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EARLY DISMISSAL/PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE/VETERANS DAY/THANKSGIVING BREAK

~This **Friday, October 5**, is a Teacher's Institute. No student attendance.

~**Monday, October 8** is Columbus Day. No student attendance.

~We will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on **Friday, October 26** for a School Improvement Day.

~We will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday, November 8** for Parent Teacher conferences.

~There will be no school on **Friday, November 9** for Parent Teacher conferences.

(See below for specific schedules for each grade level and elective courses.)

~There will be no school on **Monday, November 12** in observance of Veterans' Day.

~We will dismiss at 2:15 p.m. on **Wednesday November 21** to begin the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. School will resume on Monday, November 26.

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 came home with your students in September in regards to the schedule and how conferences work for 6th grade parents.

7th and 8th 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 at once by appointment only. These appointments may be scheduled through the website signupgenius.com. The link to sign up through 'signupgenius' is available on the school website.

Encore Teachers: PE/Art/Music Teachers: Mr. Fandel, Mr. Davidson, Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Cole, Mr. Muskopf will be in their rooms during both conference days. Appointments can be made by calling the school at 566.3600.

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.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will run from November 2-9, 2018. Students will come to the book fair with their Language Arts classes and have the opportunity to shop during the day. The fair will be open for families to shop during Parent/Teacher conferences on Thursday and Friday. You can also support our school by visiting our online book fair at www.scholastic.com/fair from October 28 - November 10.

ILMEA ALL DISTRICT CHORUS AND BAND AUDITIONS MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Auditions are Columbus Day (no school that day), October 9 at PORTA Central. The bus will leave promptly at 7:15 from the back of the junior high. We will return immediately after all students have auditioned. There is no guarantee as to how long auditions will take, as we have to wait for all students to get through the process. Students will call home once we are finished.

Students should dress nicely. No jeans or t-shirts. There is a concession stand if a student wishes to bring money for a snack or drink after they have auditioned. Finally, after auditioning, students will need to remain quiet and occupied while waiting for the others. We have quite a group of talented students auditioning. We are very proud of each of them for putting forth the extra effort and rehearsal time. We will be notified within a few days of auditions with which students were selected for the Festival (Nov. 3) Further information about the festival will then be sent home with those students selected.

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

Eighth grade students will be taking the Preliminary SAT on **November 7**.

~Results from this test will help WJHS teachers recommend high school English, Math, and Science placements for freshmen year.

~It is important that each student be prepared and present for the PSAT test.

~WJHS ask that parents and guardians avoid scheduling any appointments or planned absences for eighth grade students on this date.

~More detailed information on PSAT testing will be provided the week prior to the test. Please make sure your student has a calculator for testing.

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!!!

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS BEE BEE HONOR BAND ATTENDEES

Congratulations to the band members who were chosen to represent WJHS along with students from 9 other area schools on October 18 in the Sangamon County Honor Band at Glenwood HS

Madi Ausmus, flute

Korah Pinter, oboe

Teddy Killian, oboe

Claire Larkin, clarinet

Reagan Miller, alto sax

Jaiden Sloman, alto sax

Nellie Weller, tenor sax

Walt Layman, bari sax

Tyler Campbell, trumpet

Matthew Miller, trumpet

Cooper Norton, trumpet

Josie Fry, horn

Norah Boggs, horn

Max Yearley, trombone

Jacob Kienzler, trombone

Grant Patterson, trombone

Jonathan Janssen, trombone

Kenny Spaniol, tuba

Wyatt Cole, percussion

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.

CONGRATULATIONS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

The following students were chosen to represent WJHS at the Leadership Conference in Rochester on October 25:

Seth Kunz, Colin Ripperda, Marissa Carrell, Sam McCoy, Max Yearley, Reagan Miller, Christian Liles, and Addison Gray

Congratulations 8th graders!

CLARIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE CODES

As parents, you can check your child's grades online by using the Parent Connect program. Also in this program, you can see your child's attendance records. When a student is absent and provides a note from the doctor's office to the school office upon their return, in our attendance program, we enter an "N" for note. If no note is provided, we enter an "E" for excused absence. IF the absence were to be unexcused for some reason, we would enter a "U" for unexcused.

There are many codes for reasons for an absence with the most common of these being "S" for sick, "Y" for funeral, and "F" for family reasons. We hope this clears up any confusion with the attendance codes.

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 12th 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, 2nd and 6th 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 office. 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 on Monday, November 5 and to the **Junior High Tuesday, November 6** for 5th- 12th grade. Any questions concerning the program may be directed to Jayme Tierney, Elementary Nurse at 496-2021 or Marcia McCall at 566-3600/566-3361.

LITERARY CONTEST

This year's literary contest will be held on November 10 and is hosted by Rochester Junior School. Team members will start practicing -- working very hard to memorize scripts, develop characters, and perfect performances -- on Monday, Oct. 1. Students practice for two hours every week either before or after school. We hope this year's contest will prove to be an enjoyable learning experience. This year we will also be hosting Preview Night for performers and their families here at the WJHS on Wednesday, November 7..

**Attention Literary Contest Parents: McQuality Education Services is proud to sponsor the printed programs for all the Sangamon County Jr. High Schoolmasters events. Over the course of the school year over 3000 programs are printed for Schoolmasters events. This includes the Literary Contest. Every participant receives a FREE one-line Happy Ad in the event program. Please visit www.mcqualityeducserv.com for complete details in submitting your FREE Happy Ad for your favorite participant.*