NEWSLETTER

July/August 2019

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your patience with us this summer as WMS has been under construction to improve our HVAC system. Updates this week revealed that our building should be ready for the start of school, but we will not be fully cooled for our Locker Day. We plan to move our main activities to cooler spots in the building, but please remember that some halls may be extremely warm when you and your child are practicing locker combinations. I apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

One of the most important aspects of school success is school attendance. We need your help to make sure that every student is at school and on time every day. School begins at 7:30 AM and concludes at 2:30 PM.

There are many additional ways to help your child transition to the new school year.

First, come to school with your student for Locker Day on Monday, August 5, between 2:00 and 6:00 PM. During Locker Day, you will be able to give information to the nurse, get lunch information, purchase PE clothes, order your yearbook, and join PTA or purchase spirit wear. You can also pay outstanding fines, turn in your 1:1 Access Initiative Agreement and chrome book insurance form in order to receive a Chromebook on the second day of school, pick up your schedule and walk throughout the building to find your classes and your locker. You can purchase Kona Ice too; the truck will be on the WMS Parking Lot.

REMINDER, 8th Grade Students that have not provided documentation on required immunizations WILL NOT be able to pick up their schedules.

The Parent Portal will open on Friday, August 2, 2019, at which time you will be able to see student schedules only. The schedules that can be picked up at WMS on or after Locker Day on August 5 from 2:00-6:00 PM will also include team assignments, lunch pin, locker information, and transportation information. If you find that these dates are not convenient, please come in during normal business hours any weekday from August 7 through August 12. I apologize, but we are unable to accommodate any requests to come in prior to August 5, and the building will not be accessible at all on Tuesday, August 6.

Next, please also plan to attend our Open House on Tuesday, August 27. Seventh grade will be held from 5:00-5:45 and eighth grade will be from 6:00-6:45. During this evening event, parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers and learn about classroom expectations.

Also, if you have not already, sign up for Parent Portal in the main office with your photo identification for access to grades, attendance, and lunch account balance. Parents can also make payments into their child's lunch account using the Parent Portal.

It's also important to help your child to develop good study habits. Try to provide them with somewhere private and quiet to study. Help your child set aside a particular time to study and develop a daily timetable that incorporates all your child's interests. Check the team webpage often and ask your child specific questions about what they are learning.

Remain interested and enthusiastic about school. Listen to your child's experiences and let them know you are available. Encourage them to seek out support from a teacher, administrator or counselor.

I look forward to working with you and getting to know your child. Our goal is for this year to be challenging and rewarding for your child. We look forward to working closely with you to help your child be successful. Please contact your child's teachers, counselor or principal with any questions and concerns that come up during the course of the school year.

Dr. Kelly Mantz, Principal Wentzville Middle School



Welcome to our new WMS staff!

Stan Johnson- Assistant Principal Kaycee Dragone- 7th Grade Counselor Brandon Bauer- Special Education Christine Bersche- Math/Science 8W Michele Calvin-Parker- Special Education IA Maddie Cofer- At-Risk IA David Gehrke- Math/SS 7C Brandi Goforth- ELA 7M Jacqui Hammock- Science 7B Samantha Prendergast- Math 8C Burney Reid- 8W Science Hannah Smith- Math 7G Brandon Trimble- PE (Part-time) Jennifer Werner- PE Jade Wilkerson- ELA/SS 8W Kathi Wille- PLTW Jessica Wilson- SLP (Part-time) Daniel Zammit- PE (Part-time)

STUDENT CHROMEBOOKS

All middle schools in the Wentzville School District will be providing students with a Chromebook for the 19-20 school year. Be on the lookout for an important email next week that will inform you about our Chromebook program that will ensure that your child gets their chromebook on the second day of school.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The district school supply list for middle school students is posted on the district webpage for your convenience and is accessible through this link https://www.wentzville.k12.mo.us/cms/lib/M002202303/Centricity/Domain/108/2019-2020%20Middle%20School%20Supply%20List%204.11.19%20final.pdf

New this year, at the bottom of the list it states "there may be up to \$10 in additional supplies needed. Specifics will be communicated through your child's team." Plan to receive this additional information in the first few days of school.



PTA News

Be sure to stop by the PTA table at Locker Day!! We will have spiritwear available for purchase as well as membership and PTA event information!!

If you are interested in helping sell spiritwear at Locker Day, please email the WMS Pta @ wentzvillemiddleschoolpta@gmail.com.



The first PTA meeting is Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 4:00 pm in the WMS Library.

If you are interested in working on one of the committees, please let us know!

Email wentzvillemiddleschoolpta@gmail.com

Volunteers

Whether you have been with us for years, or are new to volunteering in our schools, all volunteers are required annually (for each new school year) to submit to a background check that includes child abuse and neglect screenings as well as a check of the national sex offender registry to continue volunteering in our schools.

These services are now offered free of charge, but do take at least one week for the school personnel to process the request. All you have to do is fill out form A and B, and turn them in at the school office. Forms can be found on our school website.

https://www.wentzville.k12.mo.us/cms/lib/MO02202303/Centricity/Domain/88/VOLUNTEER%20HA NDBOOK%20Updated%2011.20.18.pdf

Upcoming Dates

August 3, 2019 Back To School Fair at Timberland High School 8:00AM - 11:00AM

August 5, 2019 Locker Day 2:00PM - 6:00PM

August 13, 2019 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 21 Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30PM - 3:25PM

August 22 PTA Meeting - Library 4:00PM - 5:00PM

August 26 **LATE START - 9:30AM** STEM Club Meeting 2:30PM - 3:25PM Cheer Clinic 2:30PM - 4:00PM

August 27 WMS Open House 7th Grade 5:00PM - 5:45PM, 8th grade 6:00PM - 6:45PM Cheer Clinic 2:30PM - 4:00PM

August 28 Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30PM - 3:25PM Cheer Clinic 2:30PM - 4:00PM

August 29 Cheer Clinic 2:30PM - 4:00PM

August 30



Cheer Tryouts 2:30PM - 5:00PM

September 2 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

September 4 Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30PM - 3:25PM

September 9 LATE START - 9:30AM STEM Club 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Clinic 2:30PM - 4:00PM

September 10 POMS Clinic 2:30PM - 4:00PM

September 11 Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Clinic 2:30PM - 4:00PM

September 12 **PICTURE DAY** STUCO Meeting - Library 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Clinic 2:30PM - 4:00PM

September 13 POMS Tryouts 2:30PM - 5:00PM

September 16 Writing Club 2:30PM - 3:25PM

Cheer Practice 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Practice 2:30PM -3:25PM

September 17 Cheer Practice 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Practice 2:30PM -3:25PM 6th Grade Band Rental 6:00PM - 8:00PM

September 18 Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30PM - 3:25PM Cheer Practice 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Practice 2:30PM -3:25PM

September 19 Cheer Practice 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Practice 2:30PM -3:25PM

September 23 **LATE START - 9:30AM** STEM Club 2:30PM - 3:25PM Writing Club 2:30PM - 3:30PM Cheer Practice 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Practice 2:30PM -3:25PM

September 24 Cheer Practice 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Practice 2:30PM -3:25PM

September 25 Yearbook Staff Meeting 2:30PM - 3:25PM Cheer Practice 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Practice 2:30PM -3:25PM

September 26 Cheer Practice 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Practice 2:30PM -3:25PM Open Gym 6:00PM - 7:30PM

September 27 NO SCHOOL - Teacher PD Day

September 30 Writing Club 2:30PM - 3:25PM Cheer Practice 2:30PM - 3:25PM POMS Practice 2:30PM -3:25PM

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Wentzville R-IV School District Values

Learning - Equipping students, staff and community to apply skills and knowledge necessary to excel in a changing world.

<u>Community</u> - Respecting the stakeholders' perspectives with honesty and transparency as we create a world class educational system.

Excellence - Fostering a culture which supports the highest level of individual success.

<u>Integrity</u> - Dedicating ourselves to making courageous decisions and providing resources for the continuous improvement of the Wentzville School District

Our vision for Wentzville Middle School is for all students to be successful independent thinkers who are confident and intrinsically motivated for success.

Our learning community will work collaboratively to create a safe, welcoming, and connected learning environment that both nurture and challenge students to excel academically.

SCHOOL HOURS 7:30 am - 2:30 pm OFFICE HOURS 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

LUNCH SCHEDULE 7B, 7C, and 7G 10:15 am -10:40 am 8C and 8W 10:50 am -11:15 am 8P and 8S 11:20 am -11:45 am 7R and 7M 11:50 am -12:15 pm



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