NEWSLETTER

January 2021 Newsletter

Update From Dr. Mantz

As we have returned from Winter Break there is no doubt that the students and staff at Wentzville Middle have faced many changes and challenges throughout this school year so far. I appreciate the continued flexibility that we have seen and that everyone continues to do their best. I have been very proud of our students and our staff.

The second semester will officially begin on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Due to the many changes in our school year and changes to our master schedule for the second semester please know that our counseling staff has been working with student schedules. Please know that any schedule changes seen in SIS will not be finalized until approximately January 15th. All WMS students will receive a copy of their schedule for the second semester.

We know that some students will be transitioning from the Virtual Academy to in-person learning on January 20. Many of these students have never been to WMS and may be feeling concerned or worried that they will not know their way. I am resharing the welcome video that I shared at the beginning of the school year that will help students understand how to navigate our building. Please use this link to watch the video:

WMS Parent/Student Presentation - Google Slides - Watch Video

Here are some additional reminders:

Masks are required on the bus and in school except for in the cafeteria when students are eating at the lunch table. As of November 30, The Wentzville School District began implementing the Modified Quarantine Protocols for Contacts in Schools that was received from the St. Charles County Department of Public Health. Please see this updated Modified Quarantine acceptable masks that should be worn at school in order to allow for the opportunity to obtain a modified quarantine if exposed to a COVID-positive individual. The District has also posted a new Frequently Asked Questions document related to modified quarantines to help address some of your questions. Please take a moment to review these materials.

Chromebooks issued to students are the ones they will have through their high school years in the Wentzville School District. Students need to take care of them to make them last. We also recommend that students do not squeeze their Chromebook into an already full backpack. We recommend they carry the Chromebook by the handle of the zipped up protective case. Chromebooks must also always be kept in that protective case.

We will not use lockers this year and students will carry backpacks to classes.

Student phones need to be turned off and stored in backpacks throughout the school day.

Students need to bring a water bottle to school with them daily. Drinking fountains are off-limits but there are bottle fillers in each hallway.

We will be giving students another opportunity to select their preferred seat in the cafeteria on Wednesday, January 20.

All students must sit in their assigned seats in the classrooms, cafeteria, and bus daily.

We look forward to working with your child as we transition to the second semester of the school year. Please reach out with questions and concerns.

Dr. Mantz

Free Meal Service Continues

The District continues to provide free meals for all students through June 30, 2021 or until available federal funding runs out. The meals are being provided regardless of eligibility as a result of the extension of waivers by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) related to the Seamless Summer Option program. This includes children ages 1-18 who reside in the Wentzville School District boundaries but are not enrolled in a WSD school. For more information please contact the Child Nutrition Office at 636-327-3858 or click here

WENTZVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT | GUIDANCE FOR FAMILIES COVID-19: WHAT TO DO IF...

PLEASE NOTE: These scenarios may be adapted for individual circumstances or to alian with new health department auidance.

Getting added as a Guardian to Google Classroom



WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION...

- 2020 Academic Calendar
- WSD Website
- · Roadmap to Re-Opening
- COVID-19 Update
- WMS Website
- How to update Parent Contact Information on Parent Portal





VISITORS

At this time WMS will be limiting our visitors to those who have appointments for meetings. We are also requesting that students bring their lunches to school with them and that parents do not drop these items off during the school day.

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PTA News

PTA would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Mr. Sanchez for coordinating with the PTA and PE Department to make ten sets of WMS Indian cornhole games for the students to use in class. They turned out AMAZING and we just know the kids are going to love them! Thank you, Mr. Sanchez, for all your hard work to make these for our kids!



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Please remember to save your box tops! You can download the app do it online or clip and send in physical box tops

Thank you for supporting your PTA. We appreciate you.

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Upcoming Dates

January 4

SCHOOL RESUMES

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 5 Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 6

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 7

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 11

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 12

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 13

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 14

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 15

EARLY RELEASE

January 18

NO SCHOOL

January 19

NO SCHOOL

January 20

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 21

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 25

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 26

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 27

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

January 28

Pom Practice 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM



Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

<u>Learning</u> - 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

7B, 7C, and 7G 10:15 AM -10:40 AM 8B, 8C and 8W 10:50 AM -11:15 AM 7R and 7M 11:20 AM -11:45 AM 8P and 8S 11:50 AM -12:15 PM



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