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Williamston Middle School

September 24, 2021

UpComing Events

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| October 6 | Count Day |
| October 15-18 | No School K-12 |
| October 20 | Picture Retakes |
| November 1 | No School K-12 |
| November 2 | No School K-12; Election Day WMS Conferences 12-3pm & 5-8pm |
| November 24 | No School K-12, Thanksgiving Recess |
| November 29 | Classes Resume |
| December 20 | No School K-12, Begin Winter Break |
| January 3 | Classes Resume |

WMS Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences (Virtual or In-Person)

WMS fall conferences will take place on **Tuesday, November 2 from 12:00-3:00 PM & 5:00-8:00 PM**. Parents will have the choice to attend conferences in person at WMS 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. When scheduling conferences, you will be asked to select if you will be attending in person or via Google Meet (If you elect to attend through Google Meet, information on how to access virtual conference links will be provided as we get closer to conferences).

The online conference scheduler will be active on Monday, October 4 at 8:00 AM. Conferences can be scheduled at: <https://www.myconferencetime.com/williamstonms/>. Please only take one time slot per student/household, per teacher/class.

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 November 2 for drop in visits.

If you have any questions about conferences, please call the WMS main office at 517-655-4668.

CLUB OPPORTUNITIES AT WMS

There are a variety of clubs at WMS that provide opportunities for students to explore areas of interest. This week your child received the following information in an email:

Williamston Middle School Clubs 2021-2022

Are you interested in trying something new? Would you like to get to know other WMS students? Do you like to help others or contribute to your school community? Do you enjoy politics and current events? Do you like taking photos and organizing information? Do you enjoy trivia and competition? If any of these ideas interest you, consider getting involved in a WMS club! [Click here to find more information about each club and how to get involved.](#) We look forward to working with you!

HOMECOMING PARADE- Friday, October 8:

- The Homecoming Parade starts at 6:00pm. The parade staging area will be in St. Mary's Church parking lot (South Cedar Street). Parade vehicles and trailers will enter the parking lot from the single lane driveway on the backside of St. Mary's School. From the parking lot, the parade will proceed south on Cedar to Grand River Ave, west on Grand River, south on Jackson, and end at the corner of Jackson and W. South Street.
- [Parade Application](#)

PICTURE RETAKES

Lifetouch is offering picture retakes on October 20th from 9-11 AM. Retake picture code is: EVT934STH. Please review the picture retake flyer [here](#).

CAPITAL AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY (CADL)

After School Library Program

See the [Capital Area District Library Link](#) to learn more about programs for students ages 10-17.

Mineral Museum Exhibit at the Library!

Stop by CADL Williamston to see an awesome collection of rocks and minerals from the Great Lakes region! The specimens are part of a traveling exhibit from the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum at Michigan Tech University and will be on exhibit at the library until November 18, 2021.

<https://www.cadl.org/event/415758>

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).

BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT WMS

During the 2021-22 school year, all students are eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch that is provided through federal funding. See the [September](#) menus for details. Students are also able to bring a bag lunch from home.

Ala carte items are also available for purchase before school and during lunch. Ala carte funds may be paid in advance by the week, month, or year. Students who are prepaying must take checks to the main office in the morning before school starts. **Please note the kitchen is unable to provide change for larger bills (\$20+). When a student pays with a larger bill, the money will be added to their account, instead of providing change.**

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.

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>

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](#).

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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. 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.

OLD NEWSBOYS ASSOCIATION FOOTWEAR PROGRAM 2021-2022:

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](#) or email Mrs. McKinney, school counselor, at mckinna@gowcs.net.

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, please 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

Extracurricular

Workouts for WMS Students

The head wrestling coach at WHS is offering workouts for 7th and 8th grade students. Workouts will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 3:30 in the high school fitness center. Any 7th and 8th grader can attend workouts, they are not just for wrestlers.

Middle School Gymnastics

See the [Gymnastics link](#) to learn more.

VOLLEYBALL

See the linked [7th grade](#) and [8th grade](#) schedule

[READ MORE ON OUR WEBSITE](#)

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