

Attention: All Rising 9th Grade Students and Their Parents

- Who: Honors English I and Honors Geometry students who want to hone their Reading, Writing, Research and Math Skills
- What: An in-depth 2 half-day Math and English Honors Essential Skills Institute
- When: June 29-30 and July 13-14, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- Where: Palmetto Room, Wando High School
- Why: To sharpen Math and English skills and best prepare for the rigorous Honors Program at Wando

The workshop will feature:

Math Day 1 and 2: This workshop will review the algebra skills needed to be successful in Honors Geometry. Major emphasis will be on simplifying and working with radicals; solving, graphing and writing linear equations; solving systems of equations; solving quadratic equations including using the quadratic equations with simplified radicals; and application problems. This workshop will prepare you to complete the summer work and be successful on the test over the summer work.

English Day 1 and 2: This intensive reading, writing and research workshop will concentrate on techniques designed to maximize your effectiveness with these skills. We will focus on strategies to help you before, during and after you read so that you can maximize the time you will spend on the complex literature you will be reading in Honors I. We will also help you become an organized, efficient writer. We will work on the importance of a thesis, using pre-writing and outlining, and revising for paragraph unity and sentence fluency. You will be writing many academic and analytical essays in Honors I, so this workshop will help you succeed in the writing component. The last portion of the workshop will take what you have learned about reading and writing and apply it to research. We will discuss MLA formatting practices, determine the validity of sources and learn to properly cite works within a paper. We will also examine the pitfalls of plagiarism and how to avoid them. You will be expected to complete a minimum of four research projects between English and Global Studies, so mastering these skills early will give you a head start on research.

How to sign up:

Please register by filling out the attached form and mailing or bringing it to the following address:

Wando High School
Attn: Cynthia Hollis
1000 Warrior Way
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

Directions for picking up and dropping off:

After turning left onto Carolina Park Blvd from Hwy 17, take your first right. Stay straight, and this will lead you to the front, main entrance of the school. Go through those doors and turn right at the first hallway. The Palmetto Room will be on your right; this is where the Honors Institute will be held.

What to bring:

We will give you a short break each day, but we will not be providing any food or drink. Snack machines are located in the building, so you may want to bring some money or bring your own snack. Also, please come prepared with a calculator, paper, pen or pencil, and your copy of *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins (for English days only).

Contact information: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cynthia Hollis at Cynthia_Hollis@charleston.k12.sc.us regarding the English workshops or Mark Woodhall at Mark_Woodhall@charleston.k12.sc.us regarding the Math workshops.

Summer Honors Institute 2010

Registration Form

Please note that it is not mandatory to attend both the Math and English sessions. Both the June and July sessions have the same content.

Please return your registration forms to the Wando High School Main Office (Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) **on or before June 17 to register for the workshop you prefer.** This date is very important so that we can accurately plan for the number of students attending each session. We will only accept the first 40 applicants for each session due to space limitations.

Name of Student (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Contact phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Check the workshop(s) you would like to attend:

Math only – June 29 and 30 _____ **OR** July 13 and 14 _____

English only – June 29 and 30 _____ **OR** July 13 and 14 _____

Both English and Math – June 29 and 30 _____ **OR** July 13 and 14 _____

You will be notified ONLY if the session you choose is full. If you do not receive notification, you should attend the session you chose.

Email address (if different from above) _____

Phone number (if different from above) _____

On the back of this form, please list any specific concerns you have about the Honors program at Wando, and we will try to address those concerns at the workshop as time allows. We will also be glad to speak with you individually before or after the workshop.



Lucy G. Beckham
Principal

Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Lynda F. Davis
Associate Superintendent

Wando High School

1000 Warrior Way
Mount Pleasant, SC 29466
Tel. (843) 881-8200

June 1, 2010

Dear Warrior Freshmen and Parents:

Welcome to the Warrior Tribe, Class of 2014! We are very excited that you are coming to Wando High School for the 2010-2011 school year. We know this is a big step for you to take and you are experiencing feelings of both joy and apprehension. We want you to know that our teachers, counselors, secretarial staff and administrators are here to help you and will do everything they can to make your transition from the middle school to the high school a successful one. To help make this happen, we are hosting a special Freshmen Orientation Day on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for all ninth graders attending Wando for the first time. Bus transportation will be provided. This will be your first day of school. For the first day, please bring paper, pen or pencil, and lunch money of \$4.00. Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will not be charged.

Only freshmen new to Wando will attend classes on August 17 as part of their orientation to high school. The first day for all other students, including repeating ninth graders, is August 18, 2010.

When you attend classes on August 17, you will first report to your advisement class. If you have not paid your fees prior to this date, you will need to arrive early and do so. During the day, we will help you find your classes, issue I.D. cards, serve you lunch, and help you gain the knowledge necessary to get your freshmen year off to a great start. Beginning August 18, our regular hours for students will be 8:25 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Freshmen schedules will be available by mid-August. Please consult the Wando website, www.wandohigh.com, for specific dates and times for schedule pick-up and fee payment times.

Below is the schedule for Orientation Day:

Remaining Fee/ Schedule Pick-up	8:00 – 8:30
Advisement	8:30 – 9:30
First Block	9:35 – 10:10
Second Block	10:15 – 10:55
Third Block/Lunch	11:00 – 12:15
Fourth Block	12:20 – 12:50
Assembly	12:55 – 1:35

There will be an orientation for parents at 8:30 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center, which will last approximately 30-45 minutes. We ask that parents who plan to attend park in the East Parking Lot, located to the right of the building. The Wando School Store will be open after the meeting so that parents may purchase Wando merchandise for their children.

If students are being dropped off in the morning, please follow these directions: after turning onto Carolina Park Boulevard, take your second right. Turn right at the first stop sign, and then turn left at the second stop sign. This path leads you to the front of the school. This entrance is the student drop off and pick up location every day.

We look forward to seeing you on August 17, 2010. It is going to be a great year at Wando! Enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Lucy G. Beckham

LGB:sjd