



LANCERS NEWS

WELCOME TO THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR Principal Brett McCann

Welcome back Lancers! We are very excited to get started with our 2018-19 school year! First and foremost, welcome to our new students coming from Royalview, Longfellow, TJ, and also our transfer students! We are excited for you to start your "careers" at WWMS! In addition to our new students, we are also excited to welcome our new staff members, which can be found on page 2.

Our goal for this year is to have our parents and community be as active as possible. We encourage you to join our PTO and come to our meetings (the first Monday of every month), as well as join us at our Open House on August 27th and our first Parent-Teacher conference on September 19th. The more involved we can get all of you into our school, no doubt that academic and social/emotional success of your son/daughter will follow. We look forward to a great 2018-19 school year, and can't wait to get started!

Lastly, we encourage all of our WWMS parents to frequently view the Willowick MS website. School events and other important information is continually being updated to keep you informed of our school's activities, special events and athletics. This newsletter is also updated monthly to keep our parents current on school activities and special events. I will also send out a weekly bulletin to keep everyone in the loop regarding the great things happening at WWMS.

SCHEDULE PICK-UP PROCEDURES FOR 2018-19

Parents/students can bring their completed waiver consent forms to the school. Beginning with the 2018-19 school year all emergency forms **must be** completed on-line. The board office will be sending parents/guardians instructions on how to complete your emergency forms before orientation. Students will then receive their schedule, planner, locker and combination and will be allowed to place their supplies in their lockers. **All forms must be turned in to receive student schedules.**

Please follow the schedule listed below for your student.

Wednesday, August 8th: 6th Grade, WEB Orientation will be held from 8:30-1:00 p.m. A program will be held to familiarize new students with WWMS and WEB leaders will be on hand to mentor new students.

Thursday, August 9th: 8th Grade Schedule Pick-up from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 9th: 6th Grade Parents "Jump Start" Orientation will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Friday, August 10th: 7th Grade Schedule Pick-up will be held from 9:00-11:30 a.m. If you cannot attend any of the above dates, paperwork may also be brought into the school at this time.

Note: 7th grade students must have their Tdap and Meningococcal (MCV4) immunizations on file this year. Your pediatrician can fax the information to 440-943-9964 or you may bring it to the school during registration.

BEGINNING OF THE YEAR PACKETS

Please familiarize yourself with the enclosed information in this packet.

You **MUST** bring the following paperwork: The Waiver Consent Form and the Emergency Medical Form must be completed on-line to receive your child's schedule. *Please see the above schedule for all grades.*

If you do not have access to a computer, the Emergency Medical Forms can be completed on a computer at WWMS.

Free/Reduced Lunch and Fee Forms can be completed online or picked up in the office.

**WWMS OPEN HOUSE:
MONDAY, AUGUST 27TH 6:30-8:00 P.M.**

**PARENT-TEACHER FALL CONFERENCES:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH 4:00-8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH 4:00-8:00 P.M.**

WWMS SECURITY GUIDELINES 2018-19

All visitors must follow these security guidelines when coming to Willowick Middle School:

Visitors must enter the school from the main security doors located in front of the school.

All visitors coming into the building will be required to sign-in and present a photo ID (driver's license) to the secretary in the main office. Your driver's license will be returned when you sign out of the building.

If you are picking up your child for an early release, you will remain in the office and he/she will be called down. Please call the office ahead of time if you will be picking up your child.

If someone other than a parent is picking up a student, that person **MUST** be on the **Emergency Forms** or we will not release your child.

**31500
Royalview Dr.
Willowick, OH
44095**

**Main Phone:
440-943-2950**

**Fax Number:
440-943-9964**

**24 Hour
Attendance
Line:
440-283-2183**

**Twitter
@willowickms
www.weschools
.org/Willowick**

SCHOOL HOURS

**DOORS OPEN
8:15 A.M.**

BELL 8:25 A.M.

**FIRST PERIOD
BEGINS
8:30 A.M.**

**DISMISSAL
3:10 P.M.**

**WILLOWICK
MIDDLE
SCHOOL
IS
WORKING
TO
"IMPROVE
STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT"**

**Students First
Time On Task
Quality
Instruction**

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES FOR 2018-19

- ◆ Students walking home will go out the front door facing Royalview ES.
- ◆ *Please follow the prescribed arrows for the pick-up pattern.*
- ◆ If dismissal has already started when you are entering the parking lot, **DO NOT BACK INTO A SPOT.**
- ◆ Students riding the buses will now be dropped off and dismissed in the back of the school.

ELECTRONIC EMAILS



Sign up for electronic messaging to receive information on WWMS newsletters, school events and important information from the W-E Board Office.

TO SIGN-UP follow these steps:

- ◆ Access the W-E City Schools website.
- ◆ Click on the Parent Tab and click on "School Messenger". Then follow the steps in PowerSchool
- ◆ Fill in the information, click on the "Willowick School" box.
- ◆ Enter the security number in the box at the bottom of the page and click **"SIGN ME UP"**.

PARENT TELEPHONE CALLS AND EARLY RELEASE REQUESTS

To alleviate classroom interruptions during the school day, please help us by following the requests below.

If your child will be leaving early, please make arrangements with your child in the morning and *have your child bring a note into the main office upon arrival at school.*

A pass will be issued to your child to allow him/her to leave the classroom at the appropriate time without disrupting the classroom.

Please contact the school before arriving to pick-up your child for an unexpected release so that we have ample time to have your child ready and in the office when you arrive.

Please DO NOT TEXT your child during school. Cell phones must be kept in your child's locker during school hours.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

SCOTT STASA
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
CHRISTINE CARNETT-ELA
ELENA FRANGIOUDAKIS-SPANISH
NICOLE MYERS-SPECIAL EDUCATION
ALYSSA ZUCCARO-MATH

IMPORTANT ALERT/EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER REQUEST

Emergency Medical Forms will no longer be sent home for parents to complete. You must go into the PowerSchool program to enter this information.

This number is your **primary contact phone number**. The school will use this number to contact you in case of:

Medical emergency, attendance calls, and all "broadcast" calls, which is a pre-recorded message via telephone.

Your **ALERT** number can be your home phone or a cell phone. It must be a phone number that you will *answer* during school hours.

BOOK BAG/SLING BAG POLICY

Book bags and sling bags **CANNOT** be carried from class to class. Students may bring their supplies to school in their sling bags and/or book bags, but they **MUST** be emptied and kept in the lockers during the day.

Only small purses will be allowed to be carried throughout the day.

WILLOWICK PTSO

PTSO Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The first meeting will be held on Monday, August 6th.

Family memberships are \$5.00. Forms will be available during the 6th grade Jump Start program on Thursday, August 9th and at Open House on Monday, August 27th from 7:00-8:45 p.m.

CLINIC INFORMATION
Mrs. Vera Schwarten, R.N.

7TH GRADE TDAP IMMUNIZATION

ALL students in the 7th grade during the 2018-19 school year must have the Tdap and Meningococcal (MCV4) immunizations before school begins in August. You may bring this information in during orientation.

- ◆ Parents/students who do not provide documentation of this booster will be subject to exclusion from school.
- ◆ You **must** present proof that your child has had this immunization.
- ◆ Call Mrs. Schwarten, school nurse, at 440-295-2417 or the school office at 943-2950 with any questions.

MEDICATION DISTRIBUTION

Please make sure that completed paperwork is signed by the doctor along with the original prescription and medication bottle.

STUDENT ILLNESSES OR INJURIES

PLEASE DISCUSS THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROCEDURE WITH YOUR CHILD TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY IN THE EVENT THAT HE/SHE SHOULD BECOME ILL OR INJURED AT SCHOOL.

Students should *immediately* go to the clinic when ill or injured. He/she should NOT call parents using cell phones, which are required to be in your child's locker during the day.

The clinic will call parents to let them know what the situation is and whether parents will need to pick-up their students to take home.

PAY FOR IT PROGRAM FOR LUNCH AND STUDENT FEE PAYMENTS

Instructions on how to set-up a Pay-For-It program account can be found on the W-E Schools website. Please use the parents drop-down menu for instructions.

School fees and student lunch payments can all be made on-line and monitored throughout the school year using the Pay-For-It program.

OUTSIDE STUDENT LUNCHES

Please do not bring in hot lunches/fast food for your child during the day. Bringing outside food into the building poses several problems. Delivering lunches to students when special programs or adjusted bell schedules are in progress is an issue. Food cannot be given to students unless it is their lunch period and food cannot be delivered to or taken into classrooms. If your child forgets lunch, he/she can borrow \$3.10 for a hot lunch for that day. Students are expected to pay back the loan on the next school day.

PICTURE DAY FOR STUDENTS
FALL PICTURES: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
PICTURE RETAKES: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH





**TASTEFULLY SIMPLE PROGRAM
"TEAMING UP FOR EDUCATION"**

Heinen's will donate up to 1% of your purchases to WWMS when you use your Heinen's card. Please sign up at: www.heinensrewards.com, stop by the Customer Service booth at any store or call Customer Relations at 1-855-475-2300, ext. 2337.

Note: You must re-register annually.



- The program begins in October and runs through March.
- Please register your Giant Eagle Advantage card on-line (no charge to register). You will only need to register one time and can register anytime during the year.
- **WILLOWICK MIDDLE SCHOOL'S I.D. NUMBER IS 3019.**
- Funds raised benefits our school.

WWMS FUNDRAISER

Chipotle Mexican Grill
36200 Euclid Avenue
Willoughby
Tuesday, August 28th
4:00-8:00 p.m.



Bring in the flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you are supporting WWMS and 33% of the proceeds will be donated to our school.

Online orders will not be included in this fundraiser

Flyers will be available during Open House on August 27th.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please send in box tops from your favorite products to school with your child. Remind them to give the labels to their 1st period teacher.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION HAS ENABLED WWMS TO EARN OVER \$1,000. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

AUGUST

- Mon. 6th PTSO Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Mon. 6th WEB Training 9:00-1:00 p.m.
- Tue. 7th WEB Training 9:00-1:00 p.m.
- Wed. 8th 6th Grade WEB Orientation 8:30-1:00 p.m.
- Thu. 9th 8th Grade Return Forms/Schedule Pick-Up 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- Thu. 9th 6th Grade Parents' "Jump Start" Orientation 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Fri. 10th 7th Grade Return Forms/Schedule Pick-up 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- Thu. 16th First Day for Students
- Mon. 27th OPEN HOUSE 6:30-8:00 P.M.
- Tue. 28th Chipotle Fundraiser-Wlby 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Thu. 30th PTSO World's Finest Candy Bar Fundraiser Kick-Off

SEPTEMBER

- Thu. 8/30- Wed. 9/12 PTSO World's Finest Candy Bar Sale
- Mon. 3rd NO SCHOOL-LABOR DAY
- Wed. 19th PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES 4:00-8:00 P.M.

**PTSO WORLD'S FINEST CANDY BAR FUNDRAISER
August 30th-September 12th**



Please encourage your child to participate and support Willowick Middle School. As always, we appreciate the support we receive from our parents during our school events.

**PTSO FUNDRAISER WILLOUGHBY MARCO'S
36200 Euclid Avenue, Willoughby 440-975-8888**



Marco's Pizza and WWMS are working together again this year on a delicious and fun program to help raise funds for our school. The fundraiser will run one Thursday each month through May. Flyers will be passed out monthly to students the day before the fundraiser.

Marco's Pizza (Willoughby only) will donate 15% of call in orders and 20% of online orders to WWMS.

When ordering, please tell the person taking your order that it is a school fundraiser. If ordering online, be sure to select the School Challenge and WWMS.

CHILD FIND PROGRAM

Child Find is an activity conducted by state and local education agencies to locate children age's birth to 21 who have disabilities. The purpose of the program is to provide special education and related services that are needed. Disabilities may include developmental delays in communication skills, motor skills, or social emotional/behavior functioning. A student is considered disabled if they have one or more of the following conditions: Autism, deaf-blindness, hearing impairment, brain injury, learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, or a speech or language impairment.

If you know of any child who has or may have special needs, please contact Mrs. Eileen Bowers, Office of Pupil Services, Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools at 440-975-3800. Once notified, the school district will contact the parent/guardian to find out if the child needs to be evaluated. The evaluation will be provided free of charge and, if eligible, the child will receive appropriate special education and related services.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Homework requests can be made when a student has been absent for 3 or more days.

Teachers will have 24 hours to bring work assignments to the office after the request has been issued. Parents can pick up the assignments at the end of the day.

**WWMS SPORTS
INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019
CAN BE FOUND ON THE
WWMS WEBSITE**



IMPORTANT...STATE LAW MANDATES THAT ALL PHYSICALS MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE STUDENTS CAN TRY-OUT OR ATTEND ANY PRACTICES. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.