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Williamston Middle School

January 15, 2021

## UpComing Events

January 18	No School K-12 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 20	ALL STUDENTS REMOTE (Asynchronous sessions/hours 1-6, online office hours, NO live/in person instruction)
January 22	No School for Students, Records Day, End of Semester 1
January 25	Begin Semester 2 (see block schedule on page 2)
Week of January 25th	NWEA Math Growth Test
Week of February 1	NWEA ELA Reading Growth Test
February 15	No School, President's Day

*It was wonderful to have the 6th-8th grade students join in person this week. Thank you to all the families, students, and staff who consistently followed our safety protocols and procedures. I would also like to recognize our online learners for their ongoing commitment to learning and patience as we adapt to new instruction and meeting the needs of learners at home and school.*

*This upcoming week is the culmination of semester 1. We do not have school on January 18 and 22 and ALL students are REMOTE on January 20. Teachers will post asynchronous lessons for January 20 and will be available for online office hours in the morning between 11:20 - 11:40 AM. Please see the schedule below:*

1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22
<b>NO School</b>  Martin Luther King Day	<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd  <u>In-Person Group</u> <b>Group A</b>	<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 6th <b>Asynchronous ONLY</b> <b>All Students Remote</b>	<u>Class Hours</u> 4th-6th  <u>In-Person Group</u> <b>Group B</b>	<b>NO School</b>  Records Day

### Hybrid General Schedule

For asynchronous, synchronous, and office hour sessions, please see the [hybrid general schedule](#).

### **In-Person Drop Off/Pick UP During the School Day**

If your child is in-person and needs to be dropped off or picked up during the school day, then please call the main office at 655-4668 upon arrival to verbally sign your child in or out of school.

### **Semester 2**

Please see the [semester 2 schedule](#) that includes the remaining semester 1 and first four weeks of semester 2. Updated semester 2 information will be provided in the future. Also, to access information about your semester 2 teachers and Google Meet links, please view [Meet the Staff Semester 2](#).

### **Attention 8th Grade Families - Math Science Academy (MSA)**

Here is a short video regarding the Math and Science Academy (MSA) application process for this year. I hope you find it informative and are excited about the things we're doing in the MSA. I've also attached a timeline of the application process.

[MSA Timeline 2021-22](#) and [MSA Video - Application Process](#)

Please feel free to contact Mr. Rasmus via email ([rasmusj@gowcs.net](mailto:rasmusj@gowcs.net)) or phone (655-2142 ext. 7720) with any questions regarding any MSA items. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the testing dates! - Mr. Rasmus

### **ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Gifted students in grades 6 - 9 may apply for academic year programs through MSU including:

- ISHALL - English Language Arts
- CHAMPS - Mathematics
- LEAF - French
- ALL - Latin
- M.A.N.G.A. - Japanese \*(3 year program)

These programs offer students the opportunity to take 4 years of high school credit courses in two years. Students must apply and meet specific criteria in order to participate in these accelerated programs. Visit

<https://gifted.msu.edu/programs/academic-year-programs> for more information about their programs for the 2021-2022 school year. After reviewing the information on their website, if you would like to hear more, MSU is hosting an online informational meeting about these programs on Sunday, February 21st from 12 pm - 2 pm. To register, go to <https://gifted.msu.edu/>

### **NWEA Testing**

Teachers will communicate NWEA testing schedules and arrangements. Please review the following resources prior to testing: [NWEA Parent Guide](#) & [Video for Parents](#)

### **Return to In Person Instruction: Resources for Families**

As your student prepares to return to in person instruction in January, there may be nervousness, anxiety, and excitement! Here are some resources that may be of help as you talk with your student about what to expect.

<https://wkyc.com/embeds/video/95-0c99396c-0fde-48ee-8810-de1ddcf28d3f/iframe?jwsourc=c>

<https://youtu.be/H96X6zw7rgE>

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:8b03876b-19b7-4345-b874-0085983f2a8b>

<https://youtu.be/UyIsLZlc5hA>

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**Old Newsboys Association footwear resource:**

Applications are now available to receive a voucher to purchase footwear. Children are eligible for this program if they qualify for free or reduced lunch. Contact Anne McKinney (655-4668 ext. 6520 or [mckinna@gowcs.net](mailto:mckinna@gowcs.net)) for more information.

**Operation Warmth**

Operation Warmth is a local charity that provides winter coats, gloves, and hats to children in the Williamston community. If your family is in need of these items, please email [operationwarmthmi@gmail.com](mailto:operationwarmthmi@gmail.com) or call 517-899-7318 for more information.

**Williamston Food Bank** - assists families this season and every month throughout the year. Please email [williamstonmifoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:williamstonmifoodbank@gmail.com) or call 517-655-3813 to make arrangements for food assistance.

**Food Distribution**

**Winter break meal service information** - Please see liked information to assist with pick up days and times.

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**Counseling Office News from Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Michalski**

We are here to support your student's academic and mental health needs. During remote learning, we have created a google classroom called "WMS Counseling Office with Mrs. McKinney & Mrs. Michalski" to provide students and families with resources in a variety of topics. We highly encourage all students to join the google classroom if they have not done so already. New material will be uploaded weekly.

Check out what's new in the WMS Counseling Office Google Classroom:

- **My Year in Review (2020): Goal Setting for 2021**

We will be adding more great resources each week. [Click here to access the classroom](#) or use code:6jlxidg

**Teacher & Student Support Session Sign Up (OPTIONAL)**

Starting at 6:00 AM on Monday, students can sign up for 15 minutes of academic help on Tuesday or Thursday mornings with any of their teachers. Please use this link to schedule: <https://myconferencetime.com/williamstonms>

**Attendance**

Attendance during synchronous class periods is required and will be taken daily during each synchronous class session. Call the Attendance Line at 517-655-4668 (press #1) or electronically submit an absence online at <https://www.gowcs.net/domain/164>

## Technology/Academic Help

- **Internet Access or Academic Support** - call Rachel Foster at the main office (517) 655-4668 to schedule a time and day to attend WMS' computer and academic lab.
  - **Password Resets or Technical Support** - email: [support@gowcs.net](mailto:support@gowcs.net)
  - **Help with Google's Tools and Features** - visit the [Student/Parent Tech Tutorial Link HERE](#) (use student gowcs email account to access).
  - **Help with Google Classroom or Coursework** - email the teacher.
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# Extracurriculars

## WMS Robotics

WMS' Robotics team is looking for students who would like to learn technical skills by building robots that can solve problems! We start in early February with in-person and remote options for participation. Students who are comfortable meeting in person will build robots in Mrs. Allen's science classroom at the high school. Students who would rather participate remotely will solve weekly team challenges through a Google Classroom setup.

[Click here to learn more! \(Links to video\)](#)

[Click here to see the informational slideshow!](#)

[Click here to let Mrs. Allen know that you're interested :\)](#)

## Model United Nations (MUN)

If you are looking for hands-on experiences with politics and current events, then please join MUN on Wednesdays at 3:15 PM. For more details visit the [MUN link](#).

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

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