

WORTHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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WMS News

Hello WMS Families and Friends, I know it's only February, but it is time for 8th graders and their parents to start thinking about high school! That's right, in seven short months they will be starting 9th grade, also known as their freshman year of high school! We are nearing the time for WHS registration and we will be doing some work with the students, and you, to prepare for this new and exciting adventure. Below are listed a couple of events regarding 8th graders:

February 7-8: WHS counselors and administrators will meet with 8th graders to explain registration and help with filling out registration forms.

February 14: WMS Parent/Teacher Conferences **for all Grades** are the usual times of 3:30-8:00.
At 5:00 and again at 6:00: Representatives from WHS will be holding informational sessions for parents of 8th graders regarding registration for 9th grade in the band room.

Other important dates in February:

February 8: Renaissance Programs for grades 6-8 - 6th-8th grade dance-**PICK-UP IS 5:00!**

FEBRUARY 12: GET OUT AND VOTE FOR THE SCHOOL REFERENDUM!

If you'd rather vote early, you can go to the Government Center downtown and vote any time between now and February 12. The window is next to the License Renewal area.

February 15: Early Out

February 18: Presidents' Day-Regular school day to make-up for snow day.

Have a great February,
Mr. Luke

Voting Information

Please check out the following link:
<https://www.518forward.com/> for the latest information regarding the upcoming referendum and voting information.

Educational Tour to Peru

Mrs. Wolyniec is planning an educational tour to Peru in July of 2020. The trip will include visits to **Lima, Cuzco, the Sacred Valley, and Machu Picchu**. There will be an information meeting on Monday, January 28 at 5:15 pm in Room 110 at the Middle School for any interested travelers. See Mrs. Wolyniec for information if you are unable to attend the meeting. (This is not a school-sponsored trip.)

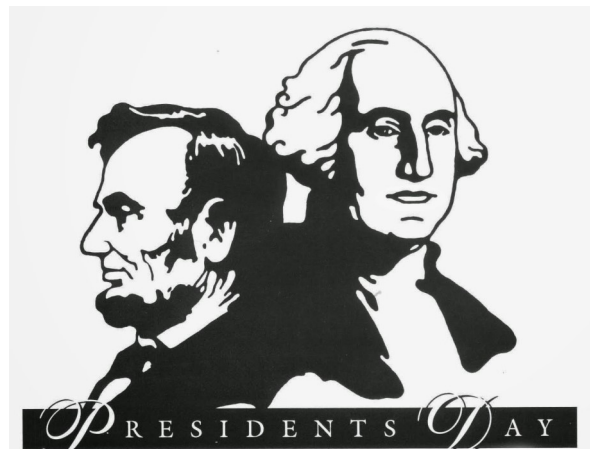


Testing Information

During February and March, the ACCESS test for all English Language (EL) students will be given. This assessment is required of all students who are learning the English language. For your child's specific date and time of testing, please contact your child's EL teacher.

Bus Company

Please direct any questions you may have to Bud's Bus Service. You may contact them at 507-372-5552





Music Corner for February 2019:

Greetings from the WMS music staff:

Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Andersen, Mrs. Jenson, and Mr. Paulsen-

Thank you for sharing your students with us. We love watching and nurturing student creativity! Thank you parents and administration for your support of music in our schools!

Please mark your calendar with future MUSICAL EVENTS:

March 12- Fifth grade Band Solo/Ensemble Festival at WMS

Friday, March 15- WHS and WMS Jazz Night at WMS- 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 15- 5-8 grade Band Concert at Memorial Auditorium

Thursday, Friday-May 2 & 3- WMS Choirs at Memorial Auditorium

Monday, May 13- All-School Orchestra Concert at WHS Gym- 7 PM

BECOME A MEMBER OF WAMBO: Worthington Area Music Booster Association.

This organization's board wants everyone to know this is just not for high school parents but open to ANY and ALL parents/grandparents. WAMBO strives to support music at all levels of the district. New color guard uniforms.

One-day residency with The Copper Street Brass Quintet from Minneapolis, MN. This brass quintet worked with the band students and presented a free concert to the public.

String bass for the 5th grade orchestra.

New sousaphone for marching and practice.

We are always actively seeking new membership. Presently the yearly membership dues are \$20,

5th Grade News

For the past 10 weeks our 5th graders have been learning about the D.A.R.E. decision making model. The D.A.R.E. officers are Officer Kirk Honius and Officer Dan Brouillet. They have come into the 5th grade classrooms one period per week to instruct the students in how to make good choices. D.A.R.E. graduation will be on February 22 with more specific information to follow. Most 5th graders have used up their pencil and Kleenex supply, so if you have extra around the house, please send them with your child. We look forward to visiting with you at the last parent/teacher conference of the year on February 14th.

8th grade:

Greetings! High school registration is coming up very soon. 8th graders will get a chance to learn about the high school and start thinking of classes starting on February 7th and 8th. Counselors and administrators from the high school will be visiting with the 8th grade on those dates and will also be available during conferences on February 14th to answer any questions you might have. The 8th graders will then be registering for classes on February 15th and the counselors will be in contact with the students if something needs to be adjusted.

Mr. Breske, 7th/8th grade School Counselor

Media Center News

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. It is one that as a parent you can influence the most. Raising kids as readers means getting involved while they are young. You can make a difference by offering your student opportunities to read. **Thursday, February 14** (conference night at the Middle School) **from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm** is such a night. The **Scholastic Bookfair** will be held in the Middle School Media Center. The Bookfair will be open throughout the school day and during conferences, starting at 3:00 pm and closing at 7:30 pm. Students will also have time Tuesday February 12; Wednesday, February 13 and Friday, February 15 (until noon) to browse and make purchases during the school day.



Student handbook is located on school website and also on your student's iPad! Please take a moment to read.