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WORTHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello, WMS Families and Friends,

September certainly flew by here at the Middle School. I hope you got out to see our band perform in the Turkey Day Parade because they were awesome! It is always fun to see so many of our students in the parade with such a wide variety of groups, especially when they throw us candy! All of our students and visitors continue to do a great job with wearing masks, thank you for that! We will continue until COVID is under control.

The WMS phone number is: 507-376-4174, if you don't save it as a contact it will show up as *Restricted* on your caller ID and often times people won't answer. We have tried, but for some reason it can't be changed. The same thing goes for the Spanish Interpreter's number: 507-727-1193. Please answer when we call.

Thanks for being a part of conferences, we are really enjoying

the improved turnout with our daytime hours. Adding in the video conference option has been a valuable addition as well.

October 20- Early Dismissal, we will serve everyone lunch and then dismiss at 11:55. The afternoon is teacher in-service time which allows teachers to get together and do planning that they can't do during the regular school day because they are teaching.

October 21-22- No School

October 25- Trojettes Dance Team starts practice. This is always the first winter sport/activity to start and is open to 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. If your child likes to dance, this is the place to learn some new skills.

October 25- WMS and WHS Choir Concert at WHS at 7:00

October 29- Will be a dress-up day for Halloween. Students are allowed to wear costumes to school as long as they follow a few simple guidelines:



Costumes must meet dress code.

They must be able to fit into their desk when they go to class.

No face paint or masks are allowed (with the exception of their usual COVID masks).

No guns, knives, swords or other items that could be considered dangerous or weapon-like are allowed.

Have a great October, Mr. Luke

Media Center News

.Thank you to those who came to the Scholastic Bookfair! All profits go back to the Media Center

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ISD 518 website:
www.isd518.net,
Worthington Public
Schools on Facebook,
and Follow us on In-
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Worthington ISD518





WMS Music Corner- October 2021

A note from the WMS Music Staff: Mr. Andersen, Mrs. Jenson, Mr. Paulsen, Miss Peterson, and Miss Rukstales:

We are off to a great start to the school year with music classes and performing groups! Please mark your calendars for music performances this fall:

***Monday October 25:** WHS/WMS Choir Concert @ WHS Gym, 7:00 pm (see below for dress code)

WMS Choir students will arrive at the high school at 6:00 PM and report to the auxiliary gym.

*Dress code below.

Friday November 5: WHS / WMS (5-8) Marching Band Indoor Concert (7:30pm)

6th-8th grade Band Students will arrive at the high school auxiliary gym at **7:00pm**.

6-8 grade dress code is the SAME AS TURKEY DAY (**WMS red band polo**/black pants/black shoes)

***Monday November 15:** WHS / WMS (6-8) Orchestra Festival @ WHS Gym, 7:00pm (see below for dress code)

6th-8th grade Orchestra Students will arrive at the high school band room at **6:00 pm**.

*Dress code below.

*Dress Code: All students should be wearing some form of black, white or combination of the two. This could include pants, shirts, dresses, skirts, etc. but it must be items permitted through the school dress code. Black jeans are accepted if they are very black and not oversized. Please wear black shoes (or if your student does not have black shoes, they can wear the darkest nicest shoes they have).

Remember to use your ISD518 Activity Passes for admission to our concerts. If you don't have a pass, the cost is Adults \$6, Students \$4.

BECOME A MEMBER OF WAMBO: Worthington Area Music Booster Association

This organization's board wants everyone to know this is just not for parents of music students but open to ANY and ALL parents/grandparents. WAMBO strives to support music at all levels of the district. Here are a few examples of how WAMBO has supported District 518 music programs:

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.

Instruments for the 5th grade orchestra so they could participate during distance learning.

New mellophone for marching and practice.

We are always actively seeking new membership. Presently the yearly membership dues are \$25, which is similar to the athletic booster's organization. Monthly meetings are generally the 4th Tuesday of the month. We are also looking for members to serve in various board positions or to volunteer a few hours at musical events. There is a WAMBO membership form below to fill out if you are interested in becoming a member. **For more information on how to become a member of WAMBO, see the Facebook page or speak with a music teacher.**

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



Date _____

WAMBO

Worthington Area Music Boosters Organization

WAMBO is an organization made up of community people who want to demonstrate their support for District 51 8's music programs. Your gift will be directly used for our band, orchestra, and choral programs and will benefit Worthington students beyond what the school district's budget allows.

Become a WAMBO member today and THANK YOU for your support!

Name (Family Names)
Address
City
State
Zip Code
Telephone (Home)
Telephone (Work/business)
Telephone (Cell)
E-Mail

Suggested Annual Membership Donation:

\$25 Family/Individual _____

\$50 Business

Please check this box if you are willing to volunteer at a WAMBO event.

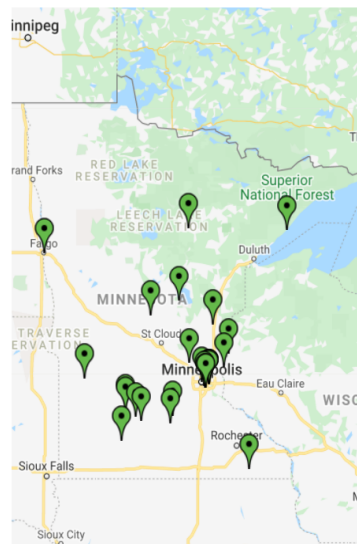
Please make checks payable to:

WAMBO ? WHS
1211 Clary Street
Worthington, MN 56187

6th Grade News:

Our MN Studies teachers, Mr. Schmitz and Mrs. Wolyniec, would like to share that every 6th grader at WMS will receive a history pass from the Minnesota Historical Society. The passes are valid from now until August 31, 2022 and will allow our sixth graders to visit all MNHS historical sites and museums for free! They're a great opportunity for our students to visit the places we study in class and experience the history of Minnesota in a tangible way. Please ask your sixth graders about them, keep them in your wallet where they'll be handy, and take your kids. The whole family will benefit! To see the many options, check out: mnhs.org/visit.

Learn about our historic sites and museums around Minnesota



In the metro

- [Alexander Ramsey House](#)
St. Paul
- [Historic Fort Snelling](#)
St. Paul
- [James J. Hill House](#)
St. Paul
- [Mill City Museum](#)
Minneapolis
- [Minnehaha Depot](#)
Minneapolis
- [Minnesota History Center](#)
St. Paul
- [Minnesota State Capitol](#)
St. Paul
- [Oliver Kelley Farm](#)
Elk River
- [Sibley Historic Site](#)
Mendota

In Greater Minnesota

- [Birch Coulee Battlefield](#)
Morton
- [Charles Lindbergh House and Museum](#)
Little Falls
- [Comstock House](#)
Moorhead
- [Folsom House](#)
Taylors Falls
- [Forest History Center](#)
Grand Rapids
- [Fort Ridgely](#)
Fort Ridgely State Park
- [Harkin Store](#)
New Ulm
- [Historic Forestville](#)
Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park
- [Jeffers Petroglyphs](#)
Comfrey
- [Lac qui Parle Mission](#)
Montevideo
- [Lower Sioux Agency](#)
Morton
- [Marine Mill](#)
Marine on St. Croix
- [Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post](#)
Onamia
- [Snake River Fur Post](#)
Pine City
- [Split Rock Lighthouse](#)
north of Two Harbors
- [Traverse des Sioux](#)
St. Peter
- [W. W. Mayo House](#)
Le Sueur

8th Grade News:

We are excited to work with your students as they round out their time at Worthington Middle School. It will be a big year as they will begin discussing careers and register for the high school next year. We are incorporating goal setting and skills into advisory and in the spring we will look at college options. Reading is also part of our coursework and your students are ready to go with AR books and goals. Ask them about their current selection! There is a travel option next summer for those student interested in going to Washington DC. This is not a district event, is at their own expense, and an amazing opportunity for students and parents. Talks with Ms. Darling if interested. It is going to be a great year.

8th Grade Washington DC Trip: Let's Go

Registration is due on Friday October 15th. Go online to www.worldstrides.com/signup and use Trip ID #198181. Contact Sarah Darling if you have any questions. [sa-rah.darling@isd518.net](mailto:sarah.darling@isd518.net). Thanks! Ms. Darling

Travel Summer of 2022.

Mrs. Wolyniec will be leading three educational tours in the summer of 2022. In June, she will travel with students and adults to South Korea, Ireland is slated for early July, and Peru at the end of July. There will be an information meeting about the trips on **Monday, October 4 at 5:15 pm in Room 110** at the Middle School. These are fantastic opportunities to see more of the world, meet new people, and learn about another culture! (These are not school-sponsored trips.)

