

# Waynesboro Area Middle School

## Family Newsletter

August 31, 2022



Waynesboro Area  
Middle School

### Coming Up at WAMS!!!

9/5 - Labor Day - No School!

9/14 - Fall Picture Day

9/23 - Early Dismissal

9/30 - Walk-A-Thon

10/3 - Walk-A-Thon RAIN DATE

10/7 - No School for Students!

10/10 - No School!

10/18 - Picture Makeup Day

10/21 - Fall Dance

10/29 - 1st Marking Period Ends

### **Athletics**

Click [HERE](#) to access the *District Athletics Website*.

Click [HERE](#) to access *WASD ArbiterLive* for available schedules, practices, etc.

For all other questions or information regarding athletics please call the athletic office at 717-762-1191 ext: 1221

Athletic events, practices, etc. are not handled or planned at the building level.

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

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

[Mr. Klink - Assistant Principal](#)

[Mr. Newhard - Assistant Principal](#)

## Back to School Edition

The 2022-23 School Year has officially begun! I hope all of our families and learners have had a smooth transition from summer vacation to the first days of school. Rest assured that we generally take the first week or two at a slower pace as we re-integrate students into the school building and the school day.

We are all excited to be back!



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

### 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.



# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

We are excited  
to get started!

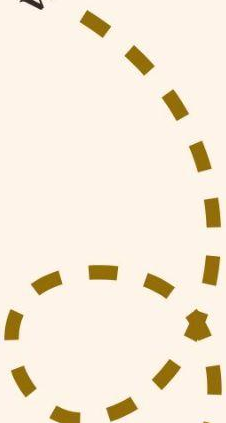
Make sure to check the  
WAMS website!!!  
[www.wasd.k12.pa.us/o/wams](http://www.wasd.k12.pa.us/o/wams)

Call the Front Desk at  
extension 1306 for help  
logging into the Portal!

## YOUR TEACHERS WISH YOU A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD!

Waynesboro Area Middle School  
702 E 2nd St. Waynesboro, PA 17268  
717-762-1191 Ext. 1306  
Please call with questions!

Please see in the  
Newsletter for  
**Team Leader  
information**  
and emails!





# Waynesboro Area School District 2022-2023 School Calendar



**APPROVED 7/26/2022**

July 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
Teacher Days = 0 Student Days = 0						

August 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	MA	TI	TI	19	20
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28	29	30	31			
Teacher Days = 9 Student Days = 6						

September 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	N	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	E	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Teacher Day = 21 Student Days = 21						

October 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	A	8
9	N	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	QE	29
30	31					
Teacher Days = 20 Student Days = 19+1						

November 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	PT	N	12
13	14	15	16	17	T	19
20	21	22	E	N	N	26
27	N	29	30			
Teacher Days = 18+1 Student Days = 17						

December 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	E	N	24
25	N	N	N	N	N	31
Teacher Days = 16 Student Days = 16						

January 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	P	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	TI	14
15	N	17	18	Q	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
Teacher Days = 20 Student Days = 19						

February 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	E	A	18
19	N	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				
Teacher Days = 19 Student Days = 18+1						

March 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	T	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	Q	A	25
26	P	28	29	30	31	
Teacher Days = 22 Student Days = 21+1						

April 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	P	N	8
9	N	P	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						
Teacher Days = 16 Student Days = 16						

May 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	E	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	N	30	31			
Teacher Days = 22 Student Days = 22						

June 2023						
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4	187th	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Teacher Days = 3 Student Days = 2						

PSSA Testing Dates	
ELA Apr. 24-28	Science May 1-12
Math May 1-12	Makeups May 1-12

Last Day of Marking Period (Gr. 6-12)	
1st Quarter - Oct. 28	2nd Quarter - Jan. 19
3rd Quarter - Mar. 22	4th Quarter - Jun. 2

Code Definitions	
A-	Act 80 Day/ No School
E-	Early Dismissal
F-	First Day of School
G-	Graduation
L-	Last Day of School
M-	Make-Up Day
MA-	Mandatory Work Day - All Staff
N-	No School
P-	Possible Snow Make-Up Day
PT-	Parent Teacher Conferences
Q-	End of Quarter (6-12th)
T-	End of Trimester (K-5th)
TI-	Teacher Inservice Day/ No School

Keystone Testing Dates	
Alg, Bio & Lit	May 15-26

AP Testing	
May	1-12

Last Day of Trimester (Gr. K-5)	
1st Trimester - Nov. 18	2nd Trimester - Mar. 2
3rd Trimester - Jun. 2	

Teacher Days = 187 Student Days = 180

Early Dismissal Times	
Secondary (6-12) - 11:50	Elementary (K-5) - 12:50

Parent/Teacher Conferences					
Elementary		WAMS		WASHS	
11/8	4-7PM	11/8	3-6PM	10/6	3-7PM
11/9	4-8PM	11/9	3-7PM	1/26	3-6PM
11/10	8AM-3:30PM	11/10	8AM-3:30PM		
2/2	4-7PM	1/26	3-6PM		

2023 Graduation Date - 6/2/2023

## WAMS Happenings and Changes!!!

School Pictures ~ Tuesday, September 13th and make up date is Tuesday, October 18th.

**WAMS Musical** ~ Moana will be performed November 5th & 6th. All 6 - 8 grade students are invited to participate in this musical. Auditions will be held September 12, 13 & 14.

**WAMS Walkathon** ~ Friday, September 30th this is a fun event where students are given the opportunity to collect donations and then walk around the WASH track and then go to Memorial Park for lunch where they can purchase lunch from various food truck vendors. They will also have an opportunity to dunk an administrator or even a teacher in the dunk tank that day. This event is used to raise funds to support various school activities and trips. Please support our students by helping your student to obtain pledges from family members, friends, co-workers and neighbors. More details coming soon!

**Football Games** ~ Football season is underway! Please see a few reminders as we cheer on the Indians!

- Athletic events are a function of school! General conduct, behavior, etc. must be in accordance with school and district policy!
- Parents/guardians must accompany their child and be readily available if needed (and not represent more than 2 other students). WAMS students without a parent/adult present will not be permitted entry.
- Students who receive any type of suspension are not permitted in athletic events the month of the suspension or infraction.
- Disrespectful behavior, foul language, general misconduct, etc. that poorly represent the district and community will not be tolerated!
- **These games are meant to be a fun family and community event to support our athletics teams- please help us keep it that way!**

## 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!



Meet our counselors! From left to right; Mrs. Colette Rooney (6th grade), Ms. Diana Carey (7th grade), Mr. Matthew Pollard (Mental Health Support Counselor), Mrs. Pam Shoap (8th grade)!

WAMS Counselors are so happy to see our learners back from summer break. Getting back into the swing of things can be overwhelming for everybody - learners, parents, and even teachers. Creating routines takes time, but doing so can make all the difference in how successful your year will be. Also, a little more sleep and fresh air, combined with a little less screen time and social media, can go a long way in staying both healthy and positive.

Here at WAMS, we are fortunate enough to have connections to many resources that can help our learners and their families. A few we'd like to highlight are:

- \*Check and Connect - provides a mentor who monitors attendance and academics, meets weekly with learners.
- \*Backpack Program - provides a bag of healthy snacks for learners to take home every Friday
- \*Mental Health Support Counselor - an on-site therapist to provide short or long term services (Wed-Fri)
- \*School-Based Counseling through Laurel Life - licensed counselors come to WAMS weekly to meet with learners
- \*Student Assistance Program - provides interventions to help address any barriers to learning
- \*McKinney-Vento Act - provides resources for learners experiencing homelessness
- \*Strengthening Families Program - excellent program run by Healthy Communities Partnership (starts 10/3)

Please contact your learner's grade-level counselor to get information on any of these valuable resources.

We want to welcome all learners and families to WAMS. We are ready to help.

Let's make it a great year!

## **The Principal's Place!**

### **Ben Newhard - 7th and 8th grade Assistant Principal**

It is hard to believe that summer is over, and we have started the new school year! This is my second year at the Middle School. I will be primarily working with both 7th and 8th grade students during the 2022-2023 school year. I am grateful for this unique opportunity, as I will continue to loop with the students until they finish out their middle school careers. Furthermore, this looping experience allows me to both strengthen existing relationships, and continue to develop new ones with students in the building. I believe positive relationships with all stakeholders are a key factor in a successful school experience.

I also believe communication is crucial to ensure success. Likewise, I believe it is imperative to have open communication between parents/guardians, staff, and students throughout the year to enhance the learning experience here at WAMS. If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to reach out to your student's teachers, counselor, or administrator by phone or email. My personal contact information may be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

While at the middle school, your student will have numerous opportunities to become involved in clubs and extracurriculars. I encourage all students to try something new each year as it helps develop and build their confidence as well as foster new relationships with their peers in the building. I enjoy seeing students take safe risks by exploring new paths as this is all part of the middle school experience to prepare them for their future.

Lastly, I wanted to take a moment to share some information about myself. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, working on cars, being outside, and anything history related! One thing most people do not know about me is that I am a living historian, and participate in World War II reenactments. Another unique hobby I enjoy is spending time working on, and restoring old Volkswagens.

## What do I need to know about the office?



If you have any questions or concerns always feel free to stop by the front office. You can also contact us at 717.762.1191x1306

**Emergency Cards, Attendance Pads and a few other forms were sent home with your learner the first day. Please complete the Emergency Card & COPPA form and return with your student.**

**WASD Calendars are still being printed we will distribute them as soon as they arrive.**

### **IMPORTANT FOR ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

Parents ~ if your child is tardy they are permitted to come into the building without a parent. However if you are picking up your student you must come in the building to sign your child out. You must have a photo id to pick up your child.

If you need a grandparent, relative or friend to pick up your child please specify on the note who will be picking up your child. A photo id must be shown in order to pick up any learner at WAMS.

When a student is absent or leaving early for an appointment parents should send in a note. Those notes are turned into the office first thing in the morning.

If you forget to send a note no need to worry ~ just call the WAMS Office and let us know. We will have you write a note when you pick up your learner.

Excuses are due within 3 days of your learner returning to school. You may also email Mrs. Fleagle at [mary\\_fleagle@wasdpa.org](mailto:mary_fleagle@wasdpa.org) with a note.

### **District Passwords**

Passwords are important! Please see the bullets below for district requirements on student password. Also, please discuss the importance of NEVER sharing passwords, codes, combinations, personal information, etc. with anyone!

- Users will be ask to change their password every 60 days
- Users won't be able to use their previous 10 passwords
- Passwords must be at least 6 Characters
- Passwords can't contain any part of the users name
- Passwords must contain at least three of the following:
  - Uppercase Letter
  - Lowercase Letter
  - Number
  - Symbol

### **Airdrop - Turn it off!**

“Air-drop” is a phone function where others can wirelessly upload pictures, videos, and digital

content onto another person's phone or device. This is an amazing feature of phones and devices when family and friends are swapping pictures of a fun trip, good memories, or the latest grandbaby picture; however, depending on your setting, you could be opening your phone to strangers being able to "drop" inappropriate content on your phone. When the setting is set to "Everybody", anybody with an iPhone, cell phone service, and within 40 feet and try to upload content to your phone - even if they don't have your number! When this occurs you will be prompted to "accept" the content. Please warn students to never accept content from people/accounts they don't know! Even better, users can change their settings to only accept "contacts" i.e. phone numbers we have saved, or off altogether.

Please see [here](#) for instructions and support on how to change Airdrop settings!

## Team Leaders!

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	Sarah Hodge
6C	Jessica Flack	7C	Tawnya Finney	8C	Zach Horn
Special Education	Holly Hess	7D	Evan Butts	8D	Brandy Spielman

Welcome back to school, Team 6A! We are excited to get the year started and have had a great first week. Keep it up! We're looking forward to what looks to be the beginning of a fantastic school year. Please use the [Team 6A website](#) to view a list of daily assignments on the Absent Work calendar for our 6A core classes.

Team 6B is off to a fabulous start! We are super excited to work with our learners and get to know you! The 6B Team is looking forward to a successful 2022-23 school year! Thanks for all you do!

Team 6C has had a fantastic start to the school year. We are excited to work with our students and have a fantastic 2022-2023 school year. Parents and guardians, thank you for your continued support!

Team 7A teachers are looking forward to a great year! Don't forget that if you need parent access to Schoology please email Mr. Carlson for you parent access code. [Team 7A website](#).

The 7B teachers are excited to meet and work with our new group of students.

Team 7C teachers this year are Ms. Smith (Math), Mrs. Hege (ELA), Mrs. Moose (Science), and Mrs. Finney (World Cultures). We look forward to an exciting year of learning activities! Please be sure to visit our [Team 7C Website](#) to learn more about your teachers and the curriculum. Also, check out our [7C Weekly Assignments](#) for important announcements and daily assignments.

Team 7D would like to welcome everyone back! We hope everyone had an awesome summer and we are excited to get this year going!

Team 8A is enjoying the adjustment to their last year in WASM! At the start of the year you should have received an email from Catherine Myers with important team and school information. If you did not receive this email or have any questions please email Mrs. Myers at [Catherine\\_Myers@wasdpa.org](mailto:Catherine_Myers@wasdpa.org). All learners and families are invited to join the team Remind app to get updates about homework and other school announcements. Please email Catherine Myers if you would like more information about this app or any other WAMS questions. Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Tester, Mrs. Duffey and Mrs. Eskridge are looking forward to working with you this year.

Team 8B is off to an awesome start for the 22-23 school year. You will be receiving an email from Miss Hodge with some updates on the team. If you do not receive this email please reach out so I can ensure we have the correct email address ([sarah\\_hodge@wasdpa.org](mailto:sarah_hodge@wasdpa.org)) . Have a fantastic day!

On Team 8C, it has been a pleasure meeting and getting to know our learners for the 2022-'23 school year. We have had a wonderful first week of school, and couldn't be more excited to see your child grow and thrive in 8th grade! An informational message was sent via email during the first week of school that detailed contacts and expectations. If you did not receive this message, make sure to reach out and update your contact information. We look forward to an awesome school year!

Team 8D is anticipating a wonderful 2022-2023 school year. We encourage parents and guardians to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. You should have received an email from Mrs. Spielman with contact information. If you did not receive this email, please double check that your contact information in Sapphire is up to date.

Special Education - We are excited to be back to school and working with your learner. Listed below are the Special Education teachers who work with each grade level. Some teachers work with multiple grade levels.

Kerri Ribarchik - 6th grade Learning Support  
Daniel Lattimore - 6th grade Learning Support  
Jessica Bryan - 7th grade Learning Support  
Shannon Rock - 7th grade Learning Support  
Holly Hess - 8th grade Learning Support  
Eric Krinks - 8th grade Learning Support  
Samantha Hepler - 6th - 8th Learning Support  
Aaron Burke - 6th - 8th Emotional Support  
Pam Smith - 6th - 8th Life Skills  
Derek Becker - 6th - 8th Autistic Support

## **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.

Please note: this includes AirPods, earbuds, smart watches, and other devices/technology! AirPods/earbuds are permitted at teacher discretion to connect only to the Chromebook for instructional purposes.

## **Library Corner**



Welcome back to school and the WAMS Library! There are thousands of great books, 3D printers, a recording studio, and Makerspace stations waiting for our students. I'm so excited that we will be adding Virtual Reality experiences to the Media curriculum this year. Students have 24/7 access to hundreds of ebooks and audiobooks along with our databases in MackinVia. Both MackinVia and our library catalog, Destiny Library, can be accessed in Clever on the students' chromebooks. Check out our [library portal](#) for access to additional library resources.  
WAMS Librarian - [holly\\_witmer@wasdpa.org](mailto:holly_witmer@wasdpa.org)

# Vaping - An ongoing nationwide problem for schools...

WAMS administration handled 20 incidents where a learner was found to be in possession of one an e-cigarette, also known as a vape; although I am sad to say that there were probably many more that administration did not catch or were not aware of. The graphic below illustrates some of the different types of e-cigarettes on the market.



From: [breathpa.org](http://breathpa.org)

According to the [Breath, Pennsylvania](http://Breath, Pennsylvania) website:

- Nicotine levels may be much higher in e-cigarettes than in cigarettes.
- E-cigarette cartridges contain many harmful ingredients, including heavy metals and chemicals linked to lung disease.
- E-cigarette devices can explode, causing burns and projectile injuries.

There definitely is a trend for students to engage in vaping while in the restrooms. We encourage learners to keep themselves out of such a situation and report it if seen. Learners found in such a situation are subject to their personal items being searched. Learners found in possession of a vape or vape cartridges will receive a day of in-school suspension and a non-traffic citation from WASD Police. (Possession of e-cigarettes on school property by anyone is against the law in Pennsylvania.) Fines and court costs for the first offense are around \$150.

Some vapes, like #8, are compatible with cartridges that contain THC, one of the chemicals in marijuana. Vapes will be tested by WASD Police. Possession of a vape that tests positive for THC is a violation of WASD Policy 227 regarding controlled substances/paraphernalia. Learners will be suspended out of school for 10 days, be required to attend an informal hearing before the disciplinary committee of the school board, and will likely face additional consequences (exclusion from WASD events, sports, activities, educational reassignment for a period of time).

**Bottom line: Please help us keep e-cigarettes out of our school by talking to your child about vaping and periodically checking their bookbag!!!**

## **IMPORTANT Safety Info for Families**

Several WASD Board policies reference the use of prescription medications and use/possession of drugs or alcohol on school property.

- **POLICY 210 - Medications**  
*All prescription and over-the-counter medications MUST be kept in the school nurse's office at all times unless medical documentation is on file for the learner to self carry. Common examples include inhalers and epipens. Please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Torey Kauffman ([Torey\\_Kauffman@wasdpa.org](mailto:Torey_Kauffman@wasdpa.org)) with any questions.*
- **POLICY 222 - Tobacco and Vaping Products**  
*All tobacco products and vaping products are prohibited on school property and on school-sponsored events. Learners found to be in possession of tobacco and/or vaping products are subject to disciplinary consequences and referral for prosecution.*
- **POLICY 227 - Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia**  
*Controlled substances, look-alike drugs, and paraphernalia are prohibited on school property and on school-sponsored events. "Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution."*

*Please review these policies and talk to your child about the **importance of keeping these illegal substances out of our schools.***

## 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!**

[September WAMS Menu](#)

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

## 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.

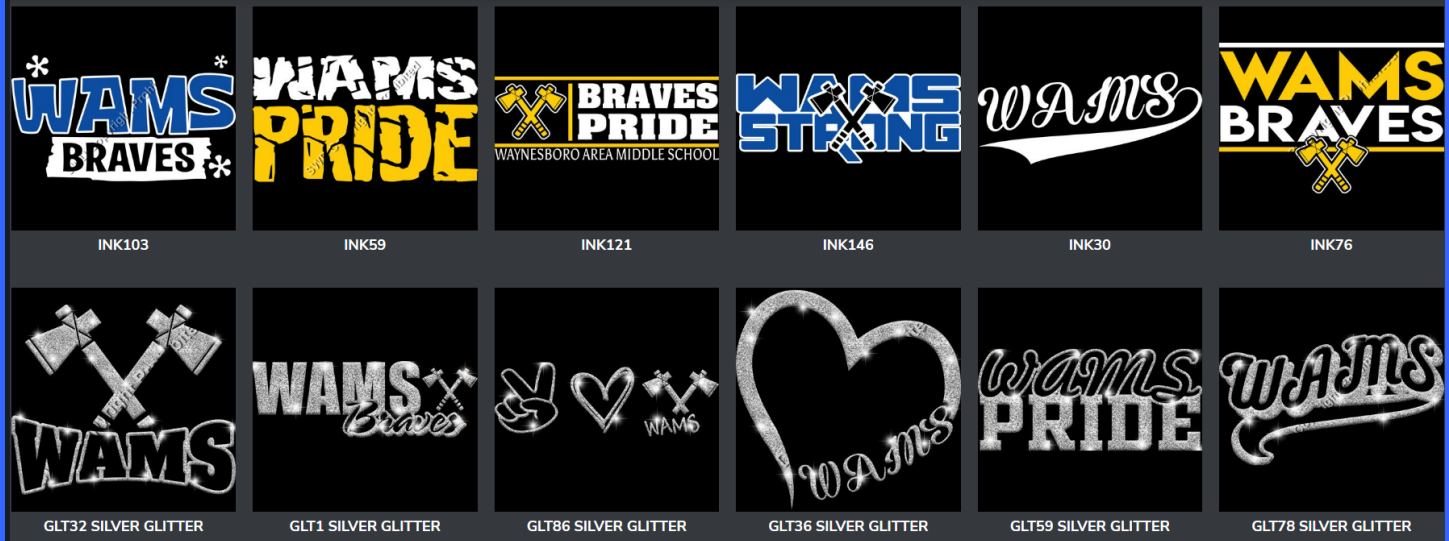
## **WAMS SUMMER RUNNING**

**The WAMS Boy's & Girl's Cross Country teams have been working hard in the "off-season" this summer. On June 14th, members of the team started a summer running challenge. Runners set goals of reaching 50, 75 or 100 miles before the official season begins on August 16th. Many have exceeded their original goals and several have already logged over 100 miles this summer! Official practices begin on Tuesday, August 16th and the team will open their season on their home course against Shippensburg Middle School on Wednesday, September 7th. Anyone who is interested in joining the team can reach out to Coach Fuss for more information.**



## We've Got Spirit! How About You?

This year WAMS has its own spirit wear store! Learners and family members can order WAMS pride t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, and more! The store will be open throughout the year and is available at [www.waynesborospiritwear.com](http://www.waynesborospiritwear.com). Various discounts will be offered throughout the year. PLEASE NOTE: To kick off the school year, there will be a two week free shipping window from 8/26/22 through 9/12/22! Orders throughout the year have free shipping with a total of \$50 or more. Choose from 6 regular and 6 glitter designs, and show your WAMS pride!



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## WAMS Safety and Security with Officer Matthews

WAMS is excited to welcome Officer Jeff Matthews! Officer Matthews is a full time staff member at the Middle School and will be all around the building interacting with students, helping supervise lunches, hallways, bathrooms, arrival, dismissal, etc. This section of the newsletter will provide monthly updates and tips regarding safety, security, and other important issues related to the District Police.

Officer Matthews is a lifelong resident of Waynesboro, with 3 children and 3 grandchildren who live locally. He has 30 years experience as a police officer. This experience includes serving as a police officer for the federal government, state level, and local level in Franklin County. Officer Matthews was a First Responder to the 9/11 terror attack on the Pentagon, as well as having served as a DC Sniper task force member. Other experience includes serving as Chief executive officer and anti-terrorism officers position for the Federal Government. Officer Matthews holds various degrees including Law Enforcement through Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Carroll County Community college, Hartford County Community College and Leadership Development and Executive service at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. His interests include Waynesboro and Civil War History! We are beyond excited to welcome him to our staff!

As this school year begins, always remain aware of your surroundings. While walking to and from school, around the schools, and parking lots stay alert. **“We have a lot of learners, but none to spare- always be aware!”**



# WALK THIS WAY

## Pedestrian Safety Tips



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**Unplug**  
Don't be a  
distracted walker.



**Make eye  
contact**  
Don't walk  
until traffic stops.



**Be bright**  
Wear reflective  
clothing at night.



**Never Jaywalk**  
Use crosswalks  
and intersections.



**Stay Alert**  
All the way across  
the intersection.



**Watch for  
turning**  
Vehicles  
of all kinds.



## 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.

Please visit the District Nurse's page [HERE](#).

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In celebration of National Dog Day we have some staff member's dogs down below! We have Mrs. Shoap's two canines enjoying the beach! Mr. Dennis' K9 friends out for a Jeep ride, and Mr. DeAngelis' puppy taking a rest on the stairs!

