTANT SPORT NOTE:**

Sport physicals cannot expire during the season. Make sure your student’s physical date is good through the entire sports season.

Sports physicals can be faxed to (253) 945-5252.

The Athletic Office is located on the North side of the PA, in Room 601.
Everything You Need to Know, Right In the Palm of Your Hand...

S C O R E !

We know how it is. Parents have a lot to do and think about. No wonder the lunch balance sometimes slips into the red, or you didn’t know there was a back-to-school open house until a note from the principal dropped out of your student’s folder -- a week after the event.

What about emergency communications?

We know you’re tired of phone calls, especially robocalls. That’s why the district and schools are using email, text messages and the app to communicate with parents whenever possible. But there are times when a phone call is necessary. And most parents agree, if there’s a lockdown or other emergency situation at a school, a phone call is expected.

We use a powerful call-out system called C5i. It allows us to place phone calls to hundreds or thousands of numbers and send email and text messages simultaneously – all in a few minutes. But it’s only as good as the numbers parents provide to us.

For that reason, we ask that you keep your emergency contact information up-to-date, via ParentVue. If additional assistance is needed, please contact Decatur Data Office at 253-945-5214.

It’s ok. We can help.

All you need is your smart phone. Ready? Start by downloading the Federal Way Public School’s app. Go to the Apple app store or the Google Play store and search for “Federal Way.” Once you’ve downloaded the app, just pick the schools you want to follow. The app walks you through it. (If you ever want to change the schools you follow, just go to the settings icon.)

And that’s it. You’ll get day-to-day communications right on your phone: flyers, letters and notices from the school, even emergency notifications.

You can look up menus and pay for lunches. Or go to the calendar to find conference dates or late-start days. What if your children attend more than one school? Activities from all schools you follow are merged onto your calendar on the app.

The app lets you keep up on your student’s grades and assignments by clicking on the ParentVUE icon. Need to email one of your child’s teachers? The directory has names of all staff at the school and a link that allows you to send an email from your phone. The app even lets you keep track of game times and scores, or browse job openings.

There’s always some useful new tool on the app. Here’s an example: at the end of summer, you can find a Back to School icon on the app, with links to everything you need to get the school year started off right.

More about those school flyers.

A backpack full of paper notices is so ... 2013. All flyers for activities like summer camps and sports teams are now posted online, thanks to our partnership with Peachjar. The district also posts flyers with important information, including school supply lists and uniform policies, graduation requirement changes and more. Many schools are now posting their newsletters and parent letters to their Peachjar page, too.

With the district app, you’ll see all of these, right in your news feed. Which is a lot better than finding them at the bottom of your student’s backpack with a half-eaten peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

By the way, you can find flyers on your browser, too. Just go to your student’s school’s website and click on the Peachjar icon.
Gator Days 2017

Every Decatur & Running Start student
Must bring a completed
(1) Scholar Profile &
(1) Health History Form signed By a parent/guardian

To enter school for Gator Days:
Cross the bridge to lower PA/Stage door

Tuesday, August 22
Class of 2018 (Seniors/12)..... 12:00 - 2:30 pm
~ Building CLOSED 3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 23
Class of 2019 (Juniors/11)......8:30 - 10:30 am
~ Building CLOSED 11 am - 1 pm
Class of 2020 (Sophomores/10)....1:00 - 3:00 pm
~ Building CLOSED 3:30 pm

Thursday, August 24
Class of 2021 (Freshmen/9)......8:30 - 10:30 am
~ Building CLOSED 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

- Pick up student class schedules for 2017 – 2018
- Student ID & Yearbook photos (required)
- Student may pay for ASB Card, Yearbook

Students must be free of fees, fines, and detention to attend Decatur dances.
Decatur High School
Bell Schedule 2017–2018

Blue & Gold Days

Blue = 1, 3, 5, 7
Gold = 2, 4, 6, 8

Zero Hour .................................................. 6:20—7:15
Period 1 / 2 ................................................. 7:25—8:50
Period 3 / 4 .................................................. 8:55—10:25

Period 5 / 6 .................................................. 10:25—12:25
   1st Lunch ............................................. 10:25—10:55
   Class Time ........................................... 11:00—12:25
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   Class Time ........................................... 10:30—11:55
   2nd Lunch ............................................ 11:55—12:25

Period 7 / 8 .................................................. 12:30—1:55

IT IS, AND ALWAYS IS, A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR! YITADEE!