

# Waynesboro Area Middle School

## Family Newsletter

July 28th, 2022



Waynesboro Area  
Middle School

### Coming Up at WAMS!!!

8/1 - The 2022-23 School Year portal opens for parents and students to see schedules, teams, etc.

8/9 - 6th Grade Back To School Night from 3:00- 7:00 PM, Team 6A

8/10 - 6th Grade Back To School Night from 3:00- 7:00 PM, Team 6B

8/11 - 6th Grade Back To School Night from 3:00- 7:00 PM, Team 6C

8/17 - WAMS Back To School Night for 7th and 8th grade students (7th grade 5:30- 6:30 and 8th grade 7:00- 8:00)

8/24 - Student First Day!

9/4 - Labor Day - No School!

9/14 - Fall Picture Day

9/23 - Early Dismissal

### Athletics

Click [HERE](#) to access the Athletics Schedule.

Please follow [THIS](#) link to see the 2022-23 WASD Calendar.

### Welcome to the Waynesboro Area Middle School for the 2022-23 School Year!!!

I want to take a moment and welcome all parents, guardians, and students to the upcoming school year! I hope all of you have had a restful and relaxing summer with friends and families! As much as we all love summer, I am greatly excited to begin the new school year and welcome all of our learners back into the building.

There are so many things to be excited about for the upcoming school year and we are looking forward to the opportunity to share the information with all of you!

This Newsletter is new to WAMS and will hopefully act as another form of communication and way to share information as the school year begins and then as we progress through the school year. It is my hope to release one newsletter per month sharing relevant information and links with all of the amazing things that happen each day at the Middle School.

In addition to this Newsletter, please also make sure to be regularly checking the [School Website](#), the Parent/Guardian Portal, and the [WAMS Facebook Page](#). Information is also shared via boroblasts and email.

Thank you!

[Mr. DeAngelis - Principal's Message](#)

[Mr. Klink - Assistant Principal](#)

[Mr. Newhard - Assistant Principal](#)

For the 2022-23 school year Mr. Klink will be the 6th grade Assistant Principal. Mr. Newhard will be the 7th and 8th grade principal. Please never hesitate to contact your student's grade level principal with questions or concerns you have!

Please follow the link on the left for additional information!

### WASD Tech Help Desk for Learners

If your child's Chromebook is in need of repair, please submit a ticket through the WASD Learner Help Desk. Click [HERE](#) to access the site.

## WAMS Happenings and Changes!!!

Summertime always brings changes in the world of education!

One significant change I am happy to announce is the teaming of 8th grade at WAMS! In previous years, 8th grade was the only grade level to be un-teamed in the building. A team consists of a Math, ELA, Science, and Social Studies teacher. These four teachers will all have the same group of students; meaning easier and more effective forms of communication with parents and students, time to plan together to enhance the quality and rigor of lessons for the students, and the ability to discuss student progress on a regular basis. With teams comes the team leader position! Team leaders are your first point of contact for many questions that arise about the school day, team activities, field trips, etc. All team leaders are listed below.

All grade levels will now be taking STEM as part of their Related Arts cycle. All students in the building take Related Arts, with each cycle lasting about 28 days. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. This is an exciting class that weaves exploration of technologies with coding, creativity, and fun! Mrs. Simmers will be the teacher of this class!



## Arrival and Dismissal!

Arrival and Dismissal will look slightly different this year as we continue to improve the effectiveness of having a large number of students enter and dismiss from the building daily. Changes always are made with student safety and effectiveness in mind.

### Arrival

Arrival will look much the same as it did last school year. The late bell rings at 7:38, students are expected to be in the building and ready to be in class by that time. The doors open at 7:15 regardless of the weather. We ask that students not be dropped off much before that time if possible. 6th grade students will report to the cafeteria when entering, 7th grade students will report to the gym when entering, and 8th grade students will report to the auditorium when entering. Students will be able to report to first period starting at 7:30. All students may eat breakfast! Bus Riders will walk over to WAMS from WASHS. Car Riders may be dropped off in the Summitview Parking lot and walk the back sidewalk to the WAMS rear entrance as in years past.

### Dismissal

Dismissal is slightly different than last year, but for parents and guardians there will appear to be little difference. WAMS will be doing a slightly staggered release for bus riders; 6th grade exiting first, then 7th, and finally 8th. This will allow for a smoother transition over to WASHS as well as allowing additional teachers to be present to help escort and monitor students as they dismiss and load buses. Walkers and Car Riders will be dismissed at 2:28 and will all exit the front of the building. Like last year, car riders are picked up out front!

## Counselor's Corner!

WAMS is extremely fortunate to have three AMAZING School Counselor's that help support our learners in more ways than I can imagine or even count! We have one counselor per grade level that will loop with the grade; meaning as your student moves up a grade level the counselor will move with them. Mrs. Collette Rooney is the 6th grade Counselor, Ms. Diana Carey is the 7th grade Counselor, and Mrs. Pam Shoap is the 8th grade Counselor. The school counselors are an excellent resource for both students and families here at WAMS. As the school year proceeds, keep an eye on the "Counselor's Corner" for updates and information from each of the grade level counselors!

# The Principal's Place!

As the year proceeds "The Principal's Place" will be an area of the Newsletter where the three building administrators will share information, events, and other musings regarding WAMS! To start, I would like to share a little about myself.

Aside from the general background information you can read in the "Principal's Message" on the website linked above (Page one, bottom left) I would like to share some more personal information. Beside my appreciation for the power of education (which I truly believe is one of the best vehicles to success and pursuit of happiness) I believe strongly in having a positive mindset, always trying to improve, and seeking out new and exciting challenges. I feel that the most valuable growth and learning often comes from challenging or even difficult experiences; be that in education, athletics, or life in general. I try to foster this positive mindset, meeting challenges head on (succeed or fail!), and being a life-long learner trying to improve in all aspects of my personal and professional life.

I am an avid outdoorsman and absolutely love all things outside! Some of my favorite hobbies include hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, and traveling. I enjoy being active and am in a constant search of challenging physical pursuits! I also love animals; specifically dogs. My family recently made a new addition to the family -- Riley the 4 month old Golden Retriever!

My goals for this coming year are to provide the best possible learning environment and experience for all students attending WAMS and the district. I want all of the students at WAMS (and my own two children for that matter!) to learn, grow, be challenged, and enjoy their experience at school. Students at WAMS should also feel and be safe both physically and emotionally. I also look to continue and enhance communication with all parents and guardians of students here at WAMS!

I look forward to the start of the 2022-23 school year!!



Out for a hike in the White Mountains of Northern New Hampshire...if you look off to the right you can see into Canada!

Riley the Golden Retriever just taking a Summer nap...



**The Summit of Mount Washington! It was almost 90 degrees at the base of the mountain and in this picture it was 34 degrees with 50 MPH Winds!**

**I don't think my wife knew she signed up for this kind of weather in July! It had snowed three days before!**



**I am not one for selfies, but out kayaking was too much fun not to!**



**A perfect picture of the family! My 8 year old daughter trying to act like she is 25 and my son just being his wild self!!!**

**I look forward to seeing all of the students return for a new year of school! I likewise look forward to working closely with all of the parents, guardians, and stakeholders in the community to make each year of Middle School the best experience that it can be. I encourage parents and guardians to stay in close communication with their learner's teachers, team leader, grade level counselor and grade level administrator. I strongly believe that a team approach and good communication makes a great foundation to your learner's success here at the Middle School!**

**Enjoy the rest of summer!**

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## 6th Grade

Team 6A - Tuesday, 8/9 3-7PM

Team 6B - Wednesday, 8/10 3-7PM

Team 6C - Thursday, 8/11 3-7PM

## 7th & 8th Grade

7th Grade - Wednesday, 8/17 5:30- 6:30PM

8th Grade - Wednesday, 8/17 7:00- 8:00PM

**Join us !!!**

📍 702 E 2nd St, Waynesboro, PA 17268

🌐 6th Grade Sign Up Below!!!!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/wamsgrade6schooltours>

☎ 717-762-1191 ex 1306



## Back to School!

Wow! Back to School Nights are almost here!!

6th grade will continue to run a smaller group, tour style of back to school night! Each 6th grade team will have a designated night with four available 1 hour slots. Each team night will run from 3:00- 7:00 PM, with 1 hour time slots available from 3:00- 4:00, 4:00- 5:00, 5:00- 6:00, and 6:00- 7:00. The hour slots will include a brief tour of the building, a chance to meet your learner's team of teachers, see classrooms, and receive other important information directly from the team of teachers who will be supporting you this year! The parent portal opens August 1st. At this time you will be able to login and see your student's schedule and team. A SignUpGenius link will be available starting August 1st for you to sign up at a conference time of your choice! Links will be on the website.

7th and 8th grade will have a traditional Back to School Night! No Sign up necessary! Paper schedules will be available in the gymnasium! Please follow the signs to enter the building through the gym!

### IMPORTANT FOR ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

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Team 6B - Wednesday, 8/10 3-7PM  
Team 6C - Thursday, 8/11 3-7PM

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8th Grade - Wednesday, 8/17 7:00-8:00PM

**All of this information will be shared in a Boroblast and email as well!**

## Team Leaders!

Team Leaders are an extremely important part of communication and support for both you as a parent or guardian and your learner! Team leaders can act as a primary point of contact for various questions regarding the school day, team activities or rewards, field trips, and concerns regarding behavior or academic performance. Once the school year begins, team leaders will have a section in the Newsletter to keep families informed of specific team activities and happenings!

The chart below identifies all of the team leaders. Please never hesitate to reach out to your learner's team leader!

Team	Team Leader	Team	Team Leader	Team	Team Leader
6A	Joseph Minich	7A	Ken Carlson	8A	Catherine Myers
6B	Nichole Embly	7B	Chris Dennis	8B	Sara Hodge
6C	Jessica Flack	7C	Tawnya Finney	8C	Zach Horn
Special Education	Holly Hess	7D	Evan Butts	8D	Brandy Spielman

This section will also act as a section for Team Leaders to provide any Team specific information, acknowledgments, and other relevant information!

## Dress Code!

The Waynesboro Area School District has a dress code that is enforced everyday! If you have not had a chance to read the district Dress Code please do so [HERE!](#)

Students who are sent to the office for dress code will have the opportunity to change if they have alternative clothes, may choose from extra clothing items we have available in the nurse's office (all laundered after each use), or may call home for additional clothing items to be brought into school.

## Bullying...

Bullying is **NOT tolerated** in the Middle School or in the District! If you suspect bullying in any way please alert school staff **immediately!** It is extremely important that students report bullying and other inappropriate interactions as quickly as possible. **We as school staff and officials will be unable to help or address the issue if we don't know it's happening!**

If cyber-bullying or bullying in general is occurring off of school grounds or after school hours my recommendation is to call the Boro Police, Washington Township Police, or PA State Police depending on where you live or where the incident occurred. **After calling the police please let school staff know about the incident so we can take proactive measures here in the building.** In case of cyber-bullying, I also recommend taking screenshots, pictures, or videos of the incident on social media to give to the police.

The district policy regarding bullying can be accessed [HERE.](#)

## Cell Phone Policy!

Cell Phones are **NOT** permitted to be used during the school day! Students are encouraged not to bring cellphones to school at all! If your students decide to bring a cell phone, it is advised to keep the phone off and put away in their locker or bookbag. If the student chooses to keep the phone on them, it must be off and not visible at all times! If the student is caught using their phone FOR ANY REASON during the school day the phone will be confiscated and consequences are issued.

## Lunch Policy 2022-2023

**For the latest and most up-to-date information regarding district food services please go [HERE!](#)**


Unfortunately the federal food grant allowing free breakfast and lunches for all of our students has ended across the state. This school year parents who are electing to have their students eat in school will need to pay for lunches or complete the appropriate free and reduced lunch forms. Please visit [Free and Reduced Lunch Benefits](#) to visit the district free and reduced lunch form and information.

The current prices are listed below:

Elementary Breakfast	\$1.75
Elementary Lunch	\$2.75
Secondary Breakfast	\$1.85

Secondary Lunch	\$2.90
Reduced Breakfast	.30¢
Reduced Lunch	.40¢
Adult Lunch	\$4.25
Milk	.60¢

**Monthly menus are available to view [here](#). This site will be updated once the school year begins! Attached below is a **SAMPLE menu for a week in April of last school year**. You will be able to see the day and date, breakfast choices, and the mainline specials with sides. Also available daily is pizza, hot and cold sandwiches, and a delicious salad bar!**

Monday, 4/4	Tuesday, 4/5	Wednesday, 4/6	Thursday, 4/7	Friday, 4/8
<b>Breakfast:</b> Nutri-Grain Bar 24g w/Yogurt 17g, Chilled Applesauce 14g and Milk	<b>Breakfast:</b> Apple Flip 41g, Chilled Peaches 19g and Milk	<b>Breakfast:</b> Bacon, Egg & Cheese Sandwich 32g, Chilled Mandarin Oranges 17g and Milk	<b>Breakfast:</b> Super Bakery Donut 29g, Pineapple Tidbits 22g and Milk	<b>Breakfast:</b> Assorted Cereal 25g w/Pop Tart 38g, Chilled Pears 22g, and Milk
<u><b>Main Line Special</b></u> <i>Nacho Nuevo's 56g</i>  <u><b>Quick Bite Special</b></u> <i>Spicy Chicken on Roll 46g</i>  <u><b>Vegetable Choices</b></u> <i>Refried Beans 25g Steamed Corn 24g</i>	<u><b>Main Line Special</b></u> <i>Hot Ham &amp; Cheese on Croissant Roll 28g</i>  <u><b>Quick Bite Special</b></u> <i>Bacon Cheeseburger on Roll 32g</i>  <u><b>Vegetable Choices</b></u> <i>Scalloped Potatoes 22g Steamed Garden Peas 11g</i>	<u><b>Main Line Special</b></u> <i>Meatball Sub 34g</i>  <u><b>Quick Bite Special</b></u> <i>Chicken Patty on Roll 45g</i>  <u><b>Vegetable Choices</b></u> <i>Crispy Baked French Fries 17g Fresh Broccoli Florets 8g</i>	<u><b>Holiday Meal</b></u> <i>Roast Turkey 5g and Filling 90g</i>   <u><b>Quick Bite Special</b></u> <i>Cheeseburger on Roll 32g</i>  <u><b>Vegetable Choices</b></u> <i>Mashed Potatoes 21g Steamed Golden Corn 22g Cranberry Relish 35g <b>Dessert:</b> Cookie 27g</i>	<u><b>Main Line Special</b></u> <i>Pizzaboli w/Dipping Sauce 34g (Similar to a Calzone)</i>  <u><b>Quick Bite Special</b></u> <i>Cheesesteak on Roll 32g</i>  <u><b>Vegetable Choices</b></u> <i>Crispy Baked French Fries 17g Crunchy Celery Sticks 2g French Fries 17g</i>

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## 6th Grade Orientation Video

Each year we receive a number of really good questions regarding entering 6th grade, general building logistics, and other relevant questions. Each year the WAMS Administrative team releases a video discussing the many commonly asked questions and reviewing much of the general information of the building and school day. I have received a lot of positive reviews from parents and guardians indicating the video is helpful and worth watching! This year's video came out to a total of 40 minutes worth of information! Please watch at your own convenience!

**[6th Grade Orientation Video 2022-23](#)**



## Students of the Month

*Students of the month are commended for exemplifying the characteristics we hope to see in all of our learners - Respect, Kindness, Hard Work, and a Positive Attitude. Learners are selected based on nominations by the WASHS teaching staff.*

**Each Month WAMS will recognize the WAMS Students of the Month in this section of the Newsletter! Each grade level WAMS team and Related Arts staff will select a student of the month. The selected Students of the Month will receive a yard sign to proudly display for the community to see during their selected month! WAMS administrators will deliver the sign at the beginning of the month, and pick the sign up at the end of the month. In addition to the sign, students will receive a letter of recognition and other tokens of appreciation.**

## Technology Considerations

Like virtually all School Districts WAMS is a 1 to 1 school, meaning each student has a device that will be utilized as a learning tool. In our case, this tool is a Chromebook. The Chromebook acts as an interactive tool that allows new practices and methods of instruction never previously possible! With this said, make no mistake--the students do not just sit on their Chromebook all day! Meaningful interactions with teachers, staff, and peers is an important part of the social development of our youth!

A priority for us is to help students learn how to use technology as a tool, as well as having a healthy appreciation of the various functions and resources it can offer! I want our children to be able to compete on a local, national, and global market. Like or not (speaking as a Dad myself) our children have infinite access to technology regardless of whether or not the school offers 1 to 1 access, and I believe that teaching our children how to have a healthy relationship with technology and utilize it as a valuable resource is the best way forward in a world that is evolving way faster than we are able to keep up with. Technology isn't going anywhere! Let's teach our children how to use it appropriately to enhance their life, education, and prepare them for career competition after graduation!

All activity on the Chromebook is monitored by GoGuardian. GoGuardian is essentially a monitoring system that watches everything the students do on the Chromebook. The system is made up of two parts. The first is the teacher component. Teachers and staff are able to see all students screens from their screen, providing the ability to monitor students activity, as well as screenshot and freeze screens. The other layer is the administrative side. Every keystroke on the Chromebook is monitored by GoGuardian, and any inappropriate searches (regardless of time of day or date) will be blocked and a time-stamped report sent to the building administrators. Anytime the administration gets a GoGuardian report parents and guardians will be called and notified. Consequences can be issued for inappropriate searches or use of the Chromebook!

## Message from the School Nurse:

**6th Grade Physicals** The Pennsylvania School Health Act requires a physical examination for each 6th grade student. It is recommended this examination be completed by your family physician, since he or she can best evaluate your child's health needs and assist with any necessary treatments and immunizations.

The physical form can be found [HERE](#) on the school district's website or requested from the school nurse. A physical completed 1 year prior to the start of the upcoming school year can be used. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse.

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