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18	19 Teachers' Institute Day Cross Country starts, 3:15pm at the track	20 Teachers' Institute Day Open House: 6 th grade 6pm 7 th /8 th grade 7pm	21 Students' First Day 7:50am - 1:00pm Look for picture forms to come home today	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 School Pictures, 8am Sport Pictures, 3:05	30 Back to School Dance, 3:15pm	31

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***All dates are subject to change. Check daily announcements online for current information. http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool/announcements						
1	2 NO SCHOOL Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 FAST Meeting, 7pm @ WMS Library	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 1pm Student Dismissal (SIP Day) Midterms posted to Portal	21
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Open House

On Tuesday, August 20th, Winnebago Middle School invites students along with their parents to an Open House. Sixth grade students are invited first to come at 6:00 p.m. along with all new students. Seventh and Eighth grade students are invited to come starting at 7:00 p.m. Students can expect to receive their schedules, visit their classrooms and meet their teachers. Feel free to bring your supplies and leave them in your locker that night, too. We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

Text Messages using Remind

Winnebago Middle School will be using Remind for school announcements and reminders such as picture days, report cards, Open House, activities, etc. Messages will come right to your phone as text messages.

If you would like to sign up for Remind to get these announcements, please follow these steps:

- **8th Grade Parents/Students:** Text the message @g77h46 to the number 81010
- **7th Grade Parents/Students:** Text the message @2e7g72 to the number 81010
- **6th Grade Parents/Students:** Text the message @2d4h247 to the number 81010

*Standard text message rates apply.

Sports Information at bagomsathletics.com

- To register your student athlete for middle school sports teams/activities, please go directly to www.bagomsathletics.com click on the **Athletics/Activities** tab on the right side of the screen and you will be taken directly to the site for registration. Look for the **Registration** tab and follow the directions. Registration and Athletic fees all need to be paid for students to participate in sports.
- WMS Cross Country will have their first practice at 3:15 p.m. outside at the high school track on Monday, August 19th.
- WMS Volleyball schedules are still to be determined

Students participating in practice must have a current physical on file. The rest of the registration process needs to be completed on-line at bagoathletic.com using the REGISTRATION link on the top menu. All paperwork must be completed and all fees paid prior to student athlete participation.

*YOU MAY CONTACT THE ATHLETIC OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT: [815-335-2336](tel:815-335-2336). Students will **not** be allowed to practice without having the proper paperwork on file and all fees paid.*

Notes from the Nurse

Welcome back! And welcome to our incoming 6th graders! A big THANK YOU to all the 6th grade parents/guardians who have already submitted their students' physical forms before the first day of school. Remember: for 6th graders, a "full" physical is required, along with proof of one meningococcal vaccination and a second varicella (chickenpox) vaccination.

This full physical for 6th graders also covers the sports physical requirement, if submitted before the first day of practice in August. 6th graders must also submit proof of a dental examination.

All physical and dental forms for any grade level can be mailed in, dropped off at the school, faxed from your doctor's office (WMS fax: 815-335-1437), or scanned and emailed to me.

If you have any questions or health concerns about your 6th, 7th or 8th grader that you would like to discuss, please feel free to call, email (skaggs@winnebagoschools.org) or stop by my office. I am at the middle school every afternoon from 12pm-3:15pm. Mrs. Skaggs

Fall Pictures

Fall pictures are scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 2019. Please look for package information and envelopes to come home with students on Wednesday, August 21st. Students will need to have their money for pictures on August 29th at the time that their picture is taken.

Picture Day is coming up on 08/29/2019!

Visit <https://inter-state.com/kiosk> and sign up to receive helpful email reminders from Inter-State Studio.

FAST Meeting

FAST meetings offer a chance for parents/guardians to stay updated on WMS activities, help plan some events and meet with the Middle School Administration. Our meetings last for about an hour usually right after the PTO meetings. FAST helps to plan events such as: Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, Father Daughter Dance, Mother Son Bowling, etc. No dues, no big commitments. Please plan to join us for our first meeting on **Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m in the Library at Winnebago Middle School.**

Fall Sports Pictures

Fall sports pictures for Volleyball will be taken on Wednesday, September 5th at 3:05pm. Forms will be sent home with athletes. Payment is due at the time the pictures are taken.

Attendance at High School Extra-Curricular Events

As our students get older they become more involved. We like to see them participate and encourage them to participate in school events. You need to be aware of district policies for attendance at high school extra-curricular events. As it reads on page 28 in the 2019-2020 District Student/Parent handbook: "**Students/children 8th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult in order to attend High School extracurricular events**".

Please familiarize yourself with this and all the policies for the 2019-2020 school year at the following address: [2019-2020 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#)

THE NEW BOX TOPS LABELS



Eventually the Box Tops program will become digital-only. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label.

If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. **Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school.** The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

Grading Dates

	Grades will be Posted in Parent Portal (Infinite Campus)
First midterm grades	September 20, 2019
First quarter grades	October 25, 2019
Second midterm grades	November 26, 2019
Second quarter grades	January 10, 2020
Third midterm grades	February 7, 2020
Third quarter grades	March 13, 2020
Fourth midterm grades	April 24, 2020
Fourth quarter grades	June 1, 2020 (mailed home)

Attendance Notes

It's a fact that students who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful in school than students who do not. Parents who make regular school attendance a priority also are helping their children learn to accept responsibility. And that's an important lesson for a successful life. Attendance patterns are formed early in life. Children who develop good attendance habits will be more likely to continue them throughout the remainder of their school career and into their work habits. That's important. Just as adults have jobs, it's a student's job to go to school and learn. Students who miss school miss out on carefully planned sequences of instruction. They miss out on active learning experiences and class participation.

More detailed, important information about policies and procedures for attendance and absences can be found in our [2019-2020 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#) starting on Page 5.

Illinois Department of Public Health Warns of Hospitalizations Potentially Tied to Vaping

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is working with local health departments to investigate the hospitalization of three young people who experienced severe breathing problems after vaping. Today, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services reported 11 confirmed and seven suspected cases of severe pulmonary disease among adolescents, some of whom had to be intubated, who reported vaping. These identified individuals experienced respiratory symptoms including cough, shortness of breath, and fatigue. Symptoms worsened over a period of days or weeks before admission to the hospital.

"Vaping among teens has increased dramatically over the last several years," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "While the short- and long-term effects of vaping are still being researched, these recent hospitalizations heighten the need for parents talk with their teens about vaping and for both to understand the consequences and potential dangers of vaping."

According to the American Association of Poison Control Centers, as of July 31, 2019, poison control centers have managed 2,439 exposure cases about e-cigarette devices and liquid nicotine in 2019.

The names and types of vaping products, as well as where they were obtained, are still being investigated. The three reported individuals in Illinois reside in the northeastern part of the state. In order to protect the identity of the affected individuals, additional information is not available. IDPH will continue to work with local health departments, as well as the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, to identify the cause of these severe illnesses.

People who experience any type of chest pain or difficulty breathing after vaping in the weeks or months prior to these symptoms should seek

immediate medical attention. Health care providers caring for patients with unexpected serious respiratory illness should ask about a history of recent vaping.

The Middle School Student - A Very Special Person

As a middle school student, you are in an age group that is both fascinating and complex. You are no longer a "baby," but you are not yet an adult. You are experiencing biological, physical, and behavioral and social changes. Relationships with your friends and family take on new meanings. This time period, called adolescence, can be joyful and painful at the same time. *However, it is always a time of growth.* You will be dealing with more complex intellectual tasks. You will be expected to behave in a more mature manner, and you will be held more accountable for your actions. In other words, you are growing up. Use your innate curiosity, imagination, energy, and idealism to make your school an exciting place to learn and play. As an adolescent, you now have more control over how you apply yourself to your school work and on the kinds of friends you make. As an intelligent and thinking adolescent, put thought into making good decisions. Be kind and gentle to yourself, seek the advice and wisdom of your parents/guardians regularly, and talk with your teachers and our student advisor.

These suggestions will help you on your way to succeed in middle school.

- Attend school every day and be on time to class.
- Stay organized, write down all assignments, complete all homework, AND turn the homework in on time.
- Listen carefully, follow directions, and come to class with all the needed materials.
- Schedule time each evening to prepare for the next school day.
- Choose your friends wisely.
- Seek help from your teachers and our student advisor as soon as you need it, and don't wait until you are overwhelmed.
- Involve your parents/guardians in your schoolwork and activities.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Improve your computer skills.
- Show respect and consideration for others.
- Talk with our student advisor about school, friends, careers, study skills, or any other topics or concerns.

- Strive to do your personal best!
- READ, READ, READ.

Dress Code Reminders

- Clothing that may be revealing or visually inappropriate is not allowed.
- Clothing must cover undergarments and private body parts.
- Holes in the garments are acceptable as long as no skin is exposed between the shoulders and above the knees.
- Student dress (including accessories) may not advertise, promote, or picture alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, violent behavior, pornography, vulgar (offensive) language or sexual innuendo, i.e. Hooter shirts, or other inappropriate images or words.
- State of IL health laws require shoes to be worn at school.
- The wearing of hats, caps, bandannas, and sweatbands on one's head indoors is not permitted. Hats, caps, etc. should be left in lockers during the school day.
- Students are not allowed to have or wear any animal type collars, spike or studded bracelets or chains.
- Shorts may be worn and must cover the middle of the thigh or fingertip length.
- Shorts must always cover undergarments or private body parts.
- Pants must cover a student's buttock.
- Pajamas are not acceptable.
- Yoga pants, leggings, spandex, jeggings, or biking pants must be worn with other clothing covering private areas.
- Tear away pants or those that button or zip down the side must be completely buttoned or zipped.
- Shirts, blouses, dresses, or other tops must cover midriff, undergarments and private body parts.
- Shirts, blouses, dresses or other tops must include a sleeve or, in other words, cover the shoulder.
- Shirts, blouses, dresses or other tops must cover the entire torso in the front and the back (no keyholes, no showing cleavage) and meet the waistband of the pants/shorts, etc.
- Shirts, blouses, dresses or other tops must not be transparent.
- Dresses/skirts must be no shorter than two inches above the top of the knee.

More detailed, important information about dress code guidelines can be found in our [2019-2020 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#) starting on Page 15.