

# WMS

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# April 2017

School Office

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
***All dates are subject to change. Check daily announcements online for current information. ***PARCC TESTING WILL START MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018					Cathy Finley, Principal Patrick Brûlé, Asst. Principal	
1	2 NO SCHOOL	3	4	5	6 Track @ H, 4:15  Mother/Son Bowling @ Lakeside Lanes, 7:00 check in/7:30 bowling	7
8	9 PARCC TESTING "A" Day Track @ Oregon, 4:00	10 PARCC TESTING "B" Day	11 Rt. 72 Organizational Festival, 4pm	12 PARCC TESTING "A" Day Track Pictures, 3:05	13 PARCC TESTING "B" Day	14 Track @ H, 9:00
15	16 PARCC TESTING "A" Day Track @ Byron, 4:00	17 PARCC TESTING "B" Day	18 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Miller Park	19 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day	20 Donuts with Dad, 7am	21
22	23	24 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade IL Science Assessment	25 Track @ Pec, 4:15	26 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shadowing Day	27 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Medieval Times  Fourth Quarter Midterm grades go home	28 Track @ DeKalb, 8:00

### **Mother Son Bowling**

Mother Son Bowling has been rescheduled for Friday, April 6th. Tickets are on sale in the main office. The cost for bowling is \$20.00 per couple. Lane signups will start at 7:00 p.m. Bowling begins at 7:30 p.m.

### **PARCC Testing**

Starting April 9, 2018, 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 7<sup>th</sup> hours) on the "A" days and even class periods (2, 4, 6 and 8<sup>th</sup> hours) on the "B" days. Your middle school child will take the assessment in their mathematics and Literature/Composition classes.

### **Fourth Quarter Progress Reports**

Students will get their fourth quarter Progress Reports on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: A. Zarembski and N. Benney

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: E. Provi and J. Nicosia

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: R. Herbig and J. Luna

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities**

The 8th graders have many exciting activities coming up!

**IL Science Assessment** - All 8<sup>th</sup> graders will take the Illinois Science Assessment during science classes on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day -**

On Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **8<sup>th</sup> 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 26. Since shadowing is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade activity, students who are participating are excused from school. Students received permission sheets that must be completed, signed and returned to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher by Wednesday, April 25.

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](mailto:grayk@winnebagoschools.org).

## **Great America Trip**

The 8<sup>th</sup> 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 29. 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 18 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 4, 2018. 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.

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion**

Promotion will be held on Thursday, May 24 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 [2017-2018 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#) (page 19) lists the possible, appropriate interventions or consequences for such behaviors.

## **Handbook Items**

Detailed, important information about policies and procedures for attendance and absences can be found in our [2017-2018 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#).

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