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Williamston Middle School

November 20, 2020

On November 16, the Board of Education amended the district's Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan and changes will begin on Monday, November 30. Please see the following changes for Williamston Middle School:

- All students will receive remote instruction for the period of Monday, November 30 - Tuesday, December 8.
- Computer labs are available for students who need Internet accessibility. Please call Rachel Foster at 655-4668 to make arrangements.

Teacher support sessions through MyConferenceTime are suspended for the week of November 23. Please contact teachers via email to make arrangements for support. Session sign ups will resume the week of November 30.

UpComing Events

November 25-29 - No School K-12, Thanksgiving Recess

November 30 - December 8, All students will receive remote instruction

December 19-January 3, No School K-12, Winter Break

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 or call 517-899-7318 for more information.

Applications for Holiday Assistance:

Especially now more than ever, some families are in financial need of assistance. A local charity is assisting families with holiday gifts for children. If your family would benefit, please contact Mrs. McKinney at 655-4668 ext. 6520 or mckinna@gowcs.net for more information and an application. The deadline for completed applications is December 11th. Please reach out as soon as possible to participate.

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

Hybrid and Online Learning Update and Schedule for November 9- January 22

Earlier this month, WCS Board of Education voted to offer hybrid and online instruction to students. Please see the communication I sent on October 22 [WMS Hybrid Communication - Mailed on October 22, 2020](#) to learn more about WMS' preparation for the hybrid plan. Also, included is the [WMS schedule for November 9 - January 22](#), which will be used during our remote learning plan as well as during our hybrid plan. When reviewing the schedule, please understand that students will continue to participate in asynchronous and synchronous sessions with alternating days between 1st-3rd hours and 4th-6th hours. The daily schedule of class times, support sessions, and teacher/student office hours will remain the same during our current remote learning time.

As details related to the hybrid start date, A and B assigned groups, and safety procedures are available, they will be communicated to families.

Teacher & Student Support Session Sign Up (OPTIONAL)

Teacher support sessions are suspended for the week of November 23. Please contact teachers via email to make arrangements for support. Session sign ups will resume the week of November 30.

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:

- **Dance/Workout Videos I**

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

Food Distribution

Effective Tuesday, September 15, distribution will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Meals will be available at the high school on the front drive from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Tuesday meal bundle will include meals for three days and the meal bundle on Thursday will include meals for four days. If you have questions, please call 517-706-5028 and leave your name and phone number. Please visit the [food service page on the web](#) or if you have questions call 517-706-5012.

[Winter break meal service information](#) - Please see linked information to assist with pick up days and times.

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
 - **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

Extracurricular activities are currently suspended until December 8.

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