



# Hive Jive

Williamston Middle School

January 22, 2021

## UpComing Events

See updated district events in the

[WCS District Calendar](#)

January 25	Begin Semester 2 (see block schedule on page 2)
Week of January 25th	NWEA Math Growth Test
Week of February 1	NWEA ELA Reading Growth Test
February 15	No School, President's Day
February 17 - 18	Picture Day (scheduling details below)
March 5	NO SCHOOL, Teacher Professional Development Day
March 17	Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 PM
March 18	NO SCHOOL, Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30-2:30 PM

*As we conclude the first semester, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment from families, students, and staff. Everyone adapted to new ways of teaching and learning and many students have experienced success. Please see the information below to support the transition to semester 2.*

1/25- Semester 2	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29
<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd <u>In-Person</u> <u>Group</u> Group A	<u>Class Hours</u> 4th - 6th <u>In-Person</u> <u>Group</u> Group A	<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd <u>In-Person</u> <u>Group</u> Group A	<u>Class Hours</u> 4th - 6th <u>In-Person</u> <u>Group</u> Group B	<u>Class Hours</u> 1st - 3rd <u>In-Person</u> <u>Group</u> Group B

### Semester 2

Please see the [semester 2 schedule](#) that includes the remaining semester 1 and first four weeks of semester 2. Updated semester 2 information will be provided in the future. Also, to access information about your semester 2 teachers and Google Meet links, please view [Meet the Staff Semester 2](#).

### **Second Semester Schedules in PowerSchool:**

To view your student's second semester schedule:

1. Login to PowerSchool
2. Click on My Schedule on the left hand side
3. Click the Matrix View tab at the top and view the schedule for semester II

### **Hybrid General Schedule**

For asynchronous, synchronous, and office hour sessions, please see the [hybrid general schedule](#).

### **NWEA Testing (starts the week of January 25)**

Teachers communicated NWEA testing schedules and arrangements. Please review the following resources prior to testing: [NWEA Parent Guide](#) & [Video for Parents](#)

### **WMS Clubs**

Extracurricular clubs are a great way to get involved at WMS and meet new people. There are several clubs available during semester 2. Go to the extracurricular section on page 4 of the Hive Jive to find information about each club and how to get involved.

### **Picture Day**

School pictures through Lifetouch will take place on February 17 (Group A) and February 18 (Group B). Students who are attending in person will get their pictures taken on their scheduled day at WMS. Students who are online ONLY can use the link below to schedule an appointment for pictures. Lifetouch will send picture package options and online order information to families via email in February.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACA823A1FFC25-wmpicture>

### **Attention 8th Grade Students - Yearbook Toddler/Baby Pictures**

Each year there is a special 8th grade student toddler/baby picture section in the yearbook. Please see the [8th grade toddler/baby link](#) for details and February 28 deadline.

### **In-Person Drop Off/Pick UP During the School Day**

If your child is in-person and 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.

### **Attention 8th Grade Families - Math Science Academy (MSA)**

Here is a short video regarding the Math and Science Academy (MSA) application process for this year. I hope you find it informative and are excited about the things we're doing in the MSA. I've also attached a timeline of the application process.

[MSA Timeline 2021-22](#) and [MSA Video - Application Process](#)

Please feel free to contact Mr. Rasmus via email ([rasmusj@gowcs.net](mailto:rasmusj@gowcs.net)) or phone (655-2142 ext. 7720) with any questions regarding any MSA items. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the testing dates! - Mr. Rasmus

### **ACADEMIC YEAR PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Gifted students in grades 6 - 9 may apply for academic year programs through MSU including:

- ISHALL - English Language Arts
- CHAMPS - Mathematics
- LEAF - French
- ALL - Latin
- M.A.N.G.A. - Japanese \*(3 year program)

These programs offer students the opportunity to take 4 years of high school credit courses in two years. Students must apply and meet specific criteria in order to participate in these accelerated programs. Visit

<https://gifted.msu.edu/programs/academic-year-programs> for more information about

their programs for the 2021-2022 school year. After reviewing the information on their website, if you would like to hear more, MSU is hosting an online informational meeting about these programs on Sunday, February 21st from 12 pm - 2 pm. To register, go to <https://gifted.msu.edu/>

**Return to In Person Instruction: Resources for Families**

As your student prepares to return to in person instruction in January, there may be nervousness, anxiety, and excitement! Here are some resources that may be of help as you talk with your student about what to expect.

<https://wkyc.com/embeds/video/95-0c99396c-0fde-48ee-8810-de1ddcf28d3f/iframe?jwsourc=c>

<https://youtu.be/H96X6zw7rgE>

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:8b03876b-19b7-4345-b874-0085983f2a8b>

<https://youtu.be/UyIsLZlc5hA>

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**Old Newsboys Association footwear resource:**

Applications are now available to receive a voucher to purchase footwear. Children are eligible for this program if they qualify for free or reduced lunch. Contact Anne McKinney (655-4668 ext. 6520 or [mckinna@gowcs.net](mailto:mckinna@gowcs.net)) for more information.

**Operation Warmth**

Operation Warmth is a local charity that provides winter coats, gloves, and hats to children in the Williamston community. If your family is in need of these items, please email [operationwarmthmi@gmail.com](mailto:operationwarmthmi@gmail.com) or call 517-899-7318 for more information.

**Williamston Food Bank** - assists families this season and every month throughout the year. Please email [williamstonmifoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:williamstonmifoodbank@gmail.com) or call 517-655-3813 to make arrangements for food assistance.

**Food Distribution**

[Winter break meal service information](#) - Please see linked information to assist with pick up days and times.

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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. During remote learning, we have created a google classroom called "WMS Counseling Office with Mrs. McKinney & Mrs. Michalski" to provide students and families with resources in a variety of topics. We highly encourage all students to join the google classroom if they have not done so already. New material will be uploaded weekly.

Check out what's new in the WMS Counseling Office Google Classroom:

- **How to Manage Anger - Slides with Pear Deck**

We will be adding more great resources each week. [Click here to access the classroom](#) or use code:6jlxidg

### **Teacher & Student Support Session Sign Up (OPTIONAL)**

Starting at 6:00 AM on Monday, students can sign up for 15 minutes of academic help on Tuesday or Thursday mornings with any of their teachers. Please use this link to schedule: <https://myconferencetime.com/williamstonms>

### **Attendance**

Attendance during synchronous class periods is required and will be taken daily during each synchronous class session. Call the Attendance Line at 517-655-4668 (press #1) or electronically submit an absence online at <https://www.gowcs.net/domain/164>

### **Technology/Academic Help**

- **Internet Access or Academic Support** - call Rachel Foster at the main office (517) 655-4668 to schedule a time and day to attend WMS' computer and academic lab.
- **Password Resets or Technical Support** - email: [support@gowcs.net](mailto:support@gowcs.net)
- **Help with Google's Tools and Features** - visit the [Student/Parent Tech Tutorial Link HERE](#) (use student gowcs email account to access).
- **Help with Google Classroom or Coursework** - email the teacher.

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## Extracurriculars

### **WMS CLUBS**

Williamston Middle School Clubs are a great way to stay involved in the school community and beyond. View the [Link to WMS Clubs](#) to learn more and apply to join.

### **ATHLETICS**

#### **Boys' Basketball**

Open Gym - Tuesday and Wednesday

[WMS boys' basketball schedule](#)

#### **Girls' Basketball**

Open Gym - Monday and Thursday

7th grade girls: 3:30-4:30

8th grade girls: 4:45-5:45

#### **Attention ALL Athletes**

Please do not arrive at the middle school any earlier than 5 minutes before your practice time. Please drop your child off at the back entrance and please wait for them in your cars to pick them up. The coach will dismiss your child and they will exit the building. No locker rooms will be available, so please come dressed with a change of tennis shoes.

Please bring enough water for the duration of the practice. A personal water bottle or jug is recommended and sharing is not permitted.

Masks will be required to be worn at all times. The mask must cover nose to chin.

Please answer the COVID health questions prior to your arrival and verify your temperature is 100.3 F or under.

In the past 24 hours have you experienced any of the following?

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of Breath
- Close Contact or Cared for someone with COVID-19
- Temperature above 100.3 F
- \* Please do not send children if the answer is yes to any of these questions. Consult with your health care provider.

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