Wentzville Middle School

May 2022 Newsletter

Dear WMS Families,

It is hard to believe that one month from today will be the last day of school for the 21-22 school year. Our students are certainly ready for this year to be over, but there are still many important academic tasks that will need to be accomplished.

This week we will begin MAP testing for seventh-grade students. They will test on May 4, in math, and May 5, in ELA. The following week will be testing for eighth-grade students, May 10, in ELA, May 11, in math, and May 12, in science. Students currently enrolled in Algebra I will take their End of Course Exam (EOC) on May 11. Any students who are absent on testing days will be pulled upon their return to take the test as it is a state requirement.

All students will need a charged Chromebook, wired headphones, a calculator (for math days), a pencil, and a book to read on testing days. As is the expectation on every school day, students will need to have their cell phones turned off and stored in their backpacks when testing. They also will be asked to remove smartwatches and keep those in backpacks during the testing window. Students who violate these expectations will have serious consequences as these are considered MAP violations.

Next, once the MAP test has concluded the window for the Spring iReady assessments will open. Students will complete these assessments in both reading and math. This is the third testing window for the 21-22 school year. Data from this assessment is used to show student growth throughout the school year and is used to make decisions about enrichment and interventions necessary for the 22-23 school year.

Finally, students will participate in final exams. There will be a test, project, or presentation in each class during the final exam window which extends from Wednesday, May 25, through Thursday, June 2. Final exams will not be given early. If your child will be absent during that last week of school you can schedule a time with me for them to make up the assignment even after the school year has ended.

As many of you know, I will not be returning to WMS for the upcoming school year. I will be transitioning to North Point Middle School where I will serve as the first principal of that new building. I have thoroughly enjoyed the seventeen years that I have spent as an administrator at both Holt and

WMS and I will miss those families that I will be leaving behind and look forward to continuing the relationships with the families that are transferring to NPMS. It has always been a pleasure working as part of your team to watch your child grow. I will continue working with Mrs. Schottle as she plans to take over the role of WMS principal.

Please continue to reach out to teachers, counselors, and administrators with questions and concerns. We are here to help your child succeed.

Dr. Mantz

WMS Jazz Band

Congratulations to the WMS Jazz Band for a strong performance at the UMSL Jazz Festival on April 22! Special shout-out to the six outstanding soloists who were each awarded a certificate: Maleah Dunn - flute, Gavin Hays - trombone, Gavin Lindemann - tenor saxophone, Connor Maine - trumpet, Dolon Silimon - drum set, and Mailyn Zak - French horn.







Indian of the Month

Congratulations to WMS Indian of the Month April recipients.

The "Indian of the Month" award winners represent the outstanding qualities and excellent characteristics of our entire student population.



Save the Date

You're invited to help celebrate Dr. Cain's National Superintendent of the Year achievement from 4-6 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Timberland High School. We hope to see you and your family there!





DR. CAIN

THE NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR®
IN A PEP RALLY-STYLE, OPEN HOUSE
COMMUNITY EVENT

4-6 P.M. | MAY 6

TIMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

Are you a WSD Parent?

We want to hear from you. In order to continuously improve on our commitment to provide a quality educational experience for your child or children, we ask that you take the time to complete this short <u>Parent Satisfaction Survey</u>.









2022 SUMMER SOCCER CAMP

9-12th Grade Boys Soccer Camp

Date: July 25th- July 28th (Rain Make-up Date July 29th)

Time: 5-7pm Grades 9-12

Location: Holt High School Stadium

Price: \$70

The Holt Soccer Camp is a great opportunity for high school players to enhance their skills as well as their knowledge for the game of soccer. The campers will be given individualized instruction needed to improve their skills and take their game to the next level. This clinic is for players entering grades 9-12 and will be divided by age in order to provide the highest quality instruction. Campers will need to bring cleats, shin guards and water bottle. Price includes a camp t-shirt.

Registration is easy! Follow the link below on Holt's website and select soccer to register online!

https://www.holtindiancamps.com/

Call 636- 577- 2708
If you have any questions



Counseling Corner Newsletter

Click here to view the WMS Counseling Corner Newsletter for May.

New Visitor Management System

Part of keeping students and staff safe is knowing who is in our building at all times, so we are rolling out a system to allow us to do just that. Starting Jan. 24, 2022, WSD visitors will check in to our buildings using



Raptor, a new visitor management system designed to assist with building security.

What does that mean for you?

- When you arrive in a WSD building as a visitor, you will be asked to scan your ID, take a photo and complete the management system's check-in process.
- Raptor will screen the information against sex offender databases and locally customized lists of banned or potentially threatening individuals, instantly alert school officials to a threatening presence, and maintain a searchable log of all visitors.
- Once approved, you will get a customized visitor badge to wear while in the building.

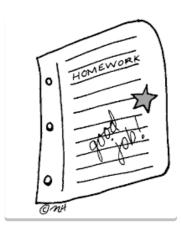
Thank you for your support as we roll this out and enhance school safety protocols!

No Activity Bus

There will be no Activity Bus until further notice.

Homework Assist

WMS is pleased to offer After School Homework Assist. WMS teachers, along with A+ tutors from Holt High School, are available Monday through Thursday from 2:35 - 3:30 pm. This will be offered in Room 124.





Chromebook Insurance

The district is offering an insurance program for your child's Access Initiative device (Chromebook). The cost to participate in this program is \$20* annually. Participation is optional. Coverage takes effect once payment is received, and the Access Initiative device is issued to your child. It is not retroactive. Buying into the program provides coverage only during the current school year, so from the time payment is received through the end of the school year, which is June 30. The program fee is non-refundable and does not transfer to the next school year if the insurance is not used.

*Please note the insurance fee to participate is \$20, as SISK12 / Student360 is reflecting an inaccurate fee of \$10.

We have a building technician who is able to complete almost all of the repairs necessary, but please know a fee is assessed to students for these repairs. The insurance does make a difference.



Upcoming Dates

May 2

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

May 3

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM Writing Club 2:35 PM - 3:30 PM

May 4

7th Grade MAP Testing Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

May 5

7th Grade MAP Testing Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

May 6

Track Practice 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

May 7

Track Meet - Troy Buchanan High School 9:00 AM

May 10

8th Grade MAP Testing

May 11

8th Grade MAP Testing

May 12

8th Grade MAP Testing

STUCO Meeting 2:35 PM - 3:30 PM

WMS Band Concert - Holt Auditorium 6:30 PM

May 13

Civil War Ball 7:35 AM

May 17

Writing Club 2:35 PM - 3:30 PM

May 18

Yearbook Staff Celebration 2:35 PM - 4:30 PM

May 19

Yearbook Distribution Day



STUCO Banquet 6:00 PM

May 20

Track End of Season Party 2:35 PM - 4:00 PM

May 24

Writing Club 2:35 PM - 3:30 PM

May 25

WMS Spring Choir Concert - Holt Auditorium 6:30 PM

May 26

STUCO Meeting 2:35 PM - 3:30 PM

May 30

NO CLASSES - MEMORIAL DAY

June 2

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY RELEASE 12:20 PM

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Wentzville R-IV School District Values

<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 7:35 AM - 2:35 PM OFFICE HOURS 7:00 AM - 3:30 PM

LUNCH SCHEDULE
7B, 7C, and 7G 10:20 AM -10:45 AM
8B, 8C and 8W 10:55 AM -11:20 AM
7R and 7M 11:25 AM -11:50 AM



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