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Williamston Middle School

May 27, 2022

UpComing Events

May 30	No School K-12, Memorial Day
May 31	Lugnuts Game (7 & 8 grade)
June 3	Cedar Point Trip (band & choir)
June 7	Sun Theater (7th grade)
June 8	Launch Trip (6 grade)
June 9	8th Grade Celebration 6:30 PM at McGoff, Williamston High School
June 10	Last Day of School, ½ day AM schedule, 8th Grade Breakfast

Lugnuts Field Trip - 7th and 8th Grade

Students attending the Lugnuts game on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 may bring EMPTY water bottles into the stadium. They will have filling stations inside available for use. Please be sure your student is appropriately dressed and prepared for a warm, sunny day. Students should have hats, sunscreen, and water bottles. Students may also bring extra cash for concessions. Bottled water costs \$5.50 per bottle.

NWEA Data

ELA teachers are distributing NWEA data to students on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Students are expected to take the information home and share it with their parents/guardians.

Current 8th Grade Students

2022-23 Class Schedules & Drop/Add Requests

Incoming 9th grade students will receive their 2022-23 schedules during 6th hour on June 1. Additionally, the high school will be piloting spring drop/add sessions at WMS on June 7 for students who would like to request a schedule change. WHS will still hold regular drop/add sessions in August prior to the start of the school year, but it is WHS' hope that this drop/add session in June will alleviate some of the business that comes with the start of the school year. Detailed information about the June 7 drop/add sessions, including a link to schedule an appointment with a WHS counselor, will be emailed to all 8th grade students and families on June 1.

8th Grade End of the Year Events

There are a number of upcoming events for the class of 2026! Visit the [End of Year Events 2022 link](#) to view the schedule.

ENGAGE

WCS has entered into a partnership with [ENGAGE Michigan](#) to help our struggling students be successful.

What is ENGAGE Michigan? Michigan's Department of Education has partnered with Graduation Alliance to provide an extra layer of support for K-12 students and their families to boost school engagement and academic success during the school year.

Students who choose to participate in the program will be assigned an Academic Success Coach who will answer questions, connect them with resources, and develop a plan to help the student stay on track and engaged with their schooling. The service is FREE to students.

To learn more about how it works and how to sign up, visit the link above.

Capital Area District Library (CADL)

CADL Student Success Card—Tip of the Month - Daily reading has a strong impact on academic success, especially over the summer. One way to get into the daily reading habit is to keep books within arm's reach. Another way is to sign up for CADL's free Summer Reading Challenge! From June 1–Aug. 6, kids and teens can read to earn prizes, plus enjoy entertaining activities. Sign up any time on our [Summer Reading site](#). Then enjoy a whole summer of great reads and fun events!

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.

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.

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Ingham County Prosecutor School Safety Letter

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

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.

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

Summer Gymnastics

Interested in gymnastics this summer? Visit the [Haslett United Junior Gymnastics Link](#) to learn more about the opportunity.

Middle School Track and Field

[Current 2022 Season Schedule](#) link

Additional information including Planet High School, REMIND, and our weekly schedule during the season can be found on Athletic.net. Follow the prompts: Track & Field, Middle School, Michigan, Williamston (scroll all the way down), and you're there. Athletes may sign up for the team outside Mrs. Dutcher's room until Spring Break. Hope to see you at the track!

Girls' Basketball Camp

5th and 6th grade girls' basketball camp is scheduled for May 31 - June 3. Visit the [Basketball Camp Link](#) for additional information and enrollment.

Co-Ed Summer Volleyball Camp

Attention all students grades 3-8! If you are interested in participating in a summer camp for volleyball between June 20-22, then visit the [Volleyball Camp Link](#) to register for the event.

High School Volleyball Summer Schedule

8th grade girls interested in developing volleyball skills and playing on the summer league can visit the [2022 Summer Volleyball Information Link](#) to learn more about the schedule and how to register for the summer league.

Williamston Community Summer Camps

See the attached [link](#) for girls basketball, co-ed volleyball, competitive swim, soccer, and football camp sessions this summer.

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