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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>
	Cathy Finley Principal Patrick Brûlé Assistant Principal	***All dates are subject to change. Check daily announcements online for current information. http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool/announcements				1
2	3 7/8 GBB @ Stephan Mack, 4:30	4 6 GBB @ H, 4:30 7/8 GBB @ H, 5:30	5	6 6 GBB @ H, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ AFC, 4:00 Wrestling @ Rochelle, 4:30	7 Third Quarter Midterms	8 Rt. 72 Solo Ensemble, 8am Father Daughter Dane, 7-10pm
9	10	11 6 GBB @ H, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ Byron, 4:00 Wrestling @ Lena 4:30	12 Art Club 3:15-4:15 Wrestling @ H, 4:00	13 6 GBB @ Pec, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ H, 4:00	14 Early Dismissal, 1pm	15
16	17 NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE Presidents' Day	18 Wrestling @ 4:00	19 6 GBB @ H, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ S. Beloit, 4:30 Winnebago County Health Dept. Vaping Presentation for Parents, 6pm @ WHS	20 7 GBB @ H A/B, 4:00 8 GBB @ Meridian A/B, 4:00	21 Rec Night, 7-9pm	22
23	24 7 GBB @ H, 4:00 8 GBB @ Dixon, 4:00	25 6 GBB @ Oregon, 4:00 7/8 GBB @ H, 4:00	26 Spelling Bee, 3:15pm	27 7/8 GBB @ H, 4:00	28	29 Wrestling IESA Regional, TBA

Father Daughter Dance

Our Father Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 8th in the WMS gym from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Tickets are on sale in the office. Tickets are \$20.00 for a couple. Tickets for three people (having an additional daughter) are \$30.00.

Class of 2024 Freshman Orientation

Freshmen Orientation for the incoming Class of 2024 will be held at Winnebago High School at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020.

The WHS Academic Advisors will present registration information and materials for the 2020-2021 school year to 8th grades students on February 25 in science classes. Please look for several forms to come home: a pre-printed Registration Form plus driver education information and a specific Driver Education Application.

The Registration Form lists required core courses. Placement recommendations are made using courses taken and grades earned during middle school, standardized test scores (i.e. IAR and STAR) and 8th grade teacher recommendations. Feel free to contact teachers regarding placement; we welcome discussion of best choices for each student.

Students and their family will complete elective choices on the Registration Form. Completed forms (including any eligible Drivers Ed forms) are due to the **middle school office by Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 3 p.m.**

The Course Description Book for the 2020-21 school year is available on the Winnebago District website (www.winnebagoschools.org) on the high school page. This book has detailed information about classes and sequences. We encourage all students and families to know the graduation requirements and to plan a four year sequence of classes based upon requirements and future goals.

Please read the Schedule Change Policy that is included in the Course Description Book and also included on the Registration Form. We ask that students expect to take the classes that they request. Careful choices now ensure class availability plus proper staffing and funding.

Please note that Driver Education requires a specific application that is separate from the class Registration Form. The Driver Education Application is due to the middle school office by Tuesday, **March 10,**

2020 at 3:00 p.m. Students who turn in a Driver Education Application after **March 10** will automatically be placed upon a waiting list regardless of age or grade level.

Dana Kline, WHS Academic Advisor Students A-L
Jennifer Brenner, WHS Academic Advisor M-Z

High Honor Roll and Honor Roll

Congratulations to our students earning High Honor Roll and Honor Roll for second quarter of the 2019-2020 school year!! Students are recognized at two different Honor Roll Levels:

- High Honor Roll - Students with all As
- Honor Roll - Students with all As and Bs

Second Quarter Honor Roll list can be found here:

http://www.winnebagoschools.org/files/schools/wms/newsletter/Honor_Roll_Jan_2020.pdf

Conversations with Your Student

1. Have you asked your child and seen their grades from second quarter? Have you helped them to set some goals for third quarter?
2. How are you on supplies? Do you need any more pencils or pens or paper or....?
3. Where are you on the Spear-It wall? What have you done to work your way up the wall?

Love and Logic

Perseverance is the key to building grit. There is no doubt that kids who develop it will lead happier and more productive lives than those who don't. Listed below are few "grit builders" with corresponding "grit stealers."

Teaching perseverance isn't complicated. It requires a willingness to allow kids to experience healthy challenges as they grow. It also requires

that we let them see that they have what it takes to cope with life's challenges.

Dr. Charles Fay

Grit Builders		Grit Stealers
Allow your kids to make affordable mistakes and live with the consequences.	→	Micromanage or rescue your kids.
Celebrate effort, hard work, and perseverance.	→	Constantly tell them that they are bright, gifted, or exceptionally talented.
Let them see you make mistakes.	→	Model perfectionism.
Show your kids that you maintain a positive attitude when you make mistakes.	→	Talk badly about yourself when you make mistakes.
Guide your kids toward getting along well with their teachers and coaches.	→	Talk to their teachers and coaches, ensuring that things go smoothly for your kids.
Expect your kids to do their fair share of chores.	→	Treat your kids like a guest at a resort for the rich and famous.
Let them hear you discussing how trials build mature character.	→	Let them hear you complaining about the trials you face.
Let them wait for what they want.	→	Immediately gratify their desires.
Allow them to experience a natural and full range of emotions. Show that you care by expressing empathy.	→	Try to keep them happy at all times. Give them the impression that life should never be upsetting or stressful.

Attendance Notes

A couple of friendly reminders:

1. Students who do not feel well are still expected to see the nurse or come to the office. At that time, then, we can help the student to reach a parent or guardian if they need to go home. If a student happens to reach you on their cell phone, please direct them to the office. We've had a couple of instances of parents coming to pick up their child, and we don't even know that there is a problem.
2. The primary explained absence would be a parental trip or vacation. Except where extenuating circumstances are present, these absences should be arranged in advance with written notice to the school office. Explained absences will include family trips and events such as "Take Your Child to

Work" day. Make up of work missed during this absence is permitted at full credit but the responsibility for such make up is on the student. Students will be given at least 1 day for every day missed. **The office must approve explained absences at least one day in advance of the absence with written notice from the parent/guardian if the student is to be gone for more than three class periods.** Planned absences during the last week of the grading period are discouraged. Please note that students will be given only two days of work prior to the absence when approved. Other assignments that would be missed will be provided upon the student's return. A prior clearance form must be picked up from the office in advance of the absence. **Failure to complete the appropriate procedure will result in denial of the request and/or the absence recorded as unexcused meaning no credit given for the make-up work.** Full credit will be given for all make-up work due to an explained absence as long as the aforementioned procedure is followed. Any work given to the student prior to their absence is to be completed and turned in upon their return unless otherwise noted by the teacher.

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.

Links to save for Winnebago Middle School and District Information. Bookmark them!!

- Winnebago School District: <http://www.winnebagoschools.org/>
- WMS: <http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool>
- WMS daily announcements: <http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool/announcement>
- eFunds: <https://eps.mvpbanking.com/cgi-bin/efs/login.pl?access=55055>
- Middle School Athletics: <http://bagomsathletics.com/>

PBIS SECOND QUARTER INCENTIVE

173 students were eligible to attend and participate in our roller skating second quarter incentive. These students displayed PRIDE, maintained good grades and did not have any tardies or referrals. They took a trip to Skateland and had a blast!! We will continue to recognize students exhibiting the positive behaviors here at school :)

STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Students who are driven to school in the morning and/or picked up after school should be using Door DD. That's the door on the North Side of the building along the cafeteria/kitchen. Please pull all the way forward to avoid traffic backing up to Elida Street. Thank you for your help in this matter.