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Williamston Middle School

March 11, 2022

UpComing Events

March 11	Jazz Fest, Williamston High School, 7 PM
March 14	Current 6 and 7 grade students' schedules for the 2022-23 year are due
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

Jazz Fest, March 11

The 10th annual evening of jazz is scheduled for March 11 at 7 PM. See the [Jazz Fest link](#) for more information.

Scheduling for the 2022-2023 School Year

6th-8th grade students met with counselors this week to review scheduling information for the 2022-2023 school year. All families received email correspondence regarding the scheduling process.

Current 6th and 7th grade students' schedules are due no later than March 14.

[7th Grade Scheduling Process 2022-2023](#)

[8th Grade Scheduling Process 2022-2023](#)

Parent Teacher Conferences - Scheduling Opens February 18

WMS spring conferences will take place on **Wednesday, March 16 from 4-7 pm and Thursday, March 17 from 12:30-2:30 pm**. Parents will have the choice to attend conferences in person at WMS cafeteria or virtually via Google Meet (video conference).

WMS will be scheduling parent/teacher conferences online. This enables WMS to honor parent/guardian time as well as to inform teachers of who they will be speaking with so as to better prepare for each conversation. There are designated times for virtual and in person conferences.

March 16

- Virtual conferences 4:00-5:30 pm
- In person conferences 5:36-7:00 pm

March 17

- Virtual conferences 12:30-1:30 pm
- In person conferences 1:36-2:30 pm

Conferences can be scheduled at: <https://www.myconferencetime.com/williamstonms/>.

To schedule a virtual appointment with a WMS counselor or social worker, please make arrangements by contacting them directly. Mrs. McKinney (counselor) can be reached at mckinna@gowcs.net. Mrs. Michalski (social worker) can be contacted at michala@gowcs.net. Both the counselor and social worker are available in person on March 16 from 5:36-7 pm and March 17 from 1:36-2:30 pm for drop in visits.

Capital Area District Library (CADL)

CADL Student Success Card—Tip of the Month

Your student's Capital Area District Libraries [Student Success Initiative card](#) allows free access to many digital resources that support learning. They can use the library's databases for current, reliable information to do research, complete assignments, and more. Check out CADL's Homework Help pages for [Grades K-6](#) or [Grades 7-12](#) to see the most useful tools for Student Success.

Participate in SpartanNash



Williamston Middle School has the opportunity to earn \$1,000 from SpartanNash, simply by shopping at any local company-owned store, including **D&W Fresh Market** right here in Williamston. Through the Direct Your Dollars program, we can turn eligible receipts into cash for our organization!

It's easy to help us Direct Your Dollars. Every time you shop at any Family Fare or D&W Fresh Market, **save your receipts**. We'll be collecting them in our Direct Your Dollars box, located in the middle school main office.

For every **\$150,000 in receipts we collect**, we will **earn a \$1,000** donation from SpartanNash. With your support – and your receipts – we'll be raising money to purchase **“Buzz Card” rewards!**

UPDATES ~ June 2021 we had \$45,685 in Direct Your Dollars. February 2022 we have reached \$130,000 in Direct Your Dollars. Help us reach our goal!

Purchase a 2021-2022 Yearbook

It is time to start ordering your Yearbook for the 2021-22 school year! [Go to the Williamston Middle School Yearbook link](#) to buy a book today. You can customize your yearbook as well with names on the cover and many other options. Yearbooks need to be purchased before May 1.

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

We need toddler/baby photos of your students for the yearbook! Please email a photo to wmsyearbook@gowcs.net by **Monday, March 14 for your student to get in the yearbook.**

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

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

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.

Williamston Stings Softball

Registration is now open for the 2022 Williamston Stings Softball season for girls interested in playing 8U-14U (ages 7-14, as of January 1, 2022) in Williamston. There are no tryouts and all skill levels are welcome; no previous softball experience is required. Please register at www.williamstonstings.org before March 31, 2022. The season is April-July; teams will be formed in April and parents will be notified by their coach after that. Games begin in June.

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