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March 2019

School Office

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Cathy Finley Principal Patrick Brûlé Asst. Principal			1	2 Rt. 72 Conference GBB Tournament @ Pecatonica, TBA
***All dates are subject to change. Check daily announcements online for current information.						
3	4 Class of 2023 Orientation @ WHS, 6pm	5 Rt. 72 Conference GBB Tournament @ Pecatonica, TBA Rt. 72 Conference Wrestling @ Oregon, 4:00	6 Spelling Bee, 3:30pm	7	8 Student Dismissal 1:00pm Mother/Son Bowling @ Lakeside Lanes, 7:00 check in/7:30 bowling	9
10	11	12	13 Track Begins, 3:15-4:30pm WMS Pops Concert 6:30	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Spring Pictures, 8:00	22 Third Quarter Ends	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	26 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	28 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	29 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	School Resumes... MONDAY 4/1/19

8th Grade Promotion

Eighth Grade Promotion will be rescheduled to make up for all of the nonattendance snow and weather days. It will NOT be Thursday, May 23. We will share the new date as soon as it is determined.

Calendar Updates

Due to the weather cancellations, we will be using the last five emergency days in our calendar in the following manner:

1. The last student attendance day will be **Thursday, June 6th**.
2. We are making up seven of our days missed - two were made up during the school year on 1/21/2019 and 2/15/2019 and five will be tacked on to the end of the school year. At this time, our school district has had nine days off school because of inclement weather. For the remaining two days, the school district will be applying to the Illinois State Board of Education for Act of God days, which are not expected to be made up by students.
3. The Winnebago School Board has decided not to make up any additional days this school year and to declare any future weather cancellations as Act of God days.

Our Third Quarter will now end on Friday, March 22nd.

Class of 2023 Freshman Orientation

Freshmen Orientation for the incoming Class of 2023 will be held at Winnebago High School at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019.

The WHS Academic Advisors will present registration information and materials for the 2019-2020 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. PARCC) 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 Friday, March 8, 2019 at 3 p.m.**

The Course Description Book for the 2019-20 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 Friday, **March 8, 2019** at 3:00 p.m. Students who turn in a Driver Education Application after **March 8** 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

Mother Son Bowling

Mother Son Bowling has been rescheduled for Friday, March 8th. 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.

2019-2020 School Year

Our 6th graders and 7th graders have received and have been returning their elective sheets to choose classes for the 2019-2020 school year. All forms must be signed by parents and students and then returned to the office. These student choices will be used to help make staffing and scheduling decisions for 2019-2020. Please take the time

and consideration to choose the classes you really want. A description of each class is included on the back of each form. Please contact Mrs. McKinney with questions about registering for next year: mckinneykm@winnebagoschools.org.

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 English Language Arts classes. In addition, 8th grade students will also take the Illinois Science Assessment.

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.

Conversations With Your Student

1. What's your favorite class? What are you doing in Science or Math or LA/LC or PE or...?
2. How are you on supplies? Do you need any more pencils or pens, paper or....?
3. Where are you on the Spear-It wall? What color is your card? What have you done or can you do to work your way up the wall?

Handbook Items

Detailed, important information about policies and procedures for attendance and absences can be found in our [2018-2019 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#).

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

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Testing in April - LOOKING AHEAD

Starting April 8, 2019, we will administer the IAR tests. These are the old PARCC tests with a new name. 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