

**Williamsville CUSD #15**  
**October/November 2017 Newsletter**

**No School**

Schools will be closed on Friday, October 6, due to a teachers' institute; Monday, October 9, due to Columbus Day; Thursday, November 9, due to parent/teacher conferences; Friday, November 10, due to Veterans' Day, and Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24, due to Thanksgiving break.

**Early Dismissal**

On October 27 and November 8, Sherman Elementary will dismiss at 11:00AM and Williamsville Schools will dismiss at 11:30AM. On November 22, Sherman Elementary will dismiss at 1:45PM and Williamsville Schools will dismiss at 2:15PM.

**Board of Education**

The Board of Education will meet on October 16 and November 20 at 6:00PM, in the Superintendent's office. The public is invited.

**Miles of Smiles**

The school district is excited to offer the mobile dentistry program Miles of Smiles to our student population again this fall. We hope this program will help alleviate some of the financial demand placed on families as they meet requirements for the beginning of the school year. All children, pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, are eligible for an exam. The services are provided at no cost to our district families. As an additional benefit to our families, the team fills out the dental forms for students in kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade required by law to show proof of dental examination for school. Here is how the program works: Parents fill out the permission slip and return it to the school. Exams will not be given unless the permission slip is returned to the school office. A team including a dentist, hygienists, and dental assistants will come to Sherman Elementary during the school day to give exams on Monday, November 6, and to the junior high school for grades 5-12 on Tuesday, November 7. Any questions concerning the program may be directed to Jayme Tierney at 496-2021 or Marcia McCall at 566-3600/566-3361.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**

**Report Cards**

The first quarter ends Friday, October 20, with report cards being issued on Wednesday, November 1.

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 8 from 12:30-3:30pm and 4:00-8:00pm. There is no school on Thursday, November 9, with conferences scheduled from 8:00-11:00am. If you have not had the opportunity to schedule an appointment to meet with your child's teacher, please contact the teacher with a note or phone call (496-2021).

**Boxtops for Education**

Please remember to clip, save, and send your General Mills boxtops to school. If you do not have a child at Sherman Elementary, feel free to mail them to Lindsey Mundstock, Boxtop Coordinator, at 312 South Street, Sherman, IL 62684. Visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to get up to date information on products and bonus programs. Thanks for your support.

**Sherman Elementary PTO**

SES parents are reminded that they are invited to the monthly PTO meetings. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and are held in the SES library beginning at 6:30pm. The meetings are usually an hour in length. The PTO will be holding its annual Baskets for Bucks at their Fall Festival which will be held on Saturday, October 28, from 11am-2pm.

**Max Dollars for Education**

This year, County Market and its sponsors, including Pepsi, Kellogg, Smuckers and McCormick have teamed up to donate nearly \$100,000 to 53 area schools. You can help our school year Max Dollars by using your Max Card each time you shop at County Market from August 1-December 31, 2017. The program does not cost anything and will not take away from your personal Max Rewards you are already earning. The more you scan your Max Card,

the better our chance to earn money for our school. Please go online to [mycountymarket.com](http://mycountymarket.com) and click on the banner labeled "Max \$ Sign Up" and help Sherman Elementary at the opportunity for the next giveaway. You must register even if you were registered last year. Also, be sure to write/type "Sherman Elementary School" in for the school name. The school number is 17377. For more information on Max Dollars for Education, please go to [www.myCountyMarket.com](http://www.myCountyMarket.com).

## **JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **End of the Grading Period**

The first 9 weeks grading period ends Friday, October 20. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, November 1.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

District Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 8 and 9. On November 8, students will be dismissed at 11:30am. Conferences take place from 12:30pm-8:00pm. On November 9, there will be no student attendance. Conferences will take place from 8:00am-11:30am. Information for sixth grade conferences was passed out at the sixth grade Meet the Teacher night. If you were unable to attend, a letter with the information was sent home in the mail and the links for signing up online with teachers have been posted on the homepage and WJHS pages. Click on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation article that Mr. Ibbotson posted. There are links in that document to sign up for conferences with your child's wrap up teacher. Sign up for conferences for parents of seventh and eighth graders will take place online. Conferences on Wednesday afternoon from 12:30-4:30pm and Thursday morning from 8:00-11:00am are with all core teachers together by appointment. Those appointments can be made through the website [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com), the link is available on the district website. If you are unable to make a scheduled time, conferences Wednesday evening from 5:30-8:00pm are open conference time. You may drop in and visit one-on-one with a teacher in his/her classroom. You may also sign up online for an appointment with your child's fine arts or P.E. teachers. Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Warren, and Mrs. Wilkins will be in their rooms during both conference days. Appointments can be made by calling the school or emailing them.

### **Bus Riding Policy**

As a reminder, school district policy is that students at the junior high level are allowed to have two designated afternoon drop-off locations. In emergency situations where a parent needs a student to ride another bus, a note must be brought to school from the parent stating the reason why a student must ride an alternate bus. A student riding with others on an alternate bus for social reasons is not allowed.

### **Boys' Basketball**

The boys' basketball season is right around the corner. Be sure to have your student listen do the daily bulletin for news about upcoming open gym times. If your student is planning on trying out for the team this year, make sure they check in the office to see if they have a current physical. Schedule a physical now if it is outdated. Your student will not be allowed to try out for the team without a current physical. This is an IESA regulation. Try outs for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on Monday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 17. Sixth graders will have tryouts later.

## **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 8, from 12:30-3:00pm and 4:00-8:00pm and Thursday, November 9, from 8:00-11:00am. Parents of high school students can sign up for conferences online through the website [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com). Parents can begin signing up for conferences on October 9.

### **First Quarter Report Cards**

The first quarter will end on October 13. Report cards will be issued October 5. Parents are encouraged to use Parent Connect to access your student's grades on a regular basis. If you need Parent Connect login information, please contact the guidance office.

### **Capital Area Education Fair**

The Capital Area Education Fair will be held on October 4 at the state fairgrounds. All juniors will attend. Colleges, universities, technical schools, and military recruiters will be available to speak with students. Students will attend the fair during the school day. Computer usage forms must be turned in to attend.

### **PSAT/NMSQT Test**

The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) will be administered on October 11. This is an optional test for juniors. The PSAT/NMSQT is great practice for taking the SAT. It can qualify you for scholarship programs. The fee for the PSAT/NMSQT was \$16 and registration is now closed for this school year.

## **FINE ARTS NEWS**

### **JH Sangamon County Honor Band**

Congratulations to the following band members who were chosen to represent WJHS on October 19 in the Sangamon County Honor Band: Kirstin Shue – flute, Claire Ibbotson – flute, Teddy Killian – oboe, Gavin Hegland – clarinet, Claire Larkin – clarinet, Camden Welander – alto sax, Caleb Stuenkel – alto sax, Dominick Blackman – tenor sax, Walt Layman – bari sax, Briar Clark – trumpet, Josh Yeley – trumpet, Josie Fry – horn, Adam Clack – horn, Adam Moffett – trombone, Clayton Coker – trombone, Max Yearley – trombone, Addison Lopian – baritone, Kenny Spaniol – tuba, and Jeremiah Sortor – percussion.

### **Chorus News**

Auditions for IMEA All-District Honor Choir are Monday, October 9, at Quincy. This is for any 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader that would like an extra challenge outside of the classroom. The concert is Saturday, November 4, at Western Illinois University for those students chosen. More information will be sent home with student interested in auditioning.

### **Seventh & Eighth Grade Band Students to Perform with WHS Band in Homecoming Game**

Our seventh and eighth grade band students will join forces with the WHS Marching Bullets for the homecoming football game on Friday, October 13. Students are to report to the junior high band room to warm-up and get final instructions by 5:45pm that Friday. IN preparation for the performance, students will have an additional rehearsal with the WHS band students on Thursday, October 12, at WHS from 6:00-8:00pm. If there are any parents who would like to assist with supervision on either night, please contact Mr. Muskopf.