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School Office

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
***All dates are subject to change. Check daily announcements online for current information. ***PARCC TESTING WILL START WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2017					Cathy Finley, Principal Patrick Brûlé, Asst. Principal	1
2	3	4	5 PARCC TESTING "A" Day	6 PARCC TESTING "B" Day	7 PARCC TESTING "A" Day Track @ H, 4:00	8
9	10 PARCC TESTING "B" Day Track @ Oregon, 4:00	11 PARCC TESTING "A" Day	12 PARCC TESTING "B" Day Rt. 72 Organizational Festival, 4pm	13 Donuts with Dad, 7am	14 NO SCHOOL	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL	18	19 Spring Pictures Track @ Pecatonica, 4:00	20 8 th Grade Career Day	21	22 Track @ H, 9:00
23	24	25	26 7 th Grade Field Trip to Miller Park	27 8 th Grade Shadowing Day	28 Fourth Quarter Midterm grades go home	29

PARCC Testing

Starting April 5, 2017, we will administer the PARCC tests. Students will follow an alternative bell schedule to accommodate the longer testing periods. Students will have classes for odd periods (1, 3, 5 and 7th hours) on the "A" days and even class periods (2, 4, 6 and 8th hours) on the "B" days. Your middle school child will take the assessment in their mathematics and Literature/Composition classes. In addition, 8th grade students will also take the Illinois Science Assessment.

Fourth Quarter Progress Reports

Students will get their fourth quarter Progress Reports on Friday, April 28th. You, too, can check student grades regularly on HomeLogic: <https://homelogic.winnebagoschools.org/>.

Rt. 72 Music Festival

Chorus and Band students will be participating in the annual Rt. 72 Music Festival on Wednesday, April 12th at Byron Middle School. Specific details with transportation times will be coming home with your students. Admission for the event costs \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

8th Grade Activities

The 8th graders have many exciting activities coming up!

8th Grade Career Day -

On Thursday, April 20th, a number of guest speakers representing many different careers will come in and talk with our students about many different career options. This exposure to various careers should help students explore more job opportunities and provide extra research for future endeavors.

8th Grade Shadowing -

Your son or daughter will have the opportunity to participate in a shadowing day. We ask that each student shadow an adult at work for a day so that the child can "live" through an actual day at work in the "real world". In addition to the on-the-job experience, each student will be asked to share his/her experience with classmates in the days following their shadowing experience.

Students will be expected to complete information about the job that they are shadowing. We are asking that shadowing experiences involve only the workplace of a relative or family acquaintance so that the student will be assured of family support and approval. We understand that not all parents can take their child on a shadowing experience, so if you can make arrangements with a responsible adult whose job your child would find interesting or informative, please help your child make those arrangements. (Winnebago Middle School teachers and staff are not available to be shadowed.)

The actual shadowing will take place on Thursday, April 27. Since shadowing is an 8th grade activity, students who are participating are excused from school. Students received permission sheets that must be completed, signed and returned to an 8th grade teacher by Wednesday, April 26.

Any student who does not return the completed form will be expected to be in attendance at the middle school and complete vocational activities as a part of their class work that day. If your child does not attend school on that day, they will need a doctor's note indicating the date and reason for the absence and the day that the student may return to school. Otherwise, the absence will be treated as unexcused and discipline will be administered accordingly. This discipline will include, but not be limited to, loss of grade(s) and possible suspension. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail Kylie Gray at grayk@winnebagoschools.org.

Great America Trip

The 8th grade is taking a road trip. We will be heading off to the fun that awaits us at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois. This fantastic trip will be on Tuesday, May 30. The students will leave WMS by charter coach at 8:15 AM. We will return by approximately 8:00 PM. Please be prompt in picking up your child.

Base Hit!!

Yes, the Annual 7th grade baseball trip is just around the corner, and it is a BIG HIT with our students! Our trip is a culminating activity to a cross-curricular unit! LC classes will be reading novels about baseball, LA classes will be doing research on a Hall of Fame player and Math will be working with statistics and measurements of the game.

April 26 is our big day! We will leave school at 8AM and head to Milwaukee to see the Brewers play the Cincinnati Reds. We will return around 5PM. Let's all cheer on the Brewers!

Yours in education and fun,
7th grade team

Citizenship Awards

Students completing community service hours working toward our Citizenship Award need to remember that all completed Community Service logs are due to the Middle School Office no later than May 5, 2017. Students need to complete a minimum of thirty (30) hours of community service. These students will be recognized for demonstrating a great commitment to their community.

8th Grade Promotion

Promotion will be held on Thursday, May 25 at 7:00pm in the high school gym. All awards will be presented at this ceremony. Students should arrive at 6:30pm to line up. Students are expected to dress in "business casual" attire. The young gentlemen should wear slacks and a nice shirt or sweater. Sport/suit coats and ties are very nice, but not required. Young ladies are asked to wear slacks, skirts or dresses. Keep in mind that this is not a "formal occasion". Please follow all WMS dress code expectations, with the exception that skirts/dresses can be mid-thigh in length or longer. Spaghetti straps or deep v-neck tops, cut off sleeves or pants, T-shirts or sweatshirts are not appropriate. Only those who are in compliance with the dress code will be allowed to participate.

Following the program, at approximately 8:30pm, there will be a dance and pizza party for the students who participate in the ceremony. Pop and pizza are free. (Students who do not promote are not to attend the pizza party or the dance.) Students will be admitted to the dance until 9:30pm. Students will not be allowed to leave the dance once they enter, unless a parent is picking them up. Please pick up your child promptly at 10:30pm.

Students who are not promoted are expected to attend all scheduled school days. Promoting students are not to be in the middle school building on the days following promotion.

Absence Notes

Winnebago Schools hold school attendance as a priority over attending extra-curricular and co-curricular events. If a student is absent from school, they should not be in attendance at extra-curricular and co-curricular events. Our [2016-2017 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#) (page 19) lists the possible, appropriate interventions or consequences for such behaviors.

Handbook Items

Important information is always available in our [2016-2017 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#). If you need to find some answers, you may want to check out:

- Attendance Notes starting on page 5
- Dress Code Guidelines starting on page 15
- Student Discipline starting on Page 17

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL

Just a heads up with summer right around the corner, there are a lot of activities to keep kids busy! The WHS Volleyball program will be holding volleyball camps for all ages this summer! June 26th through the 28th we will be holding our 6th Annual Volleyball Camp for girls entering grades 3rd through 8th. Camp will be from 9 to 11 am in the high school gym for 3rd through 6th grade. Camp for 7th and 8th grades will be held in the high school gym as well, from 12 to 2:30 pm. The cost of the camp will be \$65, and this will include a camp t-shirt. All American Volleyball Camps, will also be hosting a high school volleyball camp for any player entering 9th through 12th grade. This will be held June 8th through June 10th from 8 -12:30 (double sessions), held at the UW Sports Factory. The cost for the high school camp will be \$85, which includes a t-shirt. Registration sheets will be coming soon!

Any questions, please contact Coach Cox! Coxk@winnebagoschools.org

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRIDE STUDENTS IN
FEBRUARY:**

6th Grade: M. Bons and C. Vallance

7th Grade: S. Seger and A. Redmond

8th Grade: J. Edler and A. Lowtharp