Decatur ~ Gator Days

August

Tuesday, August 20th from 8:30 AM—11:00 AM = Seniors
Tuesday, August 20th from 12 PM—2:30 PM = Juniors
Wednesday, August 21st from 8:30 AM—11:00 AM = Sophomores
Wednesday, August 21st from 12:00 PM—2:30 PM = Freshmen

“More info on page 13”

(1) Yellow Emergency Information Sheet
(1) Health History Form

must be . . .

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

Scholars will NOT be issued schedules
without a completed YELLOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET

First day of school for ALL students will be Tuesday, September 3, 2019

7:25 am—1:55 pm

*** Please note we will be on a “BLUE” schedule ~ Classes A, 1, 3, 5, & 7
Hello Gators! I am so excited to welcome all of our incoming 9th graders and new students, and to welcome back all of our upper classmen for the 2019-2020 school year!

This year, we will continue to advance our work as part of the Federal Way Public Schools Strategic Plan with a focus on Goal 2, The Whole Child and on Goal 5, Persistence to Graduation.

Families, we know you are starting your back-to-school shopping soon so I wanted to let you know where you can access our school supply list for next year. As you may know, Decatur is an AVID school which means we implement researched, vetted academic and organizational strategies school wide. One of those strategies is the use of the AVID Binder. At Decatur, we call it the P.R.O.U.D. Binder, and it is an expectation that all students have and utilize this important tool. You can access our school supply list for all of the required items to include in the binder on our website at https://www.fwps.org/decatur.

In addition, our website is also a great resource to find out about the activities and events happening at Decatur. You can also set-up and access your ParentVue account from the website. ParentVue is a vital communication tool provided by our district that allows you to monitor your scholar’s grades and attendance in real time.

I hope you all are having a great summer, and we can’t wait to see you all at Gator Days!!

GO GATORS!!

Jamie Tough
Principal
APPRIOPRIATE ATTIRE

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Scholars 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 Scholars to dress in good taste and appropriately for school and learning. Scholars 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, marijuana and/or illegal substance content.

2. See-through or excessively 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, doctor’s letter must be provided.

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:

Correct the problem. Call parent to provide appropriate clothing/inform.

Repeat offense(s) and/or failure to cooperate = will result in a Parent Conference
Testing Information:

2019-2020 SAT

All seniors will be registered by the District to take the SAT during the school day on Wednesday, October 16th! (This is provided free of charge for ALL seniors).

Students in grades 9-11 will take the PSAT and PSAT/NMSQT on the same date. All test fees are paid by the district.

2019-2020 ACT

Complete information, location, prices, and registration for ACT testing is available online @ www.actstudent.org

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE/REDUCED MEALS
WHO MISSED THE DISTRICT PAID SAT DAY IN OCTOBER
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 may also register online to take the ACT college admission test.

(Please note: The school day SAT on October 16th is provided free of charge to all seniors. Students must register for all other tests and test dates themselves).

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

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

Advanced Placement Exams 2020

May 4-8

May 11-15

2019-2020 DECATUR

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Executive ASB Officers

President ......................... Ainsley Yoshizumi
Vice President .................... Elijah Bakam
Secretary .......................... Catherine Huyhn
Treasurer .......................... Nevada Paris
Activities Coordinator ............. Spencer Sugg
Community Relations .............. Tyrasia Haeup-Woolfolk
Advisor ............................. Matthew Paterra
Life After High School
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
6:00-8:00 pm
at Decatur High School

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, FAFSA/WASFA workshop, financial aid, and scholarships. All students and parents from the Federal Way School District high schools are invited to attend.

2019 - 2020 Fees

Yearbook (prior to 12/31/19) .....................$ 50.00
Yearbook (after 12/31/19) .........................$ 55.00
ASB Card ..............................................$ 35.00
ASB/ID Replacement .................................$ 3.00
Parking Permit ......................................$ 20.00
(see parking regulations)
Replacement / Additional Vehicles $ 5.00

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

*Fees are based on 2018-2019 budget and are subject to change.

!! ATTENTION !!

2020 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 your counselor during Spring Scholar Led Conferences. If you do not have an advisory teacher (Running Start, Vital), your final due date will also be during Spring Scholar Led Conferences, and must be turned into your Counselor, directly. Students are encouraged to complete their plans early.

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

For more information, please see our website at https://www.maialearning.com/#1

Contact your counselor’s with any questions.

Decatur High School
Supply List

Sturdy backpack or book bag
Three to four inch, three-ring binder with 8 dividers (clear view cover preferred)
Pens: blue/black and red
No. 2 pencils and pencil pouch
Highlighters: green, yellow, blue, pink
Notebook paper: college ruled (large pack)
4—composition notebooks
Colored pencils
Ruler with metric and standard measurement
Scotch tape
Eraser
Protractor (optional)
Scientific calculator

Individual teachers may request additional items.
YELLOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET

This form is our main source of information for contacting responsible 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 the Decatur Data Office at 253-945-5214.

DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL is A CLOSED CAMPUS

Scholars who leave campus without approval are TRUANT and will have discipline assigned.

HEALTH HISTORY FORM

This information is used by the school nurse as needed with your scholar. Please make sure that this information is current and accurate. If your scholar has ANY accommodations, medications or will need a health care plan, please call the nurse or visit the health room.

Scholars are allowed to personally carry a one day supply of labeled, over-the-counter medication (i.e. Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Benadryl, and/or cough drops, etc...) with a signed note from a parent. ALL prescription medicines (i.e. ADHD, penicillin, inhaler, epi-pen, etc...) require a doctor’s order to be given at school. The medication must be given to the nurse, and will be locked in the health room and administered by a trained staff member.

Scholars may self carry an inhaler for asthma or epi-pen for severe allergies. An order form from their medical provider is required to be on file in the health room. Scholars with medical orders for inhalers and epi-pens will be required to self carry them at ALL times, as well as on field trips, clubs or sports activities buses, unless otherwise arranged by nurse. This will be checked periodically and before boarding field trip or sport activity buses.

Decatur’s school nurse is

Margaret Aparis, 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.
PARKING PERMIT

Instructions

PARKING REGISTRATION BEGINS AT GATOR DAYS

Seniors = August 20th
Juniors = August 20th

Students MUST submit application AND photocopies of:

- Driver’s License
- valid Registration
- proof of insurance

(copies WILL NOT be provided by the school)

You may not have ANY outstanding fines or discipline in order to get a parking permit!

- Parking permits will be issued during Gator Days at our finance office. Submit a copy of your current Driver’s License, current registration, and proof of insurance. Your paperwork will be verified, and you will receive your 2019-2020 GATOR PARKING PERMIT.

EVENTS

DANCES, ATHLETICS, ETC.

A 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 any other school activities and student performances. Inappropriate conduct or music is not allowed and violators will be subject to disciplinary consequences. Violators are also subject to removal from dance without refund. Violating these regulations may further result in loss of extra-circular privileges.

Student’s current Rights & Responsibilities agreement must be signed and turned in. All detentions must be served and all fines must be paid in order to attend any school dance.

Non-Decatur students are allowed to attend dances with a permission form only when it is a designated school dance ALLOWING a Decatur student to invite one guest.

Non-Decatur students must have valid ID. Once a student departs the dance, there is no re-entry, no exceptions.

PARENT CHAPERONES are always welcome!

Please contact the Deans at 253-945-5200

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 per day.

Any 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... [www.fwps.org page under “menus”](http://www.fwps.org) we think you will be pleased with what you find!!

“Lunch Money Now” is available for online payments! [www.lunchmoneynow.com/lmnfwy](http://www.lunchmoneynow.com/lmnfwy)

2019-2020 FWPS Meal Prices

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

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications

Parents and guardians now have another option when 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 may take up to 10 days to process. The 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, go to [http://www.mealappnow.com/manfwy/splash.php](http://www.mealappnow.com/manfwy/splash.php) 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

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**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: September 11, 2019*

**PICTURE RETAKE DAY**

*All Day: October 28, 2019*

**SENIOR GROUP PHOTO DAY**

*Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 1:15 pm*

**SENIOR QUOTES**

*Yearbook will be collecting Senior Quotes to go with your portrait in the yearbook. Quotes must be school appropriate and respectful of others. Any quote that violates expectations will not be included and student will NOT have a chance to submit a new quote. We will begin collecting quotes in October or November.*

**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. They will not be able to be photographed in classroom, team or club photos which are intended to be published in yearbooks.

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 Guidance Office.*

**SENIOR**

*Baby Ads (for Yearbook)*

Families may purchase space for Senior Ads/Baby Ads! This is a space to congratulate your Senior, send them lasting messages, and share additional photos. You may purchase space by 1/4 page - $50, 1/2 page - $100, or full page - $200. Payment MUST be made to the finance office at Decatur, after which families will be provided with access to an online design center to create the ad (it is very user friendly!). Payment is due before Winter Break. Ad design due by end of February.

**ATTENTION**

*CLASS of 2020*

Your Senior yearbook picture will automatically be your school photo taken by Leo’s Photography. If you would like to have a different portrait in the yearbook (by a different photographer or agency), you may submit the photo to www.hjeshare.com (code: Gators2020). Alternative Senior portraits are due before Winter Break. Full body photos are not recommended as the photo printed will be under 2 inches. Yearbook reserves the right to refuse photos that do not meet expectations (no snapchat filters, photo needs to be clear & in focus, school appropriate, etc.).

**ASB Card & Pictures**

Pictures for the 2019—2020 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.
2019–2020 DECATUR EVENTS

Aug 20 ........... GATOR DAYS – Class of 2020 (Sr/12)
Aug 20 ........... GATOR DAYS – Class of 2021 (Jr/11)
Aug 21 ........... GATOR DAYS – Class of 2022 (Soph/10)
Aug 21 ........... GATOR DAYS – Class of 2023 (Fresh/9)
Aug 21 ........... Football ONLY, first turn-out
Aug 26 ........... All other Fall Sports turn-out
Sept 2 ........... NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Sept 3 ........... First Day of School
Sept 18 ........ Early Release
Sept 18 ........ Open House (6:00 pm—7:30 pm)
Sept 25 ........ Early Release
Oct 9 ............ Early Release
Oct 11 ........... NO CLASSES - District Professional Development Day
Oct 30 ........... Early Release
Nov 7, 8 ........ NO SCHOOL - Student-Led Conferences (SLC’s)
Nov 11 .......... Veterans Day
Nov 20 .......... Early Release
Nov 27 .......... Early Dismissal, Thanksgiving Break
Nov 28—29 ... NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
Dec 4 .......... Early Release
Dec 18 .......... Early Release
Dec 23—Jan 3 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
Jan 15 .......... Early Release
Jan 20 .......... NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 29 .......... Early Release
Jan 31 .......... NO SCHOOL - Semester Break
Feb 12 .......... Early Release
Feb 14 .......... Pre-Scheduled Snow Make-Up day, if needed
Feb 17 .......... Presidents Day
Feb 26 .......... Early Release
Mar 11 .......... Early Release
Mar 19-20 .... NO SCHOOL - Student-Led Conferences (SLC’s)
Mar 25 .......... Early Release
Apr 6-10 ....... NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Apr 15 .......... Early Release
Apr 29 .......... Early Release
May 6 .......... Early Release
May 20 .......... Early Release
May 25 .......... NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
June 3 .......... Early Release
June 4 .......... Seniors’ Last Day
June 12 .......... LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, Early Dismissal
June 15 – 16 ... Snow Make-Up day(s), if needed
# Decatur High School Athletics - GO, GATORS!

## Fall Season

*August 21 - Football * First Practice  
*August 26 - All Other Fall Sports * First practice*

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## Winter Season

*November 4 - Girls Bowling * First Practice  
*November 11 - Gymnastics * First Practice  
*November 18 - All Other Winter Sports * First Practice*

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## Spring Season

*March 2 - All Spring Sports * First Practice*

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## Year Round

| Cheer | Dance (fall tryouts TBA) |

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### Athletic Clearance in 4 Steps

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

### Important Sport Note:

Sports physicals can NOT expire during the season. Make sure your student’s physical date is good through the entire sports season.

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

For Athletic-related questions, please call:  
Athletic Office: 253-945-5303  
Fax: 253-945-5252
Everything You Need to Know, Right In the Palm of Your Hand...

SCORE!

We know how it is! Parents have a lot to do and to 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 Federal Way Public School’s 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 the 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 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 the schools you follow are merged onto your calendar on the app.

The app lets you keep up with 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 ... 2014. 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 2019

Every Decatur & Running Start scholar must bring a completed
(1) Yellow Emergency Information Sheet &
(1) Health History Form signed By a parent/guardian
To be admitted to the “Gator” process

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

Tuesday, August 20
Class of 2020 (Seniors/12)
8:30 am—11:00 am
Class of 2021 (Juniors/11)
12:00 pm—2:30 pm

Wednesday, August 21
Class of 2022 (Sophomores/10)
8:30 am—11:00 am
Class of 2023 (Freshmen/9)
12:00 pm—2:30 pm

What happens at Gator Days?
• Pick up student class schedules for 2019 – 2020
• Student ID & Yearbook photos (required)
• Student may pay for ASB Card Yearbook

** Students must be free of fees, fines, and detentions to attend Decatur dances.
Decatur High School

Bell Schedule 2019–2020

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!