



Williamston High School Bi-Weekly News & Notes June 5, 2023

Dear WHS Students and Families,

Below are the final News & Notes updates and reminders for the 2023-24 school year. We hope everyone has had a great year and that you have a restful and relaxing summer! Please be on the lookout for 2023-24 back to school information in early August. If you have any questions, please visit the [WHS website](#) or contact the main office at 517-655-2142.

Upcoming Important dates:

June 7	1st & 2nd hour exams (WHS half day 8:30-11:45 AM) Drop/adds schedule change requests (incoming 10th-12th grades)
June 8	3rd & 4th hour exams (WHS half day 8:30-11:45 AM) Drop/adds schedule change requests (incoming 10th-12th grades)
June 9	5th & 6th hour exams (WHS half day 8:30-11:45 AM - Last day of school)
June 21	2nd semester report cards mailed home
June 27	Last day WHS main office is open before summer break
June 28 - August 6	WHS main office closed for summer break
August 7	WHS main office opens for the 2023/24 school year
August 10	12th (8:00 - 10:30 AM) & 11th grade (12:00 - 2:30 PM) student orientation Drop/adds schedule change requests
August 11	10th (8:00 - 10:30 AM) & 9th grade (12:00 - 2:30 PM) student orientation Drop/adds schedule change requests
August 17	WHS open house 5:30-6:30 PM
August 21	First day of school

Senior Transcripts

The last day for 2023 grads to order a transcript with no fee is **July 31, 2023**. Click [here](#) to order a transcript.

Returning School Materials

All school books, materials and supplies must be returned by 4:00 PM on Friday, June 9. Materials can be returned to the appropriate teacher or the main office.

Final Exam Schedule - June 7-9

- Wednesday, June 7: 8:30AM - 11:45AM (1st & 2nd hour exams)
 - Students who need afternoon bus transportation home should wait in the WHS library following the completion of their test (lunch will not be provided for students who wait in the library). Students should be at Williamston Middle School at 3:25 PM (the end of WMS's school day) to take the bus home.
- Thursday, June 8: 8:30AM - 11:45AM (3rd & 4th hour exams)
 - Students who need afternoon bus transportation home should wait in the WHS library following the completion of their test (lunch will not be provided for students who wait in the library). Students should be at Williamston Middle School at 3:25 PM (the end of WMS's school day) to take the bus home.
- Friday, June 9: 8:30AM - 11:45AM (5th & 6th hour exams - last day of school)
 - The district has a half day of school on June 9. Buses will be at WHS at 11:45 AM to transport students home.

2023-24 Class Schedules & Drop/Add Requests

Incoming 9th-12th grade students received their 2023-24 schedules during the school day on May 31. Additionally, we will be offering spring drop/add sessions the last week of school for students who would like to request a schedule change. We will still hold our regular drop/add sessions in August prior to the start of the school year, but we are offering this drop/add session in June to alleviate some of the busyness that comes with the start of the school year. Detailed information about June drop/add sessions, including dates/times and a link to schedule an appointment, can be found [here](#).

2nd Semester Report Cards

Report cards will be mailed home on June 21. Students who have outstanding fines/fees will not receive their report card until fees are paid.

WHS Summer Office Hours

The WHS main office will be open June 12 - June 27 from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Thursday. The office will be closed June 28 - August 6 for summer break. The office will open on August 7 for the 2023/24 school year.

2023/24 WCS Calendar

[The 2023/24 WCS calendar can be viewed here.](#)

Bussing for the 2023-24 School Year

Preparations for busing in the fall will begin soon. If your student was NOT a full time bus rider this year but will need to ride next year, please contact the bus garage at (517) 655-1011 to add to the list of riders for the 2023-24 school year. The deadline to add will be Friday, July 21. Service after this date will be based upon availability only. School of choice students currently not on a bus route will NOT be able to be added to a route for the 2023-24 School year.

Work Based Learning:

If your child is planning on doing Work Based Learning next school year, they need to pick up the required forms from Mrs. Plaxton before the end of the school year. Students must have employment and all required paperwork submitted to Mrs. Plaxton by the first of August in order to do Work Based Learning next year. Please email Mrs. Plaxton with any questions.

Michigan Virtual Summer School for Credit Advancement

Students interested in taking a summer Michigan Virtual course for credit advancement should contact Mrs. Plaxton (plaxtod@gowcs.net).

- [Summer Online Course Request Form](#)
- [Michigan Virtual Summer Handout](#)

German Exchange Starts Again

We are seeking 14 families to host German exchange students for 12 days in the fall of 2023 and possibly travel to Germany in the Summer of 2024. [Please see attached document for more information.](#)

be nice. & Mental Health Information

Throughout the school year, students will continue to have access to mental health support services in the school setting through a variety of sources. Our school counselor, Mrs. Linda Ereg (eregl@gowcs.net) and school social worker, Mrs. Caitlin Wilcox (wilcoxc@gowcs.net), are in the building to support students when in need. Students can also access a comprehensive list of strategies and mental health resources by joining the be nice. Mental Health Support Google Classroom (class code: pa5t2tg), or by visiting the [Mental Health Support website](#) found under the resources tab on the WHS web page.

Additionally, “988” is the three-digit, nationwide phone number to connect directly to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. Anyone can call or text 988 if they or a loved one are in a suicidal or mental health-related crisis.

WHS Building Hours & Check-In Procedures

The WHS office is open from 7:45 AM- 4:15 PM. All visitors must use the buzzer system at the main office entrance and check into the main office upon entering the building. The main office can be reached by phone at 517-655-2142.

Attendance

If your student is absent, please call the Attendance Line at 517-655-2142 (press #1) within 24 hours of the absence. On the recording, state the student's name, grade, date of absence and reason for absence. Please see the [WHS Student Handbook](#) for the full attendance policy (types of absences, tardies, etc).

Before School Drop Off

When dropping students off before school, please utilize the community pool/fitness entrance. Many students have been getting dropped off in the bus lane, which is reserved for bus drop offs from 7:45-8:30 AM. Morning traffic in front of the main entrance area impedes the buses and is a safety concern for students using the front entrance crosswalk.

PowerSchool

PowerSchool can be accessed on the [WHS website](#). PowerSchool parent/guardian passwords remain the same as the previous school year.. If you are having problems with PowerSchool, please email support@gowcs.net.

WHS Student Handbook & Code of Conduct

The [WHS Student Handbook and Code of Conduct](#) can be found on the [WHS website](#).

Community Enrichment Opportunities

Families and students can check out and enroll in fitness center memberships and activities online at www.williamstononline.net.