



**WEST LAUDERDALE
HONORS ORIENTATION**

WELCOME

Honors Diploma

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PSAT

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PSAT

- PSAT Scoring
 - 320 - 1520
 - 160 - 760 on Math and Reading
- NMSC Scoring
 - 1-38 on Math, Reading, Writing and Language
 - Add and double, maximum of 228
- How to Do Well
 - WL Prep
 - Khan Academy - <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>
 - Practice Tests - <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice/full-length-practice-tests>
 - Multiple Times
- Estimated Test Dates
 - October 14, 2020
 - Saturday: October 17, 2020

ACT Resources

Daniel Bratu

ACT Resources

- [ACT.org](https://www.act.org) - ACT's website offers free prep including a question of the day and the official annual study guide
- [March2Success.com](https://www.march2success.com) - provided by the US Army - free full-length practice tests for ACT, SAT, and ASVAB
- [KhanAcademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org) - focuses mainly on SAT prep, but has plenty of videos and example questions
- [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) - there are a number of channels dedicated to working through sections of actual ACT tests and explaining each answer. Ex. ACT/SAT Math Prepmaster

School Involvement

Caleb Clearman
Dylan Duncan

Sports

Requirements to play sports

- GPA score no lower than 2.0
- No discipline referrals
- Physical Form
- **MUST** attend school

- Knights and Lady Knights Basketball (See Coach Lum or Coach Clark)
- Knights and Lady Knights Soccer (See Coach Castleberry or Coach George)
- Slowpitch or Fastpitch Softball (See Coach Buchanan)
- Baseball (See Coach Smith)
- Cross Country (See Paul Shelly)
- Football (See Coach Clay)
- Cheerleading (See Mrs. Knox)
- Track (See Coach Clark)
- Golf (See Coach Luke)
- Tennis (See Coach Fairchild)
- Archery (See Coach Cook)





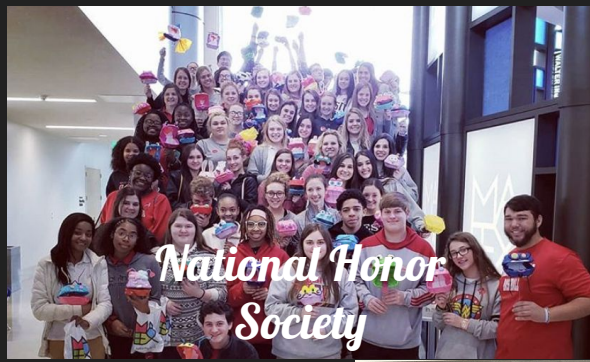
Requirements to participate in clubs

- Attendance
- GPA score no lower than 2.0
- Dedication
- Participation
- Commitment

- Academic Team (Ms. Waters)
- Chorus (Mrs. Hurst)
- FCA- Fellowship of Christian Athletes (Mrs. Wooldridge)
- FCCLA- Family Career and Community Leaders of America (Mrs. Sanders)
- FFA- Future Farmers of America (Mr. Johnson)
- High School Band (Mr. Grant)
- History Club (Mr. Abdella)
- HOSA- Health Occupation Students of America (Mrs. Rhaly)
- National Honor Society (Ms. Waters)
- Prom Committee (Mrs. Sanders)
- Student Council (Mrs. Clay)
- Yearbook Staff (Mrs. Wiggins)



Academic Team



National Honor Society



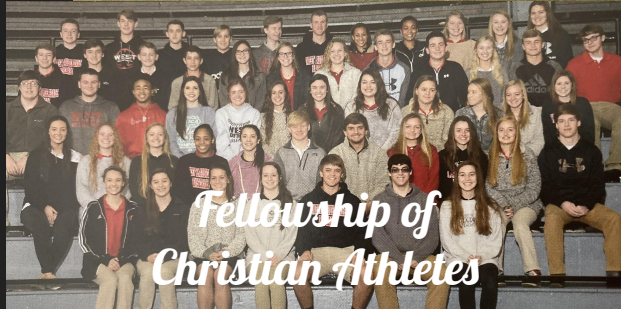
Art Club



Band



Student Council



Fellowship of Christian Athletes



HOSA



Chorus

Dual Enrollment

Desi Ross - MCC Recruiter

AP Tests

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WLHS Advanced Placement Courses

Biology - Sheehan

Calculus - Caldwell

Chemistry - Allen

Computer Science Principles - Wiggins

English Language and Composition - Moulds (11th)

English Literature and Composition - Waters (12th)

U.S. History - Abdella (11th)

<https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home>

Exams are in May

**Cost: \$ 94 per
course***



Why take Advanced Placement Courses?

Favorably Impacts College Admission

- Shows students are serious about their education and willing to challenge themselves with rigorous courses.
- 85% of selective colleges and universities report that a student's AP experience favorably impacts admission decisions.

Offers Financial Benefits

- 5+ years to graduate can = \$21,500 for each additional year
- Students who take AP are much more likely to complete on time
- \$94 vs. \$367 per credit hour

Why take Advanced Placement Courses?

Earn College Credits

- These credits can allow students to save college tuition, study abroad, or secure a second major

Skip Introductory Classes

- AP credit can help you avoid required introductory courses – so students can move directly into upper-level classes and focus on their major.

Builds Skills and Confidence

- Develop essential time management, study skills, creativity, and problem-solving skills

Summer Programs

Reah Clymer

Madison McCary

Mary Wansley

Mississippi Governor's School

<http://www.muw.edu/govschool>

What? A two week residential honors program designed to provide academic, creative and leadership experiences

Cost? FREE

Who? Rising Juniors and Seniors

Boys State/ Girls State

<http://test.msboysstate.com/>

<http://www.missala.com/girlsstate.html>

What? week-long program for high school age students to learn about government, leadership, and service.

Cost? Applicant finds sponsor to pay \$275 cost.

Who? Rising Seniors

Lott Leadership at Ole Miss

What? One month residential program with three weeks of college classes and a one week trip to Washington DC.

Cost? Approximately \$900

Who? Rising Seniors

<https://lottinst.olemiss.edu/high-school-students>

Pine Lake Fellowship Camp

<http://www.pinelakecamp.com/>

What? Includes seven weeks of being a counselor for campers and multiple opportunities to learn about leadership. (GREAT for community service hours!)

When? Usually from beginning of June to mid-July

Who? Rising Juniors and Seniors

Rural Medical & Science Scholars

Who? Rising seniors

What? A four week residential program aimed toward students intending to pursue medical and science related careers. RMS Scholars shadow physicians, attend workshops, and take two college courses: Biology I and Family and Individual Nutrition.

When? Last four weeks of summer vacation

Where? Mississippi State University

Cost: Estimated \$2,500 - sponsors are available

Apply online @ extension.msstate.edu/rms

There are more summer opportunities than described here, some colleges have summer college, and some have camps specific to career paths. Looking on college websites is a good place to start when searching for summer programs!

<https://ce.extension.msstate.edu/programs/summer-camps>

<http://www.outreach.olemiss.edu/schs/>

Community Service Hours

Abbey Carter
Ivan Betancourt

Why is it important?

- Mississippi Scholars
 - 40 hours of community service are required by the end of high school to be a MS Scholar
- Scholarships
 - The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards offers \$1,000 for local winners and \$5,000 for national winners.
- National Honor Society
 - To be a member of NHS, you must participate in 5 service projects per year.

Where can I volunteer?

- Meridian Museum of Art
- Love's Kitchen
- Meridian Freedom Project
- Meridian Public Library
- Bedford Care Center
- Aldersgate
- Churches

Notes

- Keeping up with your hours is super important.
- Community Service stands out on college applications.
- Seniors also need 40+ service hours to be eligible for the Mississippi Scholars award.

Leadership Lauderdale Youth

Who? Only 30 Lauderdale County juniors are accepted.

What? Attend monthly meetings where you listen to guest speakers, study *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, explore local, Meridian businesses, etc.

When? Applications open in late August/early September. They are due by late September, and meetings start in October.

Application forms can be found @

<https://extension.msstate.edu/content/leadership-lauderdale-youth>

Honors Colleges

Railey Mayatt

Target Audience

- Academically versatile students
- Students who enjoy...
 - Critical thinking
 - New ways of thinking
 - Reading
 - Writing
 - Discussion
 - Experiential learning





- Small engaging classes
 - 15-20 people
- Usually reside in a residential college (usually with other Honors College students)
- More opportunities for involvement on campus
- scholarship money involved in Honors College
- Scholarship money to study abroad

QuestBridge

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QuestBridge National College Match Program

Helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges.

WL graduates who received four-year full-ride scholarships with QB:
Monica Boose - Columbia - Class of 2018 and Gabriel Broome - Yale - Class of 2019.

<https://questbridge.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/sections/204094837-Eligibility-and-Selection-Criteria->

Program for juniors = College Prep Scholars Program.



National Honor Society

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About the NHS

- Founded nationally in 1921
- The nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students
- Serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character



The Libby Gary Chapter

- Candidates must be Sophomores or Juniors
- 3.75 cumulative GPA
- First round of selection process (applications) happens after 3rd 9wks grades are posted for SCHOLARSHIP
- Candidates who submit forms pass through formal review for CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, and SERVICE by faculty council
- Eligible candidates are notified and pass through an induction ceremony in May to become members

Want to know more?

Follow us on INSTAGRAM

@knights_nhs



**Tonight's presentation
and handouts will be
linked from the main
WLHS webpage.**

**Questions?
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ms.us**