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Williamston Middle School

February 4, 2022

UpComing Events

February 9	Winter Count Day
February 18	Half day K-12 AM only, PM - Staff PD
February 21	No School K-12 - Presidents' Day
March 4	Half day K-12 AM only
March 16	Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 pm
March 17	Half day K-12 AM only, Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30 - 2:30 pm
March 25 - April 3	No School K-12, Spring Break
May 9	No School
May 30	No School K-12, Memorial Day
June 10	Last Day of School, ½ day AM schedule

Silk Roses for Sale - Delivered on Valentine's Day:

PALs are selling silk roses for \$1 through Wednesday, Feb. 9th. Send one to a favorite friend, staff member or family member. Students can place an order for the silk roses before school in the cafeteria from 8 am - 8:15 am. The roses will be delivered on Monday, Feb. 14th during 6th hour. [Click here for a link with details.](#)

WMS be nice. Fundraiser.

The club is selling be nice. t-shirts, sweatshirts, and buttons to raise money to support future WMS be nice. activities. Don't miss your chance to support the be nice. program as we raise awareness of youth mental health issues!



t-shirt \$10



crew sweatshirt \$23



button \$2

Be Nice. Club

WMS's be nice. club is hosting mental health related activities every other Thursday during all lunches. All students are invited to participate. Lunch activities are centered around giving students fun, hands on coping skills and expanding their knowledge about mental health. Each time, our club offers a new skill for students to try. Previous booth activities include:

- Mindful coloring
- Friendship bracelets to show gratitude to friends
- Coping skill Fortune Tellers

8th Grade Baby/Toddler Pictures Needed

8th grade parents, please submit your child's picture to be entered in the 2021-22 yearbook. Email one image of your child and include their first and last name to wmsyearbook@gowcs.net.

Xello:

Williamston Middle School would like to introduce you to an online platform that helps our students develop future plans and explore career options. Xello is an engaging online experience that helps our students better understand themselves, their career goals, and the skills needed to succeed. All 7th grade students were introduced to this program this week during ELA class. Students were asked to become familiar with the program and complete a few tasks. 8th grade students will participate in an upcoming lesson in February. Please click [here to learn more about Xello](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination Event

The Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) is sponsoring a COVID-19 vaccination event for individuals 5 and older at Williamston Middle School on Thursday, February 10 from 3:30 - 6:30 PM. Parents/legal guardians must be present for students between the ages of 5-17. Park in the rear of the building and enter at door 10. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Williamston Community Schools Liaison Officer

WCS continues their partnership with the Williamston Police Department (WPD). WPD Reserve Officer (Greg Francis) is assigned to the district several times a week and will be present at WMS during the school day. Students and staff have been made aware of these changes.

Ingham County Prosecutor School Safety Letter

Please see the [linked letter from the Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney](#).

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Counseling Office News from Mrs. McKinney and Mrs. Michalski

Counseling Resources for Students

We are here to support your student's academic and mental health needs. Our Google classroom called "WMS Counseling Office with Mrs. McKinney & Mrs. Michalski" is available to all middle school students and families. It provides resources on a variety of topics including:

- Anti-Bullying
- Anxiety
- Arts & Crafts
- be nice.

- Coping Skills
- Depression
- Gratitude
- Grief and Loss
- Mental Health Local Resources and National Hotlines
- Mindfulness
- Physical Health Activities
- Self-Knowledge, Growth Mindset, & Self-Concept
- Virtual Calming Corner
and much more.

We will be adding more great resources throughout the school year. Click [here to access a link for the classroom](#) or use code: 6jlxidg.

Winter Boots and Shoes

The Old Newsboys Association of Greater Lansing is now processing applications for footwear for school age children. Children qualify for free footwear if they receive free or reduced lunch for the 2021-2022 school year. Upon receipt of a completed and approved application, each child in the family will receive a \$50 coupon for footwear at Meijer or Shoe Carnival. Please click the link for the [application form](#). Children are eligible for this program if they qualify for free or reduced lunch. Contact Anne McKinney at mckinna@gowcs.net or 655-4668 ext. 6520 with any questions.

Weekend Survival Food Kits

If your middle school student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, they may also participate in a weekend food kit program. A Weekend Survival Kit typically includes kid-friendly food items for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and should cover two weekends. All the food items for the kits are purchased through the Greater Lansing Food Bank. There is NO COST to you to participate in the WSK program, and your child will bring home the kit from school on scheduled Fridays. If you would like your child to participate, sign this [WSK form](#) and return it to the middle school office. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Weekend Survival Kits program, please contact kyla@weekendsurvivalkits.org

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Capital Area District Library (CADL)

CADL Student Success Initiative (SSI) Cards

Williamston Community Schools students can now use [Student Success Initiative](#) library cards at Capital Area District Libraries! Students can use their SSI card to browse and check out up to three items at a time at [any CADL branch](#). These items include books, magazines, books on CD, and read-along books with built-in audio players. Also available—a limited number of dedicated [Student Success Hotspots](#) that can be [placed on hold](#) and access to online research databases. Get started by browsing our [online catalog](#) or by visiting any CADL branch. **Learn more at www.cadl.org/studentssuccess**

Join CADL's Winter Reading Challenge!

Capital Area District Libraries is hosting a Winter Reading Challenge from January 18 through February 28. This is an all-ages reading challenge that encourages empathy, inclusion, and wellness. Earn small prizes, plus be entered to win drawing prizes like gift packs from MSU Planetarium, Schuler gift cards, and CADL book bags. Sign up starts January 10. Get started today at www.cadl.org/challenge!

Attendance

If your child is absent from school, then call the Attendance Line at 517-655-4668 (press #1) or electronically submit an absence online at <https://www.gowcs.net/domain/164>

Absence During Student Quarantine

In the case of a student quarantine, the student or family will communicate and request work from the teachers during the student's absence. The teachers will provide the following supports:

- Student access to learning materials. Options may include, but are not limited to:
 - Google Classroom (assignments, teacher notes, instructional videos)
 - Paper copies of student work

- Academic teacher support may include, but not limited to:
 - Scheduled Google Meet with teacher/student during teacher's planning period, before, or after school
 - Scheduled phone conference with teacher/student during teacher's planning period, before, or after school

Teachers will provide information about how to access learning materials as well as opportunities for teacher support (Google Meet and/or phone conference).

Bell Schedule and Lunch

See the revised [bell schedule](#) that includes daily schedules and assigned lunch times (based on 4th hour teachers).

Nut Allergies

We have a number of individuals in the building that have allergies to nuts. All of the classrooms at WMS are nut free zones. Please see the [Nut Allergy Link](#) that contains guidelines and examples of foods that contain nuts.

In-Person Drop Off/Pick Up During The School Day

If your child 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.

WMS Student Handbook & Code Of Conduct:

WMS Student Handbook 2021-22, which includes the Code of Conduct, is available at the [WCS website](#).

Extracurricular

Spring Volleyball League: Girls Grades 3-8

Click [here](#) for information regarding a spring volleyball opportunity for girls in grades 3-8.

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