

School Board Report – September



6 - 12 Principal Julie Granberg

New Phone Policy: We started the first day of school and it has been going very well. I included the policy in the handbook that will be approved this evening as well. I have included some research information from different articles on the benefits of not having phones bell to bell.

Academic Performance

- **Boosts Test Scores:** Increases standardized test performance by 6% to 14%, with the largest gains among struggling students.
- **Restores Mental Focus:** Studies show a phone's physical presence reduces cognitive capacity and memory, even when turned off on a desk.
- **Reclaims Class Time:** Eliminates daily digital interruptions and task-switching, keeping students engaged in instruction.

Student Mental Health & Social Well-Being

- **Reduces Bullying:** Leads to measurable drops in both cyberbullying and in-person harassment during school hours.
- **Lowers Anxiety:** Provides a guaranteed 7-hour break from social media pressure, non-consensual filming, and constant notifications.
- **Encourages Real Interaction:** Fosters genuine face-to-face socializing, conflict resolution, and play during lunch and breaks.

School Culture & Operations

- **Decreases Disciplinary Issues:** Cuts down on classroom disruptions, academic dishonesty, and hallway truant behavior.
- **Supports Teachers:** Shifts enforcement responsibility from individual classrooms to administration, reducing teacher burnout and turnover.

WHA Student words:

“This isn’t so bad Mrs. Granberg.”

“I was addicted to my phone and this is helping me.”

“ I don’t have to worry if I am missing something, because none of my friends have their phones”

Open House: We had a very successful open house with many families coming to enjoy a spaghetti dinner and conversations. Thanks to the school board members that came to support the school and serve the meal.



A big “Thank You” to the Unit 134 Walker Legion Auxiliary, President Diane Morrison and group for school supplies for WHA students. They donated markers (60) colored pencils (48) and three ring binders (72) for elementary, middle and high school students. We appreciate your kindness to support our WHA students.



Enrollment: As of Sept. 8 we have in the high/middle school 32 new students and 17 that have left to other schools or to online. We are excited to have new faces in the building and the students have welcomed them into our WHA community.

Grade	Sept.9	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May
6	55								
7	56								
8	53								
9	56								
10	43								
11	59								
12	48								