

Knighly Newsletter



News from the Principal

Can you believe we have been in school for six weeks already? Time flies when you are having fun! And that is what we are doing at Warren New Tech, having fun while educating your children. The teachers at Warren New Tech have been creating engaging projects so students can learn in a collaborative environment. I'm sure you have already begun to hear your child complain that they have too many projects going on at one time but I assure you, we are not overloading your child with more work than he or she can handle. The staff at Warren New Tech truly believe that having students work in a collaborative environment where the students have to put aside their differences for the good of the group is the best way to educate students to be productive citizens who are prepared for the real world when they leave high school.

In order to have fun while learning students must put in the work. With that being said I must remind you that the only way students can learn and stay caught up on their school work is to come to school on time each day. The school day begins promptly at 8:00 am each day. It is imperative that your child is on time each day because attendance matters in every grade level but especially in high school because students must meet the seat time requirements in order to earn credits. For Semester-long classes, students cannot have more than eight unexcused absences and for year-long classes they cannot have more than 16 unexcused absences. When your child misses school due to doctors' appointments or being sick, make sure you send a note to school with your child when he or she comes back to school. Notes turned in to the office after two days of the student's return to school will not be accepted.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me anytime. We extend an open invitation to you to come into the classrooms so you can see first hand our teachers facilitating authentic learning for every child they serve. It takes a village to raise a child and we are working hard to ensure our village is strong and has all the resources our students need in order to be the best he or she can be.

Important Dates to Remember:

October 11th, 8:30-1:00 Red Cross Blood Drive

October 15th, 11:50 CPR Training for all Seniors (Graduation Requirement)

October 16th, Seniors first draft of Senior Paper Due (Graduation Requirement)

October 17th, 12:30 Early Release Day- Parent, teacher conference for report card pickup (1:00-7:00 pm)

October 18th, 12:30 Early Release Day

October 21st-25th College Application Week

October 25th, 12:30 Early Release Day

October 28th - November 1st—Homecoming Week

November 1st, Homecoming Football Game @ 7:00



Jennifer Wilker, Warren New Tech

In the Spotlight

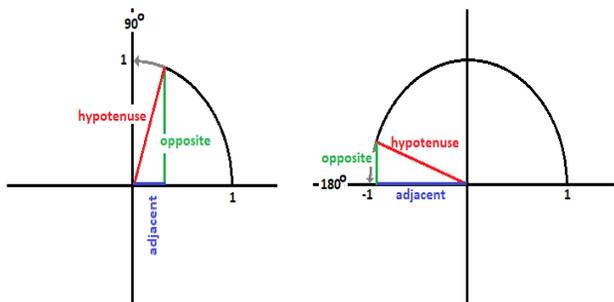
Kerine Waugh-Lewis



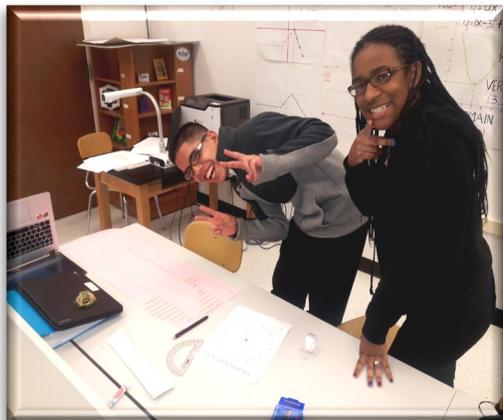
Kindness, Spirituality, creativity and family are my main core values that keep me humble and grounded. I am an adventurous person who seldomly shies away from a challenge. I believe all students who possess a growth mindset have the potential to learn mathematics at any level. The growth of one's mathematical competence improves when individuals realize that **Mistakes Allow Thinking to Happen**. I believe in empowering my students to believe in themselves and so I endeavor to always create a warm and friendly learning environment. My name is Kerine Waugh-Lewis and I am a Jamaican Teacher of Mathematics.

Classroom Happenings

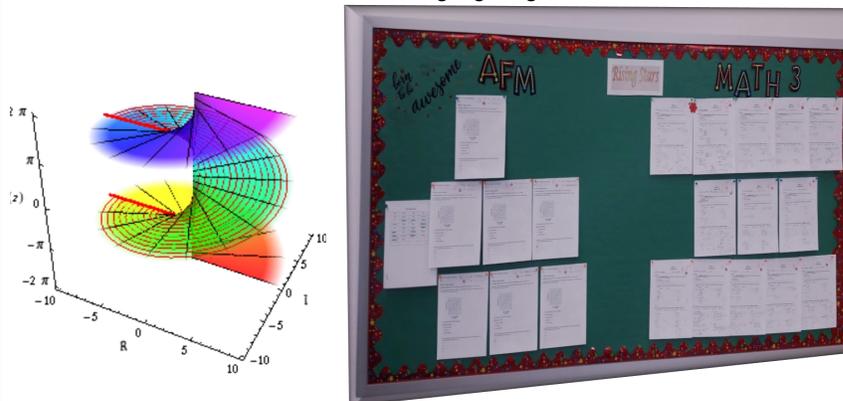
Mathematics is life - from counting a child's initial foot steps to keeping track of the time to take that arthritis medication. My approach to teaching mathematics is to present the material with real-life application. It's the end of the first month of instructions and my students are busy with their first project. Some are enjoying the challenge more than others but I am loving the team effort and collaboration being displayed by the majority of my students. My students of Advanced Functions and Modelling are engaged in their Statistics project while my Math III students are gearing towards presentation on the Sine and Cosine functions. Have a sneak peak ;)



Creating models of the Sine and Cosine Functions



Highlighting students' achievement





IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



Elizabeth Wisler

Hi! I'm Ms. Wisler. As a Durham native, I found myself a little out of place when I moved to Greenville, North Carolina to attend East Carolina University. After studying History Education for four years and completing three different internships, I found myself more than excited to have a classroom of my very own. I spent the last academic school year working with high school freshman at an early college in Washington, North Carolina. I currently teach American History as well as African American Studies and American Indian Studies. I currently live in Wake Forest with my Husky-German Shepherd puppy who means the world to me. I love doing activities outside in nature and watching horror movies.



Here's what's going on in my classes

My American History class just finished their unit on the American Revolutionary War. We've learned a lot about General George Washington and his efforts in the war. Beginning with the age of exploration and founding of the first few American colonies, we dove into the inspiring story of how a few poor farmers could rebel against Great Britain and form the country we know today as the United States of America.



My African American Studies class explored the rich history of the ancient kingdoms of Africa. More recently we have been studying artifacts, writings and movie clips in order to learn about slavery in America.

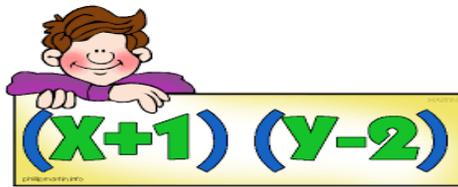
My American Indian Studies students have been learning about all types of tribes and historical events pertaining to Native Americans. The students have been researching, comparing and contrasting the lifestyles and history of indigenous people from all regions of modern day United States.





SPOTLIGHT ON Angiene Cannigan-Pommells

My name is Angiene Cannigan-Pommells and I am originally from Kingston, Jamaica where I grew up with my younger sister, and both my parents. I attended college at Mico Teachers' College and graduated in 2006 with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Social Studies. I went on to complete a post diploma certificate in School Administration and Management and a Bachelor of Education Degree in School Management and Leadership. This is my 13th year of teaching Mathematics to High School students and my first year working at Warren New Tech High School; I have been having a great time here.



I teach Mathematics 1 and 2 and have been enjoying my students. We made an effort to build positive relationships within the first week and have been working on creating a great atmosphere within the classroom. In our Mathematics classes we have been working on ensuring a firm foundation completing concepts that are crucial to a successful completion of each course, going through lesson videos, participating in team activities, and making

use of the available technology to enrich lessons. Games, teamwork, hands on explorations, assigning rigorous tasks and setting high expectations for my students are a few of the activities we have been doing, which we know are crucial to our success. We are looking forward to a great year.

Karen Duld



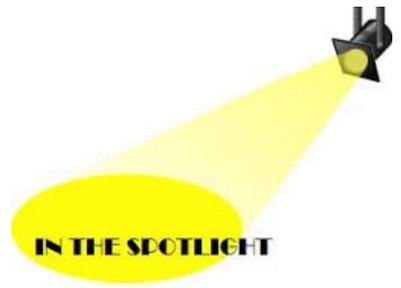
My name is Karen Duld and I teach Civics & Economics and World History. In Civics & Economics my scholars are hard at work learning about how our government works and what their individual role as a citizen is. They are wrapping up their first project, for which they drafted

their own Declaration of Independence. This project combined what they had learned about the Declaration of Independence and modern social problems that affect us all today to help them draw personal connections to the material and recognize the relevance of Civics to their own lives. My World History scholars are currently working on their first project. They have just finished the first phase of it, in which they researched an ancient civilization and wrote a short essay about it. They are now beginning the second phase, in which they are working in small groups to build their own ancient civilization on which they will then do a creative presentation, such as a documentary or a Flocabulary style rap video.

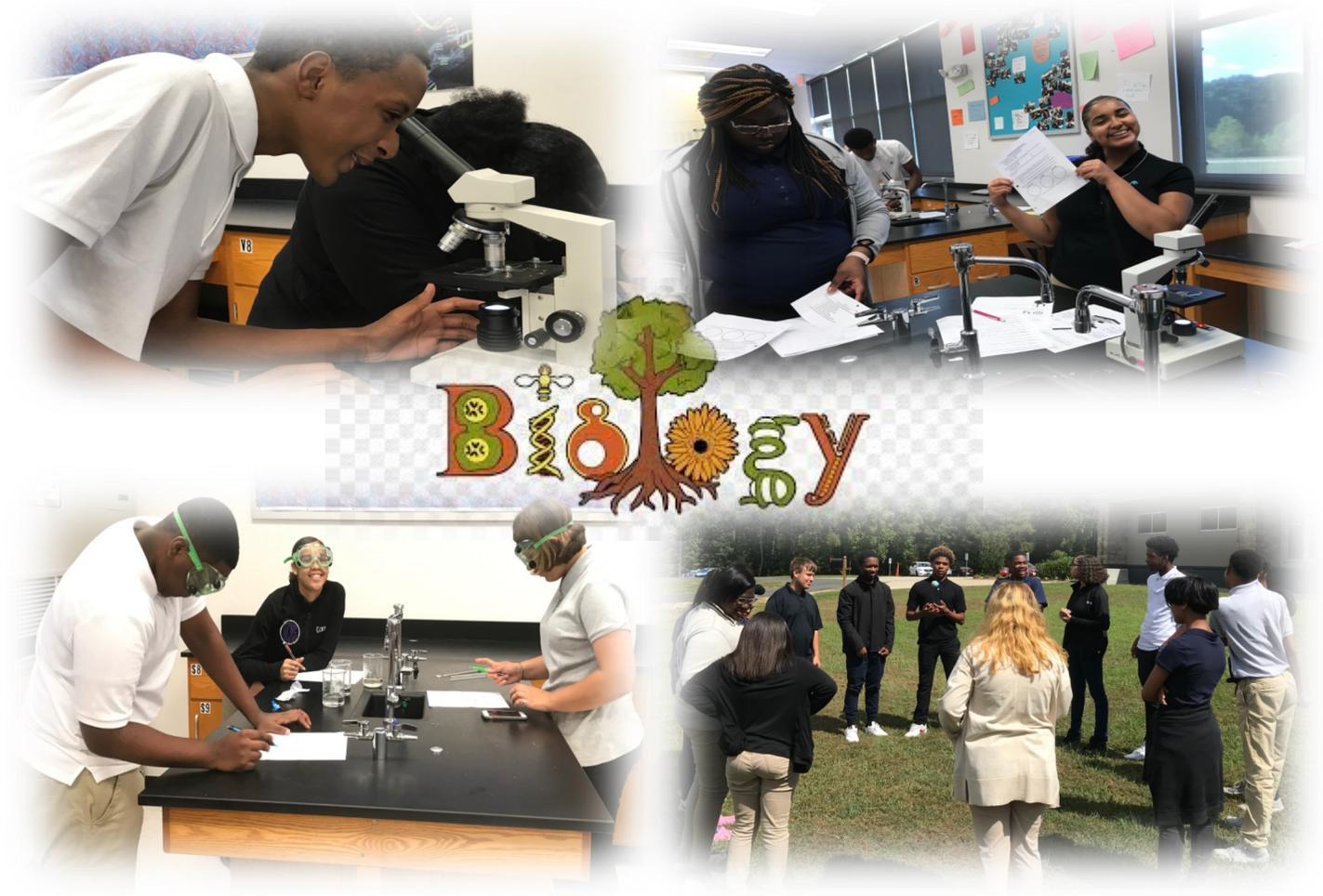
Draxie Elswick



There are many innovative things happening in Ms. Elswick's Biology and Earth Science classes. In the past four weeks, students have collaborated on labs, worked hard on projects, and learned a lot! Together, we all have become better scientists through inquiry, experimenting, and reflection. In Biology, we have kicked off the year learning about the cells that make up our body. We have created our own plant or animal cell and pushed ourselves to understand what makes up these cells and how these cells function. In Earth Science, we have 'dug deep' in understanding the rock cycle, soil, and natural geohazards like hurricanes and earthquakes. These students created their own map, researching these natural disasters around the world. Just as Carl Sagan quoted, these students have come to know that 'Science is much more than a body of knowledge. It is a way of thinking.' This start to the year has been promising, and I am excited to be here.



I came to Warren county from a small town in Southwest Virginia called, Honaker. I graduated from Emory & Henry College also in SWVA. I recently moved to Warrenton after working in McGuffey County Schools in Claysville, Pennsylvania. I am passionate about my work with students in STEM and in Warren County.





Meet Erika Tanner

Hello, I am honored to be celebrating my 5th year in School Counseling as a WNTHS Knight. Some of you may recognize me from my time as the School Counselor at WCMS where I worked for two and a half years. I grew up in a rural area outside of Richmond, VA and attended Virginia Tech where I received my B.S. and Virginia Commonwealth University where I received my M.Ed. I moved to the area shortly before I married my husband in July of 2017. We have since added two "furchildren" to our family and are looking forward to moving into our new home in October! An interesting fact about me is that I love to travel and hope to visit all of the National Parks during my lifetime. My hobbies include crafting, sewing, and discovering/eating at new restaurants.

October is College Application Month! Throughout the month of October, Mrs. Tanner, Ms. Junious, and Ms. Ragland will all be meeting with seniors to help them apply to college or their preferred form of post-secondary education. Some of the events that we have planned will help students complete and submit the FAFSA, assist them in submitting some of their college applications with waived admission fees, preparing seniors who are registered to take the SAT and ACT and improving college awareness around the school. Here are some important dates to remember:

October 1: FAFSA Opens for 2019-2020

October 1: VGCC Opens enrollment for Spring 2020 courses. Juniors and Seniors interested in dual enrollment must make an appointment with Ms. Ragland.

October 14: FAFSA Night at Warren Early College (open to all students and families)

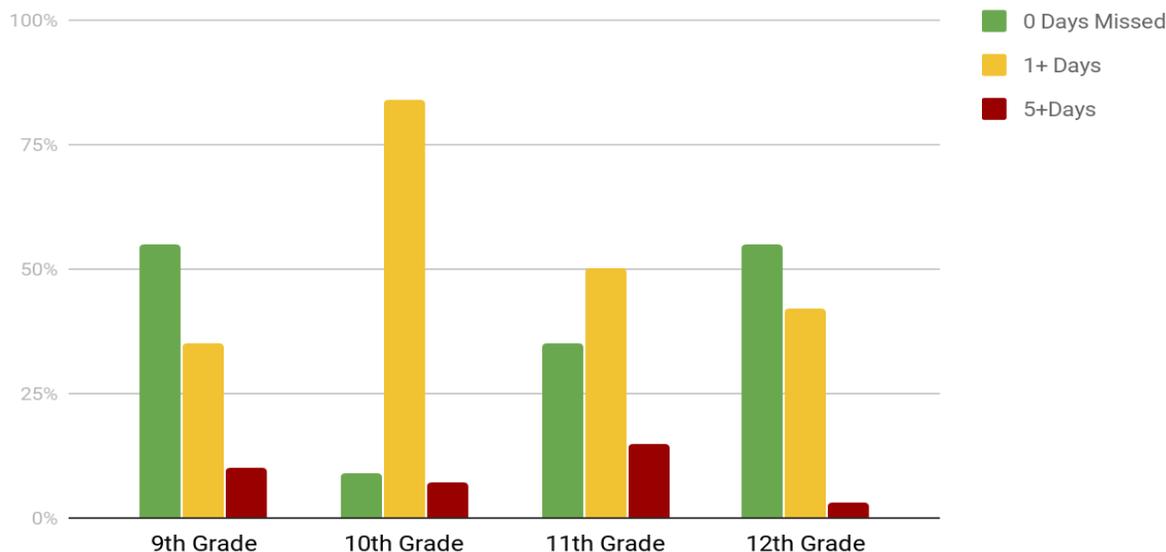
October 21-25: NC 2019 College Application Week

October 24: ACT Prep Session from Sylvan Learning Center (Tentative)

September Attendance Report

The WNTHS School Counselor, Mrs. Tanner, is committed to improving student attendance rates for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Attendance has a significant impact on student academic achievement and can be an early predictor of student drop-out. Interventions that are currently being applied are: attendance phone calls home to the parent/guardian of absent students by the School Counselor, attendance letters sent home for every 3, 6 and 10 days of unexcused absences, and the creation of attendance contracts for students at-risk of truancy. Mrs. Tanner is seeking partnerships with local agencies and donors to be able to provide incentives for improved and perfect student attendance. If you know of anyone who might be interested in donating, please contact Erika Tanner at etanner@warrenk12nc.org.

September Attendance Report by Grade



Jesus De Avila

My name is Jesus De Avila, originally from Barranquilla Colombia. I have been teaching Spanish in NC for 8 years so far. It is a privilege to be teaching Spanish I and II for a second consecutive year at WNTHS.

In my Spanish I class, students have been gaining basic vocabulary and grammar structures for them to know how to introduce themselves.

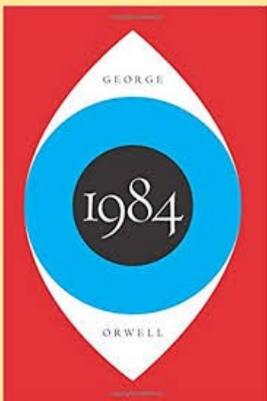
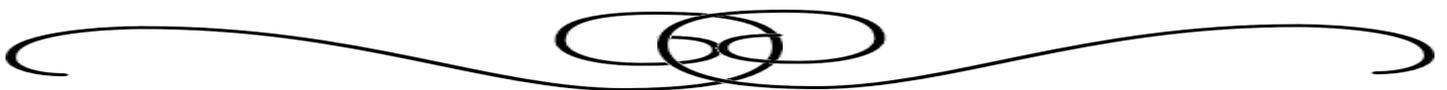
- Diez 10
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- Treinta 30
- Cuarenta 40
- Cincuenta 50
- Sesenta 60
- Setenta 70
- Ochenta 80
- Noventa 90
- Cien 100



Right now, students in Spanish I should know the alphabet, adjectives to describe people, numbers from 1 to 100, how to tell the time, the use of articles, among other things. They are currently working on a project in which they will have to present basic information about themselves and a famous person.

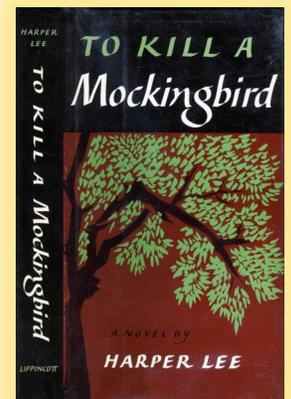


On the other hand, Spanish II students keep working on and improving their language skills. This time, a little bit more emphasis is being made on speaking, therefore, they are having oral presentations more frequently. The students are also about to start a project on "the day of the dead". For this project, the students will set up altars for a Hispanic person who contributed to American society, for a famous person they used to admire and for a family member that may have passed away. The idea of the altars and behind this Mexican tradition is not to grieve the loss of a beloved ancestor but to celebrate the return of their spirits once a year.



Dustin Farrell

In English, students are reading quite a bit and are already preparing for their EOC! Standard English II is reading *To Kill A Mockingbird* and writing poetry to accompany the text, while English II Honors is reading *1984* and just finished their five-page paper before completing their final component of the project.





Wanda Thompson

Hello my name is Wanda Thompson, and I am the Health/PE teacher at WNTHS and the athletic director at WCHS. I graduated from UNC-Wilmington in 1988 and this is my 32nd year in the education field. I have two children and two grandchildren who were born on the same day two years apart. My basketball uniform was retired from high school, and I played basketball for the UNC-Wilmington Seahawks. My hobbies include fishing, watching football, going to the beach, and playing with my grandchildren.



Light of Character

Camari Debroux

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Warren New Tech High School is proud to nominate 9th Grade Student, Camari Debroux, for the September Light of Character Award for Responsibility. Camari's science teacher, Ms. Elswick stated: Camari demonstrates responsibility through her self-discipline. She advocates for herself and other students to ensure work is done. She always follows directions and is prepared for class. Keep up the great work Camari!



MISSION STATEMENT

Warren New Tech High School will challenge students to collaborate with their peers, faculty, local and global communities. We will empower students to learn and experience high ethical and academic standards. We will invoke the student's curiosity to become life-long learners through current emerging technologies and PBL.

VISION STATEMENT

Warren New Tech High School will serve as a model in the region, the state, and beyond, using innovative means to establish strong partnerships. Faculty will focus on educating and inspiring students to embrace academic excellence through 21st century tools. WNTHS faculty and staff will provide students the skills needed to be leaders and advocates of their present and future educational settings, as well as world of work locally and globally.

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