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## LETTER

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# PARENT BULLETIN

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### **WJHS ON THE WEB**

Another school year is upon us and things are in full swing at Williamsville Jr. High. As most of you know, Williamsville Junior High School has a web site at [wcusd15.org](http://wcusd15.org). Each month, a Parent Bulletin will be available online. We also have copies in the office if needed. In addition, each day a Daily Bulletin is posted on the web. It is also read aloud to students each day. This bulletin has daily "happenings" at the junior high, like the lunch menu, special meetings for clubs, and bus times for sporting events. We ask that you take the time to look at our web site and hope you find it valuable and informative.

WJHS also has a Facebook page. We'll be posting pictures of Williamsville Bee Bees doing fun activities at school amongst other things. Make sure to follow our WJHS Facebook page!!!

### **WCUSD BUS RIDER POLICY**

Just to remind everyone of the school district policy about riding another bus besides your own. At the junior high level, the district allows students to ride only one bus. 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 should ride an alternate bus. A student riding with others on alternate buses for social reasons is not allowed.

### **ARRIVING AT SCHOOL**

Doors at the Jr. High open to students at 8:00 a.m.

### **STUDENTS TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM SCHOOL BY A PARENT**

Parents who transport their children to and from school should drop them off and pick them up in **back** of the school at the Fine Arts Entrance. Please park in designated spots in the parking lot when waiting after school. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **STUDENTS LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

When a child needs to leave school early due to an appointment, please have your child **bring a note to the office** the morning of the appointment so plans can be made for your student to exit class.

If a student becomes ill during the school day, they should proceed to the office where the school nurse is located. The nurse will then evaluate the illness and a parent will be called if necessary.

When a child needs to leave school early due to an appointment or sickness, parents must pick the child up in the office. We appreciate your support in making our schools safe for everyone.

(There are times that the staff will be able to have your child waiting for you. This will occur if the pick-up time happens to fall in between class times, during passing time.)

### **ATTENDANCE LINE**

Just to remind parents, we do have an attendance line at WJHS. The number is 566-2325. Office personnel check it each morning.

### **VISITORS MUST CHECK IN**

We request that all visitors report to the office when visiting the Jr. High. A visitor's pass will be issued to our guests. All guests must sign in when they arrive and leave. We feel this will allow our staff members to better recognize those visiting our school. Again, please report to the office before going directly to any classroom. Thank you for your support.

### **PARENT CONNECT**

If you didn't pick up your Parent Connect password at Meet the Teacher night, please call the office and we can arrange to send the sign on and password home with your student.

This sign on information doesn't change from year to year.

When checking your child's attendance information on Parent Connect, please be advised the letter "N" in the "excused" field stands for "Note". It indicates a note was brought from the student's physician.

## WJHS PICTURE RETAKE DATE/INFO

The date for picture retakes is Wednesday, October 17. Re-takes will be in the morning. We'll make a verbal announcement when the photographer is set up and ready.

If your student missed our first picture day, or would like to have the pictures re-taken, please make sure they pick up a packet in the office!!!

## END OF THE GRADING PERIOD/REPORT CARDS

The first 9 weeks grading period ends Friday, October 26. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, November 7.

## LABOR DAY/COLUMBUS DAY/TEACHER'S INSTITUTE/VETERAN'S DAY

There will be no school on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

There will be no school on Friday, October 5 for a Teacher's Institute. There will also be no school on Monday, October 8, in observance of Columbus Day.

On Friday, October 26, we will dismiss at 11:30 for a School Improvement Day.

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on November 8 and 9, with the following Monday off for Veteran's Day. November 12.



**See Below for the information about conferences.**

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher conferences are taking place November 8 and 9. On November 8, students will be dismissed from school at 11:30. Conferences take place from 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On November 9, there will be no student attendance.

Conferences take place from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**6th Grade Conferences:** A letter will be coming home with your students in September in regards to the schedule and how conferences work for 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Conferences:** Sign up for parent-teacher conferences for parents of seventh and eighth grade students will take place online. All conferences will be held with all grade level core teachers by appointment only. These appointments may be scheduled through the website [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). The link to sign up through 'signupgenius' will be available on the school website the week of September 24.

**Encore Teachers:** You may also sign up online for an appointment with any Encore teacher. Encore teachers are your student's, fine arts and p.e. teachers. The link for each of these teachers will be on the school website soon.

**Resource 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.

If you have questions about any of the conference information, please don't hesitate to call the school at 566-3600.

## CHORUS NEWS

Auditions for ILMEA All-District Honor Choir are Monday, October 8, (Columbus Day) in Petersburg. 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 3, at Western IL University. More information will be sent home to students interested in auditioning.

## 7TH AND 8TH GRADE BAND STUDENTS TO PERFORM WITH WHS BAND IN 2018 HOMECOMING GAME

Our 7th and 8th grade band students will join forces with the WHS Marching Bullets for the 2018 Homecoming Football Game Friday October 5 at WHS. Students are to report to the Junior High band room to warm-up and get final instructions by 5:45 p.m. on that Friday. In preparation for Friday's performance students will have an additional rehearsal with WHS band students on Thursday October 4 at WHS from 6-8. If there are any parents that would like to assist with supervision on either night please contact Mr. Muskopf.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL NEWS

The boys' basketball season is right around the corner. Be sure to have your student listen to the Daily Bulletin for news about upcoming open gym times. If your student is planning on trying out for the team this year, have them be sure to

**CHECK IN THE OFFICE** to see if they have a current physical. Schedule a physical NOW if it's 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 7th and 8th graders will be held on Monday, October 15 and Tuesday, October 16. 6th graders will have their try out at a later date.

## SIXTH GRADE NEWS

Our sixth grade students seem to have adjusted well to the transition into junior high. If you want to check on homework assignments, they fill in their planners with the daily assignments. Assignments for the week are also posted online every Monday after 3:30 on the Planbook link for Sixth Grade at the WJHS website.

Students are being challenged in all their classes to develop new skills and learn new concepts.

Mr. Buttry has students actively learning about the various types of lab equipment; while in math, Mrs. Baugher is having students work with operations with decimals. In English, Miss Mast is working with students on parts of speech and spelling. Mrs. Groth has students studying literary genres and taking the STAR reading test in early September. In world history class, Mrs. Carlson's classes have been getting the skeleton done for the interactive notebook and learning how to efficiently take notes.

Be sure to ask them about some of the things they're learning!