Dear Welte Families,

We are nearing the last quarter of what has been a very challenging school year! I want to thank you all for your perseverance through this difficult year. We have been very lucky to have students in person most of the year and it is paying off. While the year has been a challenge, we have still seen sixteen students graduate already, and there are almost 20 more on the way!

Speaking of graduation: We will hold a formal graduation on May 27th, here at Welte. There should be the ability to have a limited amount of family in attendance. We will get more information out about that to our graduating senior families as the time gets closer, but we wanted you to be able to save the date.

I am happy to share that almost all our staff will have been fully vaccinated by the time we return from Spring Break. We will continue to follow our COVID safety protocols for the remainder of the year (masks, social distance and hand washing). The combination of these things is only making our school an even safer environment.

Remember that students do not have school the week of March 22 – 26. This will be a much-deserved rest for all. When students return, we hope for great attendance for all to finish the year strong and for students to earn as many credits as they can to get closer to their graduation timeline goal.

There will be summer school, free of charge, this summer for those who may still need to catch up more. The plan at this point is for it to be in person, and students will be able to earn up to two full credits. We will send the details on how to register soon, and it will also be posted on our website, so check for that soon.

We hope that this spring brings us all positive experiences and gets us even closer to normal. In the meantime, be well.

Thank You,

Mr. Nuhn

Upcoming Events:

March 29
Session 7 Begins

April 13
SAT Testing (11th Grade ONLY)
Students dismissed at Noon
9th/10th/12th Grade (NO SCHOOL)

April 14
PSAT Testing (9th/10th Grade ONLY)
Students dismissed at Noon
11th/12th Grade (NO SCHOOL)

April 23
Session 7 Ends

April 26
Session 8 Begins

April 27
SAT Make-up Testing
8 am – 12 pm

April 30
Staff Development
No Students

Office Hours:
7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

School Hours:
8:10 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
From the Counselor

Dear Welte Parents/Guardians,

As many of you know the State requires the standardized assessments known as PSAT and SAT for our different grade levels of students. These tests are a key component in measuring students’ progress in their learning. They are valuable tools for our school as well as for colleges/universities, when students apply. We use the assessments to guide our programming and instruction and colleges rely on the SAT for entrance requirements. For these reasons it is very important to us that all students take these tests and try their very best.

Our 9th and 10th grade students will take the PSAT. The PSAT prepares 9th and 10th grade students for the SAT that they will take as 11th graders. It has proven to be a powerful tool in predicting the outcome of the SAT, and students can reflect on the areas where improvement is necessary. The 11th grade students will also take the SAT, which is the State approved college entrance exam for the state of Colorado.

We will have an altered schedule on several of our testing days (PSAT and SAT only). Transportation for Welte students has been adjusted on these days to accommodate the early release of students on testing days. Students testing on these days will receive a grab and go lunch and be dismissed at 12:00 PM to board buses.

Homework will be reduced during the testing window to ensure that students are well rested and prepared to perform their best on these assessments. Please refrain from making appointments for students during these test dates to avoid students missing additional class time, due to having to make up tests that were missed. Also, please encourage students to get plenty of sleep and to eat a healthy and hearty breakfast on the days of testing, so that they may show their best and strongest work on these days.

**Tuesday, April 13th**

SAT 11th Grade ONLY – 11th grade students report at regular time. 11th grade students will be released from school following testing. (Half Day)

9th, 10th and 12th grade students – NO SCHOOL

**Wednesday, April 14th**

PSAT 9th and 10th Grade ONLY – 9th and 10th grade students report at regular time. 9th and 10th grade students will be released from school following testing. (Half Day)

11th and 12th grade students – NO SCHOOL
Food Pantry

Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 provides our local staff, students, and families of District 8 access to the District 8 Food Pantry. Through a combined effort with Care and Share, we are able to help our community families in need with fresh produce, canned goods and other food items.

The food pantry is located at the Welte Education Center, 330 Lyckman Drive, at the south end of the building, near Peak Vista. The food pantry is open every Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The food pantry is open to District 8 staff, students, and families. Anyone accessing the Food Pantry will need to present their staff/student ID in order to receive food.

Because of restrictions with Covid-19, we are asking families to pull their vehicle up to the curb in front of the basketball court at the Welte Education Center. Someone will be ready to come out to your vehicle with a sign-in sheet and food bag.

Transportation

If it’s after office hours and your student’s bus is late, you can track your student’s bus on MyStop. MyStop is the preferred method of notification for D8 Transportation. Bus delays and other important information will be sent through this app to parents and riders. MyStop tracks FFC8 bus GPS in real time. If the bus is more than 11 minutes delayed, subscribers should receive a notification of the delay. Users can also track the progress of their assigned bus in the app.

How to Sign Up for the MyStop App

The MyStop app can be found in the Apple App Store or on Google Play. MyStop can also be accessed from any web browser with the following link with the same credentials:

https://vtweb.tylertech.com/FountainFortCarson/onscreen/MyStop

1. Your students ID number as the User Name
2. Your students 8 digit date of birth (MMDDYYYY)
Student Attendance Information

Parents want their children to be successful in school and in life and the staff of School District Eight have the same goal in mind. Did you know that students who attend school regularly tend to be more successful in school and in life? The Compulsory School Attendance Law is designed to help your children reach these goals and requires children between the ages of 6-17 to regularly attend an approved public, private or home school program. District Eight staff will monitor the attendance of students and will contact parents if frequent tardiness or absences begin to negatively impact your children. If you have questions about this law or need ideas about how to help your children be successful, please contact Peter Babeu @ 719-492-7822 or pbabeu@ffc8.org.

Housing Crisis?

If you are sharing housing because of job loss, domestic violence, family conflict or similar reasons, your children may be eligible for educational supports and services such as free school meals, school supplies, waiving of fees, transportation, etc.... For more information, please call Promis Bruno at 719-492-8810 or pbruno@ffc8.org.
Contact Information

If you are not receiving weekly progress reports, please e-mail or call your student’s teacher.

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Did you know that your teenager can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of school days? That’s just a couple days each month which adds up to students missing about four weeks of school in a year! Imagine how difficult it is to understand Chemistry or Algebra if you miss that many days!

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

**Make school attendance a priority**
- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day, make that the expectation.
- Help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night’s sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- Don’t let your child stay home unless truly sick. Complaints of headaches or stomach aches may be signs of anxiety.

**Help your teen stay engaged**
- Find out if your child feels engaged by his classes and feels safe from bullies and other threats. Make sure he/she is not missing class because of behavioral issues and school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, work with your school.
- Stay on top of academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors if necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child’s social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage meaningful afterschool activities, including sports and clubs.
Communicate with the school
- Know the school’s attendance policy – incentives and penalties
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behavior. These could be tied to something going on at school.
- Check on your child’s attendance to be sure absences are not piling up.
- Ask for help from school officials, afterschool programs, other parents or community agencies if you’re having trouble getting your child to school.

Contact School District Eight Attendance Support Program Coordinator Peter Babeu for more Ideas 719-358-4455 or pbabeu@ffc8.org
We are here for you.

Is your student struggling with feelings of sadness, hopelessness, or disconnection?
Reach out to the professionals below for support.

Welte Education Center
(719) 382-1550

Counselor
Scott Jaggers

Social Worker
Wendy Stevenson

Homeless Liaison & Social Worker
Promis Bruno
(719) 382-1693

If your student is in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text TALK to 38255.