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Dear Waltrip Parents and Community,

Thank you so much for all you do to support our school! It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of the Spring Semester. Our staff and scholars are still very busy with learning in the classroom and with many extracurricular activities. Our advanced placement exams will be finishing up May 17th, and final exams are right around the corner. Thank you for supporting your scholars to ensure their confidence as they take these important assessments.

As we near the end of the school year, we need to remind everyone that school begins at 8:30 a.m. Students need to be in the building no later than 8:20 a.m. in order to make it to their first period class on time. Please note that students will not be allowed to take food or drinks into class. Free breakfast is available in our cafeteria beginning at 7:50 each morning. Additionally, please remind your child that all students entering the Waltrip campus must have on their ID. This is a safety measure that is consistently monitored throughout the day by teachers and staff. Also remember our academic dress code is in place to keep everyone focused on learning. Please support our school in this important area. As we head towards the end of the school year, we have had to address many of our scholars about their clothing choices. Please support us in these efforts as they are not only school rules, but important standards for success throughout life. Thank you in advance for your support!

I know there have been questions about next year's student dress code. As I wrap up a few more community meetings in the beginning of May, I want you to know that communication about next year's student dress code will be coming soon.

If you are interested in parent volunteer opportunities at Waltrip High School, please check-in at the main office and ask about the VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) program. We can always use a helping hand!

Our campus has received and continues to receive many renovations to assist us with keeping everyone safe. One important measure is our new secure check-in. All visitors must be "buzzed in" at the front entrance in order to enter. Once a visitor enters they must show a valid, government ID in order to access our building. Additionally, in accordance with campus safety procedures, only the listed parent or guardian will have access to students and student information. If a parent would like someone other than the guardian to pick up a student, a note from the parent must be received in the morning and further verification may be needed, as well. The note will be verified by a staff member by phone, prior to release of the student. Thank you for your cooperation in these important safety measures.

Daily safety continues to be a focus for improvement. The front doors are opened by 7:15 am. Additionally, the front parking lots are designed for registered staff and visitor parking. The student parking lot is located on the side of the cafeteria patio, and students must have their parking passes clearly visible on the front passenger side their vehicle windows. These are not drop off areas for students. Please only use the front drive-through area when dropping off students in the morning. The parking lots are busy and safety is always our concern.

Thank you so much for supporting our school!

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