

Wentzville Middle School

August Update and a Few Calendar Items

August 2, 2021

Dear WMS Families,

We are excited to start the 2021-2022 school year and look forward to our middle school students joining us. This newsletter is sent to update families with a few items and to give you a few dates to put on your calendar. Please know a more detailed newsletter on school procedural type items will come out closer to the start of the school year.



WMS School Start and End Times

Wentzville Middle School will have new start and end time this school year. Our new school day will be **7:35 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.** Our front doors will open each morning at 7:15 a.m.

Information and Calendar Dates

Tuesday, August 24, is our first day of school. Our school start time is 7:35 a.m. and our end time is 2:35 p.m. Our front doors open to students at 7:15 a.m. Please know that if your child is dropped off at WMS prior to 7:15, we do not have staff on duty to supervise and highly discourage any students from being dropped off before our staff is on duty.

We know students are anxiously awaiting their schedules. Parent and Student Portal should go live beginning on August 13, at 4:00 p.m. Please understand that we have spent many months building students' schedules and balancing class sizes. Due to this, please know we will not be making changes and/or taking requests. When schedules are live and available, if a student has a conflict, they should email their counselor explaining the problem. This will allow our counselors time to work on these issues.

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Wentzville Middle School has been a very busy place this summer with construction, but we are excited to announce that we will be able to open our doors to students and their parents prior to the first day of school. Students and parents will be able to come to the building and walk the hallways to find their classrooms. We will have two dates where our front doors will be open and students, with their parents, are free to come and get acquainted with the building and location of their classrooms. Monday, August 16, the front doors will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and again on Monday, August 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We recommend that students take a screenshot of their schedule so they have it easily accessible when they are walking the building on one of these dates.

Please know that we will give a paper schedule to every student on their first day of school in their first-hour class. If you cannot come on one of the two visit days, our staff is great at helping students transition into our building. We will be out and actively helping students find their way around the building during the first week of school.

Thursday, September 9, is our Open House for parents with a middle schooler at Wentzville Middle School. It is a great night to see the building, meet your child's teachers, and hear from our WMS staff members. The evening is divided by grade levels with our 7th grade open house running from 5:00-5:45 and 8th grade open house running from 6:00-6:45. More information about the WMS Open House will come out closer to the event.

Picture day is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, and picture re-take/makeup day is Wednesday, October 13.

School Supplies and Chromebooks

Again this year, middle school students will be allowed to carry backpacks to and from their classes. We will not be issuing lockers. With our students carrying backpacks, students will be able to have their supplies with them, and it falls in line with what our high schools in the Wentzville School District do as well.

The supply list is available on the WSD website and on our WMS website. Students will use supplies from the list and benefit from having the items. Products such as paper towels, tissues, etc. will still be needed at school and used in the classroom. Students should give the tissues and paper towels to the first team teacher they have on the first day they attend school. We also recommend that every student have a folder and notebook, either composition or spiral, for every class. Additional specific needs will be communicated by the teachers your child have closer to the start of school.

As a reminder, all 7th and 8th graders in the Wentzville School District will have a Chromebook issued from their middle school. All of our returning 8th graders should have their Chromebook from last year. Our 7th graders and students new to WMS, who will be attending in person, will receive their Chromebook from their teachers during the first week of school. The Chromebook issued to a student in middle school is the one they keep through their entire educational time in the Wentzville School District. Students only turn them back in when they graduate from high school or if they move out of the Wentzville School District.

CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE

The district is offering an insurance program for your child's Access Initiative device (Chromebook). **The cost to participate in this program is \$20* annually.** Participation is optional. Coverage takes effect once payment is received, and the Access Initiative device is issued to your child. It is not retroactive. Buying into the program provides coverage only during the current school year, so from the time payment is received through the end of the school year which is June 30. The program fee is non-refundable and does not transfer to the next school year if the insurance is not used.



***Please note the insurance fee to participate is \$20, as SISK12 / Student360 is reflecting an inaccurate fee of \$10.**

We have a building technician who is able to complete almost all of the repairs necessary, but please know a fee is assessed to students for these repairs. The insurance does make a difference.

Updated Proof of Residency Requirements

Starting with the 2021-2022 school year, our buildings will ask every current family to provide updated proof of residency to the school that serves the oldest child in the family. The documents will be collected August 1 through October 31. A list of the approved documents is provided below. Please contact your school's secretary or registrar for further information. New enrollments will be required to provide full [proof of residency documentation](#).

Please send Proof of Residency to residency.wentzvillems@wsdr4.org

Homeowners:

Provide current utility bill (water, sewer, electric, gas) within the last 30 days with matching mailing address and service address.

Leases:

Provide current lease with all occupant names and utility bill (water, sewer, electric, gas) within the last 30 days. Utility bill mailing address and service address must match. If a lease transitions to month-to-month then provide the updated addendum. If it is a mobile home trailer and pad, then the lease for both should match. Leases should include all pages of the lease.

Residing with Someone Else:

Owner/Lessee should provide a lease, ALTA Settlement Statement, or Real Estate Tax Statement. Owner/Lessee should also provide a utility bill, valid photo ID, and notarized letter.

Parent/Guardian residing with someone else should provide a photo ID and Affidavit of Residency Form. Parent/Guardian residing with someone else should also provide official mail from a federal/state agency, current bank statement/loan statement, or utility bill.

Guardianship:

All guardianship situations and documentation will need to be updated this year and annually.

Please contact your school's secretary or registrar for further information.



WMS Nurse and Immunizations

Our WMS nurse's office has been very busy over the summer preparing for the upcoming school year. One of our first tasks at hand is to make sure all students have the required immunizations. All eighth graders for the 2021-2022 school year MUST have the TDaP and Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4) before classes start on August 24. We are currently communicating through email with families that still do not have documentation on file. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to our nurse, Denise Hoehne. Her email is denisehoehne@wsdr4.org.

You can also fax your updated immunizations to the school nurse: 636-455-5321.

Back To School Fair

The WSD plans to host the 11th Annual Back to School Fair for District Families on Saturday, August 14, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. or while supplies last at Liberty High School.

Please note: We will hold a drive-thru distribution event again this year.

For more information, [click here](#).



WMS Cross Country

Cross Country Practices begin Thursday, August 26th in room 123.

A sports physical is required to attend. Please schedule your physical with your doctor or at a walk-in clinic ASAP.

For more information, click [here](#). You can also contact Coach Doering at carlidoering@wsdr4.org to be added to the team and be provided with more information.



WMS 2022 Yearbook

Buy early, save money! Click [here](#) for more information on how to pre-order your WMS 2022 Yearbook.

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

Wentzville R-IV School District Values

Learning - Equipping students, staff and community to apply skills and knowledge necessary to excel in a changing world.

Community - Respecting the stakeholders' perspectives with honesty and transparency as we create a world class educational system.

Excellence - Fostering a culture which supports the highest level of individual success.

Integrity - Dedicating ourselves to making courageous decisions and providing resources for the continuous improvement of the Wentzville School District

Our vision for Wentzville Middle School is for all students to be successful independent thinkers who are confident and intrinsically motivated for success.

Our learning community will work collaboratively to create a safe, welcoming, and connected learning environment that both nurture and challenge students to excel academically.

SCHOOL HOURS 7:35 AM — 2:35 PM

OFFICE HOURS 7:00 AM — 3:30 PM

LUNCH SCHEDULE

7B, 7C, and 7G 10:20 AM -10:45 AM

8B, 8C and 8W 10:55 AM -11:20 AM

7R and 7M 11:25 AM -11:50 AM

8P and 8S 11:59 AM -12:24 PM



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