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Williamston Middle School

December 18, 2020

UpComing Events

December 19-January 3, No School K-12, Winter Break, WMS Office Closed

January 4, Classes Resume, WMS Office Reopens

January 8, Entries for Hornet Heroes Due (see below)

January 18, No School K-12 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 22, No School for Students, Records Day, End of Semester 1

January 25, Begin Semester 2

We have finalized the preparation for return to school in January 2021 and we are looking forward to the students returning after winter break. An email was sent to all families this week that includes information specific to returning to school for full time online and hybrid students. If you have any questions please contact the office at (517) 655-4668. Please see the Williamston [Middle School Welcome Back link](#) for important information.

New Hybrid Schedule

The daily schedule will change for all students on **January 4**. Please see new times for asynchronous, synchronous, and office hour sessions in the [hybrid general schedule](#). Also see the [January block schedule](#) for rotating class sessions.

8:20 - 11:45 AM	Asynchronous sessions (all students work remotely)
10:00 - 11:20 AM	Student/Teacher Support Sessions (by appointment Tues/Thur)
11:20 - 11:40 AM	Office hours for students (no appointment needed)
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Lunch and Travel Time for students
12:35 PM	Building open to in person students
12:35 - 12:50 PM	Office hours for in person students (no appointment needed)
12:55 - 3:05 PM	Synchronous sessions: 1st/4th: 12:55 - 1:35, 2nd/5th: 1:40 - 2:20, 3rd/6th: 2:25 - 3:05

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=cl>

<https://youtu.be/H96X6zw7rgE>

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

<https://youtu.be/UyIsLZlc5hA>

Hornet Heroes Recognition Program - New to WMS!

PALs (Peer Assistance Leaders) are excited to launch a new Williamston Middle School staff recognition program called '**Hornet Heroes.**' The purpose of this program is to highlight the creative, helpful, and ongoing hard work of our staff members. In this unprecedented time, providing 'shout outs' to our teachers, paraprofessionals, office staff, and support staff is important to us. PALs aim to build a strong sense of community and positive atmosphere within our school. This program supports our mission. The Hornet Heroes program highlights 5 randomly selected staff members per month. November recipients included Mrs. Bollis, Mrs. K. Clark, Ms. Cole, Mrs. Eddy, and Ms. Stone. Thank you for the incredible impact they have made upon our students!

Entries for our December Hornet Heroes are due January 8th and will recognize Mr.

Brillantes, Mrs. Degan, Mrs. Ellis, Ms. Kelsey, and Ms. Rooney. Each student has received an email with an invitation to add a 'shout out' to any staff member that is highlighted.

Thank you for encouraging your child to participate.

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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) 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 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 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:

- **Be nice. review with Pear Deck**
- **Sleep meditation video**

Parents, if you would like these resources emailed directly to you, please email Anne McKinney at mckinna@gowcs.net. 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
 - **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

In Person Extracurricular activities are currently suspended.

Model United Nations (MUN)

If you are looking for hands-on experiences with politics and current events, then please join MUN on Wednesdays at 3:15 PM. For more details visit the [MUN link](#).

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