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# Your Anson Inside **County Schools** 320 Camden Road • Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170 Telephone (704) 694-4417 • Fax (704) 694-7479 • www.ansonschools.org

# Letter from the Superintendent

Anson County Students, Parents, and Community Members:

On behalf of the Anson County Board of Education and all ACS staff members; I would like to let you know we are continuing to provide very effective instructional opportunities for each child attending our schools. Each day we experience the rewards of serving as educators in our great Anson County Community. Additionally, our children continue to benefit from programs provided by other agencies, faith-based groups, and businesses. Each of you play a vital role in the success of our community, schools, and each child served by ACS.

As we face each day of teaching and learning; sadly, we also face the challenge of maintaining a safe environment for children and adults at our schools. As society has changed negatively, we strive to maintain access control utilizing assistive devices requiring visitors to be screened prior to entering our schools. This climate of concern is present in many, many institutions designed to provide a service such as nursing homes, day care centers, hospitals, governmental agencies, parks, restaurants, and churches. We are definitely living in an era of time when we must take every possible step to prepare for a crisis should one of our schools become a target. Schools should be a safe haven for children so we must stay the course to provide protection.

As the Superintendent of Anson County Schools, I address school safety with upmost concern, professionalism and with high expectations for my staff to be as prepared as possible when a school faces a crisis. Each school has a detailed Emergency Response Plan developed based on collaboration with local, state, and federal agencies trained to support schools in times of crisis. Staff members participate in procedural trainings to ensure that we all know how to respond based on the type of crisis we experience. A crisis could be in the form of violence, inclement weather, chemical spills, community tragedy, etc. The crisis could be one that is resolved promptly or it may take a period of time to address the situation. Either way, we do have response plans.

A huge portion of our plan involves monitoring to prevent a crisis on campus. I must commend each law enforcement agency in every area of our county for providing excellent support and guidance as we work to prevent a crisis and to respond during a time of crisis. Additionally, the Anson County Emergency Management Division along with each local Fire Department continuously advises and supports our work as we strive to keep everyone in our schools safe.

I want to thank all community members for your continuous support and cooperation with us in this area. Please understand that our staff must exercise extreme caution with visitors at our schools.

Sincerely, Michael H. Freeman, Ed.S.

# **Upcoming Board of Education Meeting Dates**

All Regular Meetings (with the exception of the December meeting, the Annual Budget Development Workshop in April, and the June meeting) will begin at 4:30 p.m. with Closed Session immediately following the opening of the meeting. Open Session should begin about 5:30 p.m.

### March 30, 2020

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**Budget** Development Workshop 3:30-5:30 p.m. (Additional dates to be determined if needed.)

April 27, 2020 (Regular Meeting)

May 18, 2020

(Any changes in time will be posted on the Anson County Schools website and will be posted on the doors at the Board of Education District Office.)

# June 25, 2020

Open Session begins at 3:30 p.m. Closed Session begins at 3:45 p.m. Open Session begins at 4:30 p.m.

Meetings will be held at the Board of Education Office, which is located on 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro unless otherwise noted.

# **Upcoming School Events & Activities**

### ANSON ACADEMY

- 3/2Graduation Order
- 3/12 Middle/High Schools Early Release Only at 1:30 p.m.
- Middle/High Schools Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. 3/12
- 3/17 St Patrick's Day Gaudy Green Get Up Day
- 4/2Parent Night
- 4/24 Final Graduation Order
- 5/1 Prom 7:30-10:30 p.m. 5/23 **District Graduation**

- ANSON COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE
- Open House at ACEC for Rising 9th Graders from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 2/27
- 3/4 Spring Pictures
- 3/6 9th Grade Civil Rights Museum Trip
- 3/9 10th Grade Charlotte US District Courthouse Trip
- 3/12 Middle/High Schools Early Release Only at 1:30 p.m.
- Middle/High Schools Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. 3/12
- 3/27 11th Grade Civil Rights Museum Trip
- 5/1 Prom
- 5/8 Cap and Gown Pictures
- District Scholarship Night, 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church (Lee Avenue, Wadesboro) 5/11
- SPCC Graduation 5/14
- **District Graduation** 5/23

#### **ANSON HIGH SCHOOL**

- 8th Grade Open House 2/27
- 10th grade class ring presentation 3/4
- 3/4 Cap & Gown Delivery
- 3/6 Free Style Pictures
- Middle/High Schools Early Release Only at 1:30 p.m. 3/12
- Middle/High Schools Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. 3/12 3/16-19 Unit Tests

# ANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 2/278th Grade Open House at AHS & ACEC, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- 3/2-13 Book Fair
- 3/10 Beta Club Induction
- 3/12 Middle/High Schools Early Release Only at 1:30 p.m.
- 3/12 Middle/High Schools Parent Teacher Conferences from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- 3/18 SPCC Visit
- 3/19 Math 1
- 3/26 ELA Check In
- 3/27 8th Science Check In
- 3/27 6th/7th Science Benchmark
- 3/30 Math Check In 6th/7th/8th
- 3/31 2nd Semester Social Studies Benchmark
- 4/3 Spring Pictures
- 4/6 Band to Carowinds
- 4/7Night of Excellence, 5:30to 6:30 p.m.
- 8th Grade Spring Dance 4/25
- 4/29-5/1 Caswell Field Trip
- 5/5 Band Concert 5/7ELA EOG
- 5/8 8th Science EOG
- 5/8 6th/7th Science NCFE
- 5/11 Make-ups
- 5/12 Math EOG and Math 1 EOC
- 5/12 AMS Sports Awards Ceremony at 6:00 p.m.
- 5/13 Make-ups
- 5/14 2nd Semester Social Studies NCFE
- 5/15 Beta Club to Carowinds
- 5/18 PAWS Field Trip
- 5/19 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony

# ANSONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 5/1 Field Day
- PTO/Title 1 Meeting 5:30 p.m. 5/4
- 5/19 Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 a.m. 5/19 5th Grade Celebration 11:00 a.m.

### 4/27-30 Unit Tests

- 5/1 Unit Tests
- 5/1 Prom
- 5/2 Cap & Gown Pictures
- 5/7 SPCC Certificate Program Graduation
- 5/11 District Scholarship Night, 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church (Lee Avenue, Wadesboro)

5/14-20 Exams

- SPCC Degree Program Graduation 5/14
- **Graduation Practice** 5/22
- **District Graduation** 5/23
- 5/28-30 Senior Exit Presentations

#### MORVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 3/2 Rock-A-Thon for Read Across America Day
- 3/11 SIT Meeting
- Spring Pictures 4/8
- PTO/SIT/Math Night at 5:30 p.m. 4/21
- Muffins for Moms 5/8
- 5/15 Field Day/Celebration of Learning
- 5/19Pre-K Celebration
- 5/19 Kindergarten and 5th Grade Celebrations at 5:30 p.m.

#### WADESBORO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SCHOOL

- 02/25 Black History Month Celebration
- 4/7 Title I Night
- 5/19 End of Year Celebration

#### WADESBORO PRIMARY SCHOOL

- 3/5 PTA
- 3/5 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences & Early Release
- 3/6 Dr. Seuss Day/Read Across America
- 3/19 **PBIS** Celebration

### LILESVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- 3/2Read Across America Celebration
- 3/5 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences & Early Release
- 3/13 March Madness AR Incentive
- 3/19 Title 1 Science Night 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 3/27 Kindergarten Registration 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- 4/1 Anson High School Band Assembly at 10:30 a.m.
- 4/6 PTO 6:00 p.m.
- 4/6-9 PBIS Spirit Week
- 4/8 1st Grade Discovery Place Kids field trip
- 4/24 Kindergarten Lazy 5 Ranch Field Trip
- AR EOY Celebration @ Hatcher Park 4/24
- Panthers on the Prowl Relay for Life 5K 4/25
- 5/4-8 Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/19 Kindergarten Celebration 9:00 a.m.

### PEACHLAND-POLKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Early Release for students- PD for staff 2/26
- 3/2 Book Fair begins (ends on Friday 3/6)
- 3/5 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences & Early Release
- 3/5 Media Night
- 3/17 PTO / Math Night
- PBIS Shamrock 'N Roll incentive 3/17
- 3/18 Spring Pictures and Group Pictures
- 3/25 Early Release for students- PD for teachers
- 4/8Field Day
- 4/23 Media Night
- 4/24 Kindergarten Registration for 2020/2021
- Kindergarten Reading Celebration at 9:30 a.m. 5/19
- 5/19 5th Grade Awards Ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

# SAT TEST DATES

The following dates have been scheduled for the SAT:

**October 3, 2020 December 5, 2020** March 13, 2021

Tests will take place at Anson High School



This message is from Anson County Schools Superintendent Michael Freeman:

My office continues to discover situations where agencies and/or individuals are soliciting funds on behalf of Anson County Schools (ACS) without proper approval. Recently, a number of local businesses and faith-based agencies have reported attempts for funds to be donated to ACS to support various student projects. Some of the companies soliciting funds have not been approved by my office nor any school-based administrator.

This communication is to caution anyone who is approached by individuals, businesses, or agencies soliciting funds for any ACS need; you should investigate this matter to make sure

the donations are truly being solicited for the benefit of children enrolled in Anson County Schools.

My office will now research any company, agency, or individual soliciting funds. You may call our office at 704-694-4417 to verify if funds being solicited for ACS have been legally approved based on board policy. You may also email Mrs. Anne Hyatt at hyatt.anne@anson.k12.nc.us or Michael Freeman at freeman.michael@anson.k12.nc.us.