



# Welcome Back Newsletter 2019-2020

## Plan Ahead

- 8/7** New Student Preview Days: **8/7** (9am-1pm) and **8/8** (3pm-7pm)
- 8/8** 6th Graders and New Students, this is your chance to get your schedule and walk it through the building! You will also be able to bring supplies and put them in your locker on these days.
- 8/12** 5:30 to 8pm Open House - all 6th, 7th, & 8th:  
Meet your teachers, get your schedule, find your locker and put supplies in it, and see the classrooms.
- 8/14** **First Day of School!**
- 8/23** Picture Day
- 10/29** 4 to 7:30pm Report Card Fair
- 11/5** 4 to 7:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 1/13** 4 to 7:30pm Report Card Fair
- 3/17** 4 to 7:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences

*We encourage you to visit our website for more details, recent announcements, calendar events, and more.*

[wilmingtoncityschools.com/wms](http://wilmingtoncityschools.com/wms)



## What to bring the 1st Day

- Your combination lock (see supply list).
- Your lunch money (\$3.25 for regular or \$0.40 for reduced) or a packed lunch. Free/Reduced lunch is still in effect until September 27th. Lunch menus online on our [Food Service](#) page.
- Any supplies you have purchased (or they could already be in your locker from Preview Days or Open House night).
- Report to Middle School gym before 7:43am unless you are going to breakfast. Report to the cafeteria if you are going to breakfast.

## Classes at WMS

- Students will have Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, and Unified Arts classes (PE, Art, Health, and Technology).
- Those students who are not enrolled in band and/or choir will be scheduled into an additional class that will meet daily to provide academic support and enrichment, called 'Success Period'.





## 2019-2020 School Supply List

### 6th Grade School Supplies

- Large 3-ring binder with dividers OR 5-pocket accordion file folder
- 6 Composition Notebook (ELA & SS)
- 2 packs of loose leaf notebook paper
- 1 three-subject spiral notebook (Math)
- 5 two-pocket, three prong folders
- 36 No. 2 pencils and pencil case
- 2 pack Colored pencils
- 1 pack Highlighters
- 2 packs Dry erase markers
- Tissues - 2 boxes
- 2 packages 3x5 index cards
- Combination lock (no key locks please)
- 10 glue sticks
- Disinfecting wipes
- 1 Handheld pencil sharpener
- 1 box sandwich size baggies
- Inexpensive Ear Buds or Head Phones



Did you know that absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year? Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

**Chronic absence (just a couple of days a month, *excused or unexcused*)** is a leading indicator of a student's likelihood of dropping out of school.

For more information and FAQ's please visit [WilmingtonCitySchools.com/attendance](http://WilmingtonCitySchools.com/attendance). We also encourage you to check out the 10 Facts About School Attendance for more information about the impact of chronic absence at [Attendanceworks.Org](http://Attendanceworks.Org).

### 7th Grade School Supplies

- 48 #2 Pencils & Pencil Case
- Colored Pencils (12pack) Pens-Blue, Red, and Black
- 4 packs Loose Leaf College Paper Ruled ( 1per Subject)
- 2 spiral Five- Subject Notebooks
- Highlighters- Orange, Pink, and Yellow
- 2 Pocket Folders with Prongs, 1-LA, 1-Math
- 1 Book Mark- Social Studies
- 2 extra large book covers - Math and Social Studies
- 2 One inch 3-Ring Binders with inside pockets
- Tissues
- 2 Pack Dry Erase Markers
- Combination Lock (No Key Locks)
- 1 Pair of Inexpensive Earbuds or Headphones

### 8th Grade School Supplies

- Pencil Case #2 Pencils, Colored Pencils, Highlighters
- Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
- 2 Three Ring Binders (1) Social Studies, (1)Science, 2 inches
- 1 Composition notebook for Language Arts
- 2 Spiral 1-Subject Notebook
- 1 Spiral 5-Subject Notebook Math
- 4 oz glue bottle
- Small scissors
- Inexpensive earbuds or headphones
- Combination Lock (No Key Locks)

## Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

- School opens for all students at 7:35am
- Students will remain in the cafeteria or gym until 7:43am
- School begins at 7:50am
- Drop-off and Pick-up for students is Hurricane Alley (in front of WMS gym)
- Buses drop-off and pick-up in the Horseshoe
- [Map of Campus Traffic Flow](#)

# What we expect from our families

## Involvement

- Provide positive encouragement to your child and help to promote good homework and study habits at home
- Set up a Progress Book account and stay informed about your child's education
- Attend Report Card Fairs & Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Volunteer through our parent organization, Academic Boosters Club (ABC), if you are able

## Communication

- Please bring us your questions and concerns
- We encourage you to tell us what you like at WMS, as well as areas for improvement

# What you can expect from us



- Safe and encouraging learning environment
- Positive and consistent interaction with students
- Concentrated focus on teaching and learning
- Communication
- Open door policy
- Updated website and online school calendar
- Auto-dialer messages
- Daily announcements posted on social media

# Students

This is your school so get involved! WMS offers many opportunities to connect with others through mini clubs or being a part of student council. Some of the clubs run all year and others run for a quarter.

Here is a list of our clubs from last year:

- Math Club
- Walking Club
- Peer Autism Team
- FFA Pals
- Holy Hurricanes
- Rube Goldberg Team
- Tree Club
- Sign Language Club
- Holiday Craft Club
- Book Club
- Student Council
- Writing Club

If you have an idea for a new club, please let a principal know and we will see about starting a new club. Make a choice to work hard, ask for help when you need it, and take care of each other.

**Be Safe** • **Be Responsible** • **Be Kind**

## Contact Information

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